

conduct-code proceedings, although, she says, “there are students who decided on their own that they can’t live with the restrictions” and moved off campus.

Fraternities and sororities are of particular concern to colleges. In a recent *Chronicle* essay, Gentry McCreary, a consultant on Greek-life policies, warns that as more altruistic- and community-minded students decide to steer clear of fraternities and sororities, the groups are seeing a concentration of hard partiers and hazing enthusiasts. “After a year of lockdowns,” McCreary writes, “and with the light at the end of the tunnel getting closer by the minute, the pent-up energy is nearing a boiling point. ... Feeling cheated out of the last year like the rest of us, these ‘rogue’ members are making up for lost time.”

Asked about such fears, Gelaye says, “all of our students are desperate for in-person interaction and socialization.” The university’s Office of Sorority and Fraternity Life is working with Greek councils to understand the organizations’ dynamics, says Gelaye. Those discussions include the ramifications of a new state law that strengthens Georgia’s antihazing statutes. Unlike some universities, Gelaye says, Emory owns its Greek houses, and that gives it more oversight.

Michael Deichen, associate vice president for student-health services at the University of Central Florida, says that while some fraternities and sororities had Covid-protocol infractions in the fall, the spring term has gone markedly better. “Some, in fact, were great examples of best practice. They took to heart the guidance and followed it, and it showed.”

Student buy-in has also been key at Beloit College, in Wisconsin, says its president, Scott Bierman. He says that 20 students in student government considered Covid-era



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Texas Tech U. students take a break at one of the campus’s new Red Raider Plaza outdoor spaces, equipped with games, chargers, and enhanced Wi-Fi.

cultural and behavioral norms, and “drafted this brilliant document that we have worn on our sleeve throughout the entire year.”

If students “diverge from the rules,” says James Giordano, a professor of neurology and a bioethicist at Georgetown University, “there has to be some form of response to that.” But, he says, “it’s all about proportionality.”

Skema Business School is a French institution with a campus in Raleigh, N.C. Some of its in-person international students’ home countries have had more restrictive lockdowns than the United States has, and administrators had to lay down the law about campus Covid protocols.

“It was like mom and dad talking to these students. ‘Hey, this is happening ... it affects your entire community. This is serious. You have to work with us,’” says Gisa L. Rollin, development director.

Despite repeated warnings, a few students didn’t get the message. They were ostracized by classmates, and Skema sent the offenders back to France to finish their work online. Of those students’ behavior, says Mohamed Desoky, associate dean, “we took that action to send a signal to all the student body that it was unacceptable.”