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Kappa Phi Delta presents Paint IIT Pink

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Last night, while everyone was sound asleep, the sisters of Kappa Phi Delta Sorority were busy decorating every inch of campus to kick off Paint IIT Pink! October is National Breast Cancer Month and the sorority is proud to host the 2nd annual all-day event promoting school spirit, raising awareness of the disease, and benefiting The Breast Cancer Research Foundation.

In addition to streamers, balloons, paint, and other pink decorations across campus, the MTCC South Lawn is covered in ribbon stakes recognizing the names of IIT-related survivors and victims of breast cancer. Starting at 11 a.m., the Office of Campus Life will have free yummy cookies and a large ribbon banner to sign while the Student Health

and Wellness Center will be giving self-breast exam demonstrations as well as handing out informational pamphlets on the MTCC Bridge. From 12 p.m. to 2 p.m., Kappa sisters will also be holding a bake sale on the Greek Quad and The Commons will serve delicious pink lemonade during both lunch and dinner. The entire IIT community is encouraged to wear pink and share pictures of the fun with the hashtag #PaintIITPink2014 on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

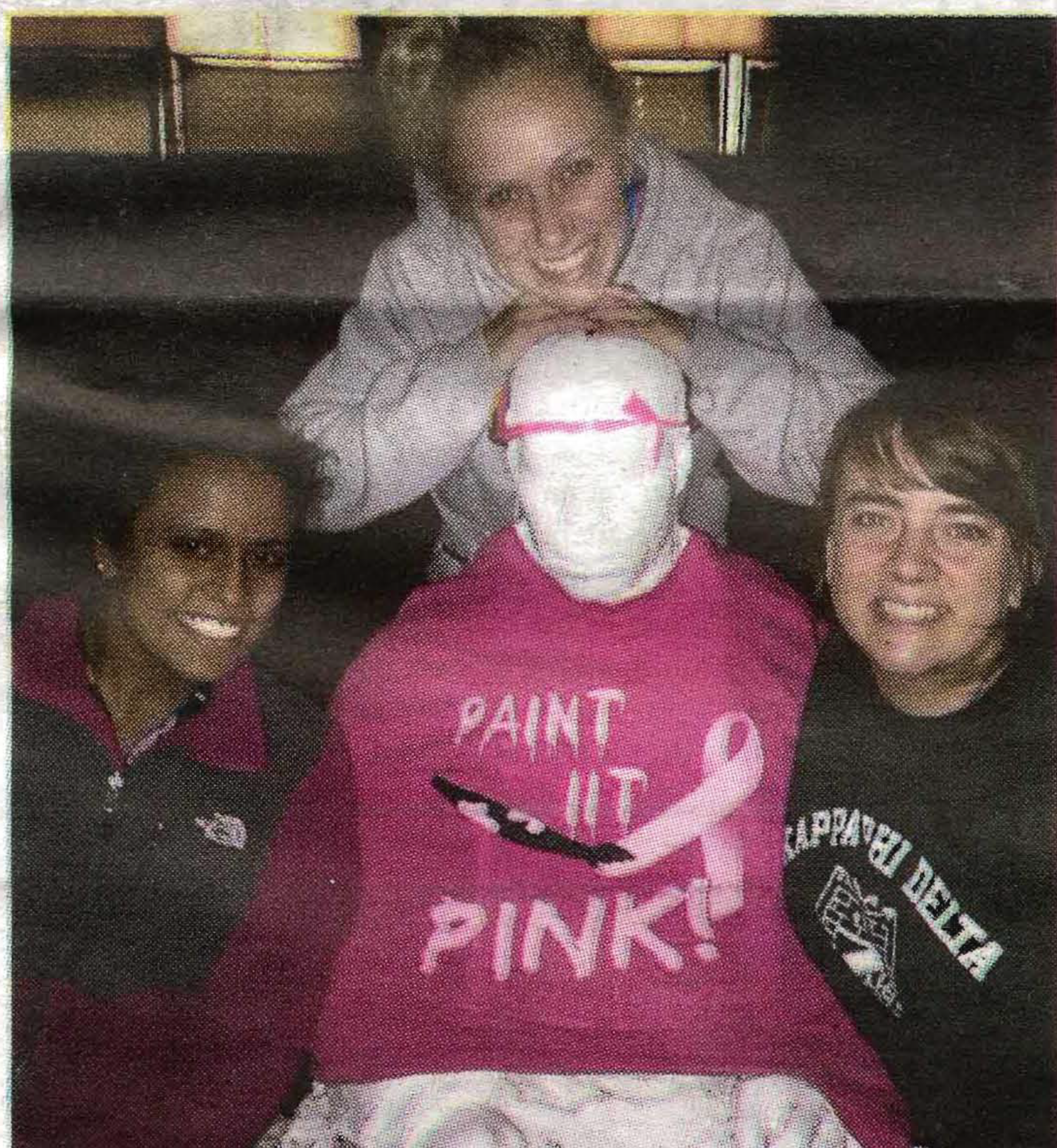
Throughout the day, customized Paint IIT Pink buttons (\$1 each) will be sold, in addition to raffle tickets (\$1 each / \$3 for 5) for a chance to win a 24-inch screen VIZIO 1080p LCD HDTV as well as prizes from various local Bridgeport businesses. The day will end with the Women's Volleyball team playing against Mount Mary College in the Volley for the Cure game at 7 p.m. in Keating, during which raffle winners

will be chosen, Colleges Against Cancer of IIT will host an additional awareness activity, and Scarlet Fever will have giveaways and games for the audience.

All proceeds from sales and donations will benefit The Breast Cancer Research Foundation, with every \$25 turning into 1/2 hour of research to cure a disease projected to kill 40,000 women and 430 men this year in the US alone. Since 1993, the foundation has funded over half a billion dollars of lifesaving research from over 200 of the brightest minds in science and medicine. Donations in any form will be graciously accepted throughout today leading up to the Volley for the Cure game, during which the fundraising results will be announced.

April Wanagas, a fellow Kappa sister, founded the event last year with the help of Scarlet Fever and Office of Campus Life, managing to inspire an entire campus to rally

behind an important cause in a way unique to IIT. In her own words, "Paint IIT Pink is more than just a philanthropic event to me. It is now a representation of all the difference I have realized a small, ambitious group of people can make. It represents the help my mother received during her treatment, and through our efforts, the support and comfort we can help give others facing this disease." Last year, \$1,090 was raised for the Susan G. Komen Passionately Pink Foundation and this year, Kappa hopes to raise over \$1,500 for the Breast Cancer Research Foundation with the support of the entire IIT community. The sisters of the sorority would like to thank Union Board, the Office of Campus Life, Colleges Against Cancer of IIT, and the Student Activity Fund's funding for their invaluable support in hosting an event that impacts the lives of so many in the IIT community and beyond.



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OCL hosts Campus Life Excellence Awards

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Illinois Tech is home to over one hundred active student organizations for students to participate in with their time outside of classes. Student organizations on campus are responsible for the vast majority of campus events as well as tons of other ways for students to engage in their campus community outside of the classroom.

IIT's Office of Campus Life (OCL) is the department within the university responsible for overseeing all student organizations. The office ensures that student organizations are following all campus regulations, assists organizations with programming events, and also helps student leaders with funding their organizations. This semester, OCL is also enacting an initiative to recognize the efforts of student organizations and their student leaders.

The Campus Life Excellence Awards are a new event coming to IIT each semester, hosted by the Office of Campus Life. A variety

of awards are being presented as part of the Campus Life Excellence Awards. Applications for several of the awards were made available on HawkLink on October 1.

Three awards will be presented to an entire organization; these awards are Outstanding New Student Organization, Outstanding Programming or Event, and Outstanding Community Service Project. Five awards will be presented to individuals who are part of a student organization: Outstanding Student Organization President, Outstanding Student Organization Executive Board Member, Outstanding New Member, Outstanding Senior Member, and Unsung Hero. Finally, two awards are being recognized by the Office of Campus Life; they will present awards for Excellence in Budgeting and Excellence in Event Planning.

Tricia Banach, a coordinator in the Office of Campus Life, is one of the driving forces behind this new OCL tradition. "Our student organizations are doing some amazing things on campus and we wanted to take an opportunity to showcase them," said Banach.

The Campus Life Excellence Awards

offer a way for active members of IIT's campus to be acknowledged for their work. "A lot of the time, I think our student organizations and their members can go unrecognized for going above and beyond in service to their organizations and they deserve to be recognized. It's important that we give students the opportunity to say "Way to go, you did something awesome and I am thankful for you," said Banach.

Award applications can be found under the "Campus Links" tab on the homepage of HawkLink. Applications for the Campus Life Excellence Awards close at midnight on November 4.

After the award applications are submitted, staff from the Office of Campus Life and Division of Student Affairs will review them. Banach adds that she hopes to have the nominations publicly available in the OCL suite for students to read. "I think we can all learn a lot from each other and from these awards and it will be a great sharing opportunity when it comes to programming ideas and to see what other organization leadership is doing to motivate their members," she added.

The Campus Life Excellence Awards culminate with an award ceremony being held on November 18 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the MTCC Ballroom. Banach says that all students are welcome to join the award ceremony regardless of whether they've been nominated for an award or whether they're involved in student organizations. She does add that students interested in attending should RSVP to the event on HawkLink.

The Office of Campus Life looks forward to hosting the awards and seeing the nomination submissions. "Students at IIT are doing great things through their student organizations and are bringing vibrancy to this campus. They deserve to be recognized and celebrated and we are hoping that everyone takes the time to be thoughtful with their nominations," said Banach. "You can also nominate multiple people and organizations for things! If you have any questions about the awards, please reach out to your OCL liaison. Best of luck to everyone and we cannot wait to see what is submitted!"