

## Campus News Briefs

**\*WPSH plans to hit the airwaves next month** - After several successful club meetings and working to place the station's transmitters, WPSH, or "The Reactor" as it has been known as in the past, is planning to begin broadcasting sometime in early November. For more information about the station contact Kimani Avent or Brad Moist at ext. 6396 or stop by W-343.

**\*New stamp machine available on campus** - The USPS and PSH have permitted the Middletown Post Office to place a new stamp machine in the vending machine room (basement) of the Olmsted Building. It carries 15-stamp booklets only. The cost is \$4.80 per book, and the machine takes ones, fives and change.

**\*Chi Gamma Iota looking for blood** - The XGI's are holding their blood drive on October 28, in the Gallery Lounge from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The drive is sponsored in conjunction with the Central Penn Blood Bank, and whenever necessary, the blood is used to help those in the Penn State Harrisburg community.

**\*Public Policy Lecture Series at Downtown Center** - A panel presentation featuring Drs. Steve Peterson, Mike Young and Robert Bresler from PSH, State Representative David Argall and Mark Singel will be held on November 5, Noon - 1:30 p.m. The title of the series is "The 1998 Elections: Reflections from the Front Lines."

**\*Spring semester registration has begun** - Registration for the Spring '99 semester began on October 5 for graduate students and seniors, October 12 for undergraduate juniors and October 26 for non-degree students. The course offerings can be found on the Internet at: [www.hbg.psu.edu](http://www.hbg.psu.edu). Printed copies will be available on October 30. Registration may be completed by using OASIS or by telephone at (814) 863-9000.

## THON strives to help children

**Penn State students dance for cure during 48-hour marathon**

*By Stacie Wentzel  
For the CapTimes*

What is this thing called THON? Why is it causing such a stir throughout Penn State University?

In 1972, fourteen year old Christopher Millard wrote an essay that symbolized his fight with cancer and his search for the "hope of a cure." The essay entitled "The Four Diamonds" spoke of qualities — courage, wisdom, honesty and strength — necessary to fight cancer.

After his death that same year, The Four Diamonds Fund was established to ease financial burdens on families whose children are receiving treatment at the Milton S. Hershey Children's Hospital. In addition to providing direct assistance to families the fund also provides money for clinical, educational and research programs related to childhood cancer.

Since 1977, Penn State students have been dancing for The Four Diamonds Fund. To date, the IFC/Panhellenic Dance Marathon has raised over \$10.5 million dollars. Last year alone THON raised more than \$2 million for the fund.

THON is the largest student-run philan-

thropy in the nation. For the past two years Penn State Harrisburg has not only contributed towards raising money for THON, but has also had students participate in the 48-hour dance marathon.

The students' and volunteers' dedication culminates each February during the dance marathon itself. Over 540 students dance continuously for 48 hours, without sleeping or sitting, in an attempt to help the families of children afflicted with cancer. Despite sore feet, hallucinations and bouts of depression each dancer regards the marathon as an experience of a lifetime.

Fifteen-year-old Jeremy Sente, who lost his battle with cancer in 1995, said: "THON is more than just 48 hours of dancing by over 500 students to raise over a million dollars each year. THON is students giving themselves to make others' lives more livable. THON is a time when life-long friendships are made. THON is everybody working together — the dancers, doctors, fund-raisers, patients and families — for a single cause: to fight cancer in kids."

For more information on how to get involved in THON stop by the Student Government Association office, room 216, Olmsted, or call 948-6137.

*Wentzel is a former member of PSH's SGA and one of last year's dancers.*

## News from Yemen

*The Associated Press*

THE HAGUE, Netherlands — An international arbitration panel ruled Friday in favor of Yemen in its dispute with Eritrea over three Red Sea islands, a quarrel that had threatened a major shipping route.

Eritrea said it will abide by the decision.

In the Eritrean capital of Asmara, Yemen's acting ambassador, Ahmed Hassan, called the decision by the International Court of Arbitration a "victory for Eritrea and Yemen."

"You may lose something but you win something more important: living together in peace as good neighbors and setting an example for others in the region," he said.

Yemen and Eritrea both claimed the three islands, one of which, the Greater Hanish, was captured by Eritrea in a brief battle in December 1995. Yemen retained control of the other two, Lesser Hanish and Zuqar.

The tribunal awarded all three major islands to Yemen and stipulated the decision should be complied with within 90 days.

An Eritrean government official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Eritrea will withdraw its troops from Greater Hanish.

An Eritrean Foreign Ministry statement said the tribunal gave Eritrea control of three minor islands and four islets.

"This is the only civilized way of settling disputes," New Eritrea, a government newspaper, said after the ruling.

Hassan said the decision leaves Yemen free

to develop the islands for tourism, scuba diving, oil and other enterprises.

The islands, where Yemen has granted oil concessions, sit across one of the world's major shipping lanes, 100 miles north of the Bab el-Mandeb strait at the southern entrance to the Red Sea.

Shipping security in the area is of vital importance to Saudi Arabia, which has an oil export terminal in Yanbu further north, and to Egypt, whose revenues from the Suez Canal linking the Red Sea to the Mediterranean are crucial to its economy.

Eritrea and Yemen decided in 1996 to have the dispute settled by the International Court of Arbitration, a low-profile panel of international experts that is based in The Hague. The international court's decisions are legally binding.

The ICA, which arbitrates behind closed doors, is considered a more discreet way to settle disputes than the better-known International Court of Justice, which is housed in the same building.

**VATICAN BEGINS DIPLOMATIC TIES WITH YEMEN:** The Vatican and Yemen established diplomatic relations Monday, six months after a ground-breaking visit by a Vatican delegation to the overwhelmingly Muslim country.

The 3,000 Catholics in Yemen are all foreign workers. The Vatican now has full diplomatic ties with 168 countries.

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