

On 27 September 2006, a focus group was conducted by Greek Affairs to gain insight into students' views of Greek housing. The students of the study currently lived in the Greek houses and lived there from one to three years. After asking questions about students' views of Greek housing, the following were seen as common concerns:

1. Making chapter houses more conducive to studying (designating study rooms, proper furniture and lighting, etc.)

***Response:** In the houses there are 24 hour courtesy hours to make the living environment conducive to studying. There are also quiet hours in place later in the evening. Students should work with their house director to make sure these policies are being enforced. It is also encouraged that there be a room or rooms designated as quiet study areas. Make sure that the environment is conducive to studying with appropriate lighting and work space. If the study environment is not favorable for studying then it is suggested that house manager make appropriate changes. As another resource, the Graduate Assistant for Housing Operations (Roy Lowdenback) is available to meet and discuss possible renovations.*

2. Give a tour of a Greek house(s) during orientation, preview days

***Response:** Greek Affairs is giving a tour of a Greek house during preview days and for the past several years a tour of Greek houses during orientation, as a part of the Go Greek team. In fact, last year Greek house tours were promoted in orientation material given to all students and parents.*

3. Requests for new singles have been denied

***Response:** The capacity of each room is set by the chapter and is meant to stay that way. Changing capacity of rooms makes it difficult for housing administratively and for maintenance. Maintenance would have to continuously move furniture around to other rooms, or in and out of storage. Students can't move furniture as it is a liability. Greek Affairs does not want students to run the risk of injury or damage to furniture. Additionally, in November there will be an opportunity for chapters to petition to change doubles to singles. This form will be distributed the last week in October and is due November 15.*

4. Conklin deck can't be used

***Response:** The Conklin deck can't be used because it is not in the proper condition for safe use by students. Residence Life doesn't want students to assume the risk of use of this deck. Having roofs open is also a liability risk, as there have been instances at other schools of students falling off roofs and being injured.*

5. Continue to make updates to houses to attract students

***Response:** During the summer Greek Affairs takes into consideration renovations to the Greek houses. This past summer 1.3 million dollars was spent on*

renovations to Greek houses. Greek Affairs also provides an incentive of \$500 a semester to chapters with high GPAs. This money is used to make updates to the chapter house. In addition, Roy Lowdenback, Graduate Assistant for Housing Operations is accepting requests for renovations up to October 23. Requests can be emailed to rlowden@bgsu.edu . Requests will then be reviewed by the Housing Board that will decide which requests will be recommended for approval.

6. Need to explain why and how cameras are being used, there seem to be many rumors going around

Response: *The cameras that were installed in Conklin were installed because renovations were made. When a residence hall is renovated it is now common practice to install cameras, in the instance they may be used if Greek chapters were moved. At this point in time the cameras are not turned on. There was a testing of the cameras to see if the system was working in the beginning of the semester which lead some students to believe they were in use. That test was completed and the cameras are not in use now.*