

WPI Ballroom Dance Team C Term Alumni Newsletter



WinterBall 2011

As everyone who has ever participated in the WPI Ballroom Dance Team knows, WinterBall is always our biggest event every year, second only to Dancing with the Greeks. This year, WinterBall took place on January 29th in Alden Hall and the theme was Masquerade! Norm taught a Waltz lesson at the beginning which was a great hit.

This year, with the help of many of our officers and other members of the team, our main accomplishments were integrating the WPI community into WinterBall and making it a success as a school dance as well as a ballroom event. Christian Lecorps along with others worked hard to make sure

that the music was catered towards as large of an audience as possible. As publicity for the masquerade theme, students wore masks around campus the Friday before the event, which caught a lot of attention from students.

In all, the team raised just under a thousand dollars which included ticket and mask sales! Finally, I'd like to extend a thank you to Alyssa Gottshall as well as the other committee heads for making this year's event such a huge success and a very fun time!

Alex Birch
Secretary 2010 – 2011

Upcoming Event: Dancing with the Greeks !

Have you ever wanted to see a live dance show, but never had the opportunity? Do you love the passion of dance, the result of hard work and dedication, or even the glitter of a beautiful dress? On Monday, April 11th at Alden Memorial Hall you can be witness to just that. The time has yet to be announced, but keep your eyes and ears open for what is sure to be a spectacular event.

The ballroom dance team, along with Greeks of various fraternities and sororities, will be taking the stage in an event known as Dancing with the Greeks. This cleverly titled annual phenomenon has been running for the past several years, "growing progressively in strength and popularity," according to Ballroom Dance team Secretary and Alpha Gam sister Alexandra Birch. She is in charge of the event this year and was kind enough to provide inside information to inform those interested. It started as a sort of parody to the popular television show "Dancing with the Stars," and as an opportunity to promote good relations between the Ballroom Dance Team and the members of Greek life on campus. Each Greek, like those on the hit show, learns a dance which is choreographed and practiced with them by a member of the Ballroom Dance Team. The panel of judges for this event consists of both Greeks and a Ballroom Dance Team Alumni. Winners of the competition earn points towards Greek week, giving them a head start to the rest of the Greek community and a great incentive to practice and really learn the dance.

Although the time span allotted for learning the dances was relatively brief, competitors this year are ready for action. There will be a representative from all 13 fraternities and 5 sororities, along with fifteen volunteers from the ballroom dance team. The Greeks will come onto the stage with no prior experience, which means those fifteen members are going to

have their hands full, some doubling and dancing with two partners.

As one can imagine, there is a stir of excitement, and spectators will be witness to many popular dances, such as the Foxtrot, Waltz, Tango, Swing, Cha Cha and Rumba. Admission is free, but seating will be limited so be sure to come early to grab one and cheer on your favorite Greek or dancer.

Natasha Bonina
Ballroom Dance Team Member

Dancers:

Alex Birch & Theta Chi
 & Sigma Phi Epsilon
Alyssa Gottshall & Alpha Chi Rho
 & Phi Sigma Kappa
Sam Varnerin & Alpha Tau Omega
 Katelyn Krajenka & Zeta Psi
 Karina Raczka & Phi Kappa Theta
Victoria Tower & Phi Gamma Delta
 Victoria Brown & Sigma Pi
 Giselle Chen & Sigma Alpha
 Epsilon
 Ana Dede & Lambda Chi Alpha
 Lindsey Miller & Tau Kappa
 Epsilon
 Lucas Lorditch & Alpha Gamma
 Delta
 Anthony Spencer & Alpha Phi
 Brandon Bukowski & Alpha Xi
 Delta
 Jared Erb & Phi Sigma Sigma
 Gimo Barrera & Theta Nu Xi



C Term Competitions: Need to Know Guide

Couples to Watch:

Samir Zutshi and Hilary

UConn – 2nd Gold Bolero

Brown – 2nd Gold Cha Cha, Rumba, Swing

Micah Flock and Ana Dede

Harvard – 4th Beginner Swing

Yale – 5th Beginner Swing, 6th International Rumba

Jared Erb and Sam

UConn, Tufts, Brown, and Yale

Christian Lecorps and Sam Varnerin

UConn – 7th Bronze Cha Cha, 5th Bronze Rumba,
5th Bronze Jive

Tufts – 2nd Bronze Swing, 6th Bronze Cha Cha,

5th Bronze Rumba, 6th Syllabus Paso Doble

Yale – 8th Bronze Swing

Nathan Nesbitt and Olga Kashpur

UConn, Harvard, Brown and Tufts

Harvard Beginners Couples:

Brandon Bukowski and Christina Lavarn

Gimo Barrera and Kate Harten

Alumni Couples:

Derrick DeConti and Michelle Dubuke

Upcoming Competitions:

C term

BU – February 13th

Holy Cross – February 27th

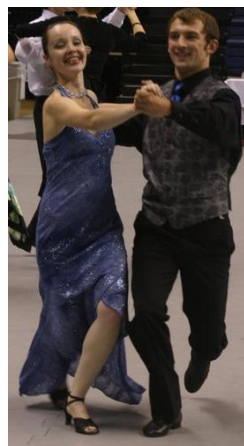
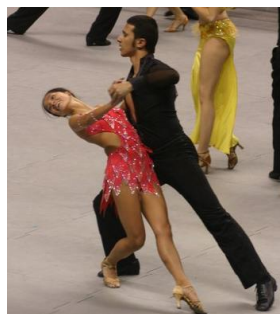
Brandeis – March 12th

D term

MIT – April 2nd to 3rd

Harvard – April 16th and 17th

For more information on competitions, or to come to one, feel free to email searn@wpi.edu

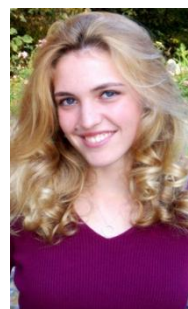


2011 – 2012 Elections

February 17th, 2011 in AK 233

Congratulations To:

President – Alyssa Gottshall
Class of 2012
Actuarial Mathematics



Secretary – Natasha Bonina
Class of 2014
Electrical and Computer Engineering



Treasurer – Brandon Bukowski
Class of 2014
Chemical Engineering



Captain – Samantha Varnerin
Class of 2013
Civil Engineering



Social Coordinator – Lauren Edwards
Class of 2012
Mathematics and Pre-vet



**Director of Marketing
and Publicity** – Christian Lecorps
Class of 2013
Electrical and Computer Engineering



Relay For Life – WPI Dancer's Team

Who: All Alumni and current members of the Ballroom and Social Dance Teams

What: Relay for Life 2011

When: April 16 – 17th, 2011

Where: WPI Turf

Please contact Alyssa Gottshall (agottshall@wpi.edu) to join the team or donate!

DONATE HERE:

http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR/RelayForLife/RFLFY11NE?team_id=850770&pg=team&fr_id=29351