

Sigrid Stone

By Patricia Lee

Sigrid Stone says she loves challenges. In her newly-elected position, she's sure to face plenty — and quite often. As president of the Panhellenic Council at the University of Florida, she's in charge of coordinating programs and policies among all campus sororities.

"A big challenge now is making the sororities less competitive and more cooperative, to focus on the friendship among all organizations," she said. "Already, it's been positive. We're moving in a great direction."

Stone, who says she's reached her "final goal" in the Greek system, has been involved in the Panhellenic Council since arriving at UF. The 20-year-old Kappa Alpha Theta sister has also worked as assistant director of Homecoming's solicitations division and Florida Blue Key's alumni affairs.

The telecommunications junior plans on attending law school after graduation to study corporate law. Eventually, she says, she'd like to combine her telecommunications and law degrees by working for the Cable News Network covering government activity.



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"I love the research and debate and want to combine all I know," she said. "I kind of like to do it all."

Secret talents: "I can open champagne without spilling it."

Hobbies: "Running, because exercise is a big release for me (I used to be an aerobics instructor). Also, reading leadership books."

Personal trivia: "I was a DJ for Rock 104."

Like most about UF: "Pledging my sorority and the leadership opportunities and avenues for doing things on campus."

Like least about UF: "It's hard to create a relationship with a professor because of the big classes, and that's especially tough on freshmen."

Favorite drink: "Diet Coke."

Favorite hideaway spot: "Key West, when no one's there."

Typical night out: "Going with my boyfriend to Café Gardens."

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Contribution to the world: "Making things better for everyone and promoting equality for women."

Heroes: "Someone who's been a great inspiration is Jen Wilson, my big sister at my sorority."

Life philosophy: "In a world of change, it's our challenge to effectively define solutions today that will solve tomorrow's problems."

Motivational force: "My mother, because I really look up to her."

Most treasured personal item: "An antique pin my mom's friend gave to me."

Turn-ons: "A person's intelligence and intellect."

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Most striking lesson at UF: "I've learned that you get to your position because people believe in you, so then it's your responsibility to serve them."

If I could buy the world something it would be: "Peace, because there's just so much fighting going on, causing other problems like starvation in Somalia."