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PLEASE, PLEASE CLEAN-UP!

That is the plea from Craig Jackson, assistant Dean in charge of Fraternity Affairs. Many fraternity and sorority houses look sadly less than their best during the summer when hundreds of incoming freshman and their parents visit the campus. The plea is for the houses to employ someone or a yard service to keep the yard up during the summer and to keep trash from taking up residence in your yard. Those houses who stay open during the summer need to remember that a prospective member may be watching your actions as they walk by your house. Certainly their parents will be forming an opinion of the whole Greek system by what they see, **they really are checking you out closely.**

PACA EASEMENTS

The Board of The Society for the Preservation of Greek Housing can advise your house corporation through the Preservation and Conservation Association regarding the creation of a preservation vehicle called an "easement". This vehicle can be

used to preserve your houses architectural features for the future even if the house is sold. With an "easement", which is a legal document, the architectural features so designated and approved by PACA will be saved no matter who owns the property. If you or your organization would like more information, you may contact Karen Lang Kummer of PACA at 217- 328- 7222.

RUSH NEWS

The Panhellenic Council has altered one of their rush parties in an attempt to more accurately express the nature of sorority life. During what was formerly called Third Round, the sororities will complete a community service project. The possibility of demonstrating that sorority life is about serving the community, not doing rush skits and partying is an intriguing challenge. This positive statement is in compliance with the National Panhellenic Conference's effort to make recruitment reflect the Greek experience, while drastically limiting the "frilliness" of sorority rush. **Rush begins on August 28 and is completed by**

September 6 with bid distribution.

The IFC Council of Presidents voted to alter their recruitment program for Fall 1998. The new plan is for IFC to co-ordinate optional RUSH TOURS from Monday, August 31- Thursday, August 3. Interested men would meet in one of four locations and be led as a group to the different fraternities. This would allow all chapters to recruit all four nights, rather than their one "District" night allowed in the past. It also creates a group situation for the rushees, rather than the more intimidating go- it - on -your-own atmosphere as it is now. Fraternities are expected to invite their own recruits as well, as this plan is designed to enhance a chapter's own efforts not to replace them.

Something to Think About.....

What if the Entire Greek System had the Same live-in requirement: **All members must live in the chapter house as long as there are vacancies?** And that this fact was made clear to everyone during rush meetings and not left to each person who is rushing to explain to each rushee? It is becoming increasingly difficult to fill all the beds in the chapter houses and the Greek community needs to examine ways to address the issue as our main competition ,apartments, keep multiplying. Nearly 1000 more will be ready for occupancy this Fall! Most students who have lived in for one semester

or one year feel they have fulfilled their commitment and have no more responsibilities to their chapter. Efforts to address this issue have been on an individual basis , perhaps a group focus could provide a stronger solution. Please contact Terri Dodson or Duane Frichtl through the Society if you are interested in pursuing this topic.

Serving on the SPGH Board

If you are interested in preserving historic Greek chapter houses , the Society welcomes you to attend our monthly meetings. The Society generally meets on the second Thursday of every month at 4:30 PM in Champaign, Illinois. Please call Terri Dodson, Society Co-ordinator at 217-352-7162 for more information. Any member organization is welcome to send a representative to any meeting and to put forth a candidate for a position on the Board. In fact, we strongly welcome your participation.

Representatives of the Society's Board of Directors would be willing to present the Society's story and answer questions at your house corporation board meeting or alumni association meeting.

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