

Founding members receive bids from new sorority

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The newest sorority on campus, Pi Beta Phi initiated its founding members.

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After three days of recruitment, the new sorority on campus, Pi Beta Phi welcomed 240 women in their pledging ceremony.

The Panhellenic Council's adviser Amne Harrington said Greek life's newest addition will bring fresh perspectives to the Greek community as well as more options for women looking to join sororities.

"While many women on campus are members of a sorority, there are still many women who have not found what they are looking for among our current organizations," Harrington stated in an email.

Most applicants, such as junior Charlotte Talis, search for a sorority that best suits their personality. As an involved student on campus, Talis never had the time to go through the university's annual sorority recruitment process. However, after learning about the Pi Beta Phi principles and values, Talis decided to give the sorority a chance.

"I joined Pi Phi because of its commitment to authentic and passion women," Talis said. "Pi Phi's values, such as integrity, honor, respect and lifelong commitment, just to name a few, truly resonated with me throughout the recruitment process and made me want to join."

Although Talis felt uncertain in the early stages of the recruitment process, she said things changed once she was able to talk to more women in the sorority.

"Part of recruitment was meeting with Pi Phi women from Penn State," Talis said. "I felt very welcomed by the women and meeting them helped convince me — continuing with recruitment was the right thing for me. Before I knew it, it was bid day, and I was meeting an amazing group of UD women and I knew I made the right choice by going out of my comfort zone and trying something new."

Sophomore Layla Covington echoed Talis' sentiments on trying something new. Although Covington never thought she would join Greek life, she thought becoming a member of Pi Beta Phi would further enhance her college experience.

"I'm a very indecisive person by nature, so I tried to weigh the pros and cons," she said. "So literally one day I just woke up and said, 'I'm going to do this,' I'm going to go through formal recruitment for Pi Phi and just see where it takes me."

Despite being indecisive, Covington has a positive outlook for the organization.

"I hope that it has a good representation, and I just hope that people associate Pi Beta Phi with good things," she said.

Alex Roark, a representative from the sorority's national headquarters, assisted with the recruitment stages. Describing the experience as "exciting," she said she wants new members to take advantage of all opportunities. She said she also hopes members use the sorority to network and build "sincere" friendships with each other.

"I want them to have the greatest Pi Phi experience," Roark said.

Correction: A previous version of this article stated that members of Pi Beta Phi were initiated. This is incorrect, the founding members received bids from Pi Beta Phi but are not yet initiated into the organization.

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