

Rainn Wilson

Monday, March 16

The Founder of SoulPancake and famous co-star from the Office Rainn Wilson was presented at Emens Auditorium for the Excellence of Leadership speaker series.

Rainn Wilson is very well known for being inspirational to others as well as being a funny guy. During his visit, he had talked about his past experiences and what exactly had led him to his successes today. Wilson began his speaker series by explaining the meaning behind SoulPancake. SoulPancake is known as a creative space where all kinds of different people can explain what it means to be human. These people ask the question everyday "What would I do if today was my last today to be alive?" Inspirational people all over the country were followed by Wilson's TV crew and were later documented into Wilson's Youtube Channel. One of the many known stars from SoulPancake is Kid President, a younger boy who spreads positivity for those around him. SoulPancake was later written into a book known as SoulPancake: Chew on Life's Big, covering meaningful thoughts and bold questions for readers to be asking themselves.

Ball State sophomore Edgar Rarteaga goes in detail about how listening to Rainn Wilson was inspirational and how he enjoyed listening to Rainn Wilson. "I found him inspirational in a way that you should just embrace yourself as who you are, cause in the end, what you do now will affect the outcomes in your future in the way you want it to be. What I enjoyed most was when he was talking about death. Usually when people speak of death, it's dark and saddening, but he brought humor to death by making jokes and having us "woo".

Iota Phi Theta

Free Style Event

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Iota Phi Theta had their very first event as a fraternity known as freestyle. Their first event ended up being an excellent turnout; they had about 160 people attend.

The event took place at Pruis Hall. The main purpose of the event was to entertain students as well as give students the opportunity get their name out in the music industry. Students were able to perform by either dancing or rapping-about 12 artists performed in this Free Style Event. The three judges of the event were music professionals so they were able to give credible feedback to those students. One of the students was a Ball State Alum and he is known as Travy Lee.

The winner of the Free Style event was awarded a \$50 prize. The winner of the overall event was Poindexter. President of Iota Phi Theta Jarryd Kinslow describes how much he had enjoyed the event. "It was great to see all of the artists get a chance to showcase their craft to Ball State and I'm sure they gained some new fans. The brothers of the Ball State Colony of Iota Phi Theta Fraternity Inc. have already agreed to make Freestyle Friday an annual event, so be prepared for next school year!"

Jekyll & Hyde

Musical

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Musical thriller Jekyll and Hyde comes to Ball State to perform at Emens Auditorium Tuesday November 11th at 7:30 p.m.

The musical was about an intelligent and psychotic scientist. The scientist was a different man during the day and night- a man who was very passionate and romantic, while the other man was a handyman who was terrifying and dangerous. The scientist was in love with two completely different women- one beautiful and trusting, the other beautiful but trusting to herself. The women were both in love with same man, but did not know about the other woman.

Ball State freshman Ellis Acton talks about his reaction from watching the play. "The storyline was amazing and the actors were spot on with every movement and song. I definitely recommend everyone to go and see it."

NPHC Event Friday September 26

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The National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) held a series of events from September 22-26. On Friday, September 26 NPHC held an informational table at the Atrium- Informing students about a huge party they were going to host that night at Ball Gym.

Chris Taylor, member of Alpha Phi Alpha, talks about what NPHC is and what they are all about. "NPHC is the black Greek council. Each Fraternity and Sorority has their own program. [One of] our programs [is] Founder's Week, which is in December. Every year, the organization with the highest grades gets to have one of two homecoming parties. We have one of the highest grades this year so we get to have a party on Saturday." Since Alpha Phi Alpha got to have their party Saturday

September 27, NPHC President Sidney Staples talks about the party that took place on Friday.

Any Ball State student that was interested in joining NPHC was welcomed to the party. Admission for the party was \$5.

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St. Baldrick's Foundation

On March 22, Ball State students gathered to support the St. Baldrick's Foundation at Brayton/Clevenger Hall in LaFollette Complex. The St. Baldrick's Foundation is a volunteer charity, which helps fund research to cure childhood cancers and give survivors long, healthy lives.

The event offered students food and musical entertainment. But the primary purpose provided free haircuts for students who wanted to donate their hair to cancer patients.

Victoria Roderick, who is a member of the planning committee, said, "I [donated] last year and I wanted to come back and help with putting out the word to raise money."

Roderick was one of the few females who shaved their head completely at the event. Overall, the event raised about \$1,530 for the St. Baldrick's Foundation.