

Global View - College Life (C0353)

A: Hey, Jordan, is that you? Long time no see!

B: Oh, hey, no kidding! I haven't seen you since orientation three months ago! So how've you been? Settling into college life OK?

A: Yeah, I think so! I pledged Phi Iota Alpha, so I'm living at the frat house now.

B: Oh, so you're a frat boy now, huh?

A: Yeah, yeah, I know, it's totally cliché, but really, I think it's been a good decision. I've got a lot of support and good suggestions from the guys. What about you? What have you been up to?

B: Not much. I'm still living at home and commuting to school. I ended up dropping that metalworking class I was so excited about. It just wasn't as interesting as I'd hoped. The guidance counselor suggested that I focus on my prerequisite courses so that I can make sure the credits count.

A: That sounds smart... but kind of boring.

B: Yeah, it is, a little bit. I joined the Great Outdoors Club, though, which has been a lot of fun. We've gone on two camping trips already, and I've made some good friends.

A: That's cool. Hey, so have you decided on your major yet?

B: Definitely pre-med. What about you?

A: I still have no clue... but we don't have to declare a major 'til our sophomore year, so I've got time! Oops, I'm late for class. Gotta run!

B: OK, take care! Hey, nice running into you!

A: Yeah, you too!

Key Vocabulary

Long
time no
see

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phrase used to express
that you haven't seen
someone in a very long
time

orientation	<i>N</i>	a class where instructions are given on the first day at school
settle into	<i>V</i>	to become accustomed to one's new surroundings
frat house	<i>N</i>	Fraternity house, place where members of a fraternity live and socialize
frat boy	<i>N</i>	a term used to call people that are part of a fraternity
drop	<i>V</i>	to quit or not continue a class
credit	<i>N</i>	academic mark
major	<i>N</i>	the specific focus of your undergraduate program

Supplementary Vocabulary

gap year	<i>N</i>	A temporary one year absence from university
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thesis	<i>N</i>	A dissertation advancing an original point of view as a result of research
minor	<i>N</i>	secondary course of study
pre-law	<i>N</i>	any course of study taken by an undergraduate in preparation for study at a law school
freshman	<i>N</i>	a first year student in high school or university