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# WZND Newsletter



*Welcome back  
WZND Alumni!*

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## Another semester goes by...we are sharing our memories

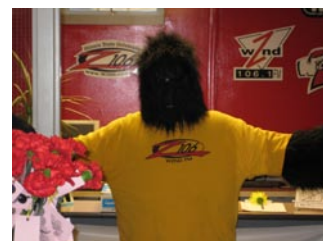
Welcome to the Spring 2008 newsletter. We would like to thank all alumni for their continuing support. We truly appreciate your financial donations and the time you are willing to spend with us. It is always great to keep in touch with everyone.

There have been a lot of amazing and exciting events going

on this semester and it is an immense pleasure to share them.

We hope that this newsletter will help recall some of the great times you had when you were at WZND.

This semester we say goodbye to fifteen wonderful seniors as eleven new students will take on director positions in the fall.



*Freddy Z welcomes you!*

## Interview with an Award Winner

Kyle Anderson is currently the News and Sports Operations Director and will graduate in May. He has been a part of WZND for 5 semesters. He is Journalism major and is originally from Du Quoin, Illinois.

Kyle's story entitled, "33<sup>rd</sup> Military Battalion Comes Home" was written about the homecoming of the 33<sup>rd</sup> Military Battalion from Iraq in September 2007. His story has won two awards so far this school year. He has won the Mark of Excellence award from the Society of Professional Journalists and honorable mention

from the Illinois News Broadcaster's Association.

Kyle explained that this homecoming was important to the Bloomington-Normal community. He said, "It was nice to get the positives out of the news. Winning both awards is a great reflection the News and Sports department and everything that I've been taught at WZND."

He also expressed that one good thing about submitting an entry is being able to be critiqued and how to improve as a writer. WZND is very proud of Kyle's accomplishments. After graduation, Kyle will continue

working at WJBC.



*Mark of Excellence Award  
Winner, Kyle Anderson.*

## WZND Participates in Relay for Life



*The Z106 Relay Team*

Relay for Life, a fundraiser for the fight against cancer, is sponsored by the American Cancer Society. The ISU event took place inside Redbird arena this year due to inclement weather.

The ongoing goal of Relay for Life is to not only raise funds, but also to increase awareness of the issues surrounding

cancer as it affects the lives of so many.

WZND staff participated in Relay this year, under the name Z106 Rockstars.

The event lasted from 6pm Friday night April 25<sup>th</sup> to 6am Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup> keeping the excitement going with themed laps such as 'Bubbles and Balloons' 'Anything but Walking' and 'Congo Line'. Apart from themed laps, live

bands entertained participants. The Runaround and others performed to a very energetic crowd. The Z106 Rockstars kept the night going by walking the laps around the arena. They kept themselves entertained by sharing laughs, a bags tournament, plenty of snacks and coming together to fight back against cancer.

## The Broadcast Banquet: an Annual Tradition

The annual Broadcast Banquet took place April 4<sup>th</sup> at Central Station this year. Over 70 WZND and TV-10 students attended this year end celebration.

The night began at 6pm with socializing as people streamed in. Dinner was served at 6:30 and was followed immediately by dessert.

Laura Trendle-Polus and Deb Lesser both followed up with a few words encompassing the year's accomplishments and their pride in the seniors of WZND and TV-10. Bob Carroll, new Television Production Director, reflected on his first year.

Then came the awards with some humorous, some serious. Seniors were recognized for their most admirable qualities such as their likelihood to retire or ability to save us all from doom. Senior Stina Hodal

of Elburn received the Mostly Likely to Succeed in Radio Award.

Following the awards were plenty of photos. The night came to close at 9pm. The guests all had a great time and have taken plenty of memories with them.



## Communication Week 2008

This year Communication Week, organized by the School of Communication, took place during the last week of February.

The week was a successful one, during which various speeches and seminars, along with the annual job and internship fair, took place.

WZND's efforts toward organizing Com. Week are made to allow students the

chance to meet local and regional radio station representatives in hopes of creating lasting relationships with them, through work or internships.

It is also seen as an opportunity for Students to learn from and talk with experienced people about careers in the vast industry of communication and broadcasting.

The experience and knowledge of Com. Week

guests and speakers is truly an invaluable learning outlet for university students.

Some of speakers included



*ZNDers listen to the speakers.*



## Communication Week Winners



*[from left] Jeff Conway, Andrew Barra, Jamie Brown, Kyle Anderson*

WZND is proud to announce its 2008 "Focus on your Future" Communication Week award winners.

The recipient of the Outstanding Senior in Journalism award, which recognizes excellence in Journalism, was Jeff Conway. Jeff is on the News staff.

Andrew Barra was the proud recipient of the Martin Duffy Scholarship recognizing dedicated journalists. Andrew is on the News and staff.

Jamie Brown was recognized with the Outstanding Senior in Mass Communication

Award recognizing the accomplishments of a broadcast student. She is a former General Manager.

The recipient of the Vicki Kelley Scholarship, dedicated to broadcast journalists, was Kyle Anderson, News and Sports Operations Director.

WZND is very proud of all our winners!

# More pictures from various events in and around WZND...



**Z106 Street Team**



**A Winner!**



**Z106 and President Bowman**



**Deb always looking fabulous**



**At a remote in the Bone**



**Listeners signing up to win**



**Freddy Z out and about**



**Little kids Easter Egg Hunt**



**The kids sorting out eggs**



**Ready for the "Big Kid" Easter Egg Hunt**



**Food Fight II**



**Having fun in the booth**

## Getting Ready for Next Semester

### Alli Menninger, Assistant Director

This was my first year as the assistant director here in the External Relations department and it was quite the experience. Bailey and I work very well together and we pulled off sending numerous entries in to various broadcast competitions and planning Radio Day for Communication Week and the Broadcast Banquet without a bump in the road. Of course, some

things didn't work out exactly how we planned originally, but in the end, everything worked out well.

Next year, Bailey and I are going to return as directors of the department. We're very excited to keep the streak going, and we'll have more exciting things to do next semester, including IBA which is held on ISU's campus in the Bone

Student Center. We're looking forward to the challenges and the good times ahead. We'll see you next semester!

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### *Need an alumni update?*

The External Relations Department has big plans to begin to make drastic changes to the Alumni page on the website beginning next fall. If you would like an update on your information or need some changes. Please feel free to send us e-mail to Alumni@WZND.com. Thank you! We really appreciate your help in creating a networking community as well as keeping communication lines open.