

Students get their

THON on

True life: Diary of a THONer



Courtesy of University Relations

More than 200 students danced in Alumni Gym Saturday and Sunday, remaining on their feet for a full 24 hours. Monies collected from the event totaled more than \$38,000, setting a record for money raised in a first-year dance marathon.

Dancers raise \$38,000 for Children's Hospital

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stopped by to wish the THON dancers luck. Twisted Measure serenaded the marathon dancers at 11 p.m. Saturday night as dancers neared the 12-hour-halfway mark.

Around the 10 p.m. mark, dancers were called to the stage to compete in a George Foreman grill cook-off. Dancers also participated in a morale dance every hour with coordinated dance moves to get them pumped up.

THON's student coordinators were pleased with the events success, and said they hope it will only grow in popularity in the future.

"We want this to get bigger and bigger every year," Harrell said.

"This is important to do as a person," added Christian Wiggins, student government president and THON participant. Wiggins said reading the profiles of the sick children he was helping made the event worthwhile.

"This really puts things in perspective," he said, "I'm really happy; I'm making kids feel better."

THON dancer Carly Johnston expressed a similar sentiment.

"Helping these kids feels wonderful and it makes my problems not look as bad," she said.

"I would absolutely do it again."

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Guest Writer

Freshman Lauren Thiel was a first-time THON dancer. Thiel kept a short journal of her experiences. She was asked to keep track of her level of tiredness on a scale of 1-10, with 10 being very tired.

She also listed the most exciting event of the hour, one thing she wished she had with her and the name of her favorite song of the hour.

10:06 p.m. Saturday

Mood: I'm tired, but I'm excited and pumped to keep going
Tiredness level: 4

Most exciting event of the hour: The morale dance
The best song of the hour: The morale mix

One thing I wish I had right now: A foot massage!

11:12 p.m. Saturday



Courtesy of Brian Farrell

THON's executive officers spent long hours planning the marathon. Brian Farrell, pictured bottom right, served as overall committee chairman for the event, which takes place at schools nationwide.

Mood: I'm getting excited; we're halfway done!

Tiredness level: 4

Most exciting event of the hour: The morale dance

The best song of the hour: 50 cent "In da club"

One thing I wish I had right now: A seat

12:02 a.m. Sunday

Mood: I'm not tired, but my feet and legs are killing me

Tiredness level: 5

Most exciting event of the hour: A Cook-Out milkshake

The best song of the hour: "The PB&J song"

2:13 a.m. Sunday

Mood: I'm still not tired, but my feet and ankles hurt pretty badly

Tiredness level: 5

The best song of the hour: NSYNC

One thing I wish I had right now: My bed

4:03 a.m. Sunday

Mood: extremely exhausted and aching all over

Tiredness level: 7

Most exciting event of the hour: mail call (dancers receive mail from friends and family)

The best song of the hour: "Pour some sugar on me"

One thing I wish I had right now: SLEEP!

6:17 a.m. Sunday

Mood: exhausted and feeling like my legs are going to fall off.

Tiredness level: 9

Most exciting event of the hour: eating Panera

The best song of the hour: "Boom Boom Boom Boom"

One thing I wish I had right now: SLEEP!

7:01 a.m. Sunday

Mood: I feel like I'm going to fall over

Tiredness level: 10

One thing I wish I had right now: Lots of sleep

10:05 a.m. Sunday

Mood: my feet hurt, I'm almost done and I'm getting excited for the end

Tiredness level: 10

Most exciting event of the hour: The morale dance

The best song of the hour: The morale mix

One thing I wish I had right now: Sleep

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