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The 'SC Experience: Greek vs. Non-Greek

By John Page,
Staff Writer

In recent years there has been a reemergence of the Greek system on college campuses throughout the country. Many individual fraternity and sorority chapters here at USC are supporting the national trend by reporting record numbers of current members. In addition to what the individual houses state, school records indicate that as many as 33% of the undergraduate student population are affiliated with a social Greek house.

Depending upon who you talk to on campus, the status of the Greek system at USC is either beneficial to the overall atmosphere or, as some say, an elitist system that does little more than promote unhealthy attitudes and behaviors.

To be sure, Greek attitudes are often very different from the non-Greek perspective, sometimes to the point of being violent. A student's reason for joining a Greek house has a lot to do with his views on what a college education should be. A decision to not join is often a decision to stay away from the status quo.

"The pressure (to join) can be pretty thick," says Julie Maer, an incoming freshman whose first order of business upon arriving at USC was to check out the Row. "That's all anyone in the dorm talks about. Some of the girls have

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already picked the houses that they want to join and Rush hasn't even started yet. The thing that they sent us in the mail said to have an open mind, but nobody is open-minded around here."

"Most of the girls that I have talked to are gonna go through Rush," states another freshman who asked not to be identified. "I'm going through also, but I just don't know if it is for me. Those girls are so beautiful and some of them seem kind of bitchy. I don't know if I could take that?"

"I haven't met too many girls in sororities that I have really liked," exclaims coed Christen Donnelly. "I haven't really tried either."

Mark Ward has a similar attitude and although he is a junior and has yet to join a house he thinks that he is about ready. "If you're not in a house it's a lot harder to break into some of the campus organizations. Most things here are run by Greeks and they protect their own kind. If you're not Greek, they let you know that you are not welcome."

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If You Could Do It All Over Again

By Rita Choi,

O.K., so you can't turn back time. You only get one chance at each semester.

Everyone prepares. All those college handbooks, including the insiders' guides, were of some help. Or were they?

For some, college turns out to be everything they imagined it to be. For others, it can be a huge adjustment.

Most people would probably agree that once you become a senior, few major decisions are left to be made. A pattern has been set. The courses in your major are all planned out. You know who your crowd and closest friends are. You know where you like to live and what type of roommates you can and can't tolerate.

After a few — or a lot more semesters, row parties, anxiety attacks, room-

mates, identities, you're an upper-classman. Are there any regrets? Would you do it over the same way? What would you tell USC's newest class?

Playing the game right comes in time.

"I'd definitely take no more 8:00 classes."

—Peter Lund, 23, '85, business

"I would have gone Greek earlier. I didn't go Greek until the middle of my sophomore year."

—Dan Halderman, 21, senior, math

"Try everything once."

—Jeff Fiedorowicz, 21, senior, computer science and physics

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Campus Security Officers: Friends or Foes?



By Harvey Drut, Staff Writer

University Security and the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) have always been fixtures of law enforcement at USC. The relationship between the campus and its protectors has been rocky at times. In the student residential community, students' opinions have ranged from simple approval, to resentment, to outrage at the measures taken by officers.

Police dressed in riot gear "sweeping" the Row after fighting broke out last

year, tension between Security officers and students out partying, alleged beatings of students by police and Security, and accusations of slow response when a crime is not in progress are a few of the issues that have brought a new easiness to relationships between students and officers.

"Cops seem to have this misconception that 'SC students are a bunch of spoiled brats who just like to party and make trouble, but most of the time we

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SPORTS

Skiing Under the Sun

By Roger Schultz

Skiing. The thought of it for some can make their heart race and cause them to pray for an early snowfall even lying on the beach on a mild summer's day. For others it brings back memories of injuries, embarrassing falls, freezing cold and the dreaded ritual of putting on tire chains that one would swear had shrunk since their last use. But no matter what visions the word conjurs up, these people keep coming back to the sport, bringing with them even more skiers. 11.4 million skiers took to the slopes on the West Coast alone last year, an increase of 18 percent from the previous year.

No matter what level skier you are, or even if you have never tried it, here's a guide designed to help you get maximum enjoyment out of the sport — both on and off the slopes.

Close-by

California is a year-round outdoorsman's dream, and here we are centered right in the middle of it — it's less than an hour to the nearest ski lift. So before we go looking at some of the larger-name ski areas, let's take a look at those conveniently located resorts right outside of Los Angeles.

The closest are Mt. Waterman and Kratka Ridge, located on Highway 2



about 45 miles north of Los Angeles in the San Gabriel Mountains. Waterman's base is located at the 7,290-foot level and is served by three chairs to the summit at 8,030 feet. It is definitely a small place, but it has some good jumps and challenging intermediate and advanced runs. An all-day lift ticket here is \$20. Even closer to Los Angeles on Highway 2 is Kratka. Slightly lower in elevation at 6,800 feet with a summit at 7,700 feet, Kratka is served by two chairs and two rope tows. Lift tickets at this small area go for \$16.

Next, with possibly the best combination of facilities and accessibility, is the Mountain High ski area. It is located about an hour and a half north of Los Angeles, just two miles outside of the charming town of Wrightwood. Mountain High is actually two ski resorts, Mountain High East and West, that are less than a mile apart. Mountain High East has one of the longest runs in Southern California, stretching for over a mile and a quarter. Mountain High East's real diamond is its Olympic Bowl.

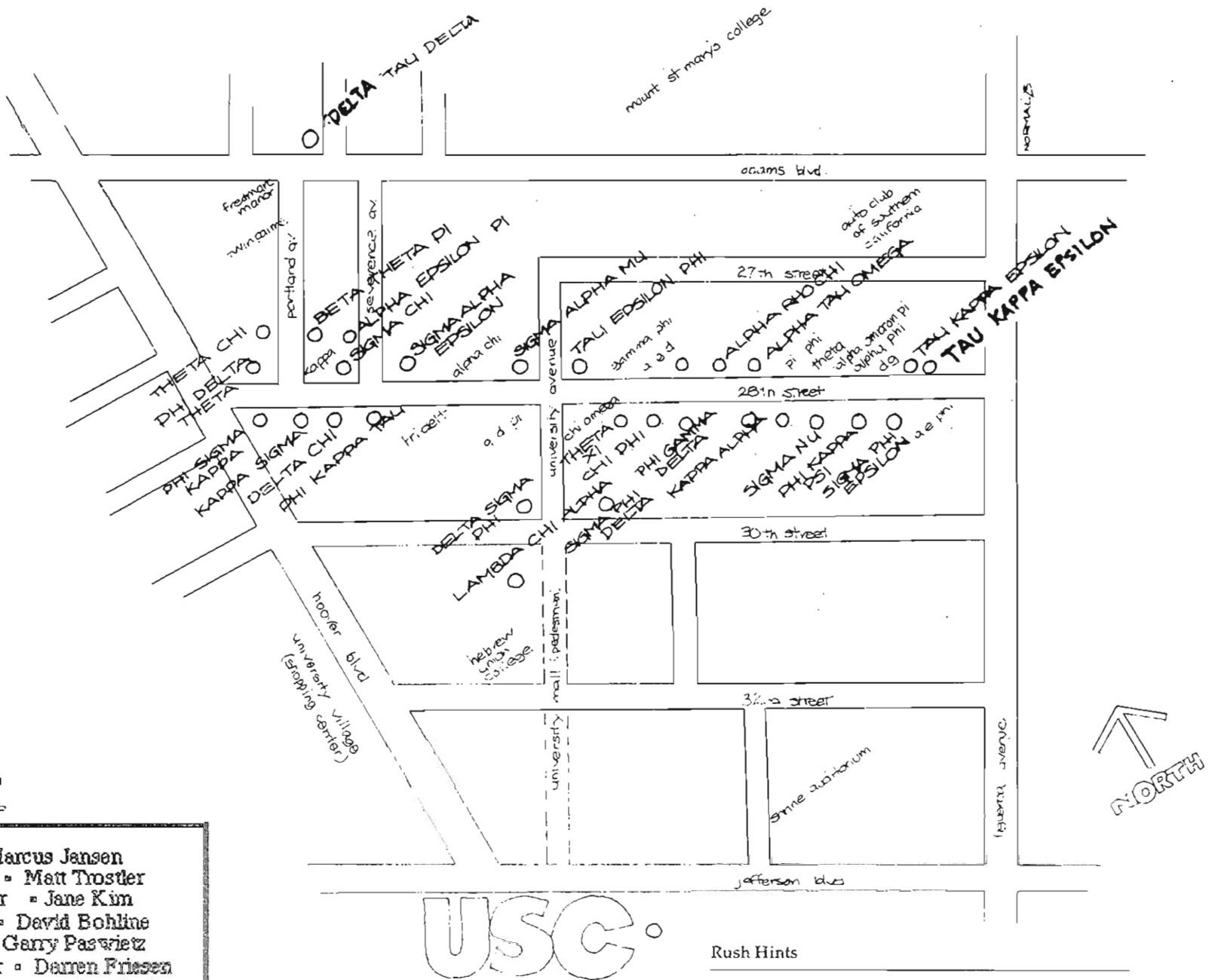
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If your house is not listed then give the RSJ a call at 748-3091. As a house rep you are responsible for submitting house pictures, a house blurb and any information concerning house events or philanthropies.

1985 - 1986 Fraternity Award Winners

Membership Development
 Phi Delta Theta

Pledge Education
 Tau Kappa Epsilon

Membership Recruitment
 Tau Kappa Epsilon

Alumni Programs
 Theta Chi

Community Service
 Phi Kappa Psi

Scholarship Programs
 Alpha Tau Omega

Songfest Sweepstakes
 Phi Kappa Psi

Ironman Trophy for Athletics
 Alpha Tau Omega

Presidents Award for Fraternity Excellence
 Alpha Tau Omega

Interfraternity Council

The Interfraternity Council is the governing body of the 28 national fraternities on the USC Campus. It is comprised of nine undergraduate fraternity men. The goals of the IFC are to maintain high standards among the fraternity members, provide for strong interfraternity relations and promote unity. In addition, we strive to further intellectual accomplishments through social interaction.

The Interfraternity Council is responsible for defining and enforcing all rules governing rush, pledging and initiation for all fraternities.

Rush Hints

1. Ask questions about costs, pledge program, live-in requirements, etc.
2. Visit many houses, go to houses for meals (lunch or dinner).
3. Take your time—rush is 10 days long. Be sure a house is right for you before taking a bid.
4. Use the rush advisors to answer any questions you might have.
5. Relax and have fun—rush is for you.

Questions & Answers

1. **How do I get involved in the Rush System?**
 All men who have expressed an interest in joining a fraternity will be permitted to go through rush upon receipt of a completed application along with the \$20 registration fee.
2. **What takes place at Rushee Orientation and do I have to attend?**
 Rushee orientation is mandatory. You will not be allowed to participate in rush unless you attend the program to be held at Davidson Conference Center. Important information will be given to you and will be notified of all dates and times of rush parties. Additionally you will have a chance to meet all Rush Chairman. Should you have serious conflict with Orientation, please contact the Greek Affairs Office at (213) 743-2469.
3. **If I go through Rush, do I have to pledge?**
 Participation in Rush does not obligate you to pledge. Rush is imply a time to meet new people and evaluate one of the many lifestyles offered at USC.
4. **I have heard about various reputations of the houses, what should I do?**
 Personalities of the chapters vary greatly. Do not make up your mind about joining a fraternity until you met as many members as possible. Remember, you are choosing a brotherhood, not a Greek name.
5. **What should I wear during Rush?**
 Dress comfortably so that you feel at ease. It is suggested that you wear khakis or jeans and a pullover or oxford. You will be doing a lot of walking so wear comfortable shoes. A sportcoat is suggested for Monday Night Dinner.

Why You Should Join Delta Sigma Phi

Delta Sigma Phi is the fraternity for those who wish to be a part of the best fraternity on campus. Delta Sigma Phi offers opportunities in personal development as well as providing a strong bond of brotherhood.

The U.S.C. chapter of Delta Sigma Phi was founded in 1925 and is one of more than 150 chapters throughout the nation with more than 50,000 members.

During the past year or chapter has experienced an explosion in growth. Since January of 1986 our chapter has doubled its membership and this year we are expected to double once again.

The reason we are able to accomplish such a feat is due to the fact that Delta Sigma Phi has everything to offer in a fraternity. With our Engineered Leadership program we teach all of our pledges how to enhance their personal skills and use them not only to benefit the fraternity, but to benefit themselves through the rest of their lives. Through the use of this program our fraternity has achieved an average g. p. a. of 3.20.

Delta Sigma Phi is a social fraternity and we do our fair share of socializing. During the past year we have had six exchanges as well as numerous house parties. The one highlight of the year, however, is the annual Spring Break Trip. Last year, most of the fraternity went to Mazatlan, Mexico and brought back stories and memories they will never forget.

With a pledge program that helps a person enhance his personality traits and skills while still being able to have a good time will help anyone achieve his goals in life, all because he joined Delta Sigma Phi.

Sigma Chi

Sigma Chi Fraternity was the first fraternity at U.S.C. Having established ourselves on the row after 98 years we continue to prevail as a top house. With an incredibly strong international reputation and famous U.S.C. alumni such as Bill Buckner, John Wayne, Tom Selleck, Ted McGinley, Rufus B. Von Kleinsmid, Marion Bovard and Edward Doheney one begins to understand why we consider ourselves University of Sigma Chi. Take the time to come by and gain an understanding of Sigma Chi brotherhood. you are a Sig for life!

Tau Kappa Epsilon

TKE is the world's largest college fraternity with over 300 chapters and colonies throughout the US and Canada.

Some of the most prominent men in America are Tekes, including President Reagan, Danny Thomas, Merv Griffin, Terry Bradshaw, Conrad Hilton (founder of Hilton hotels), Digger Phelps, Nobel

Prize winner William Fowler, and several senators, congressman, pro athletes, and entertainment and business leaders.

Beta-Sigma chapter of TKE at USC was established in 1949, making it one of the oldest fraternities on campus.

In 1986, USC Tekes were recognized by its National as well as the university for its excellence. From its National, TKE was awarded the Most Improved Chapter Award. From the university's Office of Greek Affairs, TKE was awarded the Eileen Stevens Award for Pledge Education and the Award for Membership Recruitment Excellence.

Tekes are very involved in athletics at USC, including intra-mural football, basketball, volleyball, and tennis. We have set goals of winning both the Ironman competition and the Sportsmanship Trophy.

Tekes are also very involved in student activities, such as the Inter-Fraternity Council, the Greek Advisory Committee, Trojan Knights and Squires, the Trojan Blade, the Row Street Journal and Order of Omega. Teke John Stewart is president of Order of Omega and won the 1986 Richard Brown Memorial Award.

We at TKE are very proud of the academic assistance we offer our members. From library facilities to special tutoring programs, TKE is continually improving its academic environment.

And of course, TKE is one of the most social fraternities at USC, with exchanges, barbeques and breakfasts with sororities, major dances like the formal Red Carnation Ball and the two P/As. Old social events like serenading and raids are combined with new events such as Twister, the infamous Housemother Snatch and the annually wild "Back to School" party to create a highly social and fun atmosphere.

Tau Epsilon Phi

We the brothers of the Tau Gamma Chapter of Tau Epsilon Phi Fraternity, fully believe that feelings of friendship and brotherhood can best be promoted by a fraternity of college men. Also believing that such a brotherhood will be an inspiration to the members of our Fraternity toward higher ideals and nobler actions, we have developed a unique fraternity based upon the principles of friendship, chivalry and service. Further believing that such a brotherhood will serve as encouragement toward scholastic attainments, our fraternity strives not to be a social organization, but an integral part of any well rounded education.

If you would like to be a part of the preceding ideals, goals and principles, then Tau Epsilon Phi is the Fraternity for you.

Sigma Alpha Mu

Being a member of the Greek system can be a valuable experience for those involved. In order to enjoy this opportunity selecting the proper house is essential. Because of U.S.C. has so many different fraternities that during rush it is important that you select that one that best suits your ideas and personality.

When talking about diversity Sigma Alpha Mu (Sammys) must be considered. For the past five years Sigma Alpha Mu has proved to be a competitive force in such competitions as Ironman, Songfest and Greek Week. Last year the Sammys were 1st runner-up in Songfest and were Greek Week champions. In the Ironman competition they have made the playoffs in football, basketball and softball, the past four years while taking first place in tennis, bowling, and track and field.

Lambda Chi Alpha

Lambda Chi Alpha, the Fraternity of Honest Friendship, has become the fastest growing fraternity, boasting over 230 chapters and over 180,000 initiates, since its founding in 1909. Lambda Chi Alpha was the first fraternity to ban "hazing" from its chapters on a national level -- thus doing away with pledges and creating associatemembers.

U.S.C. Lambda Chi is also excellerating. Athletically, we placed 10th last year in Iron Man; this year we are currently at 6th (planning a top five finish). Socially at Lambda Chi there are mini retreats almost every weekend (to Mexico, Vegas, Mammoth, etc.) and every semester we hold a house retreat in Rosarito Beach. Topping our social chart this semester we are hosting a triad exchange with the Delta Gammas. Lambda Chi Alpha and Delta Gamma chapters from Santa Barbara and U.C.L.A. will meet here for, what should prove to be, the "major rager" of the year. Educationally, Lambda Chi Alpha has constantly maintained one of the highest G.P.A.'s at U.S.C. Our brothers are studying diverse majors and are involved in many campus activities including: Knights, Squires, Varsity Sports, and Student Government.

At Lambda Chi we are strong socially, athletically and educationally; however, we feel our brotherhood is the strongest you will find anywhere. Associate Lambda Chi Alpha and experience the difference.

SORORITY!!! Chi Omega

The Chi Omega sorority is starting the semester with many activities and events planned.

Chi Omega is participating in Spring Rush and has planned several activities for rushees, January 26 -

February 6. Contact the Chi Omega house for more information at 745-9016.

New officers have been chosen for this year. All incoming and outgoing officers recently attended a retreat in San Diego to learn about their new offices.

Several Chi Omega's are also involved with the Songfest and Greek Week committees, along with the USC Helenes, Student Senate, and various organizations on campus.

Chi Omega is currently third in Helen of Troy and are in pursuit of this year's title.



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WELCOMES YOU
TO

SPRING RUSH
JANUARY 19-23

MONDAY: OPEN HOUSE

THURSDAY: CHI OMEGA
EXCHANGE

TUESDAY: OPEN HOUSE/
GOURMET DINNER

FRIDAY: PRIVATE PARTY
(invitation only)

WEDNESDAY: OPEN HOUSE

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THE BROTHERS
EVERY DAY**

For Lunch: 11:30 a.m.

For Dinner: 5:30 p.m.

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