

One of Greek Affairs' continuous goals is to provide a high quality, satisfying and at-capacity housing for Greeks. As a part of this goal, Greek Affairs has committed to exploring junior and senior incentives to increase their presence in the houses. To fulfill this commitment, Greek Affairs conducted a feedback group consisting of five (5) junior and senior level Greek students from five (5) different chapters who previously resided in a Greek house, but now have chosen to move off-campus, to ask them questions about their Greek residential experience and offer advice on how we can encourage and motivate upperclassmen students to reside in the Greek houses.

Some of the reasons they expressed upperclassmen tend to move off-campus were:

- *Needing an independent experience*
- *Older members tend to want out*
- *Priorities changing*
- *Burned out (grown tired of being overly active in Greek life)*
- *Privacy*
- *Maturity*
- *Houses feel like residence halls)*
- *House directors enforcing extra rules*
- *Prepare for life after college*
- *More freedom*
- *Not realistic experience*
- *Different expectations*
- *Feel like kids being watched by house directors*
- *Dry houses, but not residence halls (most upperclassmen are of legal drinking age)*

Some suggestions they have for improving the Greek housing experience:

- *Needs to feel like a home instead of a residence hall*
- *Offering more singles*
- *Greek house directors need to be Greek*
- *Stop forcing students to live there*
- *More convenient parking*
- *More renovations (e.g. kitchens)*
- *"Adult" furnished rooms*
- *Air-conditioning; more temperature control*
- *No video cameras (invades privacy)*

Some other interesting points the student mentioned were:

- *People being forced into living in houses causes complaining, which is not appealing to potential residents*
- *Members dropping and/or declining leadership positions because of housing requirements*
- *House sizes are disproportionate to chapter sizes*
- *Losing houses creates negative alumni relations*
- *Expecting houses to be full in unrealistic (people always drop over the summer)*
- *Housing takes up considerable portions of budgets, leaving less money for chapter events*
- *Chapters held accountable for empty beds in houses, but no one held accountable for empty beds in residence halls.*

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