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Rush Boobs

The tradition is condemned in public by fraternity leadership, yet still happens on IU's campus.

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It's a tradition that Hannah had heard about but never before gotten to participate in.

Hannah had never heard of “Rush Boobs” before, but it sounded fun and harmless. With yellow acrylic paint, Hannah drew a Star of David on her friend’s butt cheek — a fitting detail for the traditionally Jewish fraternity.

She wasn’t comfortable being photographed at first, she said. But when she saw that her friends would be anonymous, she joined in. Why not? She thought. It would never come back to her.

Because Hannah’s chest was smaller than her friends’, she decided to have her butt cheeks painted. The girls lined up in the Wright dorm room, alternating every other — three with their chests painted, two with their butt cheeks painted.

A sixth friend took the photo, and the tradition continued.

What do students think?

To hear student opinions about Rush Boobs, see a video at idsn.com.

Ind. HIV outbreak caused by drugs

By Daniel Metz

A recent outbreak of HIV in southeastern Indiana has been raising alarms among health officials throughout the state.

As of March 3, there have been 27 confirmed cases of HIV and 10 preliminary cases, the biggest outbreak of the disease Indiana has ever seen concentrated in one region, according to officials.

State Health Commissioner Jerome Adams, M.D., M.P.H. said a majority of the cases are linked through injection drug use, primarily by the prescription drug Opana, which is an opioid painkiller that contains oxymorphone.

“It is very concerning to me that most of the individuals who have tested HIV-positive have only recently contracted the virus,” Adams said in a press release. “Because prescription drug abuse is at the heart of this outbreak, we are not only working to identify, contact and test individuals who may have been exposed but also to connect community members to Ind. HIV

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