

## May 3, 2010

Today is my last day at the Guild Office as the Spring intern. (I hope a tear just ran down your cheek...because you will miss my blog so much). Can you believe tomorrow is the last day of classes? Finals will begin and end by May 11 then five days later I'm at graduation. *How did I get here?!* Although it all seems to be coming to a close, I will continue my role as I assist in the publication of the Guild Bulletin. It seems to work out perfectly that my roommates and I have our apartment until May 28 so I will be available to see the finished product of my last BIG project here with the Guild. In lieu of one chapter in our life coming to an end and the typical reminiscing of the past few days, semesters, and years; I can't help but consider how much I have gained through my experiences here with the Guild. And when I finally find a job, I will be extremely grateful for the opportunities they have shared with me. ...Not to say that I'm not already thankful, I am! However 'ready' I have been to leave at different points over the past four years, it will truly be difficult to say goodbye.

## April 26, 2010

I am really excited for the publication of the Guild Bulletin! This Spring edition will include some great articles concerning VUTV, the Chapel's final 50th celebration, and the introduction of President and Vice Presidents new to VU. I will keep you updated about when you can pick up your copy!

At this point in the semester I believe the campus is split. Those of us who still have a lot of work to accomplish before the end of the year and those who are just enjoying the nice days that come by and time spent with friends before leaving for the summer. Although it can get complicated trying to juggle both, I am trying to do my best, as I'm sure most of you are too! I just wish I was one of those seniors who saved all of my easy classes for the last semester of college...what was I thinking?! Oh, yeah, I wanted to study abroad. Okay, that makes up for it. Hmm, now if only I were back traveling around Europe... Oh the places my mind can take me this time of the year. Especially when I am losing interest in my night class. I hope tonight isn't like last week when I almost completely forgot I had class at all. Oops!

As you spend time walking through campus, or running to class (late most likely because it is so nice outside, time just escapes us) make sure to stop by the Harre Union to pick up your copy of The Beacon and [VIA](#) publication!

## April 19, 2010

In the Guild office this week I will be focusing on preparing articles for the *Guild Bulletin* as well as a little spring cleaning. No, they didn't hand me a bottle of Windex for the windows here. I am talking about cleaning out all of the old documents from my folders; rough draft after rough draft for all of my different projects. I am glad to say that only the final product remains in most all of them! Actually provides me with a small sense of accomplishment. Not to say that there

isn't still a lot to finish out before this semester is over... But really, isn't that always the case? Luckily, I will only be in the office on Monday (yes, today) this week. My super-cool, awesome supervisor asked me last week if I would like the day off for my birthday on Thursday! Did I mention that she is awesome? However, that means I need to buckle down today!

Crazy that I will probably only have 2 more postings after this...

## **April 12, 2010**

The sun is shining, the birds are singing and the flowers are in full bloom here on campus! What a wonderful Monday :) I hope this weather keeps up; as I'm sure the student I saw walking to [ultimate frisbee](#) practice (or game?) the other day when it was cold and rainy, and he was barefoot, does too!

We are tying up the last few tasks for the [Guild Campus Gift Grant](#) and presenting the proposals to the committee. Now, I can more seriously focus on the [Guild Bulletin](#). It will be a BIG project but an exciting one at that. If you see me taking pictures around campus or ask you for a photo-op, don't think I'm crazy, they will be for the bulletin!

## **April 5, 2010**

I hope everyone had an enjoyable Easter weekend! Coming back to campus I feel as though all that anyone is talking about is how many days we have left of school. I'm not sure if I want to know the number. 1) I might get lazy thinking, "the end is almost here!" 2) I might get stressed thinking that, "the end is almost here!?" and 3) I might become sad that "the end is almost here." So, let's face it. That is probably the last thing on my mind. What I enjoy thinking about is this awesome weather, and how much I hope it lasts!! Maybe I should consider December graduation...it would be easier to leave campus when it isn't in full bloom.

Thank you to everyone who attended and was involved in Guild's Easy Eats workshop! I had so much fun with the students and Guild members learning to cook up some delicious dishes.

Other news at the Guild office, we had 20 applications for the Guild Campus Gift Grant! Thank you to every organization who turned their proposal in on time and I will be in contact with you soon. I'll just say, I'm glad that I'm not on the deciding committee; it would be too difficult a decision for me!

## **March 22, 2010**

Where did spring break go? I'm sorry, but I don't know how I said I was busy before spring break because now, I'm completely swamped! And I hear I'm not the only one... Besides the unfortunate tasks like tests, papers, and presentations keeping me busy, there is so much going on around campus! I think from here on out to the end of the semester I have my calendar packed. Let's just hope I can keep my calendar full by and through summer (cough, cough- finding a job- cough)! Those of you who are in that same position as me, (SENIORS) the [Grad Finale](#) is Thursday March 25 in Ballroom C of the Harre Union between 1-6 pm. It's a one-stop shop for all of our graduation needs!

TONIGHT at 6:30 pm in the Community Room of the CCLIR, [SALT](#) is hosting a Nicaraguan dinner. Speaking of dinner, on Tuesday March 30 at 5:00 pm in the Gandhi-King Center's International Kitchen-Harre Union you can learn how to cook yourself dinner! The Guild is hosting an Easy Eats cooking workshop targeted to students who will be moving off-campus next year. Local Guild members will cook up some quick and easy recipes for the students to try and then take the recipes home with you! Although there will be free food and prizes, space is limited. Save your spot now by emailing [Guild@Valpo.edu](mailto:Guild@Valpo.edu). It's a good thing I love food. I also have a fondness for money and there are two important dates for university departments and organizations coming up. Budget proposals for [Student Senate](#) are due this Friday, March 26 and the [Guild Campus Gift Grant](#) application is due by 5:00 pm Monday, March 29!

Wow. What a "*get out your planners*" message. I hope it helps!

## February 22, 2010

I think I speak for everyone when I say, all that is running through my mind is "Let it be Friday, let it be Friday, let it be Friday..." Spring break is almost here; despite the snow, slush, and puddles. I just have to get through the rest of this week: projects and tests and then it is two weeks of freedom! Well, almost...I will still have to be applying for jobs and working at Hilltop, but *no classes* is a definite plus! After my exams and work on Friday I will be heading to Minneapolis for my nephew's first birthday! Yay, I am so excited :) This Spring break will also bring me to Madison, WI to visit my other nephew and Raleigh, NC to visit my parents and younger family. I get really excited when I have the opportunity to see my (extremely large) family, I feel like they abandoned me in Indiana. Talking about my family being large, just today I talked with a lady who knows my Grandpa and one whose sister is my sister's best friend. After discovering this she said, "small world" and I thought, "ahh, that's Valpo.."

It is funny to think that February has almost come and passed. Even though I am slightly dreading March for how busy it will keep me, I am really looking forward to all of the exciting events I have coming up! Here at the Guild, we're really cooking now! Literally, on Tuesday March 30, the Guild will be hosting a Life Skills Workshop: Cooking in a College Kitchen. The event will take place on campus in the International Multipurpose Kitchen at the Harre Union at 5:00 pm. We will only have room for about 25 students, so the first 25 to RSVP will get to participate in our *Easy Eats* Event! Be on the look out for more information coming your way.

March will also bring about the start of the Guild Campus Gift Grant. Applications will be available beginning in March and due by the end of March. I look forward to seeing what kind of contributions the Guild will give this year.

*I hope you all have a fantastic break!*

## February 15, 2010

Yes, I counted each and every one of the 2,521 M&M's that were in the jar give-away for Valentine's Day. Don't worry, I wore a glove! Congratulations to our winner, Austin Koerner, who was only off by 105! I wonder what he did with all of those M&M's... He's probably a pretty popular guy in his dorm.

It will be a busy next few weeks for me before Spring Break begins! Here at the Guild we are working on the [Guild Campus Gift Grant](#) materials so that the application will be available by the end of this month...cross your fingers?! I also have the opportunity to assist in the Spring edition of the Guild Bulletin which is very exciting. I will have the chance to put together a few articles of my own! We're still in the brainstorming stage for a few pieces but I am already looking forward to the final publication. My other big project would be the life skills workshop we are working on putting together. I have really enjoyed the planning for this event and look forward to put all of our planning into action! Then there is class, which always keeps me busy...duh. As well as many exciting events with my sorority, like the initiation of our new members this weekend. I'll just go ahead and say it already, Congratulations Baby Owls! And also planning for [AWC](#) speakers, fireside chats, workshops, and recruitment events. All of the other [events](#) that our campus hosts, work, planning (and anticipating) Spring Break, the list just goes on and on.

## February 8, 2010

It seems as though Spring isn't in our near future...are you ready for this snow storm?! I know I will wake up these next few mornings, pull my computer into bed, and check my email to see if classes and work have been cancelled. I'm crossing my fingers for at least one snow day. Although I am originally from Wisconsin, my parents and younger siblings moved to North Carolina two and a half years ago. During these brutally cold Winter months I receive phone calls from my family saying, "yeah, well, it snowed a few inches this morning so school was cancelled." or, "it's supposed to snow tomorrow, so they cancelled school." I'd be lying if I said that I'm not just the smallest bit jealous.

With this lovers holiday approaching, it is now time for me to reveal one of my projects I have been working on. On Thursday, February 11 a jar full of M&M's will be on the counter at Freshens available for all students to place their guess as to how many M&M's are in the jar. As the game goes, the person who guesses the correct amount will win the whole jar!! HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY! The winner will be announced Friday, February 12 on the Guild's Facebook Fanpage: [Valparaiso University Guild](#). Well, now you all know how I will be spending my snow day if we get one, counting M&M's...

This is the perfect opportunity to win a sweet present for your loved one, especially if you're finding yourself short on cash! (Or, you can win it for yourself...) Another inexpensive Valentine's Day date idea would be going to the [Dance Ensemble](#) Production that is from Friday-Sunday. You'll find me in attendance Friday night! Good luck Alison Herrell!

## February 1, 2010

Is it February already?! I'm not sure I am ready to take on the shortest month of the year... Hopefully Punxsutawney Phil (the groundhog) will fail to see his shadow tomorrow. There's nothing like speeding up Spring and bringing on some warmer weather! But back to busy February. In class, I feel like it is now the time that the tests start to pile up. I talked to someone who is supposed to have 4 tests this week, good luck! I am working on three big projects at the Guild office and putting together a special Valentine's Day treat from the Guild! It seems like all work,

and little play... Fortunately, there are about 5 new movies that I, and probably every other female, wouldn't mind taking some time to go see. In lieu of a few movie nights, going to [Evelyn Bay Coffee Company](#) on Wednesday night would be just as fun. I could study for my tests, listen to a few VU music groups, and enjoy 25% off drinks; I'm thinking a *snow white mocha*, mmm! As I am sitting here, just listing the ways to spend money... I think about how awesome it is that Valpo is raising money for Haiti relief in so many ways. Organizations such as SALT, Valparaiso International Student Association, and Law School Students are leading the campaign, [Valpo has a heart for Haiti](#) and encouraging other organizations to take part, in order to raise their goal of \$15,000!

## January 25, 2010

Hi! Welcome to my first blog! I'm Kalyn, the Spring, 2010 Guild Intern...(obviously). I am excited to spend this semester working at the Guild office!

I guess I should introduce myself to you. I am a Senior, Biology and Public Relations Double Major; anxiously anticipating graduation in May. (Can someone say, "Yikes!") I am a member of the Chi Omega Sorority and I like to stay active on campus by being involved with organizations such as AWC and PRSSA. I am also involved off campus by working as a back-up lead teacher at Hilltop Neighborhood House over the past 3 years.

Fall of my Junior year at VU, I had the opportunity to study abroad for the semester. I studied in Reutlingen, Germany and made it to 13 countries! I would have to say that it was one of the best experiences of my life! Honestly, I could talk about my semester abroad for hours...example a) Once I returned to the States, I shared with my family all of my pictures I had accumulated over the semester. Yes, all 1,000 plus photos. Needless to say, they couldn't sit through more than a few pictures. The good thing is at that time I had 5 brothers, 5 sisters, 2 parents, 2 brother-in-laws, and my Grandma all present. So, I had an audience the entire time; only they began to "tag-team" who was watching! Well, enough about that...

Hopefully this blog will keep you updated about what is going on around campus and keep you in the loop with activities I am involved in at the Guild.

Currently, I am excited about the [Fitness Classes](#) that start Today, at 4:00 pm Yogalates! Only, I am still at my internship until 5:00...so I will see you at Wednesday's class!