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Greek formal recruitment at USI

Sumo wrestling, luaus, cookouts, chanting, singing, and crying are only a few examples of the mysterious behavior taking place at University of Southern Indiana during the past few weeks. With the close of fall formal recruitment, fraternities and sororities are looking forward to furthering their traditions with new members.

Sorority formal recruitment, September 4 through 8, included a structured schedule of events, such as a Panhellenic cookout, philanthropy information night, and theme night. Women interested in joining a sorority attended every sorority's events to find out what each organization offers.

More than 100 women signed up and 44 pledged a sorority. Natalie Williams, vice president of recruitment for Delta Phi Epsilon sorority, is pleased with the results from formal recruitment.

"The amount of women that rushed allowed us to get to know each girl on a more personal level," explained Williams.

Fraternity rush, structured differently than sororities' formal recruitment, took place September 9 through 14. Each fraternity participated in an Interfraternal Council cookout on September 9. Men who were interested in fraternities attended. Fraternities hosted their own events the rest of the week, like information nights and sports activities, which were not mandatory.

Ryan Canon, affiliate of Phi Delta Theta, said he is optimistic about the potential new members he encountered rush week.

"The men I have met during rush are interested in being leaders. Even if the quantity has been low, the quality of the men has been great," said Canon.

Over 70 men signed up for rush and approximately 30 accepted bids.

Students who did not get the chance to take part in formal recruitment these past weeks still have an opportunity to be involved.

"Most groups will have Continuous Open Bidding the rest of the semester," said Sandy Ziganti, Greek advisor for Student Development.

COB is informal recruitment that will give students a chance to still be involved in a Greek organization.

If interested in Greek life at USI, call Student Development at (812) 465-7167.