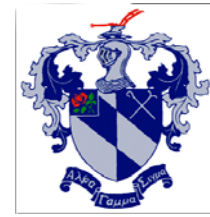


IlliDell of Alpha Gamma Sigma 2006-2007 Echo



President's Report

Greetings IlliDell Alumni, my name is Brent Schneider and I was the Fall 2006 President of IlliDell of Alpha Gamma Sigma. I would like to take this opportunity to give you my President's report from the Fall 2006 semester.

Currently, there are 44 total members of IlliDell of Alpha Gamma Sigma. We have 42 living in-house and two out-of-house members. All of the men here at IlliDell, whether it's cooking meals, cleaning the house, or social events, interact seamlessly between each other. They are a very good group of intelligent, hard working, and fun loving guys. This past August we had 13 new members join us, and we are very pleased with their progress towards becoming actives. This spring we brought in one more New Member. In the past 2 rush classes we have had 27 men join our house, which constitutes about 65% of the total members currently living at IlliDell. So in the near future we will have quite a few young men, who will have the house responsibilities handed down to them. This past semester everything has operated smoothly within the house. There have been changes that improved the overall aesthetics of IlliDell, and more importantly our goals regarding scholarship were achieved this past Fall.

On another note, IlliDell experienced a loss of a long time friend and supporter. Ralph Ivens "lived" for IlliDell. He received the most enjoyment from our Friday afternoon visits. Normally, the routine was to sit around, tell jokes, watch M.A.S.H on TV, and most importantly keep him informed about the house. Everyone in IlliDell felt like Ralph was our house dad. Ralph will truly be missed by all alumni that had the pleasure of knowing him.

I would like to end by saying I really enjoyed representing IlliDell as the Fall 2006 President.

Brent Schneider
President and Active Alumni Secretary

New Member Educator

IlliDell saw thirteen new faces to start the Fall 2006 semester, including ten freshmen, two juniors, and one senior. The thirteen individuals listed below came from all over Illinois to make IlliDell their home away from home. The active members in the house immediately set a goal to raise the level of motivation for new members to succeed academically especially for the freshmen new members. Fortunately, each new member accepted his academic responsibility, and the freshmen new members seemed to embrace the challenge even more. Two freshmen received a 4.0 GPA, and nine of the ten freshmen activated. This year's class had students spreading over six majors, and each student was active in their respected major, as they became active members in nine different clubs on campus. Their strong academics carried over to the house quizzes and the new member final. Each individual gave the house history and rules the attention it deserved. Finally, the new members were successful in planning another IlliDell barndance. The event took place on Friday, October 27, and all new members contributed to the success.

Brad Nobbe

New Member Educator

Fall 2006 New Members

Freshmen-

Andrew Ehrhardt: Chenoa

Kevin Huelskoetter: Lincoln

Chris Kaiser: Geneva

Brandon Logeman: Metropolis

Charles Murphree: Troy

Zach Schmidt: Carrollton

Josh Skelton: Morris

Devin Taylor: Chrisman

Alex Titlow: Bloomington

Tyler Zoeller: Sterling

Juniors-

Tom Parkes: Robinson

Steve Fluty: Bloomington

Senior-

Cody Skees: Mt. Carmel

New Member President

We as a New Member class have been greatly aided in our lives as members of IlliDell of Alpha Gamma Sigma. The drastic changes brought upon us by attending the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign have been eased by the other members of the house. Not only are the other members our fraternal brothers, but also a resource for each and every new member. We are able to use our brothers as role models in our academics and social lives, ask them for advice, and spend quality time with them during this transition from staying at home with our families. There is not a single new member that has not been affected by an older member of the house.

Our New Member class is a very special and talented group. We as a class achieved high grades last semester, including two 4.0 GPAs. This shows our determination and work ethic because we are all able to study and focus on our academics. Besides academics, we are a very tight knit group. We have bonded over the past semester during the many functions of the house and the less pleasurable ones such as weekly details. Even though we are all from many different parts of the state, we have all joined together and become close friends because of IlliDell of Alpha Gamma Sigma.

This class also has a major New Member Project idea that is going to greatly aid the house. We plan on improving the internet in the house and making it wireless. This will allow us to access the internet with laptops from any point in the house, and improve the current internet so everyone will be able to use it to its fullest potential. This will be a great resource for doing research, but also a great selling point for the fraternity when recruiting new members during the rush season.

Every New Member can tell you the many reasons how IlliDell of Alpha Gamma Sigma has aided them academically, socially, and personally, and honestly we all could not picture ourselves at any other place besides 303 East Chalmers Street for our first year in college.

Josh Skelton

New Member President

Scholarship Chair

Scholastic Achievement has always been at the forefront of the objectives set by the men of IlliDell of AGS. We had set high hopes for the Fall of '06 and we achieved many of those. The most important goal we set was to once again reach an overall G.P.A. of 3.0 or higher. This was achieved when the men of IlliDell of AGS posted an overall G.P.A of 3.07. This mark was

higher than the overall Fraternity average at the University of Illinois and was good for 19th out of 45 fraternities on campus. IlliDell of AGS also boasted the fact that it had five members achieve a G.P.A of 4.00. Scholastic Achievement was stressed adamantly amongst the new members the most. Each week the new members would travel to the library on Monday nights to have study hours. This time encouraged the new members to get a jump on their homework for the week and provided them with the incentive to get their work finished. Finally, IlliDell of AGS hosted its bi-annual scholarship banquet in early November. Many university professors, lecturers and staff attended the banquet which included a guest speaker, steak dinner and a short award ceremony. The Fall '06 semester was a huge scholastic success for the men of IlliDell of AGS.

Jason Wesselmann
Scholarship Chair

House Manager

As you already probably know, we here at IlliDell take great pride in our house. We are constantly looking for new ways to cosmetically improve the overall condition of our house. Each year the New Member class comes up with a project that will improve the house in some way. Last year's class decided to install lights to illuminate the front of the house and our new flagpole. Since the lights have been installed we have had nothing but great comments on how great the house looks at night. This summer we had the stair treads replaced between the second and third floors. Other improvements that will be taking place in the very near future will be replacing the carpet in the first floor hallway and stairs. We are in the process of replacing the light fixtures in the dinning room to improve the overall aesthetics of the room. A large cast iron drain pipe was replaced in the basement due to corrosion. A new grease trap was installed to help prevent future drainage issues. Various rooms were remodeled by different members of the house. The women's bathroom is being remodeled, thanks to the generous contributions we received from our mothers on Mom's Day weekend. These are just some of the changes that have occurred within the house, but the list goes on and on.

James Hasheider
House Manager

Sports Chair

IlliDell of AGS sports proved once again that they were a force to be reckoned with in Intramural Athletics. In early Fall, the men of IlliDell of AGS posted a softball regular season record of 4 wins and no losses. The postseason began with a tough victory but was unfortunately followed by a hard fought loss in the quarterfinals. Flag Football was the next event in which IlliDell of AGS would show its athletic prowess. IlliDell of AGS made a strong showing in the regular season finishing with a record of 2 wins and 1 loss, which was good enough to ensure a spot in the playoffs. IlliDell of AGS won the first two games of the playoffs, the second one avenging the lone loss in the regular season. These two wins gave IlliDell of AGS a spot in the finals. The men of IlliDell of AGS fought hard and had a 6-0 lead at the end of the first half, but could not quite pull out the victory. Finally, the last athletic campaign of the season was soccer. IlliDell of AGS had high hopes and made good on those expectations by finishing with 3 wins and 1 loss in the regular season. However, their playoff dreams were cut short after a 1-0 loss in the first round of the playoffs. IlliDell of AGS had a very successful fall in Intramural athletics and posted an combined record of 11-5. Also, throughout the year the teams were supported by many fans who were always there to cheer the men of IlliDell of AGS to victory.

Jason Wesselmann
Sports Chair

Network Administrator

The Fall semester of '06 saw the creation of our new house website, www.illidell.org. We had a previous website that was greatly outdated and served of virtually no use to anyone. While it is still a work in progress, it currently provides its viewers with up to date information about current members, current house officers, chapter news, alumni contact information, and rush information. We have plans to add on many new features and are very excited about the possibilities of this website as a tool for recruitment.

Brandon Logeman
Network Administrator