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Greeks battle with bull to honor former member

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For the Collegian

Jillian Siegel always loved the sisterhood of sorority life and helping others in need.

The former Alpha Xi Delta member lost her battle with leukemia Feb. 10, but on Saturday afternoon, greeks and independents came together to honor her memory.

The afternoon's event was a "Battle of the Bulls" organized by Theta Delta Chi fraternity and Alpha Xi Delta sorority in an effort to raise money for the foundation "Jill Just Wants to Help," a charity started by Siegel's family. As of press time the final amount raised at the event had not been calculated.

Those who knew Siegel described her passion for philanthropy during her time at Penn State.

"She loved Thon; it was probably one of her favorite events," said Kate Patton, former president of Alpha Xi Delta and one of Siegel's pledge sisters.

The philanthropy allowed teams of five to buy in on a mechanical bull riding competition for \$50, and participants' best times helped determine which team won, which was not known at press time.

Theta Delta Chi and Alpha Xi Delta extended an invitation to independent Interfraternity Council/Panhellenic Dance Marathon committees, in addition to many other fraternities and sororities. Josh Kirwin, the philanthropy chairman for Theta Delta Chi, said he e-mailed 313 Thon captains to spread the word about the event.

"It means a lot to all of us to see how far Jill's impact went. It's rare to have independents at a greek philanthropy," Kirwin (sophomore-biology) said.

He added that some of the Thon captains who were not able to attend the afternoon's event still contacted the fraternity to make donations toward Siegel's foundation.

Max Wendkos, president of Theta Delta Chi, said he was glad to see the event come together so successfully for his cousin.

"It's a great cause. I'm really excited to do it and give back," Wendkos (junior-marketing and psychology) said. "I feel like my fraternity should be doing this for her."



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Alpha Delta Pi member Tara Chrismar (freshman-division of undergraduate studies) rides a mechanical bull during "Battle of the Bulls," a charity event for the "Jill Just Wants to Help" foundation on Saturday.

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Siegel's parents, who started the foundation in memory of their daughter, were not able to attend the afternoon's event but did spend time on the floor at Thon 2009 for their daughter.

Patton (junior-marketing and psychology) said she thought the bull riding was a great way to raise money, and it was reminiscent of Siegel's outgoing and fun-loving personality.

"It's really great. I hope it can become an annual event to preserve Jillian's memory," Patton said. "She really was a fantastic person."

Some participants not affiliated with either Theta Delta Chi or Alpha Xi Delta enjoyed the afternoon as a way to honor Siegel's memory as the bulls were kept operating throughout the afternoon so more teams could attend the event. Jessica Geida (freshman-nutrition and premedicine) said she liked the "out-of-the-box" idea.

"It's a great way to get people to interact," she said, "and what better than riding a bull?"

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