

Wednesday, October 31, 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).

### Council Elections

*get involved in your governing council!*

#### Interfraternity Council Executive Board

To apply go to: [http://illiniifc.com/page.php?form\\_id=300](http://illiniifc.com/page.php?form_id=300)  
IFC elections info. session: October 22 at 8pm, ACES Library: Heritage Room  
Applications are due by October 31, 2007  
Elections: November 7, 2007

#### Interfraternity Council Judicial Board

Applications available here: [http://www.illinijboard.com/page.php?form\\_id=84](http://www.illinijboard.com/page.php?form_id=84)  
Applications due: November 9, 2007  
Elections: November 28, 2007

#### Panhellenic Council Executive Board

Applicants are encouraged to contact current members of exec. to ask questions and also to apply for more than 1 position.  
To apply go to: [http://www.illiniphc.com/page.php?parent\\_id=&page\\_id=1134](http://www.illiniphc.com/page.php?parent_id=&page_id=1134)  
Elections: November 1, 2007

#### United Greek Council Executive Board

Elections will be held November 7, 2007  
Applications will be available soon at: [www.uiucg.com](http://www.uiucg.com)

### Roster Updates

Please update your chapter roster online. Please 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. Questions? please contact Michelle Hart: [moutlaw@uiuc.edu](mailto:moutlaw@uiuc.edu).  
**\*Grade release cards are due November 15, 2007**

### 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 event that is taking place during Women's Wellness Week?**

### Officer Updates

If your chapter is transitioning officers at the end of this semester, you need to complete two tasks to ensure your chapter contact information is updated. First, email Michelle Hart at [moutlaw@uiuc.edu](mailto:moutlaw@uiuc.edu) with your new Chapter President's name, address and telephone number. Secondly, update all of your officers on your roster online, using the drop-down menus.

### Programming Idea: Non-offensive Halloween Costumes

Halloween is today!—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_hate.jsp?id=325)

[http://www.tolerance.org/news/article\\_tol.jsp?id=334](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](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.

### Upcoming Programs

November 6: Kristen's Story  
November 6: Strange Like Me  
November 11: BGC Turkey Drive

January 11-12, 2008: President's Retreat

### Emergency Messaging System

The campus is adding a new tool to its system for alerting students, faculty and staff about major emergencies by sending text messages to cell phones and email addresses.

\* The only way to receive these messages is to register for the service by going to: [emergency.illinois.edu](http://emergency.illinois.edu) and submitting your contact information.

\* The system will be used ONLY in major emergencies involving threats to the safety of people on campus.

\* The campus will continue to use other methods for reaching students, faculty and staff with announcements.

\* If you haven't signed up yet, go to: [emergency.illinois.edu](http://emergency.illinois.edu) and sign up TODAY.

\* If you receive an emergency message, please share the information with those around you.

### Women's Wellness Week 2007 November 4-9

Sunday: 5K Kickoff  
\$35 to Register/Chapter (all proceeds go to Women's Shelter)

Monday: Self-Defense Course  
7 + 8 PM at CRCE Multipurpose Room #2  
(times will be assigned)

Tuesday: Guest Speaker: Andrea Cooper from Kristin's Story  
7 PM Gregory Hall 112

Wednesday: Bucket Night

Thursday: McKinley Health Night: Body Image  
Altgeld Hall 314 @ 7PM

Friday: Discounts at all you favorite campus places

Daily canning on the Quad  
All proceeds go towards The Women's Shelter  
Wish List for The Women's Shelter

### 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).

### Emerging Leaders

November 10, 2007

10:30am-6:00pm at Illini Union

Chapter President's should nominate 2 "up and coming" leaders in your chapter to participate in the Emerging Leaders program. Please title the SUBJECT of your e-mail "Nominees: (Your Chapter's name)" and include each member's Name, Year, Chapter, E-mail, and Mailing Address in the BODY of the e-mail.

Email your nominations to: [emergingleadersuiuc@gmail.com](mailto:emergingleadersuiuc@gmail.com)

### Open Minds, Open Hearts: Multicultural Dating. Tuesday @ 7 Workshop

Counseling Center Paraprofessionals

"Students Helping Students"

November 13th, 2007, 7-9pm, 406 Illini Union.

### "Greek Allies 'Train the Trainer' Workshop

7pm-8pm, Wednesday, November 7th

151 Loomis Laboratory

Please attend this workshop if you are interested in getting more involved with Greek Allies! Workshop attendees will be trained to deliver the Greek Allies workshop to other fraternity and sorority chapters as well as other student organizations.

### Volunteer Opportunity Campus Recreation 5K Race

November 11, 2007

The race is set to begin at 11 AM with volunteers scheduled to arrive at 10 AM at the course site (Arboretum cross country course, east of Lincoln Ave. in Urbana). The volunteers will be asked to assist with check-in procedures, course monitoring and possible timing duties. At this time we are requesting a minimum of 20 volunteers with a maximum of 40. All questions or interests in volunteering should be directed to Chris Nasti, [nasti@express.cites.uiuc.edu](mailto:nasti@express.cites.uiuc.edu).