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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Purchase a T-shirt in October + Feed A Child
- **FREE TB Tests** for ED majors (Calender)
- Social Networking not all its cracked up to be?
- It's almost time to **RUSH**, will you participate?

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Social Networking

When you think of social networking I am sure the first thing that comes to mind is Facebook or Twitter. Yes that is social networking, however the whole point of social networking is to get to know people better. There are many ways you can do that. The best way to meet new people requires you to leave your computer and get out of your room.

Meeting new people and making friends will take work

but I promise you it is a lot better than sitting in your room on your computer.



There are many organizations on campus that would love for you to be a part of their team.

Some are geared towards your major and others are not. What better place to meet someone new than somewhere where you will both share the same interests. Find out some organizations that you can be a part of at the following website:

<http://www.iup.edu/page.aspx?id=57023>

Definition of social networking:

The development of social and professional contacts; the sharing of information and services among people with a common interest.
~ Dictionary.com

Let's Get ΓΡΣΣΚ

PLEDGING

Okay, so your first month is behind you and now October is here... that means all the talk is about pledging. But is pledging right for you? I'm not here to tell you whether to do it or not; but your decision regarding joining a fraternity /

sorority needs to be a well educated decision based on what fits your life. There are going to be pros and cons to pledging and I plan to shed light on entering GREEK life. So chances are that someone will try to recruit you. A lot of people have opinions both positive and negative about

Greek organizations. This article will keep bias opinions out – so you, as an individual, can make the decision best made for yourself.





Want to know more?

www.iup.edu/greeklife



Disclaimer

In the end, it comes down to a personal decision. There may be positives and negatives to joining a Greek organization (as with anything in life). However, that may not always be the case. One important thing to keep in mind is to never make assumptions, get the facts. So, if you're thinking about going Greek, hopefully this post provided you with some useful information.

Cons Of GrΣΣk Life

1. **Dues** – You're in college, so money is a primary concern. We all know that unless a relative left you with thousands of dollars, managing a budget to do everything you want is near impossible. Although costs of memberships are not universal, some dues may even be several hundred dollars. Therefore, it is very important to evaluate your own situation. Many fraternities and sororities offer payment plans; some even have scholarships, which can help offset costs (if you're getting extra money for college, you can use leftovers for dues). Evaluate if it's cheaper to live in house, or live out of the house and pay dues. Essentially, before you make your decision, consider the costs.
2. **Drama** – No matter where you go, you will be faced with drama. Large groups of people from different backgrounds can often lead to drama, so prepare for it. Not to mention, any rivalries with other Greek organizations on campus and that's quite a bit of social dynamics to deal with. If you hate drama with a passion, I wouldn't suggest living in-house. If you're required to live in-house, then learn to deal with your hatred, or consider not joining.
3. **Stigma** – Depending on your circle of friends, some individuals may very well look at you in a different light. Be prepared to be judged at some point in time (either by people not in Greek life, or by people from other Fraternities/Sororities) I grew up and realized that you can't judge people based on one idea, but there's no guarantee that other people will. Consider your parents as well (especially if they are going to be paying for it). Some parents may not have been in Greek Life, and may think the only reason you're joining is to party, which would obviously make them less open to the idea.
4. **Pledging Process** – This can be difficult to place, but the pledging processes are different among various Greek organizations. Generally speaking, it is not always fun pledging... If you hate listening to authority, doing what you're told, doing anything you would not want to do normally, then you should strongly consider not going Greek. *Hazing is condemned by all Greek organizations* (that I'm aware of), but everyone knows that a certain level will most likely take place. Depending on how you deal with it, it can be a very big con, a minor annoyance, or enjoyable. This all depends on the organization.



Pros Of GrΣΣk Life

1. **Leadership Positions** – If you want to hold a leadership position, then being in a Greek organization is a great way to do it. There are many positions that require steadfast leadership, intelligence, and hard work. If leading, organizing, planning, etc. appeals to you then Greek life might be right up your alley.
2. **Resume Building** – While this isn't a good reason to join if it is your only reason, it is definitely a plus. With holding leadership positions, you can certainly help that résumé look better. Just being involved with something, or doing service can really help résumé building. It can definitely put you on the right track to getting a job right out of college. If you're interested in simply giving back to the community, then it might be a good way to give back, AND help your resume in the process.
3. **Connections** – Speaking of jobs, being in a sorority or fraternity CAN definitely help you gain employment, internships, or at the very least an interview or two. Depending on the scope of your organization, the career benefits can be tremendous. Whenever you become a member of a Nation-wide Fraternity or Sorority, you become immediately connected with every other member (both active, and alumni) outside your own chapter. The stories are endless of people who randomly meet a member from another chapter and end up getting offered jobs on the spot.

Feed A Child

During the month of October the PACER staff will be running a service project benefiting The Child Rescue Center (CRC) and Mercy Hospital in Bo, Sierra Leone. The Campaign is being run by Helping Children Worldwide (HCW) in Herndon, VA. It was created to get college students all over the United States involved in this cause. Every dollar raised will be matched by an anonymous giver up to \$24,000. There will be t-shirts on sale for \$15 and sunglasses for \$5. Remember that **EVERY** purchase helps and **ALL** proceeds will go directly to the children.



pay for medical treatment. Helping Children Worldwide received a significant matching grant in 2005 to establish a hospital near the Child Rescue Centre complex. This hospital provides primary care for children and adults and provides services that address the *highest child and maternal mortality rates in the world.*

So, why should you buy a t-shirt and/or sunglasses? We all know being a college student goes hand and hand with being on a tight budget, but consider the facts.

If you buy a t-shirt and a pair of sunglasses for \$20 you are:

- Helping to feed a child that lives below the poverty line of \$2 a day
- Helping a child get an education. In Sierra Leone primary school is

not free and the CRC pays for each of the 250 children to go to school

- Help a child reach their dream of going to college. In the last couple of years many of the children from the CRC have gone on to universities to become doctors, teachers, and leaders for their country.

- Help the people of Bo receive medical care, regardless of their ability to pay for it

- Support the 10,000 patients that come through the doors of mercy hospital every year.



Questions? Stop by the PACER Office in Ruddock Hall!



HELPING CHILDREN WORLDWIDE

Through working with the Child Rescue Centre in Bo, Sierra Leone, Helping Children Worldwide became aware of the intense need for healthcare services for children and other members of the Bo community, especially those with no ability to

Where Is Sierra Leone?

Sierra Leone is located on the west coast of Africa. It is a country that was plagued by civil war for almost 10 years. The war killed close to 50,000 people (1/3 of the population) and left many children without parents. In 2000 Floris United Methodist Church, along with 10 partner churches,

opened the CRC in Bo, a community in Sierra Leone. Initially opened as a feeding program for children living on the streets during Sierra Leone's brutal civil war, the Centre has become a nationally-recognized model for bringing up at-risk children in Sierra Leone to become leaders. The

CRC seeks to ensure that children in Sierra Leone are allowed to enjoy their childhood – attend school, receive basic healthcare, actively participate in sports and other games, attend worship, and develop leadership skills.



Purchase your shirt and sunglasses TODAY!

Make a Difference - Feed A Child.



For More information Go To:

www.crowdrise.com/feedachild

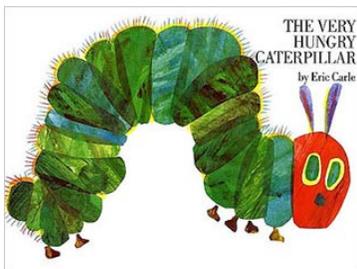


"It takes a village to raise a child"

-Anonymous

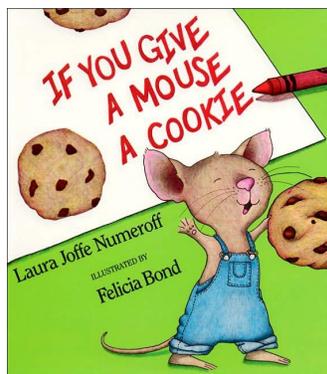
Education major? Know Your Resources!

So it's the beginning of October and your classes are going smoothly. With paying for your clearances, your FBI fingerprinting, and all of your snazzy new clothes your flat out broke! You go into class and your teacher is talking about lesson plans and wants you to create a lesson plan based on a children's book. The first thought that comes to mind is well, there goes



another \$20 bucks. Think again!

Education majors spend a ton of



money during the semester to keep in good standing with the College of Education. When a teacher asks you

to use a children's book in a lesson plan don't run to the store. Take a look at Stapleton Library located in the oak grove on campus. Many are not aware of the vast selection of children's books located on the second floor of the library just across the bridge. In this part of the library you will find a section of children's books perfect for writing all types of lesson plans. So the next time your asked to use a children's book, don't spend the cash, just dash on over to the children's literature section in Stapleton Library.

Library Hours:

Sun: 1pm - 12:45am

Mon-Thurs: 7:45am-12:45am

Friday: 7:45am - 7:00pm

Sat: 11:00am - 5:00pm

