

BOND. FAMILY BOND.

Members smooth pledges' transitions into Greek life by adopting "littles"

Families were an integral part of each Greek member's experience. While the tradition was upheld more in sororities, fraternities also followed the custom.

New members were treated to a Clue Week in which each day they received presents, did fun activities, and gathered clues about their new Big Brother or Sister, or just "Big." Some clues included being serenaded by a cappella groups, going on dinner dates with other sisters or brothers in Colonial Williamsburg, or having "Flower Hours," in which their Big's friends brought them a flower every ten minutes for an hour.

Activities during Clue Week were often memorable experiences. "Clue week was really hectic but extremely exciting," sophomore Katie Peng said. "The first night was the best because I had no idea what to expect, and I ended up getting sung to by some of my Big's friends. Not only did I get to bond with my sorority, but I also got to do a lot of activities that I might not have done

otherwise," Peng said.

The week culminated in Revelation, in which the new members met their Big and the rest of their family and celebrated their brother or sisterhood. Revelation rituals varied between chapters, and gave new members a glimpse into the importance of traditions.

Families were a major way in which new members became full-fledged members of their fraternity or sorority. In most Greek organizations, families got together once a week to have dinner together and catch up on each other's lives. "Being a sister in Alpha Chi Omega has been a blessing to me. Through my family and all the sisters, I have the best support system in the world. I love and cherish each member of my sorority," sophomore Sydney Tafuri said.

Greek families were just one of the ways in which bonds created at school lasted far beyond the College.

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Photo courtesy of Sydney Tafuri.



Sisters of the Beta Delta chapter of Alpha Chi Omega pose at the house with their families on the night of Revelation. After welcoming new Littles Allison Callery, Sydney Tafuri, and Mary Vann, the girls went to the sorority house for cake.

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Members of the Aristocrat family in the Epsilon Charge of the Theta Delta Chi Fraternity show off one of their family presents, pewter mugs. While families were not as present in fraternities as sororities, the families that did exist had strong ties.



A family in the Omicron Beta Chapter of Chi Omega gets ready for Sigma Chi's Jock Jams Party. For themed date parties and mixers, families often dressed similarly to show their bond.



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Senior Emma Doran and sophomores Kate Tidback and Jessica Gallinaro anxiously await the arrival of the new members of their family on Revelation for the Beta Lambda Chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta. For the older sisters, getting new "littles" was one of the most meaningful times of the year.



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Showing their family love, sophomores Kristen Felix and Elizabeth Bowman, junior Laura Krzykowski, and senior Ashley Morgan are excited to be a family after Revelation. For many new members, their Big was a person they especially connected with during Recruitment.

On Homecoming, sophomores Liz Davidson and Anne Jensen, junior Kate Ramsey, and alumna Katie Miller pose for a picture while celebrating with their partner fraternity for Homecoming, Kappa Delta Rho. Homecoming was an important time for families as old members came back to meet the new Little Brothers and Sisters.