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

### Upcoming Programs

January 16-17, 2009: Greek Leaders Retreat  
March 21-28: GreekServe Spring Break trip to Jacksonville, FL

### The Agora

The Agora is a quarterly newsletter about what is currently going on in the Greek Community and what great things chapters have accomplished. For the latest edition please go to [http://www.chaptertools.net/site\\_files/file\\_1228419661.pdf](http://www.chaptertools.net/site_files/file_1228419661.pdf)

### Congratulations Levi Welbourne! 2008 Outstanding Chapter President for FarmHouse International Fraternity

During Levi's term as president, he faced many difficult challenges including managing chapter finances and house occupancy after a large number of seniors choose to move out, while successfully keeping the men involved and engaged with chapter activities. After a decline in chapter academic performance, he held men accountable in enforcing the Illinois Chapters' academic policy. Additionally, Welbourne made it a priority to enhance member involvement within the chapter by encouraging participation in volunteer and leadership roles of brothers during their early years on campus.

On campus Levi has served as an Ag Ambassador for the University of Illinois College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences, interned with the Office of International Affairs and worked with University of Illinois Foundation. An outstanding student, in 2008 Levi completed a field sales internship in Omaha with Monsanto-one of the most competitive and highly sought internships by agricultural students today. Beyond his campus and academic achievements, Levi has his private pilot license with over 120 hours flight time in his name. Great job Levi!

### Raffle

Congratulations to the following IG Raffle Winners:

Jackie Wincek - Alpha Phi

Brian Schmidt - Alpha Chi Rho

Michael Nolte - Pi Kappa Phi

### 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. You should also make sure all holiday lights (both interior and exterior) are unplugged.
  - 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](http://www.kirklin.com))*

**Greeks Serve: 2009 Spring Break-Jacksonville, FL.**

Don't think you'll have the opportunity to serve with Greeks Serve over Winter Break? Well have no fear-SPRING BREAK Jacksonville, FL. is here!!! (Well almost, after winter of course).

Applications are now being accepted for the Greeks Serve 2009: Spring Break-Jacksonville, FL. Applications are due January 31, 2009. View the link below for the application for yet another amazing service trip! Let's SERVE...BIGGER and Better!!

[http://www.chaptertools.net/site\\_files/file\\_1226353478.pdf](http://www.chaptertools.net/site_files/file_1226353478.pdf)

**Order of Omega Fall 2008 Initiates**

**Congratulations to the following fraternity and sorority members for their initiation into the Order of Omega Honorary.**

Katie Amoruso - Sigma Delta Tau  
 Megan Barcus - Phi Mu  
 Lizz Bendis - Phi Mu  
 Alana Breen - Kappa Alpha Theta  
 Alison Burman - Alpha Phi  
 Adelaide Bush - Alpha Xi Delta  
 Sara Cohen - Alpha Epsilon Phi  
 Annie Colletti - Alpha Phi  
 Jamie Dalin - Alpha Epsilon Phi  
 Jessica Diffendal - Alpha Phi  
 Kimberly D. Flanigan - Kappa Delta  
 Stephanie Fleshman - Phi Mu  
 Rosa Giannelli - Delta Zeta  
 Heather Smith Grattan - Sigma Kappa  
 Melissa Gold - Alpha Epsilon Phi  
 Kirsten Groves - Phi Mu  
 Christina Horton - Alpha Phi  
 Mi-Hyun Jeon - Phi Mu  
 Jaclyn Johnson - Delta Zeta  
 Alison Kamins - Chi Omega  
 Abby Kramer - Kappa Alpha Theta  
 Emily Langhenry - Kappa Alpha Theta  
 Chelsea Marvin - Kappa Alpha Theta  
 Allison Meder - Alpha Phi  
 Rebecca Melendez - Alpha Xi Delta  
 Andrea Nevora - Delta Delta Delta  
 Sarah Nichols - Alpha Phi  
 Johanna Ninnemann - Phi Mu  
 Jenna Pearson - Alpha Phi  
 Kerry Pearson - Sigma Kappa  
 Jasper Pierson - Alpha Phi  
 Kate Ruttenberg - Alpha Phi  
 Alicia Santeralli - Delta Delta Delta  
 Lisa Schnitzer - Alpha Epsilon Phi  
 Amanda Stoneback - Phi Mu  
 Jessica Vanderzanden - Kappa Alpha Theta  
 Valerie Wersching - Delta Delta Delta  
 Brittany Wojcicki - Kappa Delta

**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 7th and February 13th. Join Teach for America! To find out more about the program and the application process, and learn more at <http://www.teachforamerica.org/>

**Greek Leaders Retreat  
January 16-17, 2009**

The following Chapters have **NOT** registered for the Retreat. Please email Michelle at [moutlaw@illinois.edu](mailto:moutlaw@illinois.edu) to register. Payment may be dropped off at Fraternity & Sorority Affairs before December 19.

**Black Greek Council Chapters:**

Alpha Phi Alpha                      Phi Delta Psi                      Zeta Phi Beta

**Interfraternity Council Chapters:**

Alpha Gamma Sigma	Alpha Kappa Lambda	
Alpha Sigma Phi	Chi Sigma Tau	Delta Phi
Omega Delta	Omega Delta Phi	
Phi Kappa Sigma	Pi Kappa Alpha	
Pi Lambda Phi	Psi Upsilon	
Sigma Alpha Mu	Sigma Chi	Sigma Nu
Sigma Phi Delta	Sigma Phi Epsilon	
Sigma Tau Gamma	Theta Xi	Triangle
Zeta Psi		

**Panhellenic Council Chapters:**

Alpha Gamma Delta	Delta Xi Phi	Delta Zeta
Kappa Alpha Theta	Phi Sigma Sigma	Sigma Alpha

**United Greek Council Chapters:**

Alpha Delta Rho	Alpha Iota Omicron
Delta Kappa Delta	Gamma Alpha Omega
Lambda Phi Epsilon	Lambda Theta Phi
Lambda Tau Omega	Lambda Upsilon Lambda
Sigma Lambda Beta	Sigma Lambda Gamma

**Run to Support Alzheimer's**

On April 11, 2009 lace up your running shoes and join Team CARE for the Illinois Marathon! By joining Team CARE you can help fund life-saving research and provide hope for the 5.2 million Americans living with Alzheimer's disease. Team CARE will be involved in the Illinois Marathon, Half Marathon, and 5k with a fund-raising minimum of \$200. All money raised by the efforts of Team CARE help us offer care, support and education in communities nationwide for the estimated 5 million Americans with Alzheimer's disease. For more information please visit the Team CARE website at <http://IllinoisMarathon.kintera.org/2008> or contact Kim Oakley at 847-933-2413 or [kim.oakley@alz.org](mailto:kim.oakley@alz.org). Make your run, a run for the Memory of Alzheimer's victims!

**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 2008 — 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 2009.  
 For more information, contact: [betsyp@illinois.edu](mailto:betsyp@illinois.edu)