



Phi Kappa Psi

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Dear Mr. Collinsworth:

A fresh baked batch of cookies is not what one thinks about when one hears about hazing within Greek organizations. But back in 2007, an NHPC fraternity on Southern Illinois University's campus used scorching hot chocolate chip cookies as a form of hazing on one of their new initiates. This rather alarming incident prompted John Davenport, Greek Life Coordinator, to swiftly act on enacting education seminars on the negative effects of hazing and alcohol abuse within the Greek community.

Blake Hammontree was a 19-year-old freshman that died of an alcohol overdose at a Sigma Chi party at Oklahoma University. His blood alcohol content (BAC) was .5, which is significantly higher than the legal limit of .08. Davenport used this sad tale as a warning to fraternity, sorority and all college students that drinking in excess can be lethal and have dire consequences. "Six men were charged with Hammontree's death. Five were convicted with consequences ranging from hefty fines to jail time." said Davenport.

Knowing how important anti hazing rules and regulations is to Phi Kappa Psi, I was hoping this attempt at educating Greek members on SIUE's campus would be a prime example of the extent to which campuses and organizations are going to preventing harmful effects of hazing and alcohol abuse.

I will contact you on Wednesday, May 17 to see if you have any questions or concerns about this seminar that I can address. If you wish to get in touch with me before this time, please call me at 217.556.9823 or by e-mail at donahoebrian@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

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