

Thursday, October 26, 2006



THE ILLINI GREEK is a weekly informational email providing pertinent information to U of I fraternities and sororities on their individual operations, involvement in governing councils and engagement in the greater campus community. Fraternity and SorORITY Affairs is committed to communication with our student leaders as well as alumni, house directors, (inter)national organizations, and other key constituents that support our fraternity and sorORITY community. Check out the mission of our community at www.odos.uiuc.edu/greek/news/communitystatement.asp.

**The Illini Greek and our website have
A NEW LOOK!**
www.odos.uiuc.edu/greek

Save the Date!
Allerton President's Retreat
January 12 & 13, 2007

Mark your calendar! Info at: <http://www.odos.uiuc.edu/greek/allerton.asp>. You can see we compile a lot of information each year from our time at Allerton and put it on the website. A list of who attends is available.

Please pass this information along to your new President if you are in the middle of transition.

**Support the Black Greek Council
Turkey Drive!**

Get involved as the Interfraternity Council, Panhellenic Council and United Greek Council also support this annual event! Need more info? Contact Keena Stephens at kstephen@uiuc.edu.

FSA Secretary Michelle had her baby!

Michelle Hart, Fraternity & SorORITY Affairs secretary, and her husband John brought McKenzie June Hart into the world on October 13th. All are doing well. I know many of you have had the opportunity to work with Michelle and may want to wish her and the baby well. Please feel free to email Michelle at moutlaw@uiuc.edu or you can request her address, by contacting Ashley at adye@uiuc.edu.

RAFFLE!

If you read the Illini Greek this week, you should be able to answer the question below. Reply with the answer to Alissa at listwan@uiuc.edu and your name goes in the raffle to be eligible for one of four gift certificates to restaurants, stores, etc. of your choice (if you win) – this will count toward FALL 2006!

Please look at: http://www.tolerance.org/news/article_tol.jsp?id=885 and tell me your thoughts! Nothing long or fancy – just your initial impression!

**Programming Idea: Non-offensive
Halloween Costumes**

Halloween is right around the corner—and you have decisions to make about your costumes. In light of recent incidents on our campus, please look over this article and the links to various resources seriously. Over the last years, there have been some accounts across the country of fraternities and sororities who have demonstrated a lack of sensitivity and poor judgment with their Halloween costumes. For examples, see:

http://www.tolerance.org/news/article_hate.jsp?id=325

http://www.tolerance.org/news/article_tol.jsp?id=334

<http://loper.org/%7EGeorge/trends/2002/Nov/80.html>

Also, themed parties reflecting insensitivity around certain cultures and socioeconomic issues such as “white trash” parties and “ghetto” parties have also been in the news. Numerous accounts over the last three years have been highly publicized, reflecting poorly on the Greek Community, specifically here at Illinois. Sadly, we’re not alone in poor decision making as you can see articles related to VMI soldiers doing this at:

<http://www.wdbj7.com/Global/story.asp?S=2871394&nav=S6aKVj9x>.

You can see an overview about inappropriate Halloween costumes at:

http://www.tolerance.org/news/article_tol.jsp?id=885

It is not morally right to mock other people because of who they are, so when considering your Halloween costumes please take this into account. In addition, while you may emulate someone (“Oh, I’m a huge Michael Jordan fan”) it doesn’t mean it is ok to put on blackface and pretend to be him. There are many historical reasons for this. Learning more about the why’s will make this easier for you to understand. This isn’t about being politically correct. It is about making good decisions that do not demean other human beings for who they are.

TIPS AS YOU UPDATE CHAPTER ROSTERS

Updating your roster – the process is explained at <http://www.odos.uiuc.edu/greek/resources/rosters/>

Updating your officers, alumni advisors, and house directors – go to the same location as the roster and enter your officers in the drop box on the right of the screen. Alumni Advisors, Housing Corporation and House Directors (where applicable) is at the top of the page. Remember to save all data by Clicking “Update Member List”.

I advise the following as strategies for updating your rosters (in this order):

1. Delete all members who need to be deleted and click “Update Member List”
2. Add all members who need to be added. Enter in their UIN, click autofill and then all information that isn’t automatic you will need to enter. Click “Add Member”. After you have entered in all new members you will click “Update Member List”.
3. Enter in all the information about alumni, House Corporation and house directors and click “Update Member List”.
4. List all officers and click “Update Member List”

In an effort to streamline things so that you don’t have to submit rosters to multiple places (Greek Affairs for grades and other reasons, Certified Housing to meet their requirements, and intramurals roster requirements) we have started to include all the information that we do. This will mean a bit more work at the beginning as you will need to enter in more information. I recommend the following to make this simple:

1. Print out the roster as it is on the site.
2. Go through and delete everyone but save the printed roster.
3. Reenter all UINs and hit “autofill” that will enter in EVERYONE’S info that is in the U of I database. Now, it won’t enter in their Greek status such as active vs. pledge, house vs. out of house, year in school, but you will save a ton of time just entering in UINs and hitting autofill.

If you would like someone other than yourself to have access then let us know and we can do that. We can add them to the administrative privileges list.

Grade cards must be turned in by November 15th.

Rosters must be updated by November 15th.

Upcoming Certified Housing Deadline

Reciprocal Agreement for 2007-2008 academic year is due on November 17, 2006.

October is National Fire Prevention Month

Check out the following resources about fire prevention:

National Fire Prevention Association: www.nfpa.org

Fire Prevention Week: www.firepreventionweek.org

Campus Firewatch: www.campus-firewatch.com/

Fire Deaths & Injuries: www.cdc.gov/ncipc/factsheets/fire.htm#prevention

Illinois Leadership Center Offers Top Notch Programs to Help Students!

The Illinois Leadership Center™ continues to offer great programs to assist students in their development as well rounded leaders in an ever changing and dynamic society and campus community. You can find out about the four “I-programs” at http://www.illinoisleadership.uiuc.edu/i_programs/default.asp. Some upcoming workshops you may want to attend:

Intersect:

Saturday, November 4, 2006

Location: Illinois Terminal Building, downtown Champaign

Time: 11:00 a.m. – 7:45 p.m. (includes travel time)

Cancellation Deadline: October 29.

Transportation: Transportation is provided roundtrip from campus to the Terminal Building.

Insight:

Thursday, January 4 - Friday, January 5, 2007

Location: Hyatt Regency, Woodfield, Illinois

Time: 4 p.m. Thursday - 2 p.m. Friday (not including travel time)

Cancellation Deadline: December 29.

Transportation: Transportation is provided roundtrip from campus to Woodfield. Participants may also drive to Woodfield.

Ignite:

Thursday, January 11 - Saturday, January 13, 2007

Location: Eastland Suites, Urbana, IL

Time: 10:00 am Thursday - 3:00 pm Saturday

Cancellation Deadline: January 4.

Register at:

http://www.illinoisleadership.uiuc.edu/i_programs/register.asp

Did you know that the Illinois Leadership Center offers a Leadership Certificate you can earn?

What is the Leadership Certificate?

The Leadership Certificate is a structured program designed to provide students with experience and growth in leadership. The program is grounded in the Illinois Philosophy of Leadership which states that “all students can exercise leadership.” As a university student, you are a leader. The certificate program will make you a more effective leader.

National Make A Difference Day October 28, 2006

Exemplify your fraternal values by “making a difference”. Make A Difference Day is the most encompassing national day of helping others -- a celebration of neighbors helping neighbors. Everyone can participate. Created by USA WEEKEND Magazine, Make A Difference Day is an annual event that takes place on the fourth Saturday of every October. The next event is Saturday, October 28, 2006.

Check out the following link for more information:

<http://www.usaweekend.com/diffday/index.html>