

# THE MERCURY

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

**F**raternity and Sorority Life Welcomes...

## Zeta Tau Alpha Fraternity to IUPUI!



Wednesday, September 22nd marked the growth of the IUPUI Fraternity & Sorority Community, more specifically the IUPUI Panhellenic Association. Just after the conclusion of a successful Formal Recruitment, IUPUI Fraternity & Sorority Life and the IUPUI Panhellenic Association welcomed Zeta Tau Alpha Fraternity and the beginning of their colonization period on campus. Since their arrival on campus, women of Zeta Tau Alpha have worked to introduce the women of IUPUI to the fraternity and highlight that its purpose is “the intensifying of friendship, the fostering of a spirit of love, the creating of such sentiments, the performing of such deeds, and the molding of such opinions as will be conducive to the building up of a purer and nobler womanhood in the world.”

As we move into the first weekend of October, the national volunteers of Zeta are on campus conducting infoviews to provide the opportunity for potential new members to take a more personal, intimate look at Zeta Tau Alpha as well as for the fraternity to begin to select the women who best fit the ideals to be charter class members of the newest chapter of Zeta Tau Alpha. The IUPUI Fraternity & Sorority community looks forward to meeting the newest women of the **Turquoise Blue** and **Steel Gray**.

### Panhellenic Update

~Kelsey Schlegelmilch, President~

The **IUPUI Panhellenic Association** recently held its 2nd Formal Recruitment with great results. The weekend suggests great promise for the remainder of the academic year with 163 women registering for recruitment, 80 women being eligible and subsequently placed in the two current chapters (Theta Zeta of Alpha Sigma Alpha and Rho Alpha of Phi Mu). Out of the 80 women being extended bids to membership, 78 women received a bid from their first choice organization. Panhellenic is excited about the growth of the community with the addition of these wonderful women!

### National Pan-Hellenic Council Update

~Geordan Coleman, President~

On August 31st, the **IUPUI National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC)** hosted its annual Yard Show in the University College Courtyard. After some really impressive presentations, the winners were: the Alpha Epsilon Alpha Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. and the Chi City-Wide Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta, Sorority, Inc. Both organizations received trophies and will have their chapters' wins added to the NPHC Yard Show trophy in the Office of Student Involvement.

Also, the Council hosted the **2010 Central Indiana Multicultural Fraternity & Sorority Summit** with participation from students at Indiana, Purdue, Ball State and DePauw. With over 65 members of culturally-based fraternities and sororities present, the group explored the history and current issues facing their organizations as a larger fraternity and sorority community. The day-long summit was led by Robert Page, Director of the University of Kansas' Office of Multicultural Affairs.

### Interfraternity Council Update

~Nick Sutton, President~

In September, the **Interfraternity Council** held its first formal recruitment. During this time, potential new members and Brothers of the three IFC Chapters were able to interact with each other to help find the best fits possible. The IFC Executive Council will be working to improve the recruitment process for years to come.

Speakers are a big topic in the education front for IFC. Anticipated topics will be how Fraternities can help men after college, as well as, risk management, housing relations, and neighborhood relations.

In the next few weeks a committee on expansion will be reviewing interested National Fraternities about the possibility of coming to campus. About 15 interest letters were sent out to various organizations. The process of selecting and slating Fraternities to come to campus will take place throughout October.

IFC is also working hard to serve the Indianapolis community. All three chapters participated in United Way Day of Caring. Great job men!

## Member of Affiliated Faculty & Staff Named IU Foundation Vice President

**Paula J. Jenkins**, member of Sigma Kappa Sorority and former assistant dean for development and external relations at the Purdue School of Engineering and Technology at IUPUI, was recently appointed vice president of development for regional campuses by the IU Foundation. Jenkins also serves on the Fraternity & Sorority Life advisory board and was an alumnae member on the IUPUI Panhellenic Association's Extension Committee.

**Paula congratulations on the new position!**

## IUPUI Fraternity & Sorority Council Leadership Sets Community Goals

At the first ever **Fraternity & Sorority Life Council Leadership Retreat** elected leadership of the three governing councils and Order of Omega Leadership Honor Society began strategic planning for the next three years; the leadership set three goals:

- Raising the All Fraternity/Sorority GPA to 2.9 from a 2.86 by spring 2011;
- Increasing participation of the IUPUI community in fraternity- & sorority-sponsored programming three-fold in the next three years; and
- Raising the overall profile and knowledge of Fraternity & Sorority Life at IUPUI.

## IUPUI Fraternity & Sorority Life Hosts Affiliated Faculty & Staff Luncheon

**IUPUI Fraternity & Sorority Life** hosted its biannual Affiliated Faculty & Staff Luncheon on Wednesday, September 29th. With over 30 members of the affiliated faculty & staff presents, council leaders and FSL staff provided updates on the work of collegiate members of the fraternity & sorority community at IUPUI. The event also provided an opportunity for current chapter and council presidents an opportunity to converse with alumni about life after undergrad.

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

### *FSL Council of Presidents' Meeting*

Thursday, October 7th | CE 310 | 5:00p

### *Kappa Alpha Psi—The Takeover*

Friday, Oct. 1st | IUPUI Natatorium | 10:00p-3:00a

### *Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Kappa Chapter Indianapolis City Wide Formal Rush*

Sunday, Oct. 10th | IUPUI CE 409 | 1:00p

Contact Graduate Advisor Tracie Bell for Undergraduate Membership Interest Form and other pre-rush instructions at [tbellaka@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tbellaka@sbcglobal.net)

### *Association of Fraternal Leadership & Values Program Proposals Due*

Friday, Oct. 15th | If you have questions or would like to submit a co-presented program contact FSL Graduate Assistant Derrick Tillman-Kelly.

### *IUPUI FSL New Member Orientation*

Saturday, Nov. 6th | 9:00a-1:00p | Campus Center  
All newly initiated members (Spring & Fall 2010) should attend.

### Founders' Day

Zeta Tau Alpha Fraternity will celebrate its 112th Founders' Day on Friday, October 15th. ZTA was founded at what is now Longwood University in Farmington, VA on Oct. 15, 1898. Congrats ladies and welcome to IUPUI!



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