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A Time of Triumph and Transition



As I sit here trying to put my arms around exactly what has happened on campus in the past year, I find it hard to grasp how much this ministry has developed. *We could highlight the events* - Greek Getaway, Greek Conference (see back), Ski Greek, Bring Your Buddies Nights - but that would only show a small piece of what God has

been up to. *We could talk about Monday nights* - the fact that we are developing a strong, regular, committed core, the fact that many new faces come every week to GI, what it's been like for students to explore this idea of 'faith as a way of life' - but that would put a large spotlight on what is only a small part of our campus ministry. *We could talk about our discipleship and FOCUS Groups* -

I cannot tell you enough how much it has meant to me to share in this leadership experience. This semester, although I decided to take some time off from Greek Impact, I have felt so blessed to be surrounded by such a strong and supportive group of fellow believers to help me through a somewhat confusing time. I will always look back at my time on the Vision Team with positive memories, in part because of what we accomplished, but largely because of who we became as a team.
Emily Miller, senior, Delta Delta Delta

how God has met and awakened students' minds in response to the book of James. *We could talk about the seniors* - how three years ago they helped start what is today a thriving ministry, about the amazing sacrifices they have made for their faith and for GI over those years, about how much they have grown from confused and in many ways spiritually raw freshmen and sophomores to men and women who I KNOW will have an eternal impact in the post-college world, about how terribly much I will miss them next year.

But I think that each of those things represents an underlying core strength that we are developing at Greek IMPACT - *a culture of Greek men and women who are struggling through and embracing the fact that the glory of God is THEM fully alive!* Greeks at Carolina are beginning to take their faith seriously. They are moving past what has kept them away from pursuing faith - whether it be the legalism of other 'religious experiences,' being afraid to move forward in faith because of their lifestyle, or just thinking that faith isn't all that cool or freeing - and into a place that offers them true freedom. As we prepare to move into a new generation at Greek IMPACT, I'm encouraged to see the freedom that God bringing to this Greek system.



Reflections and Prayers

...What a run it has been for the graduating seniors Four years ago intentional ministry to Greeks did not really exist at Carolina—today it is running strongly thanks to the work of these seniors. As Dusty, Kristen, Cassie, Camden, Dave, Sarah, Danielle and Sallie graduate, pray that God blesses them in finding community at the next stage of their life just as they helped establish this community on campus. Pray also for Trey, Emily, Tyler and the many other seniors who have been part of this ministry as they move towards life after college.

...Pray for the many Greeks studying abroad in London, Seville, Paris, Italy and other places this summer. Check out the good news already being reported from a sophomore studying overseas:

"I have never depended on God more than I am right now. I have been reading the Bible more than I think I ever have. I have found that God really is everywhere and that just because I'm far away from home doesn't mean he can't work in my life here. It's just a great feeling to feel his presence. I've felt that a lot here and the peace that comes with it, and I've finally realized that I don't NEED to get drunk to fit in or have a good time. It's actually very freeing to feel this way, and the first time I've GOTTEN it."

We have moved! Kim and I moved to a townhouse in early June (see more on back) Please note the new address above.

A New "Vision" for GI

We have 18 new leaders for next year. In the coming months, I will introduce some of these folks via updates, but please be in prayer for the new Vision Team: *Mallory Brown (soph., ADPi) - President; Hunter Culbertson (soph., ATO) - Bring Your Buddies; Hollie Edwards (soph., Alpha Chi) - Special Events; Emily Elliott (soph., Kappa Delta) - FOCUS Groups; Scott Farmer (soph., DKE) - PR; Amy Grantham (soph., Alpha Chi) - Follow Up; Worth Morgan (frosh, Phi Delt) - Monday Nights.* Pray that they would individually and collectively cultivate a vision and direction for Greek IMPACT this summer, and that even in these final weeks of school that God would begin to mold them together as a team.

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Yep...there's more on the back!

Greek Conference is an 'Intoxicating' Experience



I could tell you many stories about Greek Conference '06. I could talk about the joys of seeing 25 Carolina students show up and experience God throughout the weekend. I could reflect on my experience as both the Conference and General Session Director and what a joy it was to work with, lead and serve the staff team throughout the weekend. BUT, what you really want to hear is how student's experienced Conference and, more importantly, how they were met by God over the 3 days. So, without further ado—a few students reflections on Greek Conference '06.

As a freshmen you can get distracted by a lot of things very quickly. I have been struggling the past few months to find a connection between my faith and my fraternity life. This weekend I found it. I have never been much of a party guy so I didn't really feel comfortable at the fraternity. But this weekend I realized that it's not possible to minister to my brothers without being around them. By being around the guys during the drunkenness, the good and the bad, I will develop a stronger friendship connection. Over time I will be able to share my faith with them. I plan to restart a bible study in our house along with a few other guys.

- Steven Mann, freshman Alpha Tau Omega

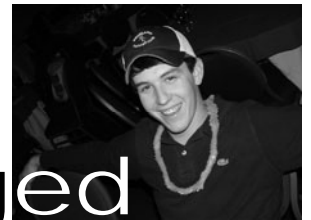


Greek Conference was such a great experience! Besides meeting lots of fun, new people, Conference was a chance for me to begin to experience God in a completely new and very real way. In the Day by Day track, I learned several new "techniques" for quiet times and praying that have helped me stay on track back at school. The fellowship with other Greeks during small group time (both in my track and also with my school group) was really encouraging and I continue to feel supported back on campus. I really enjoyed Greek Conference and I can't wait to go back next year!

- Elizabeth Broome, freshman Alpha Chi Omega

My experience at the Greek Conference was jam-packed with solid life advice and good fellowship. Since I will be graduating from UNC in May I was in the beyond college track. The working world is a pretty intimidating, but after this weekend I feel a lot more confident about being successful and about being a Christian in it. I hope to be able to be a light in the working world that my co-workers can come to as an outlet to learn about or discuss Jesus. The financial advice I received was also worth its weight in gold. I would like to thank y'all for your continued support of this program as we try to make a difference in the world.

- Trey Adams, senior Delta Kappa Epsilon



GI Unplugged

Back by popular demand, it's Connecting with Kim. As Dave has said this is has been a year of transition. It was a pretty emotional and amazing experience to witness our first group of students graduate from college and make that giant leap into the "real world." Amidst that transition Dave and I have also decided to move to a townhouse that is located about 10 miles from our old apartment. This is a welcome change in our lives as we finally have some sunshine, a yard and yes even a garage! On a personal side for me work has been going well but not without plenty of change itself. MercuryMD was recently acquired by Thomson Corporation. This takes our tiny company of 80 employees and joins it with Thomson's 40,500 employees. I believe this will lead to many opportunities for me professionally but it too has been an emotional process of leaving behind our start-up mentality.

Dave and I are looking forward to some time away this summer starting with a trip to Atlanta to watch the Braves vs. Red Sox and visit with my Mom. In late June Dave's parents are coming into town for a visit and a trip to beach. After all the chaos in the past few months we are certainly looking forward to some rest and relaxation. Thank you all for your support of prayer and financial gifts this year. I feel sometimes that this ministry teaches me more than it does the students that participate and I am truly thankful to be a part of the work that God is doing in the Greek system at Carolina.



Connecting with Kim