“Wonderful night full of fun, laughter, good eating, and giving”

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Union “Lock-In” By Becky Horton, Southeast Neighborhood Coordinator rkhorton@indiana.edu

The Southeast neighborhood hosted a successful Fairview fundraiser by planning a Union "Lock-In" where students could socialize and donate money to a great cause. We first started in the Forest Map Room, where we had an overwhelming amount of food from Kroger bakery, Chipotle, Avers, and Which Wich. While we ate, we decorated several pens for Fairview students, by putting flowers or footballs on them. We then walked as a group to the Union where we enjoyed "Going the Distance," a movie that kept us all laughing the whole time. We ended the night by socializing at the Union and walking back together to the Southeast neighborhood. It was a wonderful night of bonding and new friendships, and we managed to raise over $40 for Fairview students, and have 20 pens to donate for an added Christmas surprise. Read, Forest, and Wilkie all came together seamlessly, and it was a wonderful night full of fun, laughter, good eating, and giving.

Fairview Fun Night By Kimberly Kershner, Central Neighborhood Coordinator kakersh@indiana.edu

On Thursday, November 4, the Central Neighborhood councils met for one of the greatest fundraisers of the semester—Fairview Fun Night. In an effort to sponsor the socioeconomically-challenged children of Fairview Elementary School, the HHCA Councils raised $150 to purchase holiday gifts for the kids. Money was raised by charging an entry fee for the event, which featured an outstanding array of food, a video game tournament, and a raffle drawing. Food was donated from Aver’s Pizza, Jimmy John’s, and Baked; prizes included a $50 Visa Gift Card, Target Gift Cards, the Toy Story 3 DVD, an IU Hat, and more.

With funding secured by Annie Suen, Vice-President of Ashton, from the Residence Hall Association, the event was a success! There was plenty of delicious food, and the prizes were raffled off for a big finish! The Central Neighborhood hopes that some children will have happier holidays this season because of our contribution.
Pumpkin Picking & More

By Morta Lapkus, Willkie Council President
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Willkie’s most successful event to date was pumpkin picking that took place at the end of October. Students carpooled to Freeman Family Farms, about 20 minutes south of Bloomington, and had the ability to buy pumpkins to either carve or decorate with. The farm also had a full petting zoo and everyone got the chance to feed the goats, horses, and cows. Even though it was drizzling outside, everyone had a great time. This was the first large event of the semester and it allowed the council to get to know one another better while enjoying fall activities.

The Lock-in at the IMU was our philanthropic large event in November. The students that attended were very generous and we raised around $40 for the kids of Fairview! Most attendees were stuffed from all the donated food and it was a great atmosphere to meet and make new friends.

In all, we’re very fortunate to have such a great council this year where everyone participates, gets along, and comes to each meeting brimming with ideas.

Meet Southeast’s Presidents

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I am a junior from Granger, IN, a suburb of South Bend. I’m studying biology and neuroscience and will hopefully be going to medical school in a few years. This is my second year in the HHCA - I was vice president of Willkie last year. In my free time I like to read, bake, and hang out with my dog. Fun fact: even though I am a biology major, I am horrible with plants and have managed to let even a cactus’s life slip through my fingers. This year I hope to plan creative and interesting events with the Willkie council and to get to know more people in the HHCA.

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My name is Joseph Dempsey, a Fort Wayne native, and I am currently a Biochemistry major with minors in Biology and Math. While it’s obvious that I enjoy math and science, I’m passionate about music, literature, and the outdoors, too. I’m a second year member of the St. Marks Bell Choir, where I rehearse and perform during church services, and I have joined a recently formed community group at First United Methodist. Also, I was accepted into Dr. Cook’s organic chemistry lab earlier this semester. I read, exercise with friends, volunteer, and watch movies with my friends in my free time.

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Hello! My name is Claire Houterman and I am thrilled to be the HHCA Read Council President. I am a freshman at IU this year from Milwaukee, Wisconsin. I plan on majoring in Spanish with a focus on the Pre-Med track. I like to swim, stay active in the community, go to the Roller Derby, drink lots of coffee, and have fun with my friends!
Behind the Scenes: HHCA Assistant Directors

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1. Honestly, there are far too many to pick a favorite, but the snow day my freshmen year was pretty memorable.
2. Biol-L111 Evolution and Diversity; it made me change my major to biology.
3. Never been...favorite 3rd street restaurant? Mother Bears!
4. 2nd floor, west tower of the Herman B.
5. “Teach Me How to Dougie” by CSD.
6. Harry Potter.
8. I aspire to go into pediatrics, but my dream "job" is to be in a music video.
9. “The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.” -Eleanor Roosevelt
10. Time flies when you’re having fun, so savor every moment. Before you know it you’ll be graduating so go to every show possible, eat at every restaurant in town, take as many fun classes as you can, and have the time of your life.

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1. Either when I got accepted into the nursing program or when Elmo was outside my door.
2. I don’t really have too many classes to choose from, but I love my nursing clinical. It’s such a small class and our professor is great. We all learn a lot from both our teacher and from each other. Patty has also taught us so much about not only being a nurse, but about what is and isn’t important in life. It is a five hour class, but definitely worth it.
3. The Basil Leaf...I love that place!!!
4. Outside when the weather is nice and in my bed when it isn’t. I am most certainly NOT a desk studier.
5. Surprisingly not a Taylor Swift song, but “Stand” by Rascal Flatts.
6. Besides Where’s Waldo, I was absolutely addicted to The Borrowers series.
7. Any Jodi Picoult book. (She is the author of My Sister’s Keeper which, by the way, is way better than the movie even thought about being).
8. To be Spider-Woman! Seriously though, I would absolutely love to travel as a nurse to underserved countries in South America and possibly Africa.
10. Don't get stressed out about the small stuff, because soon enough it will pass. Instead, enjoy the little things because soon enough you’ll miss them.

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1. My best IU memory is attending the Little 500 as a freshman. The competitive spirit between the riders made watching the bike race so much fun!
2. My favorite undergraduate class was beginners bowling! It was by far the most exciting class I have taken and I even bowled my best score of 208!
3. Taste of India! It reminds me of my mother’s wonderful food!
4. My favorite spot to study is a secret location known only to a privileged few. It lies in the forest directly north of Swain West and it’s called “Dunn’s Hideaway.” On a perfect day, I will study amidst the trees while chipmunks play around me.
5. “How Forever Feels” by Kenny Chesney-- Gets me every time...
6. Duh! Harry Potter!
7. To the Lighthouse by Virginia Woolf.
8. I’ve always dreamed of working at a beach BBQ stand. I still haven’t figured out how to tie my dream into my Accounting and Finance majors.
9. “I never saw a pessimistic general win a battle.” -President Eisenhower
10. Don’t be afraid to try new things. It is alright to make mistakes and mess up. That’s what college is for!
Warm greetings!

As the semester draws to a close and we all celebrate the coming of the holidays, let us reflect on the wonderful gatherings and friendships we were able to create this fall. From successful philanthropic events that fundraised for worthy causes to social events that allowed each one of us to meet some of our new close friends, there is no doubt that none of it would have been possible without your hard work. So, before you start planning events for next semester, pat yourself on the back.

Moreover, since many of you will be heading home for the holidays, I wanted to equip each of you with a short, delicious, and, most certainly, healthy recipe for Peach and Cream Oatmeal Cookies (courtesy of foodnetwork.com). I urge you to try your hand at baking and share in the holiday spirit of sweets and joy!

From the Editor’s Desk

Peaches & Cream Oatmeal Cookies

Ingredients
- 3/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/2 tsp. baking soda
- Pinch of salt
- 1 stick butter, softened
- 1/4 cup light brown sugar
- 1/4 cup dark brown sugar
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1 large egg
- 1 1/2 cups rolled oats
- 1/2 cup chopped dried peaches
- 1/2 cup chopped walnuts

Directions
Preheat oven to 350 degrees F with the racks in the upper and lower thirds of the oven.

In a small bowl, whisk together flour, baking soda, and salt. In a stand mixer, cream butter and sugars until light and fluffy. Slowly add egg and continue mixing. Slowly add flour mixture, oats, peaches, walnuts, and white chocolate chips. Mix until combined.

Line 2 sheet trays with parchment. With wet hands make 20 balls from the dough placing evenly among sheet trays. Press down on cookie dough with palm of your hand to make a flat circle.

Bake for 10 to 12 minutes or until golden. Remove from oven, cool, and enjoy!