

Stanford Interfraternity Council
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Dear Mr. Donald M. Apel,

It has come to my attention that an attempt is being made to reinstitute the Theta Delt Chi chapter at Stanford University. As the representative for the Interfraternity Council, I am in full support of this revival. As I am sure you are aware, Theta Delt is one of the few fraternities on campus with current "housed fraternity" status. As a member of a housed fraternity myself, I know the benefits that accompany this distinction and am willing to support any means that would help to maintain and strengthen fraternity housing at Stanford University.

Currently we have two other fraternities which have begun rebuilding their chapters at Stanford. Zeta Psi held an informal rush in the Fall and has collected a solid group of men. They have become members of the Interfraternity Council and will be participating in IFC rush this Spring. Delta Upsilon has elected to hold an informal rush during Spring Quarter, collect members, join the IFC, and then participate in IFC rush next Spring.

I am aware that the alumni and national representatives of Theta Delta Chi are interested in participating in formal IFC Rush this spring quarter. The Interfraternity Council has decided this action would not be in the best interest of the fraternal system at Stanford. As a practice, we reserve formal rush for those fraternities which are current members of the IFC. This same approach was taken with Zeta Psi and Delta Upsilon. We would like to strongly encourage you to hold an informal Rush at a time that does not conflict with formal rush.

I would like to apologize for any discouragement that this rush technicality has caused to your organization. It is unfortunate that the IFC was not contacted earlier about Theta Delta Chi's intentions. The IFC had no idea that Theta Delta Chi was interested in recruiting this year. I am confident that we could have avoided this problem if earlier contact had been made. I recommend that in the future we work on improving the communication between the IFC, our Fraternal Affairs Advisor (Heather Dunn), and your organization.

The IFC would truly like to see Theta Delta Chi return to Stanford and re-emerge as the strong chapter it once was. In particular, the IFC would like to add another "housed fraternity" to its membership. We would like your cooperation, and are willing to lend full support to your organizations endeavor, if you respect our decision. As evidence by the success of Zeta Psi's informal rush, we feel that our decision to not allow your organization to participate in formal rush in no way decreases your opportunity for successful recruitment in an informal setting. More importantly, we feel that Theta Delta Chi still has adequate time to re-acquire the house at 675 Lomita.

The IFC would like to be kept informed of Theta Delta Chi's plan. In addition, we would like to help advertise your informal rush (which we encourage you to hold) by including a description of your plan in this Spring's Formal Rush publication. By doing this, we are giving you a chance to publicize your informal rush during our formal rush period. In addition, we would be willing to publish a promotional article about Theta Delta Chi in our quarterly newsletter. I hope that we will be able to work together to bring back Theta Delta Chi as a housed fraternity on Stanford's campus.

Sincerely,



Richard (Rip) Waters
President

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