



THE SCROLL

VOLUME 1 ISSUE 2

A MESSAGE FROM IFC & PHA:

**HAVE A SAFE AND FUN SEMESTER !
FINISH THE SEMESTER STONG !**

This issue is about our Greek Community getting involved on campus! Check out how our fellow Greeks are getting involved and making an impact on Purdue's Campus!

IMPORTANT DATES

Panhellenic Trick- or-Treat
10/30 from 3-5p

BOD petitions due 11/10 by
5p to PMU 286 & 288

IGLC 11/6 registration begins
at 9:30 a

BOILER GOLD RUSH AND GREEKS

Many organizations are filled with Greeks, and non-Greeks, in particular, Boiler Gold Rush. Boiler Gold Rush, or BGR, is a student orientation program for the incoming freshman or transfer students. This past year I had the pleasure of being a part of this organization that was about a half and half mix of Greeks and non-Greeks. Although working with non-Greeks is just as much fun as working with people in fraternity and sorority life, there is just one big difference between the two groups. That difference is the commonality that we all share representing our own individual chapters and being a part of the bigger picture as well.

Working with people who have one major common bond makes any task better. Just knowing that someone can fully relate to you creates an instant friendship, whether you know the person or not. There are many programs put on by each chapter that teach the new members about philanthropy, service, academics, leadership, and respect and when you work with an individual that has been taught those things, it shows. Many of us are very social and friendly people, especially those in BGR, and in order to communicate effectively in a big group of new students and other peers, one has to be able to use those two characteristics in a way that is not too overpowering and be understanding. Boiler Gold Rush was an amazing experience, and being in a group that had over seventy different personalities and still being able to get things done and having a blast just proves that Greeks can work together with anyone in any situation. No matter what organization, or what the task at hand is, you know you can count on a Greek to be involved!



GREEKS AGAINST BREAST CANCER

With the deplorable statistics circling breast cancer, it is no surprise that there is a national awareness month dedicated to this dreadful disease. With large awareness events, bold marketing campaigns, and witty slogans, it may be a shock that breast cancer was not always a topic to be discussed. In fact, this disease, known as 'women's disease,' was viewed as shameful.

The earliest documented case of breast cancer appears in ancient Egyptian medical practices. In cases that involved deep tumors, the medical Egyptian scroll stated, "there is no treatment." Almost three thousand years later, in the enlightening age of the late 1700's, women with breast cancer were said to have earned this disease due to frigidity, promiscuity, craziness, or laziness. Breast cancer came unnoted and misunderstood taking one woman at a time.

It is appropriate to fast forward all the way to 1965 - through 265 years, the only glimpse of progression was the discovery that there is a link between estrogen and breast cancer - not much for scientists to go off of. In 1965 the 43 year old actress, Judy Holliday, died of breast cancer. Her obituary mentioned a factor of 'cancer surgery' but failed to explain anything further. Judy Holliday had a mastectomy in 1960. Her 'people' put out a story explaining that she was in the hospital for a bronchial infection. After the surgery, Holliday appeared in several TV shows and Broadway specials - she was happy. Her physicians felt no need to rain on her parade so they neglected to tell her that her cancer had metastasized. She was told the increasing pain was nothing to be concerned about. It was shortly after that she passed away, leaving her twelve year old son without a mother. For years, the idea that women do not have the right to know about their body was very prevalent.

One of the largest leaps forward was Betty Ford's mastectomy in 1974. As explained by Betty's daughter, "these were the dark ages for breast cancer surgery. When you woke up, you either had a band aid or no breasts." Betty did the unthinkable, and announced that she had breast cancer; not cancer, not women's cancer, but breast cancer. This was unprintable. Newspaper journalists did not know how to report the story. Her smiling face became the face of a breast cancer survivor. In 1973, less than 20% of American women had received a mammogram. However, 90,000 women developed breast cancer that year. After Betty's courageous announcement, the amount of mammograms doubled.

Though that was one large step for the voice of those struggling with this disease, there was still unfortunately a lack of educated attention and promotion of overall health awareness. As recent as 2009, an independent panel was trying to convey the message that women should not know how to properly conduct a self-breast-exam. They argue, in fact, self-exams are harmful because finding a lump would create emotional distress. The argument for ignorance is bliss can apply to 'forgetting' to check your grade on blackboard or 'not knowing' that the cute boy who sits behind you has a girlfriend - but ignorance is not bliss when it comes to our bodies. In this case, knowledge is power.

Thanks to the unstoppable breast cancer movement started by the Susan G. Komen Foundation, and continued by the Breast Cancer Research Association, American Cancer Society, and many others, we can stand united to help 'Stop the War in my Rack,' 'Save Second Base,' and 'Defend the Twins.' It is a feat to be able to unite, not to talk about the disease, but to talk about life - to share stories of weakness and encourage strength of the human race. National Breast Cancer Awareness month is an accomplishment that will forever serve as a reminder to know your body, and seek help when you have questions. The National Cancer Institute estimates that 2.5 million women are living today either as a current breast cancer survivor, or a current breast cancer patient. We will continue the fight until we live to see a day without breast cancer.



FARMHOUSE RAISING AWARENESS FOR LLS

FarmHouse Fraternity is hosting their second annual philanthropy, Greek Goddess. These fraternity men are raising money and awareness for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society (LLS). Greek Goddess is a week-long philanthropy starting Sunday, October 23rd with a cookout in FarmHouse's parking lot starting at 4 pm. At 6 pm that evening there will be events in which each participating sorority will compete, including Pumpkin Carving, Pedal Tractor Race, Farmer's Daughter Relays, Knockout and Hotshot. Tentatively there will be a pop day and a bar night during the week; dates yet to be confirmed. Friday, October 28th there will be a talent show hosted at Loeb Playhouse starting at 6:30pm. Sororities are encouraged to invite their football buddies and the rest of the Greek community to come enjoy the events, support the ladies of our community, and fight for a common goal of preventing LLS.

In addition to Greek Goddess, this fall members of FarmHouse will be shaving their heads at Purdue Dance Marathon. FarmHouse shaves their heads every year in honor of a fallen brother, John Romine, who lost his battle with Leukemia in 2008. His parents, Mark and Carol, will be at both Greek Goddess and PUDM hosting a booth in search of participants to sign up for possible bone marrow donation.

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THE FRATERNAL VALUES SOCIETY

Can you recite your creed off the top of your head? Or do you stumble on the words? Do you feel like you are unified as a chapter? Or are there cliques? Is there a rivalry between chapters? Or are we a community?

Your Creed What are the words to your creed? Do they have meaning or are you just reciting them? Do those words come to your mind throughout the week or do you only think of them at chapter?

Unity Do you know all the men/women in your chapter or do you only know the men/women in your pledge class? Do you go out of your way to say hello to every member of your chapter? Do you put in effort to meet the new members or do you put the responsibility on them?

Community Are you passionate about serving the community or are you only showing up when mandatory? Do you put down other chapters on campus just to better your own? Do you perpetuate the rumors that you know are false?

Can you guess what chapter we are referring to?Yours

As co-chairs of a new organization here on Purdue's campus we, Kristine Lagree and Blake Osecki, would like to introduce The Fraternal Values Society. The Fraternal Values Society was established to help empower individuals to live their lives according to their Fraternal values. We would like to share our purpose for this organization and preview a few things that you might expect from us. The founding class, all graduates of the Undergraduate Interfraternity Institute (UIFI), was initiated last April and we currently have 32 members.

In the future we hope to expand our membership to other Greeks in the community. We would like to encourage everyone in the Greek community to uphold their values and live them out daily. By focusing on the positive and amazing things we do as a Greek community, we would like to start publicly recognizing individuals and organizations that exemplify their Fraternal values. This could be anything from a random act of kindness to going above and beyond for a philanthropy.

The following list of fraternity and sorority members are in the founding class of The Fraternal Values Society:

Alpha Chi Omega: Danielle Bonger, Hilary Songer

Beta Theta Pi: Mike Switala

Chi Omega: Megan Watson

Delta Chi: Cory Bultema, Kelly O'Brien

Delta Delta Delta: Kristen Conard, Nicolette Tech

Delta Gamma: Lauren Hobbs

Delta Pi Rho: Arturo Balcazar

Delta Tau Delta: Scott Over

Delta Zeta: Kristine Lagree, Taylar Meeks

Kappa Alpha Theta: Audie Bobillo

Kappa Kappa Gamma: Sara Cole, Melissa Tumpich

Kappa Sigma: Peter Evers, Evan Graves, Logan Sadtler

Lambda Chi Alpha: Eric Babczak

Phi Mu: Katlynn Schneider

Pi Kappa Alpha: Matthew Rahl

Sigma Chi: David Pison

Sigma Nu: Brandon Geiger

Theta Chi: Sean Brock

Zeta Beta Tau: Mike Easton, Blake Osecki, Nick Tauer

Zeta Tau Alpha: Prov Boydston, Amanda Lukawski

Advisors: Martia Brawner, Kasi Jones, & Kyle Pandalton

GREEKS STUDY ABROAD

This summer, many Greeks jetted off over the high seas to spend some valuable time abroad. Students went anywhere and everywhere covering countries in Europe, South America, Asia, and Australia. Some went to study, others went to work at a non-profit and others went to gain valuable work experience in their College major.

In London, I spent two exciting and valuable months with a large group of Greek students who participated in College level courses and also worked at an internship related to their desired profession. Along with the diverse chapters we represented such as Kappa Alpha Theta, Pi Beta Phi, Delta Zeta, Kappa Kappa Gamma, Delta Gamma, Zeta Tau Alpha, Sigma Nu and Phi Gamma Delta, we also worked in a diverse field of internships. Students worked at corporate clothing brand offices, marketing agencies, nonprofit organizations, financial consulting and in sports PR.

The adventures that we had together are some of the greatest stories to tell to our friends now that we have arrived back home. Although we no longer live with one another, it does not change the relationships that formed over the summer in London. We still regularly get together to go out to eat and reminisce in the amazing times we had exploring the UK.

Not only were we in London together but we also traveled together on the weekends places including Madrid, Spain, Venice, Italy, Marrakech, Morocco, Dublin, Ireland and Berlin, Germany. The opportunities that await you when studying abroad are endless and so are the friendships. The Greek community is highly active in the study abroad programs at Purdue University and from the stories and new friends we come home with, it is hard to pass on such a wonderful opportunity.

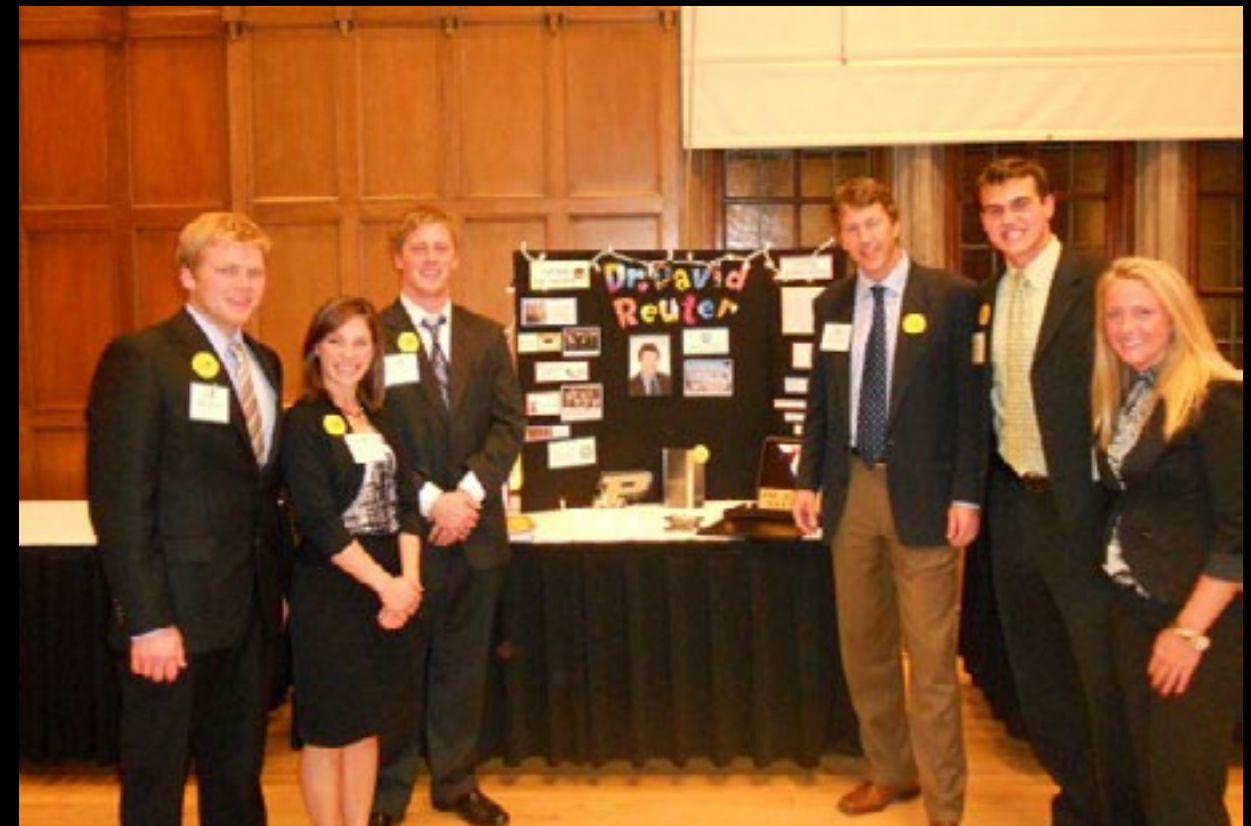
- Courtney Klosterman



GREEKS IN OLD MASTERS

Have you ever wondered what it takes to become the next Neil Armstrong or Orville Redenbacher, two legend alumni from Purdue? If your thinking there is no way any of the accomplished alum would ever come back to campus to teach you the tricks and trade of real world success, your wrong. The Old Masters Program was started in 1950 to do just this. Each year ten distinguished individuals come to Purdue's campus to share their ideas and experiences. Students then get the chance to interact with esteemed professionals through classroom talks and special events that highlight the success stories and advice of the Old Masters. Various members of the Greek system here at Purdue have always been a huge part in the Old Masters program and have made it what it is today, a program that honors those who have demonstrated success in their careers and provides students with real-life examples of what it truly takes to become accomplished in life.

This year Old Masters is November 6-9 and for more information about events visit them at <http://www.purdueoldmasters.org>



GREEKS IN COLLEGE MENTORS FOR KIDS

Helping people has been one of the most rewarding things in my life and I have loved making an impact in people's lives. When I joined my house I knew that I would help others but my main impact would be through philanthropic activities. However, after meeting girls and learning about College Mentors For Kids, CMFK, I was so excited to be part of such a great organization. After a challenging interview process and upon receiving news of being a big buddy, a mentor; I was so excited! I met my little buddy, the child I was mentoring, and we instantly started bonding. It was a great first year learning about the differences we were making in their lives on personal level. It wasn't only meeting and changing a child's life for the better, it was also the fact that I met so many great members of our Greek community. I made friends in so many different houses that were also in CMFK with the same desire to make a difference in someone's life. Today I hold two officer positions in the club, and I am meeting new people every time I do a different activity. I met the leaders of our community who are making changes one life at a time, and I felt so proud to not only be part of the club, but to be part of the community as a whole. This year we are planning a haunted house and the yearly holiday party for our little buddies; this brings even more people together since Delta Upsilon will be hosting the haunted house on October 25th, an event that will be open to everyone. Kappa Sigma will be hosting our Holiday Party, which is an event at the end of the semester for the kids. I would recommend if you want to make more connections, build more friendships and if you want to change someone's life, then go ahead and check out College Mentors For Kids. You will not regret it, I promise.



PI KAPPA PHI RIDING FOR A CAUSE

Every summer, nearly 100 members of Pi Kappa Phi fraternity from across the country dedicate 3 months of their time to serve people with disabilities in an event known as the Journey of Hope. Sponsored by Push America, the national philanthropy of Pi Kappa Phi, the Journey of Hope is a cross-country cycling event meant to spread awareness and understanding of those affected by disabilities. The event was founded in 1987 by one man who made the cross-country trek and has now grown to three routes with over 85 cyclists a year. This past summer, Chris Ruff and Branden Sowers had the opportunity to experience this life changing event. Both Branden and I were a part of the Transamerica route, which started in Seattle, WA and finished 71 days later in Washington DC. Each rider was responsible for fundraising a minimum of \$5000 to participate in the event, all of which goes towards grants to support the organizations we visit. The Transamerica team consisted of 22 cyclists and 6 crewmembers that drove the support vehicles that carried all of the supplies and luggage.

When we signed up for the Journey of Hope, neither of us really understood how much it would change our lives and the lives of those we visited with along the way. Usually our days started before the sun was even up which consisted of loading the vans and getting ready to hit the road. On average, we rode around 80 miles a day, with our longest ride reaching up to 136 miles. After we finished up the day's ride, we would visit with different organizations that serve people with disabilities. This is what makes the Journey of Hope so unique. No matter how challenging they days ride was, we would always muster up enough energy to spend time with these organizations. Known as "friendship visits", the time we spent with these individuals usually lasted only an hour or two and consisted of dances, karaoke, games, wheel chair basketball, and much more. Every time we would arrive at these friendship visits, the people greeted us with overwhelming excitement, which made the time we spent with these people even more life changing. These friendship visits obviously impacted the people we visited with, but they also truly impacted the riders and crewmembers even more. We had a saying on the trip that the only disability in life is a bad attitude. Looking back now, we met so many people with debilitating disabilities, but yet they always had a smile on their face and never complained. No matter how many mountain passes we had to climb, or how strong the wind was that day, or how cold it was out, it never mattered because in the end we were riding for them.



ALPHA GAMMA DELTA GETTING INVOLVED

This summer the ladies of Alpha Gamma Delta, Beta Xi chapter were busy around the world. We had girls go on study abroad trips to England and Spain, and several more who got the opportunity of participating in internships abroad as well as in the US. Some of their adventures include, going to Honduras to help provide free medical care and raise money for cataracts surgery and Costa Rica to study health care and nutrition. One of our girls went to Bolivia for a mission trip too.

Although we had many Alpha Gams off exploring, our girls were involved in their local communities over the summer, as well, volunteering with special needs children, diabetic patients, and veterans at the Veterans Hospital in Indianapolis. They were involved in everything from 5ks to camping in Yosemite. Our girls stepped up to the plate and took on some major roles in their internships at Motorola, Group Cares, Procter & Gamble, contributing to projects and managing teams of people.

And before the school year officially started, we celebrated our sisterhood by embarking on a five-mile canoe adventure. Everyone paired up and set off. We had a blast paddling/splashing our way down the river. At several points our boats got stuck along the rocks. You know you have a sister when she helps you get your boat back on course. Needless to say, this memorable event was a great way to end the summer and kick off the start of the year!



GREEK PROMOTIONS TEAM

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