

Wednesday, December 5, 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.

Presidents' Retreat 2008 *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: 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. Email Michelle at moutlaw@uiuc.edu to RSVP. You can turn in your payment to Fraternity and Sorority Affairs, 300 Turner Student Services Building, Attn: 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.

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.

What is the deadline to register for the Presidents' retreat?

Prepare your Chapter House for Winter Break

What are the leading risks to a chapter facility during holiday breaks?

1. Water freeze,
2. Fire; and
3. Vandalism and theft.

What can you do to avoid these types of losses?

- Service your furnace/boiler. Routine maintenance is critical and relatively inexpensive. In the long run it will save you money. Your furnace will run more efficiently and be more dependable, which is critical during periods when there will be no one around to monitor its performance.
- Leave your furnace on and maintain the heat at or above 60 degrees.
- Shut off the water supply at the main valve and open the faucets. If your property is equipped with a fire sprinkler system, please check with the contractor to ensure its effectiveness is not compromised.
- Make sure all hoses are removed from exterior water spigots.
- Service and drain water within the lawn sprinkler system
- Leave open the doors to cabinets that contain water lines. This will allow heat to enter the area.
- Check all rooms and unplug all non-essential appliances and electronics. The source of many fires was an improperly used, unattended or malfunctioning appliance or space heater. If they are not plugged in, they are not a threat.
- Utilize a responsible member or alumnus/alumna to check on the property, at a minimum, every 24 hours. Controlling the extent of a loss after an occurrence is critical. Make sure this designated person has the appropriate contact information. We recommend that the person is provided with:
 1. Alumni/House Corporation and Chapter President Contact
 2. A Company such as ServiceMaster that can respond to extract water and/or secure the property from sustaining further damage. You can locate a ServiceMaster franchise in your area by calling 1-800-RESPOND
 3. Insurance claim reporting information.
- Make sure the property is securely locked and ask the local police department to check on it periodically to deter vandals and thieves. Don't forget to securely store all valuables!
- Clean the chapter house before the break. This will ensure that no heat registers are blocked and will reduce any potential fire hazards.

(Information provided by HRH/Kirklin & Co. www.kirklin.com)

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:

December 8 from 3:00-6:00 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

Holiday Lights

Many of you have chosen to decorate your chapter house for the holidays and they look great! Just a reminder about some safety precautions to consider when decorating with outdoor lights:

- Use only lights approved by OSHA-certified laboratories, like Underwriters Laboratory (UL).
- Check for frayed wires before plugging in lights.
- Never string lights when they are plugged in.
- Use extension cords that are rated to carry the electrical loads connected to them.
- Don't overload a circuit. An overloaded circuit could cause a fire.
- Use outlets with ground fault interrupters for outdoor lighting.
- Do not drive nails, staples or tacks through wiring insulation.

Leadership Revolution Conference

Leadership Revolution is a one-day conference that focuses on developing leadership skills, providing an open dialogue to address tough issues that student leaders of today are facing, and offering a diverse spectrum of workshops.

This conference is an opportunity for both established and emerging student leaders. Students will enhance their leadership skills by attending breakout sessions addressing specific needs of student leaders. Participants will also have a chance to establish relationships with students from across the state of Illinois. As a result of the conference, active participants will be able to articulate various issues that student leaders are facing and learn how to make an impact on their campus.

Registration forms are available on the Leadership and Service Website. <http://www.deanofstudents.ilstu.edu/involved/leadership/index.shtml>

Deadline to register is January 25, 2008

2008 Council Officers

Congratulations to the following students for being elected to council officer positions for 2008!

Interfraternity Council

President: Peter Logli (Delta Chi)
Executive Vice President: Mark Baker (Psi Upsilon)
Vice President Standards: Steve Steinberg (Zeta Beta Tau)
Vice President Risk Management: Tariq Azam (Delta Sigma Phi)
Vice President Recruitment: Joe Lamplot (Sigma Phi Epsilon)
Vice President Membership: Remy Abhinav (Kappa Delta Rho)
Vice President Service: Doug McDonald (Phi Kappa Psi)
Vice President Communications: Jay Dave (Sigma Phi Epsilon)

Panhellenic Council

President: Jackie Wincek (Alpha Phi)
Vice President Internal: Kara Holzgraefe (Chi Omega)
Vice President Recruitment: Lizz Brann (Gamma Phi Beta)
Vice President Risk Management: Ashley West (Delta Gamma)
Vice President Judicial: Lynne McMillan (Alpha Chi Omega)
Vice President Public Relations: Brooke Hurst (Pi Beta Phi)
Vice President Scholarship: Kristin Lyons (Delta Delta Delta)
Vice President Service: Hillary Teter (Alpha Epsilon Phi)
Vice President Development: Erinn Mitchell (Phi Mu)
Vice President Finance: Danielle Broadway (Kappa Alpha Theta)

United Greek Council

President: Jose Ramos (Lambda Upsilon Lambda)
Vice President Administration: Nancy Magana (Lambda Theta Alpha)
Vice President Judicial Affairs: Daniel Luna (Lambda Theta Phi)
Vice President Chapter Affairs: Camille Tan (alpha Kappa Delta Phi)
Vice President External Affairs: Uriel Montoya (Lambda Theta Phi)

Scholarship

Are You.....a student who needs money...and...undergraduate, graduate, or professional female student...in a degree program...enrolled at UIUC full or part time...who has had at least one year interruption in your academic journey? You may qualify for a financial award through the Office of Women's Programs of up to \$1,000 for the Spring semester, 2008. You can apply for the Verdell Frazier Young Award. The deadline for the application is December 31, 2007 at 5pm. For an application, visit the Office of Women's Programs website.

The Penny Dreadful Players Present: "The Laramie Project"

By Moises Kaufman and the Members of the Tectonic Theater Project:
December 7th and 8th at 8:00pm; Location: Greg Hall Theater
Tickets are \$5 at the Door: Supported by the Greek Allies
Produced by special arrangement with Dramatists Play Service, INC
<http://www.uiuc.edu/ro/pdp/>

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/>