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Transcript of Interview with Natalie Lindquist

Natalie: I'm Natalie Lindquist. I'm a freshman. I'm an undeclared major looking into business or engineering.

Andrea: Why did you choose to pursue or go through the formal recruitment process?

Natalie: All of my cousins on my dad's side of the family were all in Greek life. There's four of them and I'm the fourth, so the last one, the baby, so it was kind of expected. We all went through it, I went through it and it just like connected me to them so I wanted to do it.

Andrea: Are they all in Greek life at U of I?

Natalie: Ya they all went to U of I and they all were in Greek life. My oldest one is 28 so she went through it a long time ago and then my next cousin is 25 so she graduated 5 years ago how ever long ago she was here and then my cousin is a sophomore here and she is currently in a house.

Andrea: Oh cool. What house is she in?

Natalie: She's in Tri Delt.

Andrea: Did you ever feel like, were the rest of them in Tri Delt?

Natalie: Her sister whose 25 was in Tri Delt and then my other cousin was in Kappa Delta, so I was more drawn to Tri Delt over all the other houses because she was in it and we had like this prenotion that we wanted to be in the same house like since we were younger cause like we watched her sister go in it like oh my god that's so fun like we want to do the same thing and since we're a year apart like it'd be so fun for us to be in the same house, so that was like I had my expectations really high and then I got dropped.

Andrea: Ya, so how did that obviously it didn't feel good if you like from a young age if you're thinking like I wanna be in this house type of thing then like what was going through your head like how'd you like keep an open mind for the rest of the process.

Natalie: It was really hard cause like it was after first invite so like it was going into second invite and that's like when it starts to get down to it and they like really want you and whatever and I was a legacy so I thought like maybe that would help a little but like apparently legacy really doesn't mean anything and I think I had a really bad like awkward conversation first invite so like I knew that that went bad and that that was going to affect my like ranking or whatever so like when I opened my list on like Saturday I just liked looked at it and my heart just sank and I had to like text her and tell her and she was like shocked and all her friends were like so mad like they didn't call me back and everything, but I had to go into the day with an open mind like okay well maybe this house isn't for me like maybe there's a better house for me that I like fit better into and like as I went through the day I realized like there were houses that I

liked the girls more than I did at Tri Delt so like I wouldn't have realized that had I not been dropped so it was kind of like an eye opening thing for me to like realize.

Andrea: So it was good to be able to continue going?

Natalie: Ya I had to just like push on and like get over it like okay well Tri Delt wasn't for me then there's like another house that's like perfect for me so we'll just have to find out which one that is.

Andrea: So what house are you in now?

Natalie: I'm in A Phi.

Andrea: Oh cool.

Natalie: So like I love it.

Andrea: So what do you love about A Phi?

Natalie: Okay so going in A Phi was actually my very first house I went to and I honestly fell in love with it like the girls were really real and like my conversations weren't like "what's your major?" like stuff like that it was like real like friend conversations about like stuff we had in common and things we did in the summer and stuff like that. It was more like I was talking to a friend then talking to a random person that I was trying to get to know so that aspect I loved about it and the girls were like really open and genuine they weren't like putting on a front they were like these perfect girls they obviously were real and I was drawn to that and that's what I loved about them and they were really fun and everything and I like to be fun.

Andrea: I remember their entertainment and they were just like let's get weird so I was like you know what.

Natalie: Ya they were crazy and I'm like kinda like whatever like I don't care I'm not like trying to be some perfect girl like I'm weird and I like to have fun like they like to have fun whatever so we connected over that.

Andrea: Definitely so like going into rush were you stressed about like outfits?

Natalie: Yes I was extremely. I had my cousins go shopping with me cause like I didn't know what you're supposed to wear and like when I got here I was like it really didn't matter what you wore as long as you were like appropriately dressed you were fine like you felt good about yourself like I was like stressed about it I was like what do I wear like they helped me find dresses and everything and like it was a long time and a long process.

Andrea: So what other stresses did you like feel throughout the process like getting dropped was hard and like the outfits but like when you were like what was like the weirdest thing going through like open?

Natalie: My biggest thing was like I fell in love with the girls that were rushing me, but I was worried would I love the girls in my pledge class as much as I love them. So like once I got into a house like obviously I liked people older than me but would I like the people that were my age and like the people I have to live with for the next year and the people I'm with for the next four years like am I going to like them as much as them that was like a big worry cause like you don't really get a feel for that during like the invites and stuff because all those girls are looking at different houses so it's hard to tell like whose gonna go what so like pref day that kinda like came down to like what helped me

decide is like seeing myself with like those girls over the other girls at the other house
so that was like my biggest thing.

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