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Paint IIT Pink supports breast cancer research

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Paint IIT Pink, the campus-wide day dedicated to showing support for breast cancer research, was brought back for a third year last Tuesday, October 20. Kappa Phi Delta and the Illinois Tech Women's Volleyball team joined forces to host this event. The day started with students waking up to find that these girls had tied pink ribbons on many of the posts on campus as well as decorating the windows and sidewalks all over campus with motivational and supportive messages to those who had survived breast cancer or had been affected by breast cancer. Students and faculty were also given the chance to fill out a form with the name of anyone they knew who is or was personally affected by breast cancer. The names gathered from this form were then written on pink ribbons that the sisters of Kappa put up

lining one of the walkways to the MTCC.

Event t-shirts went on sale the week before the event for \$10. This year, the shirts were black with a picture of the MTCC and the tube, with pink paint spilling out of the tube's opening. All proceeds from the sale of these shirts went directly to the Lynn Sage Cancer Research Foundation, a local Chicago foundation funding some of the country's most promising researchers in the field of breast cancer. Students who did not purchase event t-shirts were encouraged to wear pink to show support for breast cancer awareness. Some students went all out for this event, dressing in formal attire, while others got creative by wearing shirts that simply had the word "pink" on them. Many students showed support by donning attire in all shades of pinks and reds, wearing ribbons, donating money, or simply cheering on the volleyball team as they played the Dig Pink game that concluded the

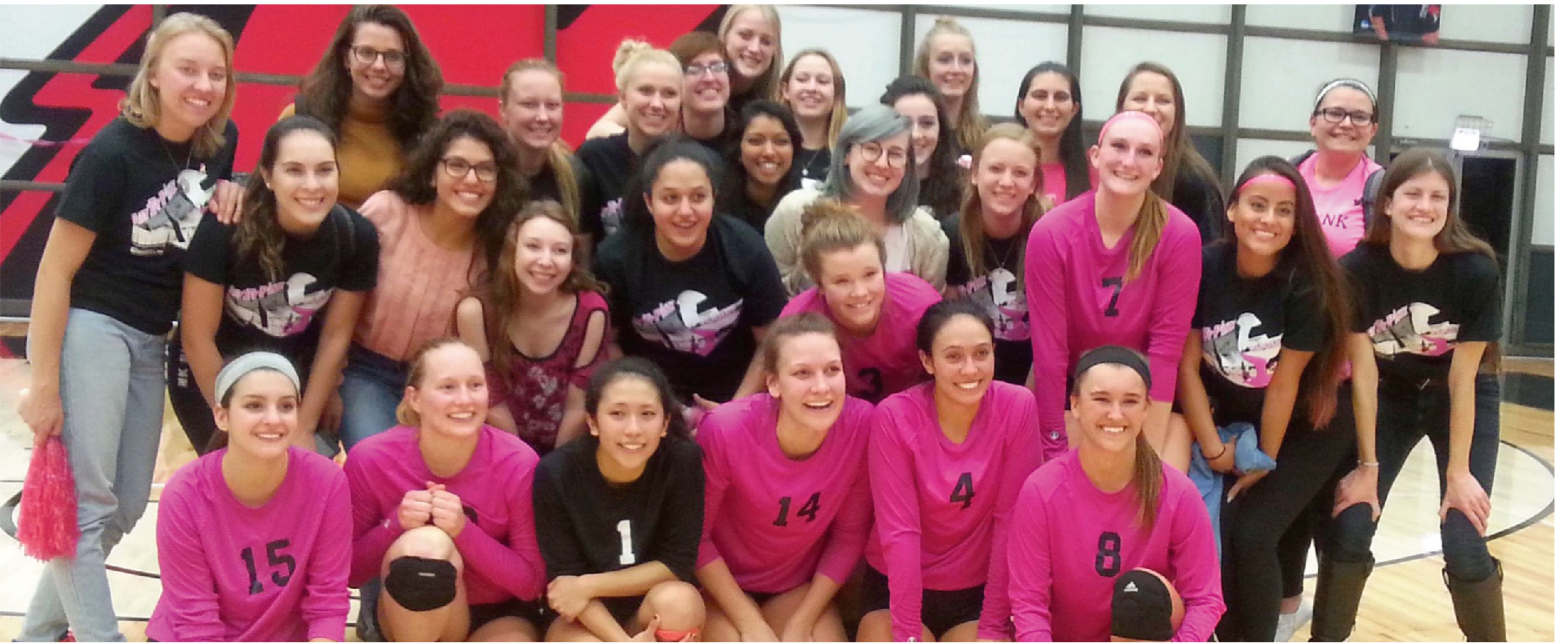
day's events.

Other events that took place during the day included a table on the bridge where medical professionals were handing out information about breast cancer. This table was intended to offer students a place to ask questions and gather important information concerning things like the signs and symptoms of breast cancer. In the afternoon, students could head over to the Greek Quad where Kappa girls were selling cookies or event buttons or t-shirts to raise money for the Lynn Sage Foundation.

The culmination of the evening, the Dig Pink volleyball game, brought together many of the students and staff of Illinois Tech. Many of the people who attended the game wore pink or event t-shirts and the bleachers were full of all shades of pinks and reds. The girls of the volleyball team were also adorned in pink, wearing special shirts for this event.

The game was played against Moody Bible College, a team that proved to be a challenging rival. However, Illinois Tech managed to stay within a few points of Moody the entire time, making them work for the first win. Following the initial loss of the first set, Illinois Tech played well and succeeded in winning the following three sets. Winning the volleyball game was a wonderful way to end a great day dedicated to the support of breast cancer research and the support of those who have had personal experiences with breast cancer.

The combined efforts of the Illinois Tech Women's Volleyball Team and the Kappa Phi Delta sorority ended with over \$3,000 being raised. All money raised was donated directly to the Lynn Sage Cancer Research Foundation. Thank you to all those who attended these events and showed support for those affected by cancer.



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