

COMING HOME

Sororities welcome new sisters with open arms to different kind of home

Bid day marked the culmination of four intense rounds of Recruitment. Sacrificing two straight weekends to get to know potential new members finally paid off with the addition of new sisters to each sorority.

Bid Day began Sunday morning when new members received their bids from their Recruitment Counselors. The Recruitment Counselors, or Rho Chis, went to each potential new member's door to deliver the bid, along with a name-tag made by the sorority.

In the afternoon, Bid Day celebrations began in earnest. Each sorority paraded into the Sunken Gardens, wearing matching t-shirts, holding banners, and singing songs, trying to show off their spirit for their new sisters.

After the parade, all new members gathered in the middle of the Sunken Gardens, and at a signal were told to run to their new sisters, or "come home." All the current sisters in the sorority were cheering, clapping, and holding signs,

excited to meet their new members. "It was so exciting to be involved in Bid Day from a different angle this year," sophomore Morgan Leigh Furman said. "Last year, I was overwhelmed with the excitement of becoming the new member of Kappa Alpha Theta. This year, I couldn't wait to meet my new sisters!"

After this initial celebration, the sororities gave their new members matching t-shirts. Then the new members posed for pictures, both with their pledge class and the whole sisterhood. Finally, most sororities brought the new members, now pledges, back to their houses to see them for the first time as true sisters.

Each sorority finished the day in a different way. Whether it was a barbecue with icebreakers, a trip to Jamestown Beach, or sisterhood events at the house, the sororities enjoyed the special day with their new pledges.

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Photo courtesy of Sydney Tafuri.



Sisters of the Beta Delta Chapter of Alpha Chi Omega hold their "Sex and the City"-themed banner high as they wait for new members. From Vineyard Vines to police, each sorority's theme provided not only a design for their t-shirts, but also a theme for the activities that would take place following the parade in the Sunken Gardens.

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Laura Parente, Lydia Vasiliaskas and Grace Dawson hold up their stuffed lions in the Parlor of the Phi Mu House. Each new member was assigned a lion pal, who not only bought them a stuffed lion, but also helped them transition smoothly into becoming a Phi.



Sisters of the Beta Lambda chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta brandish their "guns" to demonstrate their police-themed Bid-Day. Their slogan "We Caught the Best" demonstrated their excitement about being able to welcome all their new sisters.



Members of the Alpha Mu Chapter of Delta Delta Delta welcome new members into their second home. Many sororities made posters for their new members, which were first posted on the houses and then were hung in the new members' rooms.



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Sisters of the Omicron Beta Chapter of Chi Omega get rowdy about welcoming new members into the sisterhood. The initial parade sought to get both the new and old sisters energized for the rest of the day.

The Epsilon Mu chapter of Delta Gamma hoists their anchor high to welcome their future sisters. Many sororities used themed banners and traditional props to set themselves apart from the multitude of screaming girls in the Sunken Gardens.