



Celebrating Successful Transition



Six months ago I was very much unsure about this next stage of ministry at Carolina. The founding students were graduating and with them three years of growth, chapter building and inspirational leadership. With a Vision Team made up of 7 underclassmen, my added duties at Duke University and my increased role as a consultant to three InterVarsity chapters trying to do Greek ministry— I was very curious to see how the ministry in Chapel Hill would grow.

I hope that from the updates you have received via e-mail, and the stories included in this newsletter that you will see that ministry has flourished this semester on campus. For the first time we haven't seen dramatic growth in raw numbers—but I have seen three key trends that indicate overall health of the ministry heading into the Spring semester:

- 1) **Freshman involvement** -- 43 freshman have been involved in at least half our chapters activities. This is by far the largest freshman involvement in my four years. Strong sophomore and junior classes have helped freshmen get plugged in right away—an encouraging sign for the future.
- 2) **FOCUS Groups** - For the first time students are discipling/mentoring other students. For this ministry to be truly successful in the future, these FOCUS groups must define what Greek IMPACT is on campus.
- 3) **Monday Night growth**—Even with the loss of many key seniors, our Monday nights have grown in attendance this year by about 20 students. This has been our primary vehicle for ministry in the past, so it's good to see that students are beginning to invite their friends to this place of shade for Greek students.

As the Spring semester approaches I am extremely encouraged about the direction and focus of this ministry. With events like Ski Greek and Greek Conference, as well as increased attention to our FOCUS Groups, I am hopeful to see the fruit of these Fall seeds take growth this Spring. Thank you for the support and prayers that allow this life-shaping ministry to take place in the Greek system.

Connecting with Kim

The past few months have been a fun time of change for Dave and myself as we have made our new house a home and have even changed our home church. We are now attending new hope which has been a refreshing change in our personal spiritual walks. Dave and I have also taken time this semester to get away from the busyness of Chapel Hill by spending a weekend together in Abingdon, VA. On the drive up we stopped at several North Carolina wineries enjoying the beautiful weather and scenery of the Carolina mountains. While in Abingdon I had the special treat of sharing a childhood memory with Dave as we went to the historical theater to watch the musical 'Anne of Green Gables'. While Dave may not have loved the production, I appreciated his interest in something so dear to me. Green Gables was a show that I watched on nights I stayed at my Grandmother's house as a little girl. She and I would watch for hours all four tapes while drinking hot cocoa late into the night. Thanks again for allowing us to live and serve in North Carolina, it has truly become our home.



"Greek IMPACT has helped me realize what is really important in the Greek system, and has led to a better balance to my college life."

- Charles Askew, sophomore Phi Delta Theta

Reflections and Prayers

- ✦ Pray for James Boyd, Ginger Moore, Shannon Johnston and other juniors studying abroad in the Spring.
- ✦ Dusty Harrison (UNC alum & IV intern) will visit Clemson in January to see if it is feasible for him to plant a Greek chapter there in the Fall. Pray for wisdom and discernment during this trip.
- ✦ Pray for the continued development of our FOCUS Group program within houses.



Please pray for the following upcoming events:

- 12.25-1.1—URBANA missions conference (St. Louis)
- 12.31—Pray for generous end of year giving
- 1.10—2nd semester begins
- 1.9-11—Clemson University Greek-feasibility visit
- 1.19-21 — Ski Greek
- 2.16-18—Greek Conference
- 2.27-3.4—National Greek Staff Meetings
- 3.11—Leadership selection

Even more online... and...there's more inside!

THE STUDENTS SPEAK: *An unbiased, unscripted semester in the*

Presidents Corner

*Mallory Brown, junior
Alpha Delta Pi*

This semester, we learned a lot about spiritual training and how we can seek God in our everyday lives. From my perspective, it all seemed to come down to one main point: "He came so that we may have life, and have it to the full" (John 10:10). At this point in our college careers, we sometimes lose focus of what's really important, especially when we're bogged down with work, exams, and never-ending meetings. But Greek Impact has really reminded us that our lives were meant for so much more.

I've had the pleasure of working very closely with the Vision Team this semester. They have such a heart for Greek ministry. We have grown closer than I ever expected, and I think that says a lot about this ministry and the encouragement and fellowship it provides in the Greek community. I'm very excited about next semester and can't wait to see where God takes us.



I love having a time of worship on Monday nights that is a night youth group at home so much. Greek Impact is a great way to know you can be yourself and have relationships with other Greeks that support your Christian life while also supporting Greek life. Being part of a group in the form of accountability for your life instead of a Bible study, I needed more time to talk about our lives and have that "close-knitness."

- Lauren Chadwick, freshman

I jumped right into Greek IMPACT this year by helping out with the music, and though I had never been to GI before, the transition was easy and smooth. Coming into a leadership role as a rookie could not have been easier (or more fun!). GI Monday Nights are my favorite part about getting the week started! It doesn't matter if my week is going to be hectic or calm, because singing worship songs on Monday nights always puts me back into perspective.

- Elise Davis, sophomore Chi Omega



The Most Wonderful Time of the Year...

Ahhh, the holiday season. A time for friends and family. For lights, decorations, presents and Christmas cheer. A time to remember who was born some thousands of years ago so that we may have life, and have it to the full. The holiday season means many things to many different people. For some it's all about family, for others it's about the end of another year and the promises of a new one. For many it's a time of giving as we share our Christmas joy with others in need, or make those charitable tax write-offs before the year comes to a close. Whatever your giving looks like at this time year, **I invite you to consider a year-end tax-deductible gift to this ministry.** Many ministers who raise their budget annually rely heavily on these year end gifts to help keep the ministry operating in the black. If you would like to include Greek Ministry at Carolina in your year-end giving, you can send in the accompany envelope, or jump online to www.intervarsity.org/donate. Here you will also have the opportunity to give to the scholarship account if you feel so led (see back page). I cannot tell you how much your financial gifts impact the Greek system for God

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I feel like my leadership position in GI has enabled me to become more of a member of the community and to gain more influence in the direction of our ministry. Greek Impact leadership allows you to dedicate your efforts to something that has life changing effects in your life and the life of your peers. This is an opportunity that you can't really find in other campus activities.

- Jared Brown, sophomore
Phi Gamma Delta



Since getting involved with Greek Impact this semester, I feel that I've developed a daily correspondence with God for the first time in my college career. My discipleship with Dave has been great as we have really engaged the Word, specifically Romans, this semester, and this has really deepened my relationship with Christ. Additionally, having the opportunity to play with the worship team has been a lot of fun and made me excited for the Lord as well.

- Kyle Hoidal, junior Alpha Tau Omega

From Lauren Clendenin, Greek IV campus
volunteer (Wake Forest '02, Kappa Alpha Theta)

I was active in both InterVarsity Christian Fellowship and Kappa Alpha Theta as an undergraduate at Wake Forest University. I considered joining IV staff after college, but pursued graduate school instead (seminary at Gordon-Conwell in Boston, MA). I have been employed at a non-profit crisis agency since 2005, but this past summer I sensed God asking me to reconsider InterVarsity employment, particularly with Greek IV. I immediately looked into the application process, and it was suggested to me that I volunteer at a local university to get a feel for the ministry and staff responsibilities.

What a blessing Greek IMPACT at UNC-Chapel Hill has been! I commute to Chapel Hill on Monday evenings, where I meet with my Focus Group before attending Greek Impact's large group meeting. The Focus Group consists of two freshman girls and myself. We have been getting to know each other this semester and reading a book together, called "When People Are Big and God is Small" by Edward T. Welch. The book is about living to please God and not other people, and our discussions have been fun *and* insightful. During GI meetings in the Union, I have been able to build relationships with other students as well. I love hearing about their classes, interests/goals, Greek life, and walk with the Lord. My favorite part of our time together is when we break out into discussion groups after the speakers' talks - this provides an avenue for vulnerability and meaningful conversation. Groups of 6-8 people discuss the "main idea" of the talk, ask questions, and grapple with its relevance in our every day lives.

Being a part of GI has confirmed my passion for college students and my desire to share Christ and my life with them (1 Thessalonians 2:8). Being a Christian and Greek on a college campus can be challenging, but it *is* possible - especially with the encouragement of other believers around you. I'm already looking forward to next semester!!!



GI Unplugged

2 powerful events—2 lasting ways to partner

Greek IMPACT hits the ground running in 2007 with two huge events in the first two months of school. We believe each event is a critical vehicle for what God wants to do in the Greek system at Carolina.

Ski Greek is designed to get Greeks away from campus and engage with each other and their faith on the slopes of the Appalachian Mountains. We hope to invite many fringe students or folks who might otherwise be intimidated by a 'faith meeting' so that they can witness faith and everyday life intersecting. With the conversations that will take place over the 40 hours and the invitation to follow Jesus I will give on Sunday, we pray this is a transformational time. As of this mailing 18 students are signed up for the retreat. We hope to have 30.



Greek Conference is InterVarsity's annual training and leadership development conference. It is a weekend where students make significant faith decisions – whether that be recommitting their life to Christ or meeting Him for the first time, being empowered to start or carry on ministry in their chapter, or learn more intentional ways to pursue Jesus in the midst of their Greek experience. I am once again serving as the director for the Conference and we hope to attract more than 500 students, staff and volunteers from the east and southeast. 13 Carolina students are currently signed up and we hope to have about 50 by February.

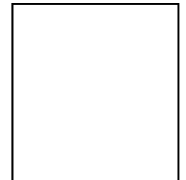


You can help make both of these events a success by:

- 1) Praying for the recruiting and logistical success of the events, and for the softened hearts of students who attend. That the conversations that happen between students would be as powerful and impactful as the words spoken from the 'stage'.
- 2) Providing scholarship money for students who wouldn't otherwise be able to cover the \$175 & \$135 cost of the events. If this interests you please visit www.greekimpact.net/steam/scholarships.htm or contact Dave.



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The only disappointment I have had with Greek Impact is that I didn't get involved earlier. GI offers the relaxed atmosphere for fellowship and worship that I really missed last year. Finding a comfortable place to worship can be hard and I am really excited that I found that with GI.

- Jack Magee, sophomore Phi Delta Theta

