

IFC considers hundreds of concerns

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As Monday's induction approaches, the Interfraternity Council's newly elected executive board is trying to sort through a few ideas — about 300.

IFC President-elect Timothy Finn said the 11 new executive officers have held meetings with individual fraternity presidents to discuss the many "hot topics" within the Greek community.

"My main goal is to start the communication and thinking it takes to form a strong IFC," Finn said. As a result, he said the sessions have produced "hundreds of goals and ideas which need to be narrowed down to those which can be achieved in the next year."

Some major issues facing the board

this year are increasing membership, improving Greeks' academic performance and creating a new alcohol policy.

"Membership is the bottom line," Finn said. "If we can effectively improve each of the other areas, then it will lead back to our membership."

Finn said it is important to try to keep pace with other universities that have adopted stricter alcohol consumption policies.

"An alcohol policy must come from the presidents," Finn said. "It must be widely supported by the body, but we have to come up with an idea soon to remain pro-active."

Last fall, IFC voted against a "Bring Your Own Bottle" policy that would have required guests 21 and older to

bring their own alcoholic beverages to fraternity parties.

Finn said even though an alcohol policy may hurt for a few years, people will get used to the idea and in the future will see that they can have fun without an emphasis on alcohol. As a result, membership might increase because parents of potential members would see a Greek effort to cut back on alcohol consumption, he added.

While tackling these issues will take a lot of hard work, Finn will have the help of the board and council delegates.

Brady Semmel (junior-biology) completing his term as university relations chairman, will assume the role of administrative vice president. Semmel said he is working to strengthen the philanthropy system by being available to

listen to problems of each chapter's philanthropy chairman.

Other new executives include:

■ John Nugent (junior-political science), executive vice president.

■ Kevin Mammal (junior-accounting), secretary and treasurer.

■ Greg Galdino (junior-pre-medicine), Board of Control chairman.

■ Brian Rudick (junior-history), membership chairman.

■ Joe Jorczak (sophomore-engineering), community relations chairman.

■ Jordan Robinson (junior-international politics), university relations chairman.

■ Chris Burke (junior-accounting), chapter programs chairman.

Parade just a walk across Main Street

BLUE SPRINGS, Mo. (AP) — This town's St. Patrick's Day parade is almost over before it's begun.

It takes only a few bars of music for three marchers and a grand marshal to cover the entire parade route — from one side of Main Street to the other — in what's billed as the World's Shortest and Smallest St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Before the 9 a.m. parade Sunday, participants and observers will choose its theme song, said organizer Pat Meyer.

Police Major Bob Ahring said

authorities in the Kansas City suburb of 40,000 will be prepared for a throng.

"We've put several officers on standby, notified the Highway Patrol and Jackson County Sheriff's Department, and the Whiteman Air Force Base air police have been alerted," Ahring said in jest.

The abbreviated, traditional tribute to the Irish was started in 1978 by Meyer, and Blue Springs residents Ed Schumann and Joe Walker.

"I think we'll sing 'When Irish Eyes Are Smiling,'" Meyer said.

Panhellenic Council seeks improved communication

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Confidence, dedication and grass-roots communication will help the Panhellenic Council reach its goals this year, the council's president said.

"I don't see any major problems because we have stressed communication not only among the officers, but also between the (executive board) and the individual members — a sort of

grass-roots method of communication," President Amy Frey said.

The 10-member executive board will present formal goals for the coming year at its March 25 meeting.

"Right now we have had a lot of informal discussion," Frey said. "If I had to put a number on the amount of ideas we have right now, I would say anywhere from 25 to 100 minor and major goals."

Goals include having more leadership programs, Frey said.

"The quality of leadership will only improve in the coming years if the younger members start to get involved now," she said. "If the good leaders start to work now, they will only make the council stronger in the future."

The council will also work to maintain academic standards by scheduling workshops and recognizing students with high grades.

Frey said the council faces no major problems in the immediate future, but

she is concerned about how sororities will react to some new programs.

One such program is the recently approved alcohol policy that will require that one third of all sorority-fraternity events be non-alcoholic.

"I have come up with a lot of ways to implement and enforce the new programs, but (the delegates) will have to help in creating an effective policy," Frey said.

Executive Vice President Laura Rus-

sell (junior-international politics) will help guide the council to achieve its expectations. Russell will coordinate the council's educational programming for delegates.

"We will have several smaller sessions this year when we will discuss some of the important issues around campus at the time," she said. "There are a lot of issues that need to be addressed like social policies and sexual awareness."

Russell agreed with Frey that communication throughout the sorority system is vital to formulate an effective council.

Other officers include:

■ Becky Friese (sophomore-advertising) rush coordinator.

■ Lisa Halleck (junior-English) Judicial Board chairwoman.

■ Christine Bensko (sophomore-advertising) public relations coordinator.

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