

Date: February 13, 2006

To: Fraternity and Sorority Community Council Officers and Chapter Presidents

From: Dan Bureau, Assistant Dean of Students

Re: Unofficial St. Patrick's Day

Hello. I hope the semester has gone well for you and your organization. This letter serves as documentation regarding the stance of The Office of the Dean of Student and Greek Affairs on "Unofficial St. Patrick's Day" ("Unofficial") events as well as requests for you as chapter and council leaders.

"Unofficial" is in no way supported by the University of Illinois Urbana Champaign, the Division of Student Affairs, the Office of the Dean of Students, or Greek Affairs. We have no role in its planning or how it is run as an event. We believe this event to be in direct contradiction to the institution's mission of providing a sound educational experience and can result in students and community members being placed in danger. The day has become an embarrassment to the public image of the university. It also places a growing burden on local health care providers

While some students may find the day to be a tradition worth preserving, I hope you can understand how persons who support education and the safety of students would find the day's activities problematic. Unfortunately, how some students are creating their college experience is not something persons advancing the mission of the institution can support. With this in mind, there are some requests I am asking you to follow.

Greek Affairs has asked the governing councils to place a ban on any social activities held on March 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. It is in your best interest to not host or sponsor any social activities connected with "Unofficial". The mixture of members consuming alcohol at "unofficial" activities and then attending events could be very problematic to your organization. In addition, it is widely known that some students choose to begin prepartying on the night before "unofficial". It is just bad practice to host an organizational event during this two day period.

All organizations should share with their members that their individual actions are closely monitored by police and the institution. Individuals choosing to act as organizational agents will be dealt with individually and could put the organization in jeopardy of being disciplined. Please watch for ads in the paper and communication from our Office of Student Conflict Resolution and Interim Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs.

I strongly encourage you to provide full food service and alternative beverages and food for your members on these dates. I also recommend reviewing strategies related to intervening should someone drink too much. Helpful information can be found at [http://www.brad21.org/alcohol\\_poisoning.html](http://www.brad21.org/alcohol_poisoning.html) and <http://www.interventionsolutions.com/helpintervention.htm>. In addition resources are available throughout campus at McKinley Health Center and the Campus Counseling Center (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor of Turner Student Services on the corner of 6<sup>th</sup> and John).

Finally, should someone drink too much and need help, please do not hesitate to take them to take them to the hospital. If you believe someone should be transported, call 911. **You will not get in trouble!**

Please contact me with questions you may have. I thank you now for your good work during these events.

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