Greek Leaders Retreat 2010
The Greek Leaders’ Retreat is a two-day event that provides all chapter presidents and the four council executive board officers with invaluable information, 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 fraternities and sororities.

When:  Friday, January 15, 12:00 PM through Saturday, January 16, 7:00 PM

Where: Lake Williamson, Carlinville, IL

Expected Attendance: It is expected that all Chapter Presidents and Council Officers are in attendance for the whole retreat. If the Spring 2010 Chapter President is unable to attend, it is expected that the chapter will send another Executive Board officer to represent the chapter.

How Much: The cost will be $100.00, which will be covered by each chapter or respective council. Cost includes transportation, accommodations, meals, and all materials. Checks should be made out to the University of Illinois and “Greek Leaders Retreat” should be listed in the “memo” section of the check. Be reminded, if your chapter/council has any financial concerns for this retreat, please do not hesitate to contact Michelle Hart at moutlaw@illinois.edu for financial assistance.

Deadline to Register: December 18, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. To complete your registration please go to the following link: http://www.illini-greeks.com/page.php?page_id=12682. You can turn in your payment to Fraternity and Sorority Affairs, 300 Turner Student Services Building, Attn: Presidents’ Retreat.

What to Wear: Please wear Illini gear on Friday and your greek letters on Saturday. We are preparing an exciting weekend and look forward to your participation! Please let us know if you have any questions about the 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. 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)
Order of Omega Fall 2009 Initiates
Congratulations to the following fraternity and sorority members for their initiation into the Order of Omega Honorary.

- Lauren Anderson - Alpha Xi Delta
- Brad Bizjack - Delta Chi
- Britanny Brown - Alpha Gamma Delta
- Amy Bussman - Sigma Kappa
- Georgia Chevere - Alpha Xi Delta
- Melissa Conrad - Alpha Omicron Pi
- Megan Cook - Sigma Kappa
- Jessica Dlask - Delta Zeta
- Kathryn Dragich - Delta Gamma
- Megan Dunning - Alpha Xi Delta
- Jillian Fairbanks - Delta Zeta
- Azam Farooqui - Sigma Beta Rho
- Christina Ferris - Delta Zeta
- Jennifer Finn - Alpha Xi Delta
- Charlotte Fullerton - Sigma Kappa
- Kailin Johnson - Pi Beta Phi
- Katherine Lafferty - Phi Sigma Sigma
- Erin Leitschuh - Alpha Phi
- Abigail Lutz - Sigma Kappa
- Caitlin Martini - Delta Gamma
- SamanthaMcCue - Delta Zeta
- Sandra Pahnke - Sigma Kappa
- Katie Reed - Delta Gamma
- Ashley Rovner - Sigma Kappa
- Sarah Rybicki - Alpha Delta Pi
- Lindsay Saklak - Alpha Chi Omega
- Megan Simonetti - Delta Delta Delta
- Sarah Spiewak - Delta Delta Delta
- Sarah Stahurski - Delta Gamma
- Danielle Tourtillott - Delta Zeta
- Michelle VadeBoncouer - Delta Gamma
- Rebecca Woodley - Delta Gamma

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@illinois.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 on the far right of the screen to indicate individuals holding officer positions.

FYI: Changes made now will not be reflected on your fall 2009 grade reports.

Attention All Chapter Presidents
Please update certified housing with the following information: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and House manager of your chapter. The following should be included for each position: Name, UIN, telephone number, and email address. Please send this information to Jamie Redmond at jredmond@illinois.edu

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? Deadline is January 28, 2010, Join Teach for America! To find out more about the program and the application process visit http://www.teachforamerica.org/

Phi Beta Sigma Toy Drive!
Come join the men of Phi Beta Sigma for our First Annual Toy Drive
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Time: All Day
Location: Houlihan’s Restaurant, 1900 S. First St., Champaign, IL
When you bring in a toy and Houlihan’s will discount your total bill by 10%. Please come out and have a good meal while helping out the children within our community. All toys will be donated to the Joanne Dorsey Home’s in Champaign
If you have any questions please feel free to contact Bro. Michael McDonald, 21-378-7100 ext. 134 or Bro. Maurice Black at 773-704-0843

Volunteers Needed:
Crisis Nursery Children’s Holiday Shop
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Crisis Nursery Children’s Holiday Shop volunteers needed for:
November 28th, 29th, December 3, 5, 6, 12, and 13
For more information, call 217-337-2731 or email volunteer@crisissnurcery.net.

Sexual Assault Liaison Opportunity
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We will need to have at least 10 students for the course to be offered, so if you are interested (OR if you have questions) please contact Sadie Larsen selarsen@illinois.edu. If you are interested in the class, you need to let Sadie know by December 18, 2009, as if not enough people commit, we will not be able to offer the class. Also feel free to forward this to other women who might be interested.

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