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Long Term Projects

by Marc Rizzo

Since early November many FLP freshman have started to think about long-term projects that the floor can participate in for the year and hopefully longer than that. There have been numerous ideas that we shared at the November 6th meeting. Here are some of the starting ideas for the FLP Long-Term projects.

Fashion for Passion:

Executive Team: Lauren Steier, Corrie Caler, Andrea Millea, and Marc Rizzo

Description: This idea is a fund-raising project that would work along with the Nebraska Chapter for March of Dimes. All the proceeds from the show and donations would go to the March of Dimes foundation.

DEC. BIRTHDAYS

- 12/12: Rachel Bachmeier
- 12/19: Lisa Markiewicz
- 12/27: Garret Nakata
- 12/29: Marc Rizzo
- 12/26: Nate Tye

Student Recycling Program:

Executive Team: Jacob Schroeder, Beth Schroer, Ryan McCarthy

Description: Students are starting a program to encourage and operate a better recycling program for Kiewit Hall as well as the campus. Doing this will not only help the environment, but also will raise awareness of the importance of recycling in students and Administration.

Billy's Community Bash

Executive Team: Seth Rich, Garret Nakata, John Ramsey (possibly more)

Description: A working carnival that will bring Creighton University closer to the Omaha community. Also the funds that are will be given to some of Creighton's working partners such as Jesuit Middle School, Campfire USA,

and many others. The program is looking to become an annual event and looking to expand the organization.

Bowl for Breath

Executive Team: Sally Breining, Whitney Beller, Sarah Cook, Allison Villalobos, Lisa Markiewicz, Alex Covalt, Moira Knight, Lauren Miccola

Description: This is a bowling event to raise money for the cystic fibrosis foundation and raise awareness for cystic fibrosis.



Sally Breining and Allison Villalobos

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 12/10-14: Finals
- 12/15-1/8: Winter Break
- 1/11: Warren Buffet
- 1/15: Service
- 1/22: Service
- 1/26: Weekend Service

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?Question of the Month?

“If you could travel anywhere, where would you go and why?”

“If you could travel anywhere, where would you go and why?”
by **Stephanie Van Veen**

*SEAN K: Fiji to soak up the sun, sand, and surf! That sounds pretty good right about now! *BRITTNEY S: Sweden because I have a friend there that I haven't seen in over a year and I know it would be so much fun to go hang out for a few weeks! *JANA C: I'd like to go to Hawaii. (Hint hint Garrett!) *ANNA M: Evansville University to visit my best friend Diane. *ALISON TAYLOR: I'd like to travel to Illinois this Thanksgiving for my mom's home cooking! *AUSTIN G: I'd like to go to Dubai, UAE because it looks amazing and I'm sure I'll live there sometime soon. *CORRIE C: Mexico because they have really good salsa with the most zest to go with nice hot fresh tortilla chips! Ole! *LISA M: The moon! I am obsessed with the moon and the stars and would love to go up there! I think it would be an awesomely amazing experience! *SUZANNE B: My family cabin in the northern Big Horn Mountains located on the middle fork of the Powder River! I would love to stay for a week or weekend during the weekend since I never have. It's very relaxing and it seems that my fears, troubles, and outside worries leave whenever I vacation there. *KELLY S: If I could spend my entire life on one big camping trip traveling on my horse, I totally would. My life's dream is to go on a trip with my dad to Montana and Wyoming and go horseback riding up in the mountains for three weeks. Ireland because I

love being in nature and learning folklore and music which Ireland is full of. I'd get the best of both worlds, rolling hills and music that sings to the soul. *WILL M: Japan because I've always been interested in their culture, especially their old art and architecture. Plus, samurai and ninjas just rock. *EDDIE S: One of my life goals is to visit each land of my ancestry. For me that means, Japan, Germany, Ireland, Hungary, and Austria. *JUSTIN P: Each of the Seven Wonders of the World before they are lost to time. *LAUREN S: The north pole, because I heard that all the polar bears are warm and fuzzy, like Seth the bear was! *ANDREA M: Either Ireland or Australia because I am very Irish and I would like to explore my homeland and I think Australia is a gorgeous place and I would love to see it (plus I love those accents!) *GARRET N: Japan because I love the culture and rich history it has. I want to see the place where my ancestors lived. *ANNA B: A remote tropical island where I could sit on the beach, swim with dolphins, and relax with a couple close friends. Maybe I could even get a tan! *NICOLE P: Sweden to see my sister! *MEG G: Somewhere no one has ever been. I want to see something new and take pictures of it, and let everyone else in the world realize that there is other beauty in the world other than all the places we've cultivated and manifested. *MEG B: Transylvania because I get I like danger and scary stuff. *PATRICK O: School without classes I didn't want to take and without homework because if there were no classes I think it'd get

a little boring after a while, but this way you still get to hang out with your friends pretty much whenever you want and you'd enjoy the classes you were in. *MARC R: Italy!!! Because it is my homeland, we rock at soccer, and the gelato is good...so I hear!! *JAKE S: England. Why? Hot accents, I can get my own sexy English accent, and on the weekends I can take the Chunnel to Paris and eat some crazy good French pastries. Bon appétit. *SCOTT P: Australia because it is a beautiful country and I would love to snorkel the Great Barrier Reef. *STEPH V: One of my life goals is to travel to all fifty states, and so I would like to visit North Carolina to check off one of the states while seeing my best friend at Elon University at the same time. *JOHN D: I would go to Japan and dress up in a Godzilla costume!! Afterwards, I'd take it off and say, “Just kidding!!” while I sit down to play Mahjong with little school children and have freshly chopped sushi!! Yum!!! (Not really, I hate sushi!) But that's just me.

Thanks for all of the awesome answers!

The December/January Question of the Month will be: **“What is one unknown fact about your?”** *The most creative response this month (as judged by the FLiP IT staff) will win a free candy bar of their choice from Jack and Ed's!* Don't forget to send in your answers to Steph Van Veen at [HYPERLINK "mailto:StephanieVanVeen@Creighton.edu"](mailto:StephanieVanVeen@Creighton.edu) StephanieVanVeen@Creighton.edu by *Tuesday December 11th!*



1. Some flippers write smileys for others late at night during the fun-filled retreat.
2. Corrie Caler and Lauren Steir show off their beautiful costumes at the trick or treat street service.
3. Michael Andersen dishes up his plate while scrutinizing the delicious caser salad provided.
4. Emily Lien, Sarah Lynch, and Rachel Bachmeier strike a pose before saying goodbye to the retreat center
5. Christmas time! FLP celebrated christmas by exchanging secret santa gifts and

FEATURES

"All the hopes of tomorrow are in the children of today."

A Precious Dinner by Garret Nakata

Precious Memories Day Care provides a safe environment for children, many of whom come from homes filled with alcohol, drugs, violence, and abuse. For nearly two decades, Granny Verna, the owner and director of this non-profit organization, has dedicated herself to these needy children.

Unfortunately, providing high quality care is difficult for Granny Verna because of low funds and the cost of many common essentials, such as electricity, food, and water.

In the past, the Freshman Leadership Program (FLP) has held a number of events to help raise money for Precious Memories. Last year, Steven Kelly, a former member of the FLP, set out to create an annual fundraising event to benefit Precious Memories. He now holds a Thanksgiving dinner every year in Lower St. Johns Hall. Steven says that, "Ever since last year we have been raising money to buy the daycare a new van. They are in much need of a new van; the van they have now is falling apart. Therefore, we came up with the idea of putting on a dinner before everyone goes home for Thanksgiving to raise the necessary funds."

Granny Verna was able to attend the dinner and gave a short speech of appreciation and admiration. Her speech was followed by a slideshow showcasing the children of Precious Memories.

This year they raised six hundred and fifty dollars and Steven looks to

Trick-o-Treat by Megan Gombold

Ghosts and vampires and witches, oh my! On October 27th, the Mid-America Center in Council Bluffs, Iowa took on a spooky Halloween guise as part of the arena's annual Treat Street event held to provide a safe place for trick-or-treating and to foster a sense of community within the area's residents. The center was transformed into an avenue of trick-or-treating fun, lined with haunted houses and complete with skeleton lights, a vanishing ghost, and Halloween music frightening enough to send a chill down the spine. Children of all ages came dressed as beautiful princesses, mighty super heroes, creepy goblins, and a plethora of other scary characters. With plastic pumpkin buckets in hand, they came ready to enjoy a day of tricks and treats.

For the Freshman Leadership Program's weekend service event for October, the residents of Kiewit's 9th floor were able to put on costumes of their own and partake in the excitement of trick-or-treating on Treat Street. The members of the FLP were entrusted with one of the most important responsibilities of all. Stationed in various areas throughout the arena, they provided an array of delicious sweet treats in response to the happy shouts of "Trick-or-Treat!" from even the smallest

ghosts and pumpkins. This event enabled the FLPers to spend time with members of the community and bring smiles to the faces of children.

October's Saturday service event was dubbed a success by all who participated. The afternoon spent handing out candy passed quickly and was considered by many to be the best service activity yet. The most rewarding aspect of participating in Treat Street was seeing the joy on each child's face as a new piece of candy was added their bag. Volunteering at Treat Street is an experience that the members of the Freshman Leadership Program will certainly not forget.

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FEATURES

Flag Football and Photo Stories



Above: Dust accumulates in the air as Emily Schmidt sands down the mudding on wall of a new Habitat for Humanity house. Schmidt organized a build for the floor to participate in for December.

Below: Father Schlegel draws a question out of seminar executive Cat Keating's hat. The Creighton University President answered questions for the program at the November 27 seminar.

Flag Football Domination by Warner Nelson

In the spirit of football season in the fall, 20 boys from the Freshman Leadership Program (FLP) suited up their flags (and sometimes jerseys) and competed in Creighton's competitive division of intramural flag football, with each side of the boys' wing having its own team. The team on the west side of the hall, FLP West, had a very strong season. FLP West ended up with a very solid record of 2-1-1 in the regular season, which included a 19-8 victory over their counterparts on the east side of the hall. Because of their record, they were able to earn a spot in Creighton's intramural All-U bracket in flag football, in which the winner would advance to the regional competition in Lincoln, Nebraska. Although FLP West was defeated in the first round of the All-U playoffs, they gained the experience of playing against "the best that Creighton has to offer" in flag football and many of its members will be looking to advance further next season.

The east side's team, named the Eastside K-9s, also had its share of success as well. During the regular season, the Eastside K-9s finished with a record of 1-2-1, which included a defeat to the hands of the aforementioned FLP West. The team was placed in the Competitive League's B Bracket, the toughest of the three competitive league brackets for those not invited to the All-U

tournament. However, the team ignored their regular season record and made a very impressive run in the B Bracket. The Eastside K-9's won two games in the playoffs before losing in the championship game. Even with the loss, the members got a chance to play at Creighton's Morrison Stadium, where the school's soccer team plays.

Both of the boys' sides on the floor represented FLP well with their performances during the flag football season. Some are looking forward to next season while others may not play again. But, all of the

Girls' FLP Flag Football by Will Murphy

The girls' FLP intramural football team made history when they won the girls competitive league. The girls' team was the first FLP team, boys included, to win an intramural flag football championship. In a thrilling final game, where nearly the entire floor showed up to cheer them on, the girls pulled out a 21-0 stomping over the Mighty Medics. The girls started off fast and never slowed down. It took Emily Schmidt only two plays to score the first points of the game where she broke off two long runs, spin move and all. The way the girls played, it looked like the opposing team was in slow-mo. This was a nice win considering the boys' East Side team lost a heart-breaker in their championship game to a team they tied earlier

Opinion/Editorial

Thoughts From Execs

Numero Uno

By: Marc “The Italian Stallion” Rizzo and Nate

“P’Chank” Apathy

P’Chank. And welcome to the first installment of Nate “P’chank” Apathy and Marc “The Italian Stallion” Rizzo’s monthly column for the FLP Newsletter: Our Monthly Rant. You really don’t know how lucky you are to be reading this right now. And it only gets better from here on.

This month, Marc and I decided to discuss the nonsensical world of Blue Laws. For those of you who are not pre-law, Blue Laws used to be only laws that enforced moral standards, like a law forbidding work on Sunday. However, most of the traditional Blue Laws have been repealed or declared unconstitutional, and now the term applies more broadly to what I would call very nit-picky laws that are all-in-all ridiculous. But this is not a column about history. On to the good stuff.

Blue Law number one is an oldie but goodie from right here in Nebraska: It is illegal to sneeze during a church service. Perpetrators can be fined, and if the perpetrator is under the age of 18, the parents can be arrested. I’m going to let that sink in. . . . Are we ready to continue? Yes? OK. As ridiculous as this law is, I can understand the mentality behind it. Sneezing, disrespecting the church, et cetera. It makes sense. In the 14th century. Get rid of this thing. But I guess we can be thankful that they didn’t outlaw yawning (or sleeping, for you big-time sinners out there).

Our next Blue Law is that it is illegal to have a man run around with his shirt off, if he has a bare chest. Now, as we approach the dead of winter (and finals), the stress may drive you to snap and try some stunt like this. Marc and I would both caution against that. Now if you don’t shave your chest, you’re good to go. And believe me, in this weather, you want as much chest hair as you can get if you’re going to go running around topless. We also know that you are all responsible adults, and wouldn’t go gallivanting about without shirts. Just be safe.

And with that, ladies and gentlemen, we must depart for this issue. I hope you have enjoyed installment number one, and we hope you are looking forward to the next one just as much as we are. Merry Christmas, everyone, and good luck on finals. P’Chank.



The Exec Team, Andrew Cameron top center

Exec of the Month

Name: Richard “Andrew” Cameron

Birthday: June 22, 1988

Hometown: Lansing, Kansas

Year: Sophomore

Dream Vacation: Visit Edinburgh, Scotland to see J.K. Rowling

Favorite Color: Blue

Favorite Food: pizza.

Favorite Winter Activity: Ice Skating

Interests: Golf, Four-wheeling

Involvement: IRHG-Vice President, FLP Service Exec, Birdcage Member, Shooting Club Member

Major: unknown

Dream Job: CEO of Goldman Sachs, an investment firm

Favorite FLP Activity: FLP Retreat

Favorite Part of the Service Committee: Stepping back and watching the committee lead

Best Part of Being an Exec: Getting to know a new group of 60 FLP-ers

Favorite College Experience: Going to the Missouri Valley Conference and storming the floor

Quote: “Leadership is action, not a position.”

—Donald H. McGannon

Advice for the Floor: Keep an open mind and step outside the box.