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# sneaky sorority pressures

Dozens of instant BFFs aren't *all* that come with Greek life. Find out what nobody tells you before rushing!



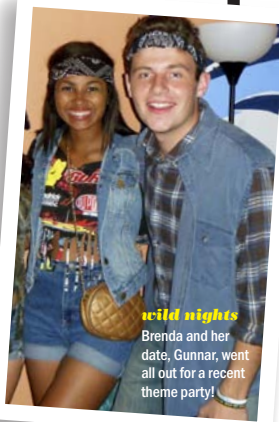
**Brenda**, UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI

## it costs a lot of money!

“During rush, I learned that dues—which cover meals, upkeep on the sorority house, and social events—can be up to **\$3,000 a year!** On top of that, you have to pay for pledge-class trips, clothes and other items with your sorority letters on them, and the fancy dresses you need for formals! I keep a separate budget that includes all those ‘extras’—otherwise I’d lose track of what I’m spending!”

## there's pressure to find dates!

“Lining up guys for all the social events is so stressful—especially early on, when you don’t know anyone on campus! A lot of times, **inviting a guy comes with the added pressure of a hookup**, so girls end up bringing high school friends or even their roommates for drama-free fun.”



**wild nights**  
Brenda and her date, Gunnar, went all out for a recent theme party!

## WHY I'M NOT RUSHING!



“I want to learn more about myself and *my* interests instead of just following a big group. If I were in a sorority, I feel like I’d spend all my time trying to belong instead of figuring out the real me!”

—Chloe, DEPAUL UNIVERSITY



### fun fact!

Jennifer and Brenda rushed the same sorority, Delta Delta Delta!



**Jennifer**, UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA

## ugh, sorority haters!

“I’ve heard people say sorority girls are slutty and party all the time, which is so funny to me because a lot of my sisters have long-term boyfriends and don’t drink, just like me. **One comment I hate is that I’m ‘paying for friends,’ which is ridiculous.** Going Greek makes the social side of college so much easier—it doesn’t mean I’m incapable of making friends on my own; it’s just a quicker, more fun way to do it!”

## it's a major time commitment!

“During initiation week, **I spent more than 24 hours doing sorority stuff**, like mandatory paddle-decorating, chapter meetings, and the final-night slumber party. Now it’s more like seven hours a week—but even *that* can feel like a lot when classes pick up. Recently, one of my sisters had her 21st birthday party the night before my first exam. Of course, I went . . . and then had to stay up until 3 A.M. to finish studying. I don’t want to miss out on anything, but it’s easy to get burned-out!”

## CELEB ON CAMPUS!

### YOU CAN STILL GO TO THE PARTIES

“So far, I don’t plan on rushing, but I have been to The Row at USC, where you can go to sorority and frat parties and meet so many new people. It’s cool to get a taste of sorority life even though I’m not in one!” —Miranda Cosgrove, freshman at USC!



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