

Wednesday, November 1, 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 <http://www.odos.uiuc.edu/greek/about/communitystatement.asp>.

Message from Fraternity & Sorority Affairs

There is a lot of talk on campus about the Delta Delta Delta & Zeta Beta Tau exchange that happened on October 5. Fraternity & Sorority Affairs wanted to take this opportunity and use this newsletter as means of disseminating information. Both chapters have responded and taken internal actions. The organizational discipline process for both chapters is underway at this point. The Chairs of the Board of Fraternity Affairs and Board of Sorority Affairs will hear the cases mid-November. More information regarding action steps taken will be available on the ODOS website in the near future. Discussion has begun regarding a first-year education component on diversity and cultural awareness. Updates on that initiative will be distributed as they become available as well.

The following documents may help provide you with information &/or answer questions you may have about this situation:

Delta Delta Delta's apology statement:

<http://www.odos.uiuc.edu/announcement/dddStatement.asp>

Zeta Beta Tau's apology statement:

<http://www.odos.uiuc.edu/announcement/zbtStatement.asp>

UIUC Student Affairs statement:

<http://www.odos.uiuc.edu/announcement/SACommunication.asp>

Daily Illini articles:

Quad Protests Targets Racial Stereotyping (11-1-06):

<http://media.www.dailyillini.com/media/storage/paper736/news/2006/11/01/News/Quad-Protest.Targets.Racial.Stereotyping-2414107.shtml?sourcedomain=www.dailyillini.com&MIIHost=media.collegepublisher.com>

Greek Party Causes Turmoil Across Campus (10-17-06):

<http://www.dailyillini.com/media/storage/paper736/news/2006/10/17/News/Greek.Party.Causes.Turmoil.Across.Campus-2371253.shtml?norwrite200611011723&sourcedomain=www.dailyillini.com>

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 lstwan@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!

What do you think the UIUC Greek community at large can/should do in response to the issue cultural insensitivity?

Culturally Based Theme Parties

Some questions to think about before you embark on a culturally-based theme party: (adapted from a resource by: Jeff Murakami, University of Southern California)

1. Why this theme? Is there something specifically powerful or engaging about the particular theme in question? The more "unique" or "exotic" the theme, the more potential for issues of stereotyping, oversimplification or false representation. If the theme can be generalized, it might be better (e.g. a "jungle theme" rather than "Mekong Delta." Look at the Rainforest Café business concept!).

2. Is it about a living culture? If so, there are people who are continuing to live or practice it. Anything less than a serious representation of the culture is liable to be disrespectful. Make sure you understand the difference between native peoples and people from a place (i.e. just because you were born in Hawai'i doesn't make you native Hawaiian).

3. Is it about a current subculture that is reflective of a certain racial group, gender or economic class? These will be generally problematic because unless you're from that subculture, your ideas of representation are probably highly sensationalized and stereotypical.

4. Have you consulted with either people from that community or with recognized "experts" (community leaders or even faculty) about the theme? Has anyone done research on the culture? If the theme persists, can persons be used to consult on the event? Can it become more authentic and utilize legitimately recognized resources (e.g. entertainment, decorations, etc)? Better yet, can the theme also be educational? Maybe not at the party itself, but in activities leading up to it and following it? How about doing a philanthropy?

5. Are the people whose culture is being represented adequately empowered in society? Social, cultural and economic discrimination can lead to a heightened sensitivity about representation. Many communities are only looking for balanced representations. Understand that when people only have their culture that is of value in society, they can be more protective of it.

6. Lastly, think and talk about what you are planning to do. If you're afraid of someone's reaction, then you probably shouldn't do it. Think about your behavior and actions. Do they reflect the values of your organization? Do they reflect the values of the University of Illinois Fraternity & Sorority community? You can read the Fraternity and Sorority community mission statement at: <http://www.odos.uiuc.edu/greek/about/communitystatement.asp>.

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”.

Grade cards must be turned in by November 15th.

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Teach For America

www.teachforamerica.org

Teach For America’s mission is to enlist our nation’s most promising future leaders in the movement to eliminate educational inequality. We accomplish this by building a highly selective national corps of outstanding recent college graduates—of all academic majors and career interests—who commit two years to teach in urban and rural public schools in our nation’s lowest-income communities and become lifelong leaders for expanding educational opportunity.

Information Session: Thursday, November 2nd 7:00 p.m. Lincoln Hall Rm 196 100 Greg Hall

First Application Deadline: November 5th, 2006

On campus contact: Beth Wilson, ewilson6@uiuc.edu

47207-CHLH 199-AC2

MW 3-4:15pm

Food Sanitation Courses

Food Sanitation Training for Illinois Department of Public Health, Food Sanitation Manager Certification and refresher , has been scheduled for December 19 & 20, 2006. The class will meet at Peabody Drive Residence Hall, 202 E. Peabody Drive, Champaign in the Private Dining Room.

For full certification, students need to attend both days 8 am to 5 pm, the exam from the state is scheduled 4 pm - 5 pm on 12/20/06. For refresher training, students need to attend 8 am to 3:30 pm on 12/19/06.

Please forward this message to any who may need to attend. To register, employees or supervisors should contact Patricia Kerst at p-kerst@fs.uiuc.edu with a list of those who want to attend.

Upcoming Certified Housing Deadline

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

Upcoming Workshops

Ten Minutes ‘til FREAKED OUT!!!!

An interactive workshop exploring TIME MANAGEMENT techniques.

Tuesday, November 7th, 7 – 9 pm 406 Illini Union

BRING YOUR SCHEDULE AND/OR PLANNER/IBOOK, ETC.

BODY IMAGE : One size fits all?

What you see is NOT all you get.

Tuesday, November 14th, 7-9 pm 4th floor of Illini Union

Presenting body image in a way you’ve never seen before. REAL people, REAL experiences, REAL life. Come learn about and discuss the things that affect YOU.

Become an ACE-IT Facilitator

Are you interested in making a difference in the U of I drinking culture?

Train as a peer discussion leader for ACE IT (Alcohol Culture Explored Interactive Theatre), a freshmen orientation program that promotes risk reduction rather than abstinence.

This 3 credit-hour course — offered Spring 2007 — teaches practical facilitation skills and alcohol education.

Course is offered through Community Health:2 sections available!!!

Undergraduate Open Seminar: 44534-CHLH 199-AC1 TuTh 3-4:15pm or 47207-CHLH 199-AC2

MW 3-4:15pm

Students who are successful in the course will be considered for the paid facilitator positions available in Fall 2006.

For more information, contact:

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Student Tech Expo

ATLAS (an educational technology center for the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences), Central Stores, and the Illini Media Center are co-sponsoring a student tech expo on Friday, November 3 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. (3-4 p.m. for students with accessibility needs) at the Illini Media Center, 512 E. Green

HP, Dell, Lenovo, Apple, CITES/Software WebStore, and Central Stores staff will be available to discuss your technology needs. Excellent holiday pricing on computers, printers, monitors, peripherals, and software. Stop by to enter a raffle for major prizes. No purchase necessary and you need not be present to win.