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Research Questions
• What are the risk management policies and practices institutions are using for Greek organizations?
• How did current students perceive risk and risk management when choosing an organization, if at all?
• How do they perceive risk now after being a member of an organization?

Literature Review
• Barber, Espino, and Bureau (2015) point out that sorority and fraternity members are in a group all their own and must exist in multiple contexts and systems
• Must also maintain participation in a group rooted in leadership, service, culture, and scholarship
• Despite adverse societal perceptions, positive traits are still pervasive

Methodology
• Active members of Greek-letter social organizations
• Sophomore, junior, and senior students
• Sat down for 30-45 minute in person interviews with students and recorded our conversations together

Conclusions
• Students’ grades improved upon joining Greek organizations
• Sexual assault was a major concern among students
• However, many indicated feeling safer as members of the Greek community because they felt well informed and educated about dangers via their institution and organization
• Students felt their institution took some measures to educate them on risk, particularly this year, but felt as if more needed to happen

Implications
• Institutions need to be consistent when it comes to risk education for all students, not only students in certain groups or organizations
• Risky and dangerous behaviors will continue, but universities can create more programs to try and keep students safe
• Education should happen throughout all 4 years of school, not only years 1 and 2
• Research could be expanded upon geographically. I would like to know if students at different kinds of institutions, or in different parts of the country feel differently
• Students brought up mental health consistently and that is something I think needs more attention as it is not something I thought about for this project, nor looked into

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