



Office of Fraternity/Sorority Life Longwood University

Greetings from the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life

It is hard to believe that the semester is more than half way over. This past weekend the last of our new members were all initiated, which is another sign that the semester is coming close to an end.

We have been very pleased with our community this fall. Many organizations have been working hard to create/participate in

philanthropy and community service activities and several chapters have even hosted educational sessions for the entire Longwood community. There are great signs that our community is rapidly growing and beginning to reach our full potential.

We hope that each of you will encourage your chapters to fill out the Greek Awards

packets and turn them in by the November 3rd deadline so they can receive credit for all of their hard work.

Rise Partnerships is returning again this month and we look forward to him challenging our students once again to be the very best they can be and to work hard to become better and stronger organizations.
-Kate and Billy

Response Ability program chosen for Greek Summit

We are excited to announce that the topic for Greek Summit 2011 is going to be Bystander Behavior. OFSL has been working with CAMPUSPEAK and Mike Dilbeck to bring in the *Response Ability* program on this topic during Greek Summit on February 6th. The *Response Ability Project* is meant to bring participants to understand how group dynamics can prevent people from taking action to stop dangerous or unhealthy behaviors. It also demonstrates skills to

successfully intervene when you witness these things. Many of our own inter/national organizations are using the Response Ability (RA) program as a part of their programming and Longwood is excited to bring it to more of our students.

In order to make this a successful weekend and event we need your help please! We need advisors who are willing to come in on Saturday, February 5th from 2-6pm to be trained by

Mike on the RA program. Those who are trained will then present this program to their chapter on Sunday the 6th at 1:30pm after Mike keynotes to our entire Greek community. If you are willing and able to participate in these two days please email us at greek-life@Longwood.edu. This program will only be successful with your help in making it happen! If you want more information on Response Ability please see the website at www.RAProject.org

IFC Hosting Alternative Spring Break to New Orleans

The Interfraternity Council is hosting an alternative spring break trip to New Orleans from March 13th to March 19th.

The council has partnered with Rebuilding Together New Orleans. This agency's

mission establishes this organization as "A continuing volunteer effort to improve the quality of life of low income homeowners, particularly those who are elderly, disabled, or single head of

households with minor children, through home repair and revitalization of New Orleans' neighborhoods."

Our men will be working with Rebuilding Together

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Special points of interest:

- *NPHC STEP SHOW* is Saturday November 6th Tickets can be purchased online at <https://longwoodnphc.celect.org/tickets>
- Greek Summit will be on February 5th, 2011...Please Mark Your Calendar
- Check out www.longwoodgreeks.com for all the latest information and contact information!!

IFC ASB continued

New Orleans each day for about eight hours. Afterwards, we will have the opportunity to explore New Orleans and the different culture of the city.

Every fraternity man has been invited to attend as well as non affiliated men. There are only fourteen spaces available for men to go on this trip and they are starting to fill up quickly.

We are encouraging men that would like to attend the trip but maybe cannot afford to reach out to alumni and the Interfraternity Council to seek financial assistance. This surely is not a trip that we want students left out of participating.

For more information about the Interfraternity Council Alternative Spring Break Trip please contact Ben Aylor, Vice President of Community Service for the Interfraternity Council at benjamin.aylor@live.longwood.edu or Billy Boulden at (434) 395-2106 or bouldenwr@longwood.edu

Important Dates and Events for Fraternity and Sorority Life

We would like to take this opportunity to highlight a few important dates throughout the school year. The dates in bold are the ones that we would appreciate an advisor being present.

11/2/10 RISE Partnerships, Dan Wrona Student Union — 3pm

11/6/10 All Greek Service Project High Bridge Trail, All Day

11/6/10 NPHC Step Show Location Jarmen Auditorium, 7pm

11/12-14/10 Mountain Lake Leadership Mountain Lake, All Weekend

11/16/10 President's Roundtable Student Union — Amelia Room, 6pm

11/29/10 Greek Awards Ceremony Jarman Auditorium, 9pm

If you have any questions about the above events please do not hesitate to contact the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life.

GREEK INVOLVEMENT COLUMN: What are Greeks Doing On Campus?

Longwood University houses the Geist Chapter of the nationally recognized society, Mortar Board. As well as being a scholarship and service oriented organization, our chapter takes on the task of planning and executing one of the largest events on campus, Oktoberfest. This Fall Celebration includes booths for clubs and organizations to fundraise, picnics on the lawn, musical acts, and free novelty activities for the Longwood community and their guests to enjoy.

The chapter is rich in Longwood History. Previously a Greek Letter organization, Alpha Kappa Gamma, the Geist Chapter has the tradition of running the fall festival. The ceremonies have evolved from the Circus theme to a traditional German theme: Oktoberfest. This year's chapter members chose a circus focus as a tribute or 'throwback' to the rich history of the tradition. This day of bands, fundraising booths, and socialization is fun for prospective students, current collegians, and even the numerous alumni!

The chapter is also responsible for acknowledging students, faculty, and staff who are of great value to the campus community. Klowns, Spirit Leaders, Honorary Spirit Leaders, and Geistmeisters are appointed for that purpose. Spirit Leaders and Klowns meet in the weeks coming up to Oktoberfest for their performance the morning of the celebrations. Students commended are appointed as Klowns create their own comedic dance to a mashup of songs which usually includes a battle between the two class colors, red and green. The other half of those commended student are Spirit Leaders who perform the same traditional German dance each year while donning lederhosen. Their performances really pump up the enthusiasm for the weekend. Honorary spirit leaders are composed of a select staff and faculty and are responsible for judging club & organization booths, beginning the parade, and spreading Lancer Pride.

This year included an extra series of responsibilities which were challenging for the organization. After choosing a main act, Three 6 Mafia to perform, the organization and our public safety officers

realized our community was not equipped to handle the large numbers of people expected to attend this event. Groups like the Black Student Association and the Student Government spoke out in favor of removing Three 6 Mafia from the concert line up and to replace them with another act. President Jennifer Maynard dealt with a lot of media coverage. In the end Jeremih, known for his song "Imma Star," played a great concert and even stayed to sign autographs for fans!

Greek members are proudly part of this elite group of thirty eight seniors. The social Greek members are Brett Winston (ΘΧ), Sara Mower (ΑΔΠ), Brandon Clemmons (ΘΧ), Katie Bartoszek (ΑΔΠ), Edward Sorrentino (ΘΧ), Alicia Peterson (ΑΔΠ), Jennifer Maynard (ΑΣΑ), Taylor Hines (ΑΚΑ), Abby Whitlock (ΑΣΤ), Tiffany Owens (ΑΣΤ), and yours truly, Callie Darling (ΣΣΣ). Each member is assigned a leadership position that he or she commits to for an entire school year. Two social Greeks are now on the officer board holding the positions of President and Secretary. Membership is chosen by the class the year before based on GPA and an application submission by the candidates. The applicant pool includes Division 1 athletes, professional Greeks, service Greeks, Honors Students, and of course, social Greeks. Numerous students are denied the opportunity so membership is truly an honor. We are proud to have our Greek organizations represented. I personally feel that the knowledge and commitment which we take from our ritual and experience from the numerous events we organize and participate in with our chapters, is well received by all.

To learn more information about this year's festivities or to see pictures of the event, please go to <http://lancer.longwood.edu/org/mortarboard/default.html>

STAY TUNED TO THIS ARTICLE SERIES, NEXT ARTICLE WILL FEATURE THE ON CAMPUS PROGRAMMING BOARD, LANCER PRODUCTIONS AND THE INFLUENCE GREEK LIFE HAS UPON THAT ORGANIZATION!