Auditing system debated; only greeks pay for service

By C.M. Keough
Lantern staff writer

Although OSU fraternities and sororities pay to have their books audited, the service is free for other student organizations, USG Vice President Joe Griffin said.

Griffin, a junior from Columbus, said under a 1922 Board of Trustees Act, the 60 greek organizations are required to be regularly audited by the university along with all other student organizations.

Barbara Shell, coordinator for the Office of Greek Affairs, said her office collects between $55,000 and $60,000 each year in greek auditing fees. She said the fees pay for the salaries and health benefits of the office's two accountants. The fees also pay for supplies.

Shell said although greek organizations' fees provide the funding for her office, other organizations have had their books audited through the greek affairs office when the Office of Student Organizations was overloaded with work.

"We did some accounting work last summer for the other organizations but only because the student organizations office was so backed up," Shell said. "But the bottom line is that they are still paying for something that others are not."

Griffin, a member of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity, said his house pays about $3,200 each year for auditing expenses.

He said a USG proposal aimed at switching the fee responsibility from the greek organizations to the university was turned down by the Office of Student Affairs in February.

"I was told that this would be taken care of between January and June," Griffin said. "They had more important things to do with university money."

Russell Spillman, vice provost of student affairs, said the proposal never reached his office but he will be considering some options to change the payment system next week.

"We now have to consider whether we can reduce the costs of auditing or find a new way to look at our student books and reduce the costs too," Spillman said.

Spillman said he would begin going over alternatives to the present system with Mitchell Livingston, dean of student life, early next week.

Griffin said each of the members of the 38 fraternities and 22 sororities pays fees for accounting services at the Office of Greek Affairs more than once each year. He said the fees are assessed according to the type of house the organization has and whether or not they have kitchen employees.

Steve Kuebler, accountant for greek affairs, said a greek house with kitchen employees pays $23.85 per member each year. This is done in nine separate billing statements.

A house without kitchen employees pays $11.80 per member each year in four separate statements.
Dance marathon planned to benefit Children’s Hospital

By Jennifer R. Kinsey
Lantern staff writer

Dancing for 48 hours straight may not be your idea of a good time, but when the proceeds from your efforts go to a worthy cause it is hard not to pitch in and help.

Alex Waibel, the Inter Fraternity Council (IFC) rush coordinator, is currently trying to implement a 48-hour charity dance marathon.

The Office of Greek Affairs, in conjunction with the IFC and the Women’s Panhellenic Association (WPA), has not yet chosen their charity, according to Waibel. The proceeds may go to the Children’s Miracle Network, which would benefit Children’s Hospital in Columbus.

“We’ll try to have every chapter represented, along with many other campus organizations,” Waibel said. “We want this to be a whole campus event.”

Waibel said the committees for the dance marathon would consist of independent organizations, both greek and non-greek.

“This event should be big enough for every organizations ideas to be used,” Waibel said. “We’ll need plenty of ideas to keep us busy during the 48-hour period.”

Kelly O’Mara, the WPA rush coordinator, said a dance marathon would do a lot for Ohio State and the entire community as a whole.

“We’ve observed other schools who have had very successful dance marathons,” O’Mara said. “It would be huge publicity for Ohio State and great philanthropy will have a big involvement,” Waibel said. “We’ll have to hold meetings with Indiana’s representatives. A lot needs to be done before we can implement it.”

According to Stewart, Indiana had over 1000 committee members to provide everything from a continual flow of entertainment and refreshments for the dancers, to morale groups who gave massages.

“We modeled our dance marathon after Penn State’s. They’ve had tremendous success with their’s over the years,” Stewart said. “I think it could become a Big 10 event.”

Stewart said college students often tend to forget some of their basic values and priorities, and that the implementation of a dance marathon would be a valuable lesson that students cannot learn in school.

“I believe it’s somewhat symbolic, in that we’re sacrificing our time and energy for the children that are suffering in the hospital,” Stewart said.

According to Stewart, there are several ways Ohio State could raise money for this charity.

“Corporate sponsors and personal donations are a big help,” Stewart said. “The more creative you get with your money-raising ideas, the more successful your charity will be.”
Group hopes to limit lot party permits

By Steve Jeffers
Lantern staff writer

If the Ohio Retail Permit Holders Association gets its way, open lot parties will be a thing of the past.

The permit holders association feels there is an oversupply of "F" permits by the Ohio Department of Liquor Control for lot parties and similar occasions.

According to section 4303.20 of the Ohio Revised Code, an "F" permit may be issued to any association of 10 or more people to sell beer for a five-day period. A stipulation of the permit is that proceeds from the sale are not for the "profit or gain of any individual." The fee for the permit is $6.00.

At OSU, fraternities, sororities and various other organizations have purchased "F" permits to serve beer at lot parties and other functions and frequently the proceeds go to charitable organizations.

A spokesman for the Office of Greek Affairs said that in addition to obtaining an "F" permit, fraternities and sororities must fill out a party review form for any outdoor party where alcohol is to be served.

The form has questions about what is being sold, security arrangements, lighting, and noise control permission. It must be presented 10 weeks in advance and approved by the Inter-Fraternity Council chief justice.

But, David Krakoff, executive director of the Ohio Retail Per-
mit Holders Association, feels too many "F" permits are issued and is suspicious that only a small percentage of the money raised at "F" functions is donated to charity and the rest is kept for the benefit of the organization.

Krakoff blamed the oversupply of the permits on the relative ease with which one can be acquired. He wants the eligibility requirements for permit holders to be stiffened.

Nate Gordon of the Ohio Attorney General's office permit division said the oversupply of "F" permits has always been a problem because the statute is loosely worded. He admitted the possibilities for "F" permit violations are numerous because of the large amount of them issued.

In 1984, 5,039 "F" permits were issued.

"It is a temporary permit as opposed to a "D" permit which has many more requirements," Gordon said.

There is a quota on the number of "D" permits issued. Gordon said the limited number of "D" permits available causes liquor control agents to check on them more often to weed out violators.

Chris Miller, president of the Ohio Retail Permit Holders Association and an owner of permits every 30 days.

Glass said there is no established investigation procedure for "F" permit violations.

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OSU alcohol policy tries to curtail drinking

By Phil Custadio
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The alcohol policy of the OSU greek system was implemented to enforce and self-regulate rules involving keg parties and underage drinking,

Greek Affairs Coordinator David Strauss said.
The alcohol policy provides a list of rules that chapters must follow:
* Party guests must bring their own alcoholic beverages.
* Alcohol can only be distributed from one location.
* Three sober chapter members and a bartender must be present as the party's alcohol monitor.
* Alcohol distribution must be monitored by a bartender.
* Free-flowing containers, such as kegs, are prohibited.
The OSU Intra-Fraternity Council and Women's Panhellenic Association alcohol policy was first drafted in late 1991 and revised April 1, 1994, Strauss said.
The policy was derived from Purdue University's policy, but improved, Michael Sikora, co-chairperson of the Chapter Review Committee, said.
In the OSU policy, each chapter is responsible for providing their own party monitors and supplies. Only chapters which are guilty of violations is punished, not the entire greek system, he said.
Groups of six to eight CRC members, called party patrols, visit at least three randomly selected parties on certain nights and check for violations, according to the policy.
Party patrols usually check parties from 10 to 11 p.m., but sometimes stay out until 2 a.m. or later, Stacie Pelton, CRC co-chairperson, said.
"We do a late patrol sometime during the quarter to keep them on their toes," Pelton said.
During a patrol on April 28, two of the parties visited had no violations. The third party did not have signs listing the party's alcohol monitors at the bar, so both chapters were charged with a five-point violation.
If 10 point are accumulated in an academic quarter, the chapter may be put on probation. If a chapter earns 30 or more points, it may be expelled from the OSU greek system.
The most common problems are lack of food, party monitor violations and too much accessibility to parties, Sikora said.
Parties need enough non-alcoholic food, such as vegetables, pizza and sandwiches, to last for the entire event, Sikora said.
At one of the parties on April 28, monitors controlled access through the front door while party doors were wide open and guests congregated outside the house.
"We have to talk about parties with open doors. We'd like to get them to use fences to keep out people who aren't on the list," Sikora said. "We want them to block it off. Outside parties still have to follow the rules.
The greek community sponsored "The Perfect Party" at the Kappa Sigma fraternity on April 8 to demonstrate the alcohol policy for the media and school administrators, including OSU President E. Gordon Gee.
At the party, guests turned over their alcoholic beverages to a bartender and were given receipts.
Guests needed to present these receipts to get their drinks from the bartender. Soft drinks and food were provided free at the bar.
Guests had their hands marked with an "o" if they were 21 years or older and an "x" if they were younger than 21.
A limitation of the policy is that it only applies to parties held on property owned by fraternities and sororities.
Before the policy was revised, the definition of a party that was regulated by the alcohol policy was a gathering that included a certain percentage of fraternity and sorority members, Strauss said.
The definition of a greek party has been expanded to include any party which a reasonable person would consider to be greek, he said.
But it still does not include parties that do not occur on greek-owned property, Strauss said.

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"CRC does not have jurisdiction over parties in private residences. That would be trespassing," he said.
"We can advise (during private parties), but we can't enforce."
The authority needed to regulate private parties would be pushing CRC's jurisdiction; it would require police powers, Sikora said.
If fraternities and sororities move their parties from the chapter houses to private residences in order to avoid the alcohol policy, the policy may lose its ability to enforce the responsible use of alcohol, Sikora said.
Even if all the chapter house parties are model examples of moderation, wild parties in neighboring apartments, greek or non-greek, will maintain the dangers of intoxicated crowds and the image of irresponsible college partiers.
If greek parties did move to private residences, CRC would give warnings and then notify the chapter's national organization, which could revoke a chapter's charter, Sikora said.
"I think they realize that their national organization could hurt them more than we could," he said.
The focus of CRC is to work with fraternities and sororities, Pelton said.
"We don't want them to fear us. We don't want them to think that we're out to get them," she said.
Mother of slain student speaks out against hazing

By Elaine Gounaris
Lantern staff writer

It was standing room only at Independence Hall when Eileen Stevens, founder of C.H.U.C.K., spoke to more than 750 students, faculty and alumni last night.

C.H.U.C.K., the Committee to Halt Useless College Killings, was founded by Stevens after her son, Chuck Stenzel, was killed in a fraternity hazing incident at upstate New York's Alfred University in 1978. Since then, Stevens has spoken at more than 600 college campuses to educate Greeks and non-Greeks about the dangers of hazing.

Stevens told OSU students that she "owes the Greek system a great deal" for teaching her about the "good things that you do that usually get unnoticed."

"I came to know you in the worst way possible," Stevens said, referring to her son's death. "Hazing is still here and I believe it's the greatest enemy of the Greek world."

Eileen Stevens has appeared on 20/20, Phil Donahue and Oprah and her story has been featured in "Newsweek" and "People." "Broken Pledges," a TV movie about her story, was aired last April.

Elizabeth Allan, case manager in the Office of Community Development & Student Judicial Affairs said it was a great honor to have Stevens speak at Ohio State.

Stevens has been nationally-recognized for her efforts to educate college students about the effects of hazing in fraternities, sororities, athletic teams and various organizations and has spoken at fraternity national meetings.

Since 1975, there have been 70 reported deaths from hazing, Stevens said.

"Statistics show that 90 percent of hazing involves alcohol, peer pressure and secrecy," Stevens said. "It's a dangerous combination. Members think that just because they were hazed, that they deserve a turn at it, too. They say 'I went through it. Now it's his or her turn,'" she said.

Tracy Stuck, coordinator of Greek Affairs, said hazing is not only found in the Greek system.

"We have to remember that it's virtually everywhere — in all kinds of sports teams, honoraries, marching bands and even all the way down to high school level," Stuck said. "It's been a real chore to get away from that 'Animal House' image we've acquired. People think that's the way we are and it takes someone like Eileen to help change minds."

Stuck said originally, fraternity and sorority rituals were not based on rules to explain exactly what hazing is, and the effects of it can be very subtle.

"Sure hazing can be physical torture, but a lot has to do with mental anguish and stress. It's the tearing down of someone's self-esteem that also is considered hazing," said Cynthia McDonald-DeVeese, coordinator in the office of Community Development & Student Judicial Affairs.

The event was coordinated by the Office of Community Development and Student Judicial Affairs and co-sponsored with Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity, the Office of Greek Affairs, the Department of Athletics CHAMPS Program and Recreation and Intramural Sports.
Greek fund-raisers benefit community

By Greg Niebur
Lantern staff writer

While Greek organizations at universities around the country have historically been accused of hazing, underage drinking, and drug use, the Greek system at Ohio State is giving its best effort to become recognized for something else — community service and volunteer work.

"Much of the community work that the Greek system does goes unnoticed by Ohio State and the surrounding community," said Harris Levinson, president of the Greek Community Awareness Council. "And we really do a lot for the community as well as for many, many charities."

In OSU's Greek system, every fraternity and sorority has its own philanthropy, an event to raise money for a specific charity.

"A fraternity or sorority will put on an event, and the other Greek houses participate to help raise the money," said Mara Levine, community service coordinator of the Women's Panhellenic Association.

Alpha Epsilon Phi sorority's "Phi Trotters" basketball tournament is an annual winter event which benefits the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation. Around 20 to 30 fraternities and sororities participate in the three-day event.

"We usually raise about $2,000 each year," said Stephanie Kodish, president of Alpha Epsilon Phi. "We raise money by charging an entry fee for each team, selling T-shirts, and by getting sponsors.

While most of the philanthropies at OSU are sporting events, Kappa Sigma fraternity's Reggae Festival, a nationally known event, is the largest fund-raiser at OSU and Alpha Epsilon Pi's, Airbands, a lip-synching contest, is the second largest.

"Last year, Kappa Sigma donated more than $8,000 to the Hannah Neil Center for Children," said Jason Fernandez, Kappa Sigma Philanthropy chairman. "The reggae festival attracts close to 10,000 students each year. I think that one of the major reasons for its success is that the festival is a fun experience for all who attend, and, at the same time, people less fortunate can benefit from it."

More than 15 different charities receive yearly donations from the events put on by the fraternities and sororities at OSU, totaling more than $70,000.

Fund-raising events are not the only means by which OSU Greeks give a helping hand. Thousands of hours are donated each year by members of the Greek system to community organizations.

Soup kitchens, homeless shelters, Big Brother/Big Sister, and community youth centers around Columbus are just a few of the places that receive help from OSU Greeks.

Another activity with strong Greek participation is "High on Pride," otherwise known as the "campus clean-up." For this yearly event, students pick up trash and debris on and around the campus.

Tracy Stuck, OSU coordinator of Greek Affairs, said she is a strong supporter of this annual campus-wide cleaning day.

"While Greeks make up less than 10 percent of the campus population, more than 80 percent of the participants of High on Pride are Greek," Stuck said. "This shows how much Ohio State Greeks give back to their community."
Greeks seek public relations assistance

By Sara Stutzenstein
Lantern staff writer

The Ohio State Greek community wants to improve its image. The Inter-Fraternity Council and Women's Panhellenic Association sponsored a public relations workshop Wednesday night in Hagerty Hall, for chapter officers within the Greek community to learn how to help improve the Greek image and avoid negative publicity.

Members expressed concerns that they would like to improve their image to the public and receive more positive media coverage of their activities, said Tracy Stuck, director of Student Organization Services and Greek Affairs. "We don't always do a very good job in telling people that we do good things too," Stuck said.

Stuck said the workshop was aimed at educating leaders of the Greek community about how to get the news coverage they want, and how to talk to the media when they get it.

"Most chapters are confused about what events are newsworthy, and they don't know the proper procedures to inform the media," she said.

Chapter presidents, public relations chairs, social chairs, philanthropy chairs, and Greek week chairs were invited to attend the free workshop featuring key note speaker Craig Little, director of alumni societies, for the Ohio State Alumni Association.

Little, who has worked for the alumni association since October, 1996, is the former assistant director of student development and fraternity adviser at the University of Oklahoma. He has been speaking to college campuses around the United States for 12 years about good public relations, chapter motivation, risk management, and crisis planning.

Little also participated in a media training seminar in Columbus, given by former reporters, on how to work with the media to get positive publicity.

"Anything that someone else sees you doing is public relations, whether you are alone or in a group," Little said. "Ninety percent of what the public thinks about the Greek community is based on the behavior they see or hear about."

He stressed that each chapter should designate one person to be the spokesperson for the chapter, when talking to the media during a crisis. This person should be very articulate and able to come across well on television.

Little also spoke of the best times to plan events to get media coverage. Thursdays are the busiest news days, and Saturdays and Sundays are the slowest, so chapters should plan events accordingly, he said.

"Fund raisers for local charities often have a better chance of getting coverage than those that benefit national organizations," Little said.

Little practiced role playing with the audience, playing the part of a reporter trying to get information. He then critiqued answers, indicating the best ways to respond.

Negative publicity can be avoided if members act responsibly in public, Little said.

"If one group or person messes up, it brings bad publicity to the entire community."
Judge warns greeks hazing activities may lead to jail, fines

By Alana Beltzer
Lantern staff writer

Eating an ice cream cone full of lard, swallowing a
whole bottle of hot sauce and wearing burlap underwear
are some of the abuses pledges have had to endure in
greek organizations around the country.

In a seminar, Cleveland Municipal Judge Ron Adriene
discussed hazing and its legal consequences with mem-
bers of the greek community Thursday.

Adriene said that someone caught hazing can be jailed,
fined and sued. Adriene also said that the liability does
not end at the person accused of hazing. The organization
involved and its officers along with the university and its
administrators can also be held responsible.

Hazing is a 4th-degree misdemeanor that carries a
penalty of up to a $250 fine and 30 days in jail, Adriene
said.

A person can be charged for every single instance of
hazing that occurs, he said.

Adriene said hazing was a major problem at all univer-
sities with organizations such as fraternities and sorori-
ties.

"Most organizations have their own history and tradit-
ions that they believe can only be done one way," he said.
"Over the last 10 to 15 years, the state of Ohio has decid-
ed such things that cause mental and physical harm dur-
ing the intake process are too dangerous to continue."

The Ohio State student handbook defines hazing as
"doing any act, or requiring or encouraging any act, of
initiation into any student or other organization that
causes, or creates a substantial risk of causing mental or
physical harm to any person."

Examples of hazing range from making someone wear
a dog collar to repeatedly beating someone with a wooden
paddle, Adriene said.

"Physical harm is an injury regardless of severity or
duration," he said.

Civil suits are also a major concern and, as with the
criminal cases, the fraternity and university can be held
liable, Adriene said.

"Our fraternity was once faced with $4 million of laws-
suits because of illegal activities," he said.

Tracy Stuck, director of Student Organization Services

and Greek Affairs and Stephanie LeDuff, director of Judicial
Affairs also attended the seminar.

When an allegation of hazing comes into her office, the first
people called are the chapter president, the chapter advisor,
and Judicial Affairs, Stuck said.

"As administrators, we're held
liable," she said. "I need to make
sure I am taking action."

Last spring, the Greek Affairs
office had many calls about hazing,
Stuck said.

"Most of the calls were from
faculty members who noticed
students falling asleep in class or
coaches who noticed bruises on
their athletes," she said.

LeDuff said OSU is tough on
hazing.

"I have no desire to be sued by
parents, and I won't because we
won't tolerate it," LeDuff said.

"We will take action and the
action will be very serious."

The seminar was sponsored by
the Omega Psi Phi fraternity.
Dear Faculty Colleague:

As a member of the faculty, one strives to achieve academic excellence within the university setting, ultimately to enhance the intellectual growth of students. A primary question that we must ask ourselves involves the means by which we as faculty and administrators are challenging the intellectual development of students. Quality learning opportunities begin and are fostered through faculty-student interaction in the classroom, yet this learning can be facilitated with continued interaction on an informal basis outside of the academic setting.

Students and student organizations at The Ohio State University value and acknowledge the importance of academic achievement. The Greek chapters, as student organizations, continue to emphasize scholarship by providing in-house programs to all members. Scholarship programming for these groups includes such topics as test-taking, time management, library resource identification, and test-anxiety. Although these programming efforts have met with some success, direct and informal faculty involvement outside of the academic setting will further enhance these scholarly efforts.

In order to challenge the academic experience of students, a Faculty Scholarship Sponsor Program has been created. The purpose of the program is three-fold: to focus the attention of campus organizations on academics, to improve scholastic performance, and to strengthen relationships between faculty and students.

Scholarship begins in the classroom, yet is enhanced outside of the classroom. Faculty involvement with students on an informal level is an effective way of fostering intellectual growth as we strive to create centers of excellence. True learning needs nurturing and, therefore, I urge you to review the benefits of this program for both faculty and students. Hopefully, you will see the advantage and the need to involve yourself in this unique academic endeavor.

Sincerely,

Mitchel D. Livingston, Ph.D.
Dean of Student Life

TO THE FACULTY:
Faculty Scholarship Sponsors can
• provide a vital link between the classroom experience and cocurricular involvements;
• learn more about campus life from a student perspective;
• have the opportunity to monitor student progress throughout the year;
• develop close relationships with students from a variety of backgrounds and diverse fields of study;
• receive informal feedback on University life and student concerns.

TO THE STUDENT:
With a Faculty Scholarship Sponsor you can
• have the opportunity to form an informal relationship with a faculty member;
• receive help identifying resources around campus;
• improve the scholastic climate in the group and improve your study habits;
• tap potential sources of career planning assistance and develop academic references;
• attract and retain good scholars as sorority or fraternity members;
• serve as a liaison to various University agencies.
WHAT IS EXPECTED OF A FACULTY SCHOLARSHIP SPONSOR?

There are a variety of ways to become a faculty scholarship sponsor. Sponsors may share their individual learning styles, ideas, and experiences, thereby providing an environment for creative involvement.

As a faculty scholarship sponsor, you may choose to meet with your designated Greek chapter once a month. Suggested ways for involvement may include:

- attending a group meeting or dinner;
- meeting with students individually or in small groups;
- meeting with the chapter scholarship chairperson to discuss incentives and programs encouraging academic achievement;
- suggesting or arranging workshops once per quarter that cover topics of scholastic importance. In addition to workshops on skill-related areas, you may want to include a workshop on your particular specialty.

You will be invited to attend a group orientation session designed for faculty sponsors. The agenda for the session includes discussion on individual chapter backgrounds and sponsorship guidelines. This informal session will also provide you with the opportunity to exchange ideas and suggestions.

HOW CAN I FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM?

If you would like further information about becoming involved in the program, return the attached card to the Office of Greek Affairs.

You will receive additional information regarding the program through the mail. The Office of Greek Affairs will also contact you to discuss further details and answer questions regarding the program.

Student leaders in the fraternities and sororities are also being asked to submit the names of potential faculty scholarship sponsors. Once the pool of interested persons is identified, each faculty member will be contacted and, if interested, matched with a chapter of his or her choice or randomly if none is specified.

The fraternity or sorority will then be notified of its sponsor. At the same time, you will receive a letter of notification and a brief fact sheet on your assigned chapter.

Once you are assigned, an orientation meeting will be held to answer your questions and to review the goals and objectives of the program. The invitation to this meeting will be mailed to you.

You will be contacted quarterly by the Office of Greek Affairs to evaluate the program and to get feedback on the experiences you have had with the group to date. Should you have any questions in the interim, please contact the Office of Greek Affairs, 346 Ohio Union, 422-8763.

Please return your interest card today.

Thank you!
FRATERNITIES AND SORORITIES AT THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

Greek Life has been a part of the Ohio State tradition for over a century—national fraternities were founded in 1878 and sororities the following year. Today Ohio State has 57 active chapters with a total membership of nearly 4,000 undergraduate students.

Many top University scholars and student leaders are affiliated with a fraternity or sorority. Many chapter members are inducted annually into the various academic honoraries such as Sphinx, Mortor Board, Mirrors, Romophos, Bucket and Dipper, and Chimes. The all-Greek cumulative point-hour ratio is generally around 2.58, and award-winning chapters have had group ratios of 3.0 or better.

Throughout the year, each group contributes time to community service. Philanthropic efforts include yearly fund drives for charities and other organizations such as the American Heart Association, Easter Seals, Juvenile Diabetics, Cystic Fibrosis, Children’s Hospital, and the Special Olympics.

Additionally, each group provides academic, personal, and leadership-development programs. Athletic and other community programs are provided quarterly.

Each chapter has a local alumni adviser who functions as a liaison between the local chapter and its national office by providing guidance to the chapter officers and membership.

Approximately half of the membership lives in chapter housing—others live at home, in residence halls, or in apartments. Over the years, thousands of students have found friendship and support in a living environment that has complemented their experience at Ohio State.

Together with the support of national organizations, local alumni, and student officers, faculty scholarship sponsors will find working with sororities and fraternities an enriching, challenging, and rewarding experience.

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Former head of Ohio State Greek life pleads to theft

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The former director of Sorority and Fraternity Life at Ohio State University has been ordered to pay the university more than $80,000 in restitution and serve 90 days in jail after he was found guilty of theft in office.

Antonio P. Lytle was sentenced Tuesday to pay $83,673 to the Ohio State University Office of Student Life, and received three years of community control along with his 90-day sentence in the Franklin County Corrections Center, according to court documents.

Lytle pleaded guilty in September to the third-degree felony in the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas after originally entering a not guilty plea in April, according to court documents.

He resigned when confronted by the Office of Student Life about unauthorized transactions, according to Ohio State University.