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Corrections to last week's issue

In last week's issue, we published a staff editorial that said the April Fools' page of the Behrend Beacon was not published from 2000 to 2008.

According to a former Beacon editor, April Fools pages were published in 2001 and 2002. However, there are no physical records of these pages.

The going theory is that they were so funny that all copies were destroyed to prevent the possible scenario where a mad genius would harness its comedic power and launch a hilarity-based weapon set to destroy Detroit.

Or just that no one noticed. We sincerely regret the error.

Behrend THON

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She always had needles and tubes in her, but she sort of understood what she had to do to survive."

For over two years, the Dorers took Rylee to the clinic two to three times a week and watched as she braved through chemotherapy, occasionally leaving Corbin and Delaney with family and Rylee largely absent from school. Days upon end spent at the hospital were especially hard for Mrs. Dorer, who often tried to hide tears from Rylee.

"When she saw me cry, she just told me to come lay with her," Mrs. Dorer said. "She

quickly gained maturity beyond her years while losing a little bit of her childhood."

"The beautiful thing about Rylee is that she is never different based on her health," Thomas said.

Thomas' relationship with Rylee pinnacled when Linh Nguyen, another THON member, and she had their hair cut for Rylee at THON 2009.

Thomas said they grew their hair out for almost two years to get a foot cut off for Rylee, who was brought to tears by the gesture. She then took both clumps of hair and sported them to her head.

Eight months later, in late Dec. 2009, the sweet news came from the Dorers; Rylee was taking her last chemotherapy pills and entering remission.

"A few of us that have access to her Carepage got the update and could not believe it," Thomas said.

"We set out on a mission and accomplished it," Nguyen said. "She is my little hero."

The last time the Dorers and Behrend met, which was at THON 2010, a simple miscommunication left Thomas and other Behrend THON members in tears.

"Amanda [Mrs. Dorer] texted me that it was Rylee's last walk across the stage," Thomas said.

"They didn't understand that once they are a Four Diamonds Family they are a family for life. They will be back at THON every year to celebrate our journey."

"It was thrilling to be in remission at THON," Rylee said.

"I had so many people help me; my doctors, THON and my family. Without them I would not have made it."

As if conquering cancer was not enough, Rylee has set her heart on new ambitions.

"I am going to be a rockstar."



Daniel Smith / The Behrend Beacon
Student dancers Lisa Shiderly, Megan Peiffer, Carly Lapp, and Erin Moran (left to right) supported Behrend's THON child, Rylee Dorer (center), whose Non-Hodgkins T-Cell Lymphoma went into remission in January 2010 thanks to money raised by THON.

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partly cloudy

tuesday

57/44

partly cloudy

wednesday

62/47

mostly sunny

thursday

58/48

partly cloudy

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