

IU Graduate & Professional Student Organization

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Don't forget our April 4th
Assembly meeting!



Graduate Appreciation Weekend, April 3-5

Thursday, April 3 – **Wonderlab Visit** – family friendly event!
308 W. Fourth St. – 3pm-5pm
Enjoy discounted admission to the Wonderlab from 3pm-5pm, \$4.50/person.
Please RSVP to gpsopr@indiana.edu by Thursday AM (4/3), cash only!

Friday, April 4 – **GRAD BASH, 2008**
Alumni Hall, IMU – 8:30pm-11:30pm

Graduate and professional students enjoy free food, non-alcoholic beverages, live music, dancing and prizes. Enjoy music performed live by Bloomington favorite Clayton Anderson Band! There will be a cash bar.



Saturday, April 5 – **Peasant Disco at Uncle Fester's House of Blooze**
403 E. Kirkwood, Unit 7 – 9pm-3am

GPSO sponsors Bloomington tradition! Free admission for graduate and professional students. RSVP to gpsopr@indiana.edu by Saturday afternoon (4/5) to be put on the list. Dance the night away to the extremely eclectic, yet somewhat familiar sounds of Eastern Europe and Central Asia spiced with the touch of folk tunes, Middle Eastern flavors and electronic dance beats. Must be 21+

~Peter Thoresen GPSO PR/Event Director

Relay for Life Goal Surpassed

Fourteen graduate students teamed up this spring to fundraise in the Relay for Life anti-cancer event, raising \$1300 in two months. I was part of this team. Going over the \$1000 team goal gave me a sense of achievement. So did staying out in the freezing cold and marching laps around the Billy Hayes outdoor track during the Bloomington Relay camp-out event on March 29. But what have I really accomplished? It feels futile to claim that I saved lives with my meager \$100 raised. Sure, each contribution adds up and the IU community raised over 45 thousand, but Relay amounts to more than a dollar amount. It made me stop for a second and think. At times I become detached from life, forget about family, disease, even friends and anything outside school. Relay reminded me that cancer is part of life. It is an accomplishment if people acknowledge this, donate as much as they can afford, and, more than anything, not lose hope and come Relay again next year. I'm very thankful to all the students in the team who helped fundraise and participated in the event! You can still see the team at: main.acsevents.org/goto/unsungheroes
~Csilla Kajtar GPSO Coordinator



Pari Prerana Award, Application Deadline April 14th, 5pm

The Indiana University Graduate and Professional Student Organization and the University Graduate School are proud to announce the Indiana University Bloomington Pari Prerana Award, 2008.

The Pari Prerana (Essence of Inspiration) Award at Indiana University was established through the support of sponsors from the Indian subcontinent. The award strives to recognize and honor students *who have overcome a severe physical, cognitive or other health related challenge's* and have demonstrated academic excellence.

The objective of this award forum is to provide university and community wide recognition to such students and their narratives (life stories and experiences) through various local media outlets. The award's goal is to contribute to building the self esteem, courage and competitive spirit among graduate students with challenges and to further Indiana University's mission.

All advisors, graduate students, faculty and professors at Indiana University, Bloomington, are invited to nominate those students that they feel deserve special recognition for exemplary courage and determination under adverse and challenging conditions.

See <http://www.indiana.edu/~gpso/resources/funding/pariprerana/pariprerana.php> for eligibility criteria and nomination guidelines. *Application Deadline April 14th, 5pm*

On December 4th, 2007 GPSO sponsored a card decorating event held at the John Waldron Arts Center. Several graduate students and their children met to decorate holiday cards for patients spending the holiday season in the Bloomington Hospital Pediatrics Unit. GPSO provided a free pizza dinner to thank the evening's volunteers.

~ Peter Thoresen

**GPSO Executive Committee :**

Back Row: Csilla Kajtar (Coordinator), Amanda Meglemre (Assistant Moderator), Paul Rohwer (Moderator), Peter Thoresen (PR/Events Coordinator). Front Row: Christopher Fisher (Treasurer), Lee Anne Bache (Parliamentarian), Nick Clark (Moderator-Elect).

New Tax Rate April 1– It's no Joke!

Please note the Indiana sales tax rate is increasing to 7% for transactions occurring on or after 4/1/2008. This rate increase was approved by Governor Daniels on 3/19/2008.

Search Committee for new Dean of the Office of Women's Affairs

The Search Committee is moving to the next stage in the selection process which will include campus panels including a student panel. Contact Amanda Meglemre, GPSO Assistant Moderator, if you are interested in participating in these panels. Please be aware that the meetings will likely take place over a few days. There is an excellent pool of candidates interested in this position, so the interviews are an amazing opportunity to consider different visions for the office and to play a part in the selection of the next dean.

Email to : gpsoasst@indiana.edu

Note, Any link between this page and truth is purely coincidental. Happy April Fools Day!!!

Tooth Fairy will not accept new Dental Plan



In a stunning announcement last week, the Tooth Fairy issued a Press Release stating that the SAA dental plan will not be accepted. Those students who receive the health and dental benefits secured by Dean Wimbush are instructed to “put their own quarters under their pillows and just keep the tooth.” The Guild of Fairies received a bootleg copy of the plan from Human Resources but did not release the plan details that led to the denial decision. Dean Wimbush expressed disappointment at the news, “when I advocated for this coverage, I didn’t anticipate the Tooth Fairy’s objection ... the plan is supposed to help attract graduate students to IU, but this has obviously been an obstruction in the process of the success of that endeavor.” The Grad Benefits Committee of GPSO has started to work on negotiating a compromise to secure Tooth Fairy services at least for the children of graduate students.

Moderator-Elect Sex Scandal!

Relay for Life volunteers got quite a surprise Saturday evening when Nick Clark, GPSO Moderator-Elect, was found *en flagrante* at the event. It seems he and a certain high ranking female administrator on the IU-Bloomington campus had sneaked away from walking the track to enjoy some private tent time. One volunteer, who asked not to be named, said, “I don’t blame them, I’d do anything to warm up right now.” IUSA student reps have expressed concern that the administration will now favor graduate students over undergraduate students in policy matters; the IUSA Executive Branch issued an official statement: “Next time, try hot tea.” In unrelated news, Christopher Fisher, GPSO Treasurer, has begun preparing a new budget for the Organization next year.

Graduate Students Take-over Lotus Blossoms - When Nick Clark, Moderator-Elect, recruited graduate student volunteers to help with Lotus Blossoms he didn’t anticipate the number of students who would show. Not to be outdone by the 4th graders for whom the event was intended, the volunteers made paper plate hats and painted warrior symbols on each others’ faces before defending the Binford Elementary gymnasium against the onslaught of 9-10yr olds. Said one excited volunteer, “I’ll show *you* where Papua New Guinea is!”

Tangy Turkey Burgers

8 oz ground turkey breast
 1/2 C chopped fresh cilantro
 1/3 C bread crumbs
 3 T Dijon mustard
 1 lrg egg, beaten
 salt & pepper to taste
 Combine ingredients in bowl and mix well. Shape into 4 patties and grill
 Yield: 4 servings
 Nutritional Values: 3g Fat, 9g Carbs, 12g Protein, 111 Cal.



Vegetarian Option: Don’t eat turkey burgers.