

# THE MERCURY

The Newsletter for Fraternity & Sorority Life @ Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis

**C**hi Beta Chapter of Order of Omega, Fraternity & Sorority Life's Leadership Honor Society, prepares to initiate its newest class of members. The Chi Beta Chapter recently approved an initiation class of eleven undergraduates and five honorary members. Eligibility for undergraduate membership requires a junior or senior class standing and is based on four criteria: character, scholarship, service and leadership within and external to the university's Fraternity & Sorority Community. This year's undergraduate initiates are: **Corey Ariss (ΦΚΨ)**, **Brett Barnes (ΣΑΕ)**, **Kate Burzlaff (ΦΜ)**, **Kasey Houchin (ΦΜ)**, **Emily Lugo-Ruiz (ΑΣΑ)**, **Nicole Mize (ΑΣΑ)**, **Courtney Robertson (ΑΦΑ)**, **Jeremy Robinson (ΚΑΨ)**, **Tyler Schneider (ΦΚΨ)**, **Evan Stout (ΦΚΨ)** and **Cody Wooten (ΦΚΨ)**.

Order of Omega also works to recognize members of the IUPUI community who have worked to further the cause of Fraternity & Sorority Life at IUPUI. For this, Order of Omega may select faculty, staff, alumni and other community members to Honorary memberships. This year the Chi Beta Chapter has selected five members of the IUPUI Community to be recognized for their commitment to Fraternity & Sorority Life. This year's honorary members are IUPUI Chancellor **Charles Bantz**, Interim Vice Chancellor for Student Life **Norleen Pomerantz**, Vice Chancellor for External Affairs **Amy Conrad Warner**, Graduate Hall Director **Andrew K. Bennett (ΚΑΨ)**, and Lecturer **Lin Zhu** of Chemical Education & Physical Chemistry.

### Panhellenic Update

~Kelsey Schlegelmilch, President~

The **Panhellenic Association** hosted a Risk Management program on October 24 in the Campus Center. Members from Alpha Sigma Alpha, Phi Mu, and Zeta Tau Alpha were present to listen to a speaker from IUPUI's Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS). Topics discussed included alcohol, sexual assault, and healthy relationships. Upcoming events include a "Pin Attire" Fashion Show and a service event.

The Panhellenic Association is currently undergoing Constitution and Bylaw revisions, as well as starting the search for next year's Panhellenic Executive Officers.

We are looking forward to the installment of our newest chapter, Zeta Tau Alpha, by the close of this semester. ZTA has had a successful month supporting breast cancer research and raising awareness.

This month, the ladies of Alpha Sigma Alpha will be hosting a canned food drive, so be on the lookout for ways to donate!

### National Pan-Hellenic Council Update

~Geordan Coleman, President~

The **National Pan-Hellenic Council** is looking forward to a month filled with programs to promote scholarship, service, student well-being and collaboration.

On Nov. 4th, 11:00a-4:00p in the Multicultural Success Center, the Lambda Eta Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi in collaboration with the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students (MAPS) presents **Take Charge** a free event that features health/dental screenings along with diabetes, AIDS, STD/STI testing.

The Sigma Phi Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha will host its annual Miss Black and Gold Pageant on Nov. 5th. See the second page for more information.

As a part of their COVERGIRL week (November 6-13), the ladies of the Gamma Zeta Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho will be collecting shoes for their Soles 4 Souls Campaign. Contact the chapter for more information.

Finally, two chapters are holding informational this month:

Sigma Gamma Rho 11/6, 12:22p, UL 1126  
Zeta Phi Beta 11/14, 2:00p CE 264

### Interfraternity Council Update

~Nicholas Sutton, President~

The **Interfraternity Council** is currently reviewing a proposal that would outline efforts to increase the IFC Men's G.P.A. to a 2.9 over the next 4 semesters. Beyond raising the IFC GPA above the IUPUI All-Men's average, this would help unaffiliated men see how Fraternity Life can improve their lives.

Additionally, IFC is currently working with Indianapolis Public Schools to establish a relationship that will establish an annual field day, service event.

The Expansion Committee is working with nine organizations to determine the growth of IFC over the next few years. The Council is excited to see the learn the next organization to come to campus.

Executive Council Applications for IFC will be released on Tuesday November 2, 2010. These will need to be returned by 6 p.m. on Tuesday November 16, 2010. Questions should be directed to President Sutton via [nrsutton@iupui.edu](mailto:nrsutton@iupui.edu).

## Member of Affiliated Faculty & Staff Awarded IUPUI's First Impact Award

**Dan Kibble**, member of Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity and Director of Alumni Programs for Alumni Relations at IUPUI, was named the first recipient of the IUPUI Impact Awards in October 2010. The Impact Award was created to recognize IUPUI staff who are doing tremendous work in the community. Kibble was recognized for his work with Giving Sum, the Indianapolis Sports Corporation, his commitment to his alma mater, Indiana University, and his work with Lambda Chi Alpha.

**Danny, Congrats & Keep up the Good Work!**

## Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. to host annual Pageant

The men of the **Sigma Phi Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.** are set to host their annual scholarship pageant. The **Miss Black & Gold Pageant** serves as Alpha Phi Alpha's nationwide effort to recognize the amazing contributions made by young collegiate women. This year's pageant will be held on **Friday, November 5th** beginning at **7:30pm** at the **Madame Walker Theater Center**. Please contact a member of the Sigma Phi Chapter if you would like to purchase tickets or have questions about the event.

## Indiana University seeks applications for Student Trustee

**Indiana University's Student Trustee Search and Screen Committee** is currently accepting applications for the next IU Student Trustee. The Student Trustee is a fully vested member of the board of trustees and serves a two year term. Applications are due by 5:00pm, Friday, January 21, 2011. Application folders with a complete list of responsibilities and requirements of the student trustee as well as full application materials are available at the front desk in the Office of Student Involvement, located in the Campus Center, Suite 370.

## Fraternity & Sorority Life Events ~ Mark Your Calendars ~

### *FSL Council of Presidents' Meeting*

Thursday, November 4th | CE 310 | 5:00p

### *IUPUI FSL New Member Orientation*

Saturday, Nov. 6th | 9:00a-1:00p | Lecture Hall 102

### *Fraternity & Sorority Life Advisory Board Meeting*

Tuesday, Nov. 9th | 10:00a | CE Boardroom (406)

### *Sigma Gamma Rho presents COVERGIRL*

Nov. 6th-13th | Check the FSL Calendar for full details.

### *Order of Omega Initiation*

Tuesday, November 23rd | 8:30p | CE 307

### Founders Days



Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. will celebrate its 88th Founders Day on Friday, November 12th. Sigma Gamma Rho was founded at Butler University on Nov. 12, 1922. Be sure to wish the Ladies of the Gamma Zeta Chapter a Happy Founders Day!

Alpha Sigma Alpha Sorority will celebrate its 109th Founders Day on Monday, November 15th. Alpha Sigma Alpha was founded at what is now Longwood University in Farmington, VA on Nov. 15, 1901. Be sure to wish the Ladies of the Theta Zeta Chapter a Happy Founders Day!



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