

Thursday, September 27, 2007



**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/about/communitystatement.asp](http://www.odos.uiuc.edu/greek/about/communitystatement.asp).

### Greek Week

#### Thursday, September 27th

Greek Week Variety Show, Foellinger Auditorium at 9 PM.  
\$5 Admission, all proceeds benefit Habitat for Humanity.

#### Friday, September 28th

"Picnic in the Park" at Frat Park from 11 AM to 2 PM.

#### Saturday, September 29th

"Greeks at the Game 2007"!! Attend the Illini Football Game, wear your greek letters and receive a free t-shirt!

### Upcoming Deadlines

Anti-Hazing Policy review Documentation Due October 1, 2008. Each semester chapter presidents must demonstrate awareness regarding the campus' anti-hazing policies and share this information with chapter members. It is time to once again review the anti-hazing policy of the Board of Sorority Affairs and Board of Fraternity Affairs with each of you. It is then the responsibility of the president to determine a manner in which she/he will inform her/his chapter on the contents of the policy. Each semester the president signs a document that affirms they have read and are familiar with the policy. They also agree that they will share this information with their chapter. *Chapter Presidents will be given a written copy of the BFA or BSA policy at their respective council meeting. They will be asked to sign the agreement at that time. The signed agreement is kept on file in the Fraternity and Sorority Affairs Office. If a chapter is not in attendance at their council meetings, it is their responsibility to come to the FSA office to complete the paperwork.*

Grade release cards due November 15th!

### Roster Updates

Please update your chapter roster online. Now is the time to remove all members that graduated in May and others that may not be returning for any reason. Please also add any new members that have joined so far this semester. Following is the link: <http://www.odos.uiuc.edu/greek/>. Please go to Update Chapter Roster Online under Membership Information. If you have any questions, please contact Michelle Hart -moutlaw@uiuc.edu.

### Register your float for the 2007 Homecoming Parade

Take an active role in this year's Homecoming by creating a float for the parade on Friday, October 26th. This year's Homecoming theme is "Orange Fever", so start thinking of float ideas that best represent this theme. Deadline for float entries is Wednesday, October 10 or when we reach maximum number of spaces. [http://illinigreeks.com/homecoming\\_form.php](http://illinigreeks.com/homecoming_form.php)

### New Member Forum

October 29th at 5:30pm & 8:00pm  
October 30th at 7:00pm & 9:00pm  
Illini Union Rooms A,B,C

Please mark your calendars for this program. All new members from Fall 2007 must attend. Your governing council will let you know what session your chapter members should attend.

### Leadership Workshop

The Tuesday @ 7p Workshop Series presents:  
WHAT: Leadership: Go On and Take the Lead!!  
WHEN: Tuesday, October 2nd @ 7p  
WHERE: Illini Union Room 406

WHY: Have you ever wanted to take charge? Do you ever find yourself wanting to step up and "Take the Lead?" In this workshop, we will explore the necessary skills to become the best leader you can possibly be. We will go over several skills that are vital to becoming a leader as well as how to apply them immediately in your life. Through this interactive workshop, we will put you a step ahead of your peers and provide you the tools to "Go on and Take the Lead!!"

### The 23rd Annual Indiana Greek Leadership Conference (IGLC) Sunday, November 4, 2007

**Stewart Center, Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana**  
The IGLC program is created by Purdue's Panhellenic Association and Interfraternity Council, for students, and provides emerging leaders, chapter officers, and council officers access to some of the best speakers and current issues related to Greek life and personal leadership development. It began in 1984 and has evolved into one of the best one-day leadership seminars in the Greek world. Registration deadline is Friday, If you are interested in attending please contact Michelle Hart at [moutlaw@uiuc.edu](mailto:moutlaw@uiuc.edu).

### Raffle

If you read the Illini Greek this week you should be able to answer the question below. Reply with your answer to Michelle Hart at [moutlaw@uiuc.edu](mailto:moutlaw@uiuc.edu) and your name goes in the raffle to be eligible for one of the three certificates to restaurants, stores, etc. of your choice (if you win) - this will count toward Fall 2007.

**Name one new anti-hazing resource.**

**The members of AEPHI Sorority presents the 19th Annual "All Walks of Life, Walk for AIDS" benefitting: Greater Community AIDS Project (GCAP)**

The Walk will be held Sunday, October 7, 2007 at Illini Grove from 12 - 2pm. Registration begins promptly at 11:30am. Free food and entertainment will be provided. The cost to participate in this year's AIDS Walk is \$60 per team and will include five t-shirts for your organization. Additional t-shirts can be purchased for \$10. In order for your organization to have your name printed on the event t-shirt, please include the name, as you would like it to appear, on the registration form.

Registration forms and donations may be emailed to Hillary Teter at hteter2@uiuc.edu, mailed to the Alpha Epsilon Phi Sorority mailing address listed on the registration form, or to the AEPHI RSO mailbox by Friday, September 21st.

To help us prepare for this amazing event, we will be having a banner and pin making day on the quad on Tuesday, September 25th from 2-4pm. You are also invited to come and help us decorate banners and posters as well as hand out ribbons and fliers to raise awareness and spread the word about our Walk for AIDS!

**Illinois Leadership Center I-Programs**

Registration is now open for the following I-Programs:

INSIGHT: October 12-13, 2007

You can register online at: <http://www.illinoisleadership.uiuc.edu/>

**I-Help: A Homcoming Volunteer Project**

iHelp is a one-day volunteer project that sends more than 1,000 University of Illinois students into the community to help with a wide variety of tasks. This day of service not only offers assistance in large numbers but also provides an outlet for University students who are looking to continue their volunteer activities while on campus.

I-Help will take place Saturday, October 13, 2007 at 9:30 a.m. on the Quad. To register visit <http://www.admin.uiuc.edu/homecoming/i-help.html> Register deadline is Friday, October 6, 2007.

Learn more contact Emily Holtan at [eholtan2@uiuc.edu](mailto:eholtan2@uiuc.edu).

\* While many individual chapters are participating, members can also sign up under "Panhellenic" with Maggie Cmunt, [mcmunt2@uiuc.edu](mailto:mcmunt2@uiuc.edu) Panhellenic VP Service, as the group leader.

**Domestic Violence Awareness Month**

On Monday, Oct 1st the Panhellenic Community will participate in the "Day of Unity" as a part of Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Members will have luminers in front of their houses and wear t-shirts to raise public awareness about domestic violence.

**Upcoming Programs**

November 10: Emerging Leaders

November 11: BGC Turkey Drive

January 11-12, 2008: President's Retreat

**Health & Graduate School Fair**

**October 1st at 11:00am, Illini Rooms ABC**

This event offers a wonderful opportunity for all students, regardless of major or year in school, to meet with admissions representatives from various graduate, health, and professional school programs! This year we will include representatives from graduate programs in social sciences, humanities, business, engineering, and physical & life sciences. Representatives will also be there for all types of health professional programs such as medical, pharmacy, dental, physical

therapy, optometry, chiropractic, nursing, podiatry, and public health schools. All students welcome! No registration required! Casual atmosphere! More information is available at The Career Center or by visiting: <http://www.careercenter.uiuc.edu/hgfair2007>. (A list of schools scheduled to attend can also be found on the website.)

**National Hazing Prevention Week  
September 24-28, 2007  
<http://www.nhpw.com>**

Essay Contest -This year's theme is: "Hidden Harm." Essays will be accepted from students, parents, administrators, advisors, etc. Essays should be typed, double-spaced and not longer than 1000 words. Prizes will be awarded for the top three essays. All entries must be postmarked by September 21, 2007.

Send your submission to Tracy Maxwell at:

[info@campuspeak.com](mailto:info@campuspeak.com)  
14001 E. Iliff Ave., Suite 402  
Aurora, CO 80014

**Anti-Hazing Hero 2007 Award**

Do you know someone who has been heroic enough to expose hazing, speak out against this problem, or in some way work to combat this dangerous practice? Then nominate them for the Anti-Hazing Hero Award. Awards will be given in both student and non-student categories, and recipients will receive a cash prize.

Send your submission to Tracy Maxwell at:

[info@campuspeak.com](mailto:info@campuspeak.com)  
14001 E. Iliff Ave., Suite 402  
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All entries must be postmarked by September 28, 2007.

**New Anti-Hazing Resource!**

Fraternity & Sorority Affairs recently purchased two copies of the DVD titled: Unless A Death Occurs: A Hazing Tragedy Examined. It is an incisive documentary on the pervasiveness of hazing on America's high school and college campuses. In particular, this film traces the tragic steps of Walter Dean Jennings, a Plattsburgh State University freshman, who ultimately paid his tormentors the highest price for admittance into a fraternity banned by college authorities. Organizing a DVD viewing and discussion with your chapter would be a great membership development program. Your chapter may borrow this DVD from Fraternity & Sorority Affairs. Please contact Michelle at [moutlaw@uiuc.edu](mailto:moutlaw@uiuc.edu) to arrange to borrow the DVD.

**Extensive List of Anti Hazing Resources**

The following website is a great comprehensive place to look for anti-hazing resources. There are many articles, alternative activities, thought provoking statements and essays and much more!

<http://www.hazingprevention.org/>

**Hazing Hurts**

We strongly encourage you to take the time to watch the following Anti-Hazing video - compliments of Phi Delta Theta - [http://www.mediasauceclients.com/PDT/\\_sdl/06002anthz/index.html](http://www.mediasauceclients.com/PDT/_sdl/06002anthz/index.html)

**What Hurts Recruitment Results?**  
**By Matt Mattson, Phired Up Productions**  
[www.phiredup.com](http://www.phiredup.com)

You want recruitment results, right? What do you think is one of the major concerns/fears of potential new members? Yep, you guessed it... they don't want to get hazed. They assume that joining a fraternity or sorority requires at least a week, if not a full semester, of humiliation, hard work, embarrassment, alcohol abuse, illegalities, and other things that they're not interested in.

So, they don't join.

I'm not talking about a few people on your campus that aren't join because of a fear of hazing. I'm suggesting that on most of your campuses there is about 80-90% of the campus that isn't Greek. I'm suggesting that most of them are smarter than to put themselves in a position where hazing MIGHT happen.

You're saying, "our chapter is different, we don't haze." Great! It is important to understand however, that your potential members don't know that. And they aren't joining because other chapters on your campus, in your inter/national organization, around your state, and around the country DO HAZE. They haze and you pay the price — the vast majority of your campus is afraid of what you MIGHT do to them.

Are you angry yet? You should be. I know I am. I know that many of you don't haze, would never allow yourself to be hazed, and think that chapters that do haze are just stupid — never mind the "it's against our values" stuff. You know, just like I do that they're missing out on the best guys on campus (who avoid them altogether), and they lose many of their best members during their new member period (because they're smart enough to get out during pledging).

Anytime I think or talk about hazing a couple of memories come up for me...

The first is a new member education exercise I did when I pledged to Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity at Grand Valley State University back in 1996. One day during our new member ed meeting, the pledge educator took the whole 12-man class outside onto the lawn of the house. He put us in a circle and did a version of the "crossing the line" exercise.

During that exercise members were asked to step forward if they could relate to a statement. The statements started with benign things like, "I am a college student," or "I am a Republican." As the statements continued, they became more and more challenging and personal, like "I have been angry at someone in this circle," or "I've cheated in school before." By the time we got toward the end of the exercise, the statements were very personal and very revealing. They included statements like:

- "I have lost a loved one recently" (several of my brothers stepped forward)
- "I have done hard drugs" (a couple of my brothers stepped forward)
- "I have been very depressed" (a couple of my brothers stepped forward)
- "I have been abused" (several of my brothers stepped forward)
- "I have considered or attempted suicide" (3 of my pledge brother stepped forward)
- "I have been sexually abused" (2 of my pledge brothers stepped forward)
- "I have been raped..." (one of my pledge brothers stepped forward)

Very few experiences in my life have given me as much insight into the reality that all of us — even the ones you least expect — have had experiences in our life that have hurt deeply. If I am to be their brother, and if I am to educate my interfraternal brothers and sisters to be the best members they can be — then I can not stand for us hurting one another (even if it is based on a joke or some "bonding" experience). Because even a light-hearted, seemingly harmless prank can bring back the pain of those past experiences and losses.

I can't imagine how painful it would be for my pledge brothers (especially those that had been abused, sexually molested, suicidal, and/or recently grieving a lost loved one) to have been paddled, forced into dark rooms or blindfolds, forced to drink, to have had demeaning things shouted at them, etc.

New members join us often in one of the most vulnerable times in their lives. They have moved away from their friends and families, they are trying to establish their own personal identity, and they are vulnerable. We can't abuse that. We have to nurture our brothers and sisters especially during their first few months as a member. That is what true brotherhood and sisterhood is.

The other memory that arises for me comes from when I was the President of my chapter. After one of our Pledge Ceremonies (an initial ritual for new members) in which the candidates were blindfolded, I had one of the new members come to my room at about 2 a.m. in tears. Now, I wasn't used to having another guy come talk to me crying, so I was a little freaked out. He explained to me that he suffered from severe anxiety disorder, and the fact that we drove him around in a car for 30 minutes blindfolded (which we thought was harmless) was deathly terrifying for him.

Two thoughts come out of this scenario for me. First, it amazes me that he let us do that to him. But that just confirms how vulnerable we are when we're new members. Secondly, I now do some work in the field of mental health and better understand the level of terror that he must have been experiencing. I also know that somewhere around 1 in 5 of us (yes, your chapter too) live with a serious mental illness (and you hardly ever know who we are). A good brother/sister wouldn't kick their members while they're down, and they certainly wouldn't terrorize them on purpose.

Am I saying that "blindfolds are hazing." No. I'm saying we need to be aware of the reality of what our brothers and sisters have gone through or are going through, and be sensitive to that. When they're new members, often they're afraid to tell you about these things, so we have to create environments that are extra safe for them — so that they feel safe and want to stick around.