



Picking Up Steam

WOW. How can one even begin to describe the last months of ministry to the Greek system at Carolina?

From a student perspective Greek IMPACT looks great. Tons of new students getting involved, students taking their faith seriously in college, FOCUS groups forming,

students taking each another seriously. *Lives are being changed.*

Take James for example. James is a sophomore member of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity - a place where we haven't previously had connections. Joe is friends with Scott, a Delta Kappa Epsilon who comes to GI, and is also a waiter at Chi Omega. Greek IMPACT hosts its GI

Greek IMPACT has been a chance for me to worship and have fellowship with many new and old friends. It has been an outlet for my spiritual life that was becoming more and more difficult to find on my own. With Greek IMPACT I realize that God is working in my life because I see him working in the lives of the many other Greek students that are involved.
James Boyd - soph. Pi Kappa Alpha

Kickoff Cookout on Frat Court the weekend after rush. 200 students stop by for free food over 2 hours. One such student is James. James then starts coming to GI (even comes late after his class). James, it turns out is the son of an Episcopal priest and has been looking for community for the last year. He goes on Greek Getaway with us and is ignited with a vision for the Greek

System and is rejuvenated by a sense of true faith-based community.

Or Katie, a senior Delta Delta Delta who didn't find the ministry until this year. She shares her experience plainly - "Greek Impact helped me rediscover my Christian faith in college when it had been lost in all the craziness of college academics and Greek life. The support system is fosters is amazing."

Or Worth, a freshman Phi Delta Theta, who came to Carolina strongly rooted in his faith but looking for somewhere to lead others closer to God. He joins a fraternity that has some good faith-seeking leaders involved, but is traditionally known as one of the bigger 'party houses' on campus. Worth quickly gets involved with Greek IMPACT and in regular discipleship and Bible study and has committed to "remaining as pure with women in college as I was coming in."



The stories could go on. In short, though - good things are happening on campus! For the first time in four years I feel we have good momentum and are reaching the critical mass needed to really begin to influence the Greek culture at Carolina. Thank you for your prayers and support that allows these lives and many others to be positively impacted for the gospel. Please be in prayer for the reflections found throughout this newsletter.

What's with the new look? This newsletter mirrors the new GI Web site. The intent of this newsletter is to serve as an extension of information that is available to both on the student Web pages, your own www.greekimpact.net/supporters.htm page. If you would like to go completely 'paper free' in-terms of ministry updates, please e-mail me. In that case I would send you a support pledge once per year only, and trust that you will continue giving as previously indicated.

Reflections and Prayers

...We have been looking at what it means to be ALIVE! in the Greek System on Monday nights. The talks and discussions this year are based upon the quote "*The glory of God is man fully alive,*" by St. Irenaeus, and the book *Waking the Dead* by John Eldredge. Students have responded well to this theme and the discussion groups have been a great strength.

...40-60 Greeks have been attended GI each week.

...FOCUS groups are forming on campus. These are times for *older Greeks to mentor/disciple younger students.*

...Ministry is happening in 16 of 30 fraternities and sororities this year.

...The five student Follow Up team is *learning Biblical values* behind being intentional about pursuing others involved in GI.

...The nine student Vision Team is studying what *Self Leadership* looks like while leading others.

...I am beginning to seek and develop the *next generation of leaders.* Pray for my wisdom and their response to the call to lead their peers.

...Pray for *Jared (freshman, Phi Gamma Delta)* as he takes a lead role in his fraternity's ministry.

...Pray for *Robert (junior, Phi Delta Theta) and Spence (junior, Delta Kappa Epsilon)* as they serve as president of their fraternities.

...Pray for seniors as they begin to plan for life after college. Especially pray for *Dusty (senior, Alpha Tau Omega) and Cassie (senior, Kappa Delta)* as they determine whether to pursue a Greek IV staff position.

...Pray for *Kim and I* as we seek time together in the midst of intense schedules.

Getaway Provides Focus & Friendship



Twenty Three students joined us for a weekend at Wrightsville Beach for Greek Getaway, Oct. 14-16. The structure of the weekend was very casual - a devotional on rest was provided for Saturday and I led a discussion based on Matthew 11:25-29 over breakfast on Sunday. It was a great time for students to getaway from the social and academic pressures of Chapel Hill and be with one-another in community. Fifteen students weren't involved in the ministry at this point last year, while one guy, a freshman, was forced to come by an older fraternity brother. Now *that's* effective 'hazing'! The 80+ degree weather allowed us a beautiful day on the beach Saturday, and students walked away feeling more connected both to folks they have known for some time as well as people they had never connected with in the Greek system before.



Greek Getaway was an awesome time because I got to know everyone in such a comfortable setting. Although I knew only a select few, everyone was eager to make me feel like part of the group, whether it be throwing the frisbee or asking me about classes, and this hospitality and comfort made the weekend truly great. Without this weekend and these people that I met, I may have never known about Greek Impact or the great people involved in it. I plan on attending many Greek Impact events in the future, and this weekend is to credit for my new involvement."

Pierce Sandwith - freshman Delta Kappa Epsilon



It was amazing having only gone once my freshman year to a Bring Your Buddies night and then coming two years later to Monday night and seeing how GI has grown. I felt more at home with other Chi Omega's around me, instead of me being a token Chi Omega with a bunch of my good AD Pi and KD friends at other ministries. Greek Getaway, though really got me to a place where I felt close with other Greeks who are having a good time in life and college, but are also do the love the Lord and feel his peace - especially amidst the rest that was provided along with the sun, playing on the beach, in the ocean, and good food. It was wonderful bonding, and I think it has allowed me to get to know girls who I would want to be coming to Chi Omega Bible study better with some good ole hanging out. Dave's Sunday message for us, focusing on rest, was exactly what we needed to be thinking about and bring back to the lives we have in Chapel Hill, instead of just going right back to our busy lives. All we have to do is realize God is saying "Come to me" and He can meet us anywhere if we simply talk to Him.

*- Kristy Fields, junior Chi Omega
House Bible Study Leader*



GI Unplugged

WHAT'S ON TAP

Please be praying about the following upcoming events:

- 10.27—Regional Greek Staff Interest Dessert (*Chapel Hill, NC*)
- 11.21—GI Bring Your Buddies Thanksgiving Feast (*time and place TBD*).
- 11.28—GI Monday Night (*Greek IV Nat'l Director Andy Dalton & UNC Alum Teddy Davis speaking*)
- 12.5—Last GI of Semester
- 12.15—Annual GI Finals Cookie Run
- 12.31—Please pray for generous end of year giving

On the HomeFront



Since we have last written so much has happened on the "Home Front." This summer Dave and I found some time to get away and be with each other, of course it required that we hop on a boat to Bermuda but how can I complain about that?! We had a great time resting on the ocean and beautiful landscape of Bermuda for seven days. We are both back to the daily grind of work this Fall. This is year four for Dave on campus and every year seems to bring a lot of new faces to GI. The students are always a joy to see and really bring a lightened spirit to my sometimes

stressful work life. I have a new position which is challenging me on a daily basis as I have assumed the management role over the department that I have worked in for almost three years now. This move will soon lead to less travel which means more time at home with Dave, the students and our new cats. That's right I said *cats* as in multiple - *Sebastian and Emma Claire*. While we still hold that we are in fact dog people, a golden retriever simply would not fit into our little apartment or our hectic travel schedules. Some are probably thinking that pets are the first step to children and while you are correct that desire is going to be fulfilled for us by two of our best friends both having children in December! What joy life brings us. Please pray for us as we continue to seek God's direction and peace amidst the busyness of the daily grind.

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