

Board Meeting  
April 11, 2006

RESOLUTION FOR THE ORANGE KRUSH STUDENT ORGANIZATION AT THE  
UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT URBANA-CHAMPAIGN

The Board of Trustees at the University of Illinois sincerely appreciates and recognizes the unselfish dedicated commitment, leadership, and volunteerism as demonstrated by the Orange Krush in its support of the University of Illinois men's basketball team and in its financial contributions to local charitable organizations and to the University.

Composed of a record 1,115 student members this past season, the Orange Krush is almost entirely student run. The Orange Krush Foundation's mission is to provide a mechanism for students to give back to the campus, the University, and the community.

Students must solicit pledges from alumni and the community in order to gain entry into the Orange Krush cheering section. Due to the generosity of its donors and the dedication of its students, this year the Orange Krush Foundation is donating \$400,000 among the V Foundation for Cancer Research; the Rod Cardinal Sports Medicine Fund, which supports student trainers; the Louis and Dawn Weber Scholarship Enhancement Fund; and 35 local charities, to bring the seven-year total to \$1.0 million. In 2003, the Orange Krush fulfilled the \$250,000 commitment to fully endow the Matthew Heldman Memorial Scholarship Fund, which endows a scholarship for an Illini

basketball player. The scholarship honors the late Matthew Heldman, point guard for the 1997-98 Big Ten Championship Team, who was tragically killed in a car accident in 1999.

The Orange Krush has embraced the sportsmanship initiatives set forth by the Big Ten Conference. While setting an example of great sportsmanship, they have helped to create a home court atmosphere that is unrivaled within Division I men's basketball, in wins versus losses, over the last five years. The group, as a whole, has been positive and extremely creative with the cheers at Illinois home games. The Orange Krush is a model of good sportsmanship not only for other University student groups but also for local community students.

The Board of Trustees hereby recognizes and commends the Orange Krush for its outstanding example of student volunteerism and loyalty, which contributes to the fabric of student life on the Urbana campus, the community, and to the larger society.

The Board of Trustees directs that this resolution be incorporated into the minutes of today's meeting to become a part of the official public record, and that a suitable copy be given to the Division of Intercollegiate Athletics on behalf of the Orange Krush, as a permanent reminder of the esteem in which you are held.