

Wednesday, November 14, 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.

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.

***Final Roster Updates & Grade release cards are due November 15, 2007**

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 with your new Chapter President's name, address and telephone number. Secondly, update all of your officers on your on your roster online, using the drop-down menus.

Moving Forward - Loss and Mourning

Counseling Center Paraprofessionals: An interactive workshop focusing on personal loss and the mourning process
November 27th, 2007 7-9pm, 406 Illini Union

Rick Barnes presenting: "Hazing: When Will It End?" Tuesday November 27th at 7pm 141 Wohlers Hall.

This program takes an honest look at hazing, the problems it causes and the reasons it continues to exist on campus. Participants are challenged to take a serious look at how they work with their newest members. Hazing definitions are covered. Organization principles violated by hazing are highlighted. Necessary changes in moving from historical training of new members to a more contemporary role of new member education is addressed.

**Please note that attendance at this program may qualify for your national requirements on anti-hazing education.*

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 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.

Who is expected to attend the Presidents' Retreat?

Presidents' Retreat

The fall semester is almost over! Seeing that time is flying by indicates that we should be looking forward to the upcoming Presidents' Retreat. Fraternity and SorORITY Affairs expects all chapter presidents and council executive board members to participate in this annual event.

2008 Presidents' Retreat: Pride. Opportunity. Community.

The Presidents' Retreat is a two-day event that provides all chapter presidents and the four council executive board officers with invaluable information and contacts. This retreat provides: fun, leadership training, and networking opportunities. You will meet the presidents of the all sororities and fraternities, the Executive Board of the Black Greek Council, Interfraternity Council, Panhellenic Council, United Greek Council, and University officials that support Greek Life.

When: January 11, 1:00 p.m. – January 12, 4:00 p.m.

Where: The retreat will be held at Quarters Inn, in Rantoul, Illinois.

Expected Attendance: It is expected that all Presidents and council officers are participants for the whole retreat. If the Spring 2008 Chapter President is unable to attend, it is expected that the chapter will send an Spring 08 Executive Board officer to represent the chapter.

How Much: The cost will be \$100.00, which will be covered by each respective chapter or council (for council officers). Cost includes transportation, accommodations, meals, and all materials. Checks should be made out to the University of Illinois and "Presidents' Retreat" should be listed in the "memo" section of the check.

Deadline to Register: Please RSVP by December 14, 2007 at 5:00 p.m. Please email Michelle at moutlaw@uiuc.edu to RSVP. You can turn in your payment to the Office of Fraternity and SorORITY Affairs, 300 Turner Student Services Building, Attention Presidents' Retreat.

What to Wear: Friday is Illini gear, Saturday is your Greek letters.

We are preparing an exciting weekend and look forward to seeing you register. Please let us know if there are questions about the weekend.

Twass the Night Before Finals: Avoiding the Cram
Counseling Center Paraprofessionals
An interactive workshop focusing on studying for finals
December 4th, 2007 7-9pm, 406 Illini Union

Certified Housing Reciprocal Agreement Information

Due: November 16, 2007

To apply for contract release under the Reciprocal Agreement the (Student A) must:

1. Print the reciprocal application using Adobe PDF (2 pages) from www.housing.uiuc.edu and follow the instructions.
2. Student A applying for release complete section A. Sections B & C must be completed by either:
 - 1) the Certified Housing Manager
 - 2) Greek Chapter President or
 - 3) Housing Information Office.

These qualified representatives must attach the required documentation (see examples above) that supports the reason the student (Student B) is leaving the certified unit. The student (Student B) in cooperation with the chapter president or manager of the certified unit helps to complete sections B and C and provides required documentation.

3. The student applying for release under reciprocal (Student A) must then return their completed application and required documentation in person no later than Friday, November 16, 2007 to: Housing Information Office at 100 Clark Hall, 1203 S. Fourth St., Champaign, IL

4. If the student turns in her/his reciprocal application and required documentation **by the November 16 deadline**, s/he will receive an email from Housing Information Office notifying her/him of the status of the application. Depending on where s/he currently lives the student needs to do the following:

a) Students approved for release who currently live in the University Residence Halls need to do nothing further; the Housing Information Office will cancel their URH contract. If an approved student changes their mind and decides she/he does not want to cancel her/his contract, she/he must contact the Housing Information Office prior to Friday, November 30, 2007. Students are responsible for checking out with the area office at the end of the semester.

b) Students approved for release who currently live in a private-certified residence hall or Greek Unit must contact their Hall Manager or Chapter President upon approval of this agreement to notify them of the contract cancellation for Spring 2008 by November 30, 2007. Please call the Housing Information Office at 333-1420 or email certhsg@uiuc.edu should you have any questions concerning the process.

NOTE: There are no extenuating circumstances. It is the responsibility of the student applying to have all required documentation complete and on file by November 16, 2007 at 100 Clark Hall for consideration.

Teach for America

Want to make a difference in the lives of others? Want to be part of a team that creates change? Want to earn a degree at the same time you are teaching? Deadlines are January 4th and February 15th. Join Teach for America! To find out more about the program and the application process, contact Sara Kaufman at [sara.kaufman\(at\)teachforamerica.org](mailto:sara.kaufman(at)teachforamerica.org) and learn more at <http://www.teachforamerica.org/>

Volunteers Needed: Crisis Nursery Children's Holiday Shop

The Crisis Nursery needs volunteers again this year to assist children shopping in their 15th annual Children's Holiday Shop while their parents wait for them outside the store. Volunteers staff the shop, primarily assisting a child in shopping for the people on their list and staying within their budget. After the child pays for their items, the volunteer will help them fill out gift cards and wrap the items in decorated bags provided by Crisis Nursery. Children are then returned to their parents.

Crisis Nursery Children's Holiday Shop volunteers needed for:

Saturdays--November 24 from 10:00am-12 noon, 12 noon-3:00 pm and 3:00-6:00 pm.

December 1 from 10:00 am-12 noon, 3:00-6:00 pm;

December 8 from 3:00-6:00 pm.

Sundays--November 25 from 12 noon-3:00 pm, 3:00-5:00 pm;

December 2 from 3:00-5:00 pm, December 9 from 12 noon to 3:00 pm, 3:00-5:00 pm,

Sunday, December 9 (clean-up) from 5:00-8:00 pm

Monday, December 10 (inventory and clean-up) from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm and 2:00-5:00 pm

ANOTHER WAY TO HELP US! Decorate gift bags that will be used to wrap the gifts. We will supply the bags. This may be a great way for your youth or adults groups to start off their holiday season. Give the gift of time! Thank you!

For more information, call 217-337-2731 or check out our website: www.crisisnursery.net