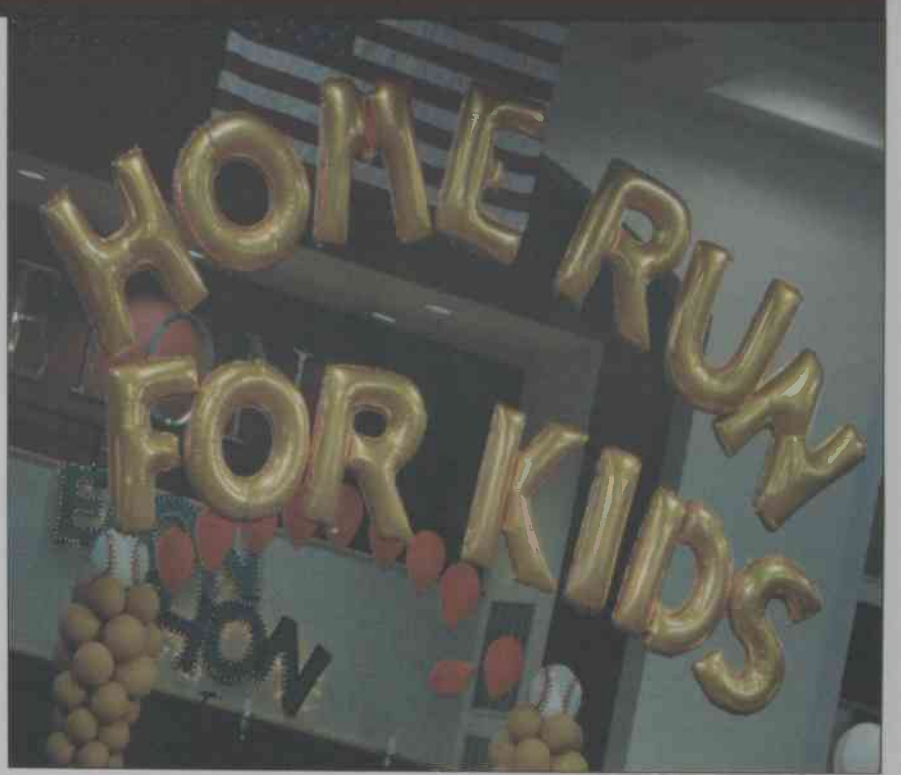


Style



Freshman student Addie Haney competes in a friendly competition on an inflatable game.



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Elonthon raises money for Duke Children's Hospital and the Children's Miracle Network.



Hannah Headan and her father Alex speak to the dancers about how much ELONTHON means to them.

ELONTHON Dancing 24 hours for medical research

Elonthon, the university's annual dance marathon, populated Alumni Gym the weekend of April 8-9 with hundreds of students raising money and wearing out their shoes to help fight childhood diseases.

The final fundraising amount will not be released until later this semester, but last year Elonthon donated more than \$100,000 to Duke Children's Hospital and Children's Miracle Network. Duke Children's Hospital is one of the premiere childhood disease research and treatment facilities in the country and Children's Miracle Network hospitals never turn away young patients who may not be able to

pay out of pocket.

Dancers pay \$12 for registration, and are encouraged either to fundraise \$250 or more, or provide the names of eight sponsors. All of the money raised goes toward the hospitals.

Dancers can choose to dance in six-hour increments, or for the whole 24 hours. Snacks are provided, as well as some breaks for rest — but no sitting allowed. This year's participants danced to the soundtrack of student DJs as well as participated in Zumba workouts and inflatable carnival games.

Elonthon celebrated its eighth year this semester and will be back next year, as always, for the kids.



Dancers were allowed to squat, but not to sit during the entire 24-hour dance period.



Calisthenics kept the dancers moving and a Zumba instructor kept feet tapping as the day wound down.

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