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Dear Xavier Student:

It has come to my attention that there have been inquiries about establishing Greek Life at Xavier University.

Xavier University is currently bound by a 1997 decision by the Board of Trustees to be a non-Greek campus. A Greek Life Task Force consisting of students, faculty, staff, and administrators, was formed during the 1996-97 academic year to assess the feasibility of establishing Greek letter organizations. To that end, the task force conducted undergraduate student surveys, held focus groups, and reviewed the programs and concerns of undergraduate institutions both with and without Greek organizations. As a result, it was determined that it was not feasible for Xavier to institute a Greek system at that time.

Based on recommendations of the Greek Life Task Force, on May 1, 1997, the Student Life Committee of the Xavier University Board of Trustees recommended not to establish a formal system of fraternities and sororities at Xavier.

Historically, African-American fraternities and sororities are permitted to function at Xavier, as they had in years prior to the formal review. They meet particular cultural and service needs of Xavier's black community.

To pursue further dialog regarding Xavier's position regarding a formal Greek Life system at Xavier, please contact a Student Government Association representative who will, in turn, engage University administration in a discussion.

Thank you!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Luther G. Smith".

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