

IFC Monthly



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Officer Reports

President

Below I have included an abridged form of the state of affairs speech made recently at Order of Omega's Greek Awards:

Amidst adversity, the IFC thrived over the past year, emerging revamped and stronger than before. Progressive transformations occurred in a variety of ways, undoubtedly benefiting the Duke community as a whole.

First, conversations, led by former President Dave Melton, with Dean Nowicki, Provost Lange, and other administrators allowed the IFC to weather the post-CCI storm and enter the spring with strengthened relationships and a more active voice in on-campus change.

Progress also came via recruitment. Revamping the process, Aulden Burcher, Mike McHugh, and Jeff Buchan worked closely with individual chapter recruitment chairs to persuade and allow well over 200 students to become IFC fraternity men.

And transformations continue to occur. Proving our commitment to meet the demand of Duke Undergraduates to go Greek, IFC is currently immersed in an expansion process.

Additionally, members continue to distinguish themselves beyond social functions that combine to forge the backbone of social life at Duke. Last semester, the men of the Interfraternity Council collectively boasted an impressive approximate 3.4 GPA. Furthermore, IFC members raised close to \$24,000 in community service, and contributed more than 4,600 individual hours into unique projects and philanthropic events from 2006-2007.

IFC fraternities continue to nurture campus leaders, professionals, and powerful alumni donors. Examples from the past year fully exemplify the positive value chapters add to campus life and the healthy state of affairs the Interfraternity Council currently enjoys.

As always, feel free to contact me with any questions at lee.hathaway@duke.edu

Executive Vice President

As many of you may have heard, IFC will be expanding by adding an additional chapter or two over the next couple of years. We are currently in the middle of this process and have brought four national organizations to campus to present to IFC. Please feel free to contact the Expansion Committee Chair, Jordan Giordano (jfg6@duke.edu) with any questions or to give your input.

Vice President of Chapter Services

The second year of the three year RGAC cycle is underway. With initial drafts finalized, liaisons are now meeting with individual chapter representatives to clarify and strengthen community plans for the presentation before the scoring committee in the fall. IFC chapters have, for the most part, improved their plans from last year and have strong chances of earning improved scores this time around, solidifying housing on campus in the future.

Vice President of Community Interaction

Last Saturday, April 19, IFC cosponsored a 5K fun run with the Millennium Village Project. All fraternities submitted a team to run, and other fraternity members were on hand volunteering.

Also, in conjunction with PanHel, IGC, and NPHC, IFC is hosting a Pizzathon on Tuesday, April 22, from 3:30 to 7:30 on the Main Quad. There will be a pizza-eating competition, and pizza and pizza-related foods will be sold at the event. Proceeds will go toward funding a Greek Week Habitat for Humanity trip. Pizza is being contributed by Randy's Pizza, and prizes are sponsored by Duke Stores. If you are interested in entering the competition, contact Brian Adams (bjad@duke.edu).

Greek Judicial Board Chair

With the conclusion of pledging and spring formals, it has been a busy month for the Greek Judicial Board. In an effort to keep our judicial process fair and productive, the Board is currently accepting justice applications for the upcoming year. Self-governance is a defining characteristic of the Greek community at Duke, and serving as a justice is a unique responsibility. Justice tasks will include: attending formal hearings and deciding chapter responsibility, leading educational sessions about the GJB and proper risk management policies and assisting with the enforcement of imposed sanctions. The Board should be representative of the IFC, as well as the entire Greek community, and to this end we hope to receive applications from members of all 14 IFC chapters. Applications can be found online at <http://greek.studentaffairs.duke.edu/forms/gjb/index.php>.

Vice President of Recruitment and Pledging

Although the school year is nearly over, we want to stress how well New Member Education went and how we are happy there were no major infractions for IFC members. We look to expand programming in the fall for potential new members as well as in the Spring during New Member education. Please feel free to contact Trent McNatt (tnm@duke.edu), Joe Yarbough (jly@duke.edu) or Adam Nelson (aln5@duke.edu) with any further questions.

Treasurer

IFC awarded five scholarships this past month. We received many applications all from very talented men and the decisions were difficult to make.

Congratulations to the following winners of the IFC Scholarship:

1. Philip Danser of Delta Kappa Epsilon
2. Ian Peikon of Delta Tau Delta
3. Brandon Tan of Chi Psi
4. Josh Solano of Phi Delta Theta
5. Isaac Mizrahi of Delta Sigma Phi

Please feel free to contact Eric Kaufman (ebk6@duke.edu) with any further questions.

Director of Public Relations

As we look forward to LDOC, there have been some great moments for IFC as an organization over the past month. In March, we cosponsored the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination with Duke Lacrosse, Panhellenic Council, NPHC, NAACP, Language House, Honor Council, DUU, DSG, Diya, Duke College Democrats, Center for Race Relations, Bulgarian Association, Duke Africa, Mary Lou Williams Center, International House, Center for Multicultural Affairs, and Duke Organizing. To have our name side-by-side with these diverse organizations was fantastic. Although mentioned above, we did cosponsor the 5K fun run with the Millennium Village Project last Saturday, April 19. It was a great success and we look forward next semester to more events we can sponsor and even better publicity. Please feel free to contact Josh Chapin (jac41@duke.edu) with any further questions.