

1. Collector: Shaelin Adams

Informants: Sorority and Fraternity Members

Handle: Greek Wedding

Discussion: This is a ritual that occurs at least once a year within our sorority. It used to be that we would pair with the same fraternity every spring and host a 'greek wedding'. Today this event occurs during important weeks on the IUB campus such as Homecoming and The Little 500. A Greek Wedding consists of many rituals that would be seen at a real wedding: a bridal party, a preacher, guests, wedding vows, decorations, and more, but also has its own deformalized twist to it. Many attendees are under the influence of alcohol making the exchanging of vows and wedding party shenanigans that much more fun. Unlike a regular party hosted by a fraternity, you often times find nicer alcohol and supplies at these Greek Weddings. For example, during the Greek Wedding shown in the video, we had champagne and plastic wine glasses to drink from. Another aspect of this event is that the bride is chosen by a senior who is often seen as innocent, smart, and conservative. This makes it fun for all the sisters to see the innocent one 'let loose' for a night. Bridesmaids are volunteered for, as are the flower girls. This is a ritual that was created years ago by members in the greek system. Many houses take part in this ritual and it is used to have fun and create friends.

2. Collector: Shaelin Adams

Informants: Nicole & Carolyn

Handle: Alpha Chi Chant

Text:

"We're Alpha Chi Omega,  
we're raiders of the night.  
We're dirty f\*\*\*\*\* b\*\*\*\*\*,  
we'd rather drink than fight  
To hell with all your morals,  
to hell with standards too.  
'Cause if you're an Alpha Chi,  
then who the f\*\*\* are you?!"

\*see video (currently without sound)\*

Discussion: This is a quite vulgar chant that does not come out that often. It is obviously not a song we sing in civilized places with adults around, it is more for times of bringing the sisters together and pumping each other up. Times of chant include nights when we're pregaming together in the seclusion of our home or elsewhere where not to many people are around, before competitive sporting events such as the Beta Broomball Philanthropy where we have to compete against other sororities, or just to be funny in public. This is a ritual that has been passed down throughout the years from the year it was informally made

up. Girls within our house come together when this chant is performed and feel a sense of bonding. Although the lyrics are not true to the what the ladies of Alpha Chi Omega really think about ourselves, this just acts as a sarcastic, fun thing to bring us together.