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\$7,838,054.36 For The Kids

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Behrend THON:

Penn State THON clubs and families celebrated another record-breaking performance last weekend, but the Behrend THON club rejoiced a miracle.

Rylee Dorer is an 8-year old girl that has battled cancer since Oct. 2007 and entered remission in Jan. 2010. She is Penn State Behrend's THON child and the bond built between Behrend THON and the Dorer family and Rylee's remission made this year's THON weekend particularly special.

"I have never seen a little girl make so many friends so easily," said Molly Thomas, a senior majoring in computer science.

Rylee's outgoing nature sparked the relationship she and Behrend THON members have.

"She is wonderful," Thomas said. "And the family treats us like we have known them forever."

"We have gained an entirely different aspect of life," said Carly Lapp, a senior majoring in management. "This year means more than any other year to us because of Rylee and her family."

Rylee is the 2009 Leukemia and Lymphoma Girl of the Year and an inspiration to the Behrend THON club.

"She was the highlight of the weekend to us," Lapp said.

Penn State THON:

Penn State's 38th annual yearlong dance maraTHON, which the largest student-run philanthropic effort in the



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Over 3,000 people attended and celebrated the THON finale at Penn State University Park. THON broke its annual record by \$345,000.

world, raised \$7,838,054.36 for pediatric cancer research for The Four Diamonds Fund at Penn State Children's Hospital.

Behrend raised \$19,024.88 this year.

This year's efforts concluded with a 46-hour non-stop dance off at University Park in the Bryce Jordan Center.

"The finale is for the chil-

dren's families, students and everyone else who have committed so much time and effort towards THON and the children," Thomas said.

Activities for the 700 Penn State dancers on the court ranged from giant Jenga games to the unique "Slides of Strength," a baby-powdered Slip 'n Slide. The dancers had

to remain standing and active for the entire finale.

"The activities provided for the dancers are to help them last throughout the weekend," Lapp said.

"Dancers are announced only four weeks in advance," Thomas said. "Potential dancers are given tips about two months in advance to pre-

pare for two days of straight dancing without caffeine."

The dancers are informed to get healthy amounts of sleep, do endurance exercises and instructed to not drink caffeine in the weeks before the finale.

University Park varsity sport teams provided entertainment and competed against each other in a talent show.

"The varsity sport teams do a talent show that they call a pep rally, which is always big," Lapp said.

"The children get into the act also with a variety show, too," Thomas said. "A 9-year-old named Tucker stole the show. He performed 'Boom Boom Pow.' He knew all of the words, even ones that he shouldn't know."

In the last four hours of the event, the families give speeches about their experiences with their children and THON. The most sobering part of the weekend unfolds as a re-

membrance video plays for children who passed away over the last year.

THON
The largest student-run philanthropic effort

Inception: 1973
Record year: 2010
Record: \$7.8 million

The weekend reached a pinnacle as the new record was revealed to the thousands in

attendance.

"As the numbers appeared we knew broke the record when we saw the eight then seven [in \$7,838,054.36]," Thomas said.

"The previous record was \$7.4 million raised so everyone knew. [THON Chairwoman] Caitlin Zanowski announced the total while jumping up and down. She congratulated everyone for their hard work and great effort."

"There was a lot of excitement. Everyone was either cheering, crying or both."

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Swimming and Diving take fourth consecutive title

KAYLA BISHOP
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The men's and women's swimming and diving teams blew away their competition last weekend at the Grove City College Invitational for the 2010 AMCC titles. The team won its fourth consecutive AMCC title.

"They're deserving of this from a combination of factors: their strength as a team, supporting each other, as well as the hard work that they put in throughout the season," said head coach Jen Wallace.

The Behrend men's team finished with 385 points, out-swimming Penn State Altoona (148), Frostburg State University (130), and University of Pitt-Bradford (114).

The women's team shared the success with 336 points over Penn State Altoona (152), University of Pitt-Bradford (122), and Frostburg State University (108).

"Their domination in the water exceeded their expectations," Wallace said. "Within the AMCC, they did over and above what we asked of them."

The women 200-yard freestyle relay

event initiated the final meet. Katie Van Epps, Hilary MacManus, Julie Cook, and Danielle Wilson, each did their part to place first in this event, completing the relay in one minute and 44.62 seconds.

The Behrend men also placed first in this event. Frank Sullivan, Clay Altomose, Everett Sargent, and Dane Dombrosky finished the relay with a time of 1:26.80.

Wilson finished the 500-yard Freestyle event in 5:42.06 earning the women's team seven points. In the same men's event, Dombrosky took first place, earning the Lions nine points and completing the event with a time of 4:55.43.

In the 200-yard individual medley, the Lady Lions claimed first through fourth place. Anne Lawrence finished with the fastest time of 2:15.80. For the men, Ben Struck (2:04.91) took second place.

Krystal Kovach earned first place in the women 1-meter diving with a score of 416.90. In the men 3-meter diving, Steve Graves (331.95) also took first place.

"When it comes time to compete, I let everything go and allow my body to



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Harmilee Cousin has provided leadership and stability to the team all year.

have a mind of its own," Graves said. Graves dove exceptionally well during his senior year.

"I became a lot more comfortable and confident on the boards and it has been a good end to my diving career."

The first place women 400-yard medley relay team included Meghan Stefanko, Brittany Tanilli, Anne Lawrence, and Van Epps.

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Chancellor search narrows

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Two of the final four candidates for Behrend's opening chancellor position - Dr. Gerard Voland, and Dr. John Beehler - have accepted positions at other universities.

There are now two remaining candidates: Dr. Donald Birx, and Dr. Allen Soyster.

Chancellor Search Committee Chairperson Diane Parente says that those decisions don't affect the process of selecting the replacement.

"We had four great candidates who we felt would be great to have in the position," she said. "We would feel comfortable to take Any one of them for the position, so when two accepted positions elsewhere, nobody panicked. There wasn't a big reaction; we have plans in place."

Voland, according to a press release from the University of Michigan, was selected as provost of the University of Michigan-Flint campus.

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University of Houston Comm. Dept.
Donald Birx



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Allen Soyster

LE...ts Goo Goo Dolls for Spring Concert

EVAN KOSER
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The concert committee has reached its final decision for this year's spring concert performer.

The Goo Goo Dolls will be coming to Behrend on April 17. When they accompany them, the band will be performing at the All-American Music Center for this year's concert.

Steven Burger, the committee's concert chair and a senior majoring in finance, says the band wants to choose.

"We don't know if they're a bit expensive [money] to choose, but we've been open to it."

Booking the

"an easy process," Burger said. Students may recall an e-mailed poll inquiring who they preferred to see perform at Behrend. This is just one step in the process that Burger says is "very laid back."

"We started the search last semester," he said. "Our committee has met regularly since then."

Many different variables go into the consideration when selecting someone to perform at Behrend. The majority of the factors, however, is "based on getting something that the students want."

...being tossed around within meetings, an initial survey of student interests is taken for the type of music they'd like to see.

After the results come in, the committee has a better sense of where to start looking. From there, it's all about what to place.

The Bryce Jordan Center has to be booked for the date that is not only a good date for students, but also a good date for the band in question. This is difficult to do, because the band also has to be within this region of the country at that time in order for a performance. Even before the concert making the process is already checked-off as a still to be done price.

Once the committee has considered all the options, a survey is sent out to students to see what they think. The names of the bands are then selected by the committee.

Lady Antebellum were just some of the performers being considered. Ultimately, the student body chose The Goo Goo Dolls.

Tom Gough, a junior majoring in international business, says that he prefers that someone else were coming.

"I don't listen to them that much," he said. "I'd still consider going, but it depends on the ticket prices, I guess."

Getting along with a band is sometimes a difficult task as selecting the band to perform. Burger explains that in order to get along with band agents, the agent is contacted.

"I've had a lot of experience with that," he said. "I've had to deal with the fact that the agent is not always the best person to deal with."

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