Swesey begins work as Greek Life director

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Smiling brightly behind her desk, Whitney Swesey is ready to start working as the new Greek Life director. Swesey officially began her position on Nov. 14.

"She said she is very happy to be working at Pembroke now, but said it will be a change for her.

Working in Greek Life before has prepared her for this job. She has been an assistant in the Greek Life department at Kent State University.

The small student population at Pembroke will help her to talk more with each individual student.

There is so much potential, she said. “The students are so motivated and work in the community.”

Making a difference for the students is her main goal, she said, because a fraternity/sorority is meant to bring up great leaders that will make a difference in the world.

Surveying Greek Life members is something Swesey is striving to do to see what exactly the students need and how she can make that change happen for them.

One difference that members will see is how hard they are going to be pushed with their academics.

She explained that the grades will not be looked at each semester, but cumulatively to target the areas the students are struggling with in order to get them the assistance they need.

Although these organizations are groups, she wants to focus on individuals as well.

Something for students in Greek Life to look forward to is a possible conference that will be in St. Louis, according to Swesey. “It is something that we haven’t done before.”

Drastic changes will not be made; however, sororities are considering doing an online process instead of recruiting through paper. Also, the executive boards will need more structure.

No upcoming events are planned for this semester because preparation is being made for meeting with each chapter president.

Swesey is very happy with the welcome she received from students and is eager to make a difference.

“Let’s find out what they want,” she said. “I am determined to make things happen for them.”