

Announcements:

Currently seeking writers

The Fourth Wall is seeking writers for all sections, including sports and arts & entertainment. We also need general writers on assignment and general article writers. There are openings for regular columns, such as a political column, humor column, advice column, and cartoons. All students are welcome regardless of major. Writers are not required to submit articles on a regular basis.

To make this paper successful, we need you to participate by writing in your opinions, concerns, and comments. Interested parties should send emails to jmz5027@psu.edu.

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Mission Statement

The Fourth Wall was established to provide a responsible forum for dialogue within the student community and for the free expression of considered ideas; to build community; to promote student involvement in activities and issues that have an impact on students' lives; and to disseminate information about campus activities, organizations and events. This is our chance, as students, to say what we really think.

THON 2007: Dancing to the Top

By Tony Arnold
Sports Editor

Many of you reading this enjoy dancing. Dancing is a form of entertainment, exercise, social integration, among many other roles.

But how does dancing for 46 hours straight—without sitting,



sleeping, or otherwise resting yourself—sit with you? Could you do it? Would you want to do it? Well, believe it or not, many people have volunteered to do this on a yearly basis.

This annual gathering I speak of is the Penn State Dance Marathon, or THON for short, in which dancers representing various organizations and individuals, in cooperation with the Four Diamonds Fund, gather after a period of vigorous fundraising for children with cancer.

The Four Diamonds Fund was created in 1972 in order to raise money for children diagnosed with cancer at the Penn State Children's Hospital in Hershey, PA. The Dance Marathon at Penn State started in 1973, originally as a competition in which the proceeds were split between that year's dancing winners and a charity chosen as the beneficiary for that particular year.

In 1977, THON donated to the Four Diamonds Fund and the following year saw a permanent partnership develop between the two. The combination has been unstoppable ever since. THON, now the largest student-run philanthropy in the world, has since raised over \$46 million for children with cancer.

How does this all relate to our campus here at Mont Alto? Well, our campus happens to have its own chapter of THON looking for



In 2007, THON held its first dance marathon in Penn State's Bryce Jordan Center. In the end, THON 2007 raised a record \$5,240,385.17 for The Four Diamonds Fund.

support from whoever is willing. There are many contributions, both direct and indirect, that one can make to this organization, from canning to running the THON 5k race to dancing at the climactic dance marathon.

If you are interested in contributing to the Mont Alto Chapter, you can shoot an e-mail to Joseph Maiello at jom5062@psu.edu. If you are just interested in a general contribution to THON or simply want to check the organization itself out, you can do so at www.thon.org.

Please offer your help, in any way you can, big or small. It takes

just a few small steps to begin a long journey and no organization exemplifies this better than the Penn State Dance Marathon.

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