

**HAZING STATEMENT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY
OFFICE OF FRATERNITY AND SORORITY LIFE
2006-2007**

To be read aloud at the chapter meeting and among the new member class followed by the signing of the statement below:

We the undersigned accept membership in _____ Fraternity/Sorority at Northwestern University and acknowledge the rights and responsibilities that come along with that membership.

The University forbids hazing and all other activities that interfere with the personal liberty of an individual. The University defines hazing as any action taken or situation created, whether on or off University premises, to produce mental or physical discomfort, embarrassment, harassment, or ridicule for the purpose of initiation into, affiliation with, or admission to, or as a condition for continued membership in, a group, team, club, or other organization. Such activities and situations may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- paddling in any form;
- creation of excessive fatigue;
- physical and psychological shocks;
- quests, treasure hunts, scavenger hunts, road trips or any other such activities carried on outside the confines of the University;
- wearing apparel that is conspicuous and not normally in good taste;
- engaging in stunts and buffoonery;
- requiring sleep-overs or morally degrading or humiliating games and activities;
- late work sessions or activities that interfere with scholastic activities and/or normal sleeping hours;
- forced consumption of alcohol;
- falsely leading an individual or individuals to believe that they will be inducted/initiated by participating in particular activities;
- removing public or private property; and
- forcing individuals to participate in activities that are not consistent with the University's mission, rules, regulations, and policies, or federal, state, or local law.

Acceptance of an activity on the part of a new member or individual does not justify participation in or sponsorship of the activity. Any violation of this policy should be reported to the dean of students or the Office of Judicial Affairs.

Hazing activities may also violate the Illinois Hazing Act 720 ILCS § 120/0.01 et seq.

--Taken from Northwestern University's 2006-2007 Student Handbook

Date New Member Period Began: _____

Date New Member Period Ends/Date of Initiation: _____

Note: This form must be complete including exact dates and proper signatures of all new members and necessary officers listed.

As a chapter member, I acknowledge and understand the position of the university and my fraternity/sorority regarding hazing. I pledge that I will refuse to participate in any activity believed to be hazing, inappropriate, or unacceptable behavior or activities that are not in accordance with the stated goals of the chapter's new member program. I will work to eliminate all forms of hazing found within my chapter.

Chapter President

Signature

Date

New Member Educator

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