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Greek Tragedies

In the first two weeks of November, we have witnessed [Florida State University's](#) president shut down Greek life after a pledge's death, and [Michigan's IFC](#) suspend all activities following allegations of sex assault, hazing, and out-of-control parties. Meanwhile, criminal proceedings are ongoing against fraternity members after deaths at [Penn State](#) and [LSU](#).

While the FSU and Michigan situations develop, we can begin to draw lessons from the Penn State and LSU prosecutions. Aside from the obvious – a tragic death – what are some common aspects of the prosecutions?

What factors and personal choices may lead to prison time for those brothers?

Alcohol. Not only the victim, but the perpetrators are alleged to have been under the influence in the Penn State and LSU cases.

Failure to Call for Help. In both situations, allegations are that it took hours after problems became apparent for the fraternity brothers to seek medical intervention. Could lives have been saved? Where were the brothers?

Multiple Arrests. Fourteen or more may stand trial at Penn State. Ten were arrested at LSU. It appears that both those who participated, and those who allowed it to occur, may be called to answer for their actions and failures.

Electronic Evidence. We live in an electronic age. Warrants were served, and cell phones and video are available. Hiding evidence is not only illegal, it has become impossible.

When death or injury occurs in the context of hazing, serious charges will follow. It is likely that no one intended for either of these young men to die but that may not be enough in the eyes of the justice system. Our campuses and your nationals take a strong stand against hazing. What are you doing to support that stance?

