

dance marathon alumni interest group annual newsletter 2004

a letter from the DMAIG president by jeff krisciunas

four diamonds fast facts:

Last year 612 patients were supported by the Fund; 72 were new patients.

The Four Diamonds Fund supports two child life specialists, two social workers, four oncology nurse specialists, two pediatric oncologists, a music therapist, a clinical psychologist, and other support staff members.

Satellite clinics have been opened in State College, PA and Wilkes-Barre, PA, so patients in those areas can now go to the local clinic for the follow-up appointments and not have to travel to Hershey.

WOW! What more can be said about THON, then WOW!! In the recent rough and uncertain economic conditions, individuals found it within their hearts to continue to give to THON. As the THON 2004 Theme "Always Believing" proved to be fitting description for another banner year in raising another \$3.5 Million dollars for The Four Diamonds Fund.

WOW is also how I would describe the involvement of all the Dance Marathon Alumni Interest Group (DMAIG) members. Through your involvement, the DMAIG recently received the 2003 Alumni Interest Group Achievement Award from the Penn State Alumni Association for commitment that the group has demonstrated toward THON!! Over the past 8 years, since its inception in 1996, the DMAIG has continued to promote, support and perpetuate the



Members of the DMAIG proudly accept the Alumni Achievement Award from the Penn State Alumni Association.

ideals of THON, the nation's largest Student run philanthropy. Through our list-serve e-mails, annual newsletter, regional events, and soon to be released website (www.DMAIG.ORG), the DMAIG will continue to provide ways for all to stay involved even as Alumni of PSU and THON! From all of us on the DMAIG Board, please join us in staying connected

with THON. We encourage everyone to keep their connection alive now, and in the future as one day WE WILL BEAT CANCER! THON ON!

Always for the Kids,
Jeff Krisciunas

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am i a member of the DMAIG?

If you are a Penn State alum and were involved in Thon as an undergrad - you are a part of the Dance Marathon Alumni Interest Group! If you or any of your PSU friends are not receiving DMAIG newsletters or email updates, we probably don't have your current contact information.

To update your contact information with the DMAIG, simply email it to Stacy at sndforbes@msn.com.

Please pass this along to your friends!

THON 04: looking back with adam duff, overall chair 04



THON 2004 raised
\$3,547,715.48 FOR THE KIDS!

Greetings fellow THON Alumni. As preparations are in place for an amazing 2005 PENN STATE DANCE MARATHON, we take a quick moment to look back on the past year and the great things that PENN STATE STUDENTS accomplished in THON 2004.

This year had many great successes. Our pre-THON special events continued to grow with the 5K Race and THON Family Carnival setting new attendance records. Because of incredible leadership in past years, we continue to have outstanding students apply for overall, captain and committee member positions ready to volunteer their time and efforts to make THON better. It truly is amazing that we have close to 10,000 students at 19 campuses volunteering their time in one way or another all with the goal of conquering childhood cancer and helping our Four Diamond Families. This event will always be FOR THE KIDS!!!!!!

We also had an outstanding 252 student organizations participate in fundraising with commonwealth

campus participation up. This was a tough year weather-wise with two out of four fundraising weekends cancelled because of snow and dangerously low temperatures. However, the students persevered and the donations continued to stream through with THON 2004 raising \$3,547,715.48.

In the months following THON, we had the Northern New Jersey Alumni Association team with THON to host the 1st annual Penn State Dance Marathon Golf Outing raising over \$35,000.

I am honored and humble to have been the overall chair of Penn State Dance Marathon 2004. It was an incredible year.



THON 05: looking ahead with seth moser, overall chair 05

First of all, thank you for being a part of the DMAIG! As another THON swings into gear, the students at Penn State are pushing hard to find new ways to help the kids. Building on the accomplishments of all those who came before us, it is such an honor to be able to do our part at making THON the best it can be - FOR THE KIDS.

At www.thon.org, you will soon find THON's new and improved web presence. The new site is designed with communication in mind, structuring content specifically toward your relationship with THON, whether you are a student, an alumnus, a corporate sponsor, a four diamonds family, or even just a guest. A feature we are particularly excited about is the new Online

THON Store. This store will feature all of the THON merchandise available at any THON event, plus new items such as the THON - FOR THE KIDS rubber wristbands. Complete with real-time credit card processing and quick shipment options, the online store should serve all of your needs for THON gear.

On the organizational side of things, more students than ever have become involved in THON, so many that we've been able to create some new opportunities for volunteerism. If you do not live in State College, keep your eye out for the new THON street teams who will be going around the state to build public awareness of THON. Also new this year is the Technology and Donor Development department, the captains of which

have been working for months to create a new database system for keeping track of volunteers, organizations, and even transition materials for years to come. One huge benefit of this system will be the ability to market directly to alumnae of THON who may not have known had any other chance to give. Finally, organizations will be doing even more pledge book solicitation this year, so watch for kids fundraising in your area.

In short, the students of THON 2005 are working hard to find ways to improve something that is already years ahead of other events. We will give our all to do this, even though the things that make THON what it is - the Four Diamonds Families and the spirit of Penn State - never change.

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**-seth moser
overall chair**

do you want to dance in THON 05? by kristen schein

THON has a way of working itself permanently into our hearts. Even after graduation, many of us maintain a service to THON. Being an alumni dancer is one way to stay involved. If this is something you are interested in doing, consider the following information:

- The person(s) who raise(s) the most money will be awarded the opportunity to dance in THON 2005.
- Registration to dance will be approximately \$900 per couple.
- Fundraising will begin in late-fall and will be completed by mid-January.
- The winning couple will be announced in time for Dancer Registration at Penn State.
- The money raised by those people not selected for dancing will be donated to THON in the name of DMAIG.
- Your partner does not have to be a member of the Penn State alumni. You may select your partner beforehand to help you with fundraising, or at a later time.
- We have some resources to aid you in your fundraising efforts.

If this is something you are interested in, please contact Kristen Schein, psushiner@hotmail.com.



four diamonds fund update by sara firestone

It's been a busy year for The Four Diamonds Fund and Penn State Children's Hospital. After the excitement of THON 04 things only got better! On April 23 the THON 04 Overall Committee announced that THON agreed to pledge \$10 million toward the Pediatric Cancer Pavilion in the new Penn State Children's Hospital. The Pavilion will enable our patients to receive their care all in one area- both inpatient and outpatient. Everyone is very excited about THON's continued commitment to The Four Diamonds Fund and Penn State Children's Hospital.

We've also had some other amazing things happen. Dr.

Ken Lucas, one of the researchers for the Four Diamonds Research Institute, is also serving as the Director of the Bone Marrow Transplantation. Dr. Lucas and his team have been performing more transplants at Penn State Children's Hospital. Before Dr. Lucas' arrival the team was performing between 6-8 transplants per year. Now we're up to almost 25! This is great news for the patients who need transplants because now they can stay at Penn State Children's Hospital and not have to travel away from home. An office area in the Children's Hospital was converted into a stem cell clinic for the transplant patients. This allows the patients to be

in a sterile environment to receive their infusions or just to come in for a check-up rather than going to our normal outpatient clinic.

Dr. Barbara Miller returned to Penn State Children's Hospital as the second researcher for the Four Diamonds Research Institute. Dr. Miller holds the Christopher Millard Chair in Pediatric Oncology Research. With Dr. Miller on staff the Research Institute is fully staffed and fully operational. Now we're just waiting on that cure!

We couldn't do all of this without your continued support! Thanks for always remembering it's for the kids.



for the kids: alumni helping everywhere by melissa rosmarin

In many areas, such as New York City, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Maryland, New Jersey and the DC/Metro Area, alumni have been organizing numerous events to reunite other alumni while also raising thousands of dollars for THON. These events have included bar nights out in all areas, the first annual "Pants Party" in New Jersey, a kickball tournament in Baltimore, and other sports-related events. **A special thanks to all planners of these events for their hard work and dedication.**

In addition to the DMAIG events, we are now beginning to collaborate with the Penn State Alumni Association and their local chapters as well as different alumni interest groups to both increase involvement and be able to maintain relationships between members of the DMAIG and the PSAA. We are hoping to have events together in all areas that the DMAIG is already involved in. If you would like to participate or be involved in an upcoming DMAIG event, or just want to find out more about regional events, please contact the following:

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WASHINGTON DC AREA Dave Kranich - DWKranich@aol.com

ALL OTHER AREAS or ANY QUESTIONS Melissa Rosmarin - mjrosmarin@hotmail.com

THON 05 CALENDAR

Oct. 24:

THON 5K

Oct. 29-31:

Fundraising
Weekend #1

Nov. 10:

100 Days 'Til THON
Celebration

Nov. 21:

Four Diamonds
Family Carnival

Dec. 3-5:

Fundraising
Weekend #2

Jan. 21-23:

Fundraising
Weekend #3

Jan. 26:

THON Kickoff Dinner

Feb. 11-13:

Fundraising
Weekend #4

Feb. 18-20:

THON 2005!!!

call to alumni: support the undergrads! by lee kimball

As part of our continuing effort to support the Dance Marathon undergraduates, this year the Dance Marathon Alumni Interest Group has created the THON/DMAIG Fundraising Competition. The award is designed to encourage innovative and unique fundraising ideas, and will be donated to the student organization who submits the 'best' new idea to raise money for THON. The money will then be used as 'start-up capital' for the proposal that demonstrates the most potential to raise the most funds in the most innovative way. In addition, the Rick Funk Scholarship Award goes into its 8th year, recognizing commitment, loyalty, leadership and motivation of one dedicated undergraduate student. In order to ensure the success of these awards, we are actively searching for corporate donations to underwrite the costs associated with perpetuating these great traditions. If your company is able to participate in any way, please contact LeeRKimball@yahoo.com for further information.

You Know You're an Alumni when...

When you hear Living on a Prayer by Bon Jovi at THON and you hear someone dancing say "What a great new song!"

You know you are old when you are using your THON t-shirt as a dust rag!

You are diapering a baby and the smell of baby powder makes you nostalgic.

When the undergrads can't find your name on the pass list.

COMING SOON TO A WEBSITE NEAR YOU!

WWW.DMAIG.ORG

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Here are some folks who know about "being an alumni" all too well.

Read on for this year's Class Notes!

Thanks to all who replied to my recent request for an update. I have tried to include as much information as I was able, separated by year of graduation. It was great hearing from you! Please feel free to email me any future updates at SNDForbes@msn.com and I will save them for the next newsletter.

Thanks! - Stacy Bingler Forbes

The 80's

Bob Puhak and his wife, Lori, had a baby boy, Alexander (Alex) on February 11, 2004. They also have a daughter, Janine, who will soon be ten years old and a son, Bobby, who's now six. They live in Cranford, NJ where Bob works as a Vice President and Senior Technology Analyst for Goldman Sachs in New York. He returns to PSU from time to time for college recruiting and his nephew, George, will be a freshman at University Park this fall. **Colleen and Jim Tretter** (Dancers '85) just had their 4th son, Timothy, in March. **Jennifer Darcy Thompson** (Overall Morale '87) got married to Shane Thompson on September 27, 2003, and is now living in Annapolis, MD and working as a Mortgage Loan Officer for Bank of America in Washington, DC. She can be reached at jen_darcy@hotmail.com. **Patricia Carley** (Dancer '85, '86, Gamma Phi Beta) is Of Counsel to the Law Offices of Franklyn C. Steinberg, III in Somerville NJ, www.lawfirmnewjersey.com, where she practices in the areas of discrimination, sexual harassment, personal injury & workers' compensation. She was also recently elected President of the Sussex-Warren Chapter of the New Jersey Association of Women Business Owners (NJAWBO). **Amy Weinberg** (Overall Finance Chair '88) is a Membership Director for the Maryland-National Capital Building Industry Association - a chapter of the National Association of Home Builders. She works full time and has a side business called Organize This! where she organizes peoples' homes, businesses, etc. She has an 8-year old daughter, Jenna, and a 5-year old son, Michael. Her husband, Joel, also a PSU graduate, is an IT Recruiter for Comsys. They live in Boyds, Maryland and love to see the canners from PSU every year. **Kristen Fortney (Kaminski)** (Overall Committee '89) is relocating to Greenwich Connecticut to build a new house and has taken a job as an executive recruiter with Gary Kaplan & Associates. Her new email: KristenFortney@psualum.com and new Address: 4 Grey Rock Drive, Greenwich, CT 06831.

The 90's

Jeffrey Ballou (Morale [McKeesport] '86, '87, Overall Reception Committee Chair '88, Dancer '89) is co-chairing his Shriners annual charity ball for indigent children being treated at Howard University Hospital on December 4th at the French Embassy (www.mecca10.org). He is still at WTTG-TV/FOX-5 as a planning editor. Shows he helps to plan, the FOX-5 Morning News, Noon News and News at Ten, continue to do well ratings-wise. No marriage or kids to report (much to the shagrin of the Millards). He turned 37 on August 2nd. **Jodi (Crombie) Holland** (Panhellenic AVP '90) and her husband adopted a little girl. Her name is Nya Shelley & she was born August 4, 2003. **Dawn Eisert** has a new e-mail address: eisert@adelphia.net. **Mike Cinker** and his wife Dawn Cinker (Lauer) were introduced by a mutual friend on the Dance Floor of the White Building during THON '91 while he was dancing for Sigma Pi and she was on the Morale Committee and a member of the Cheerleading squad that was participating in the pep rally. They were married in the Fall of '93, and have two boys, Ben (6) & Will (3). They reside in Wexford, PA (a northern suburb of Pittsburgh). **Jennifer Bender Mallin** (Overall Reception '90, Dancer '91) currently lives outside Pittsburgh, PA (Mars, PA) with her husband, Matt, and their children Alex (7) and Megan (5). She is a Consultant and Team Mentor for Tastefully Simple Gourmet Foods. She can be reached at mjmallin@nauticom.net. **Art Miley** (Dancer, Blue Band '91) was married in State College on June 26th to Susan Seely ('96). They live in State College. **Joe Jorczak** (IFC President, Overall Rules & Regs) and his wife, Joannie, had their first baby, Katie Jorczak, on May 21, 2004! He is working with IBM Business Consulting Services and they live at 21001 Annrita Ave., Torrance, CA 90503. **Michelle Hanau DeKoven** (Morale, Comm '92, Chi Omega co-chair '93, Dancer '94) is working at The Nature Conservancy in Arlington, VA. She and her husband are expecting a baby in a few weeks. She can be reached at HanauM02@alum.darden.edu. **Jeff Krisciunas** (Dancer '94, DMAIG President) was recently promoted to VP of Finance of Merit Industries, Inc. **Susan Goss Taylor** (Morale Comm '92, '93, Dancer '94) moved to San Diego in 1997 after law school graduation. She married a Penn Stater (Cameron Taylor '94) in 1998 and they share their house with their beautiful Great Dane, Sveta. She now works for a large plaintiffs firm (Lerach Coughlin Stoia Geller Rudman & Robbins LLP) prosecuting securities fraud and consumer fraud class actions. They enjoy get together with the San Diego Alumni Club to catch the Nittany Lions during football season, and spend as much time as they can in the San Diego sunshine during the rest of the year. They love visitors so let them know if you'll be out their way..... **Meredith Kitay Silberman** (Dancer '94) and her husband, Pete, have 2 children: Adam, 3 years and Brendan 1 year. They live in Pittsburgh. She can be reached at meredith@silbermans.com. (Continued)

Melanie Espenshade (ICC Captain '93) married Greg Dudley (unfortunately a Syracuse Alum!) on May 22, 2004. They are living in King of Prussia, PA. She works as a Sr. Manager at AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals. David Dorenfeld (Overall Marketing Chair '95) lives in Charlotte, NC and recently got married in November. He is working as a Dermatology Physician Assistant. He and his wife are expecting their first puppy in one week! Amy Vanderwall (Overall Morale '95) After ending her career in accounting and moving to New York City, Amy received two Masters degrees in Music and Music Education from Teachers College, Columbia University, along with an undergraduate music degree. Amy is now teaching Music in a New York City public school. The '04-05 school year will be Amy's second year at PS 9 teaching 3rd - 7th grade Music and she loves every minute of it. Amy is also playing her flutes around town, and during the summers, spending her time at a camp in the Adirondack Mountains working with kids. Her words of advice "Live simply. Dream big. It's never too late." Amy looks forward to seeing her Overall crew for their 10th year reunion at Thon '05! She can be reached at alvanderwall@juno.com. Derek Lehman (Social Committee '94, '95) is engaged to Carolyn Jones-Pollack with the wedding planned for June 25, 2005. He also accepted a new position with Hershey Food's Promotion Intergration Department and we will be relocating from Greenwich, CT to Elizabethtown PA as of Sept 30th. Stacy Bingler Forbes (Overall Chair '95, Overall Social Chair '94, Dancer '00, DMAIG Secretary) and her husband, David, are expecting Baby #2 later this year. They had son, William Jack, in May of 2003. She recently caught up with Christine Madden (Overall Social Chair '95, Dancer '96), Chris Shaffer (Overall Entertainment Chair '95) and Rob Carter (Overall ICC Chair '95), who have all recently been married, and Diane Gebicki (Overall PR Chair '95), who was recently engaged. Congrats guys!! Remi Tammaro (Cohen) (Morale Captain '96, Dancer '95) and her husband Jerry Tammaro ('96) had a future THON dancer, Kylie Belle Tammaro, on January 27, 2004. Lisa Cobey (Dancer, AOPi '96, Morale Comm '95) moved to Santa Monica, CA (about a year ago) and is working as a psychotherapist at Los Angeles Child Guidance Clinic. She and her sister (Suzanne) have been fundraising for the Arthritis Foundation for the past few years in honor of their mom who is afflicted with Rheumatoid Arthritis - we hope to hike in Dublin this October (<http://cobey SISTERS.chariteam.com>)! She can be reached at lwcobey@yahoo.com. Meg-Erin (McGuckin) Smith (Morale Comm '95, Dancer '96) and her husband, Jim, had a baby boy named Hunter James Smith on May 2, 2004. She can be reached at psumegs@yahoo.com. Lisa (Hoffman) Walkiewicz (Overall Marketing Chair '97) and her husband, Mike, recently moved to: 1908 13th Street, Bethlehem, PA 18020. She also got a new job at Grand View Hospital as the hospital's Marketing Coordinator. She will be an aunt for the first time in November (some of you might remember her twin sister, Kristen (also Thon alum) and her husband Milo (PSU Alum)). She can be reached at lisa_walkiewicz@hotmail.com. Colin McGinnis (PR Comm '96, '97, Dancer '97) has been living in London, England for a little over two years now. He works for Peoplesoft

(formerly J.D. Edwards) providing developer support for their European call center. He is also starting a two-year acting course at the Poor School, from which he intends to pursue acting as a full-time career. He can be reached at colin.mcginnis@btopenworld.com, <http://colin.mcginnis.users.btopenworld.com>. Brent Laskowski and his wife, Kathy, moved back to State College this past spring. In August he started working for the University as a Senior Research Coordinator for the Development and Alumni Relations Dept. They are hoping to buy a house in the area soon and expect to get a Golden Retriever puppy in October. They love being back in town and having the luxury of going to work everyday in Old Main. He can be reached at brentl@psualum.com. Richel Perretti (Dancer '96, '97, Advisor, Penn State Fayette) works at Penn State's University Park location as the Assistant Director of Unions and Student Activities. He also works with contracts for the University and as such processes all of the band and other contracts for THON. Lori Schwartz Glenn (Overall Morale Chair '98, Morale Captain '97) was recently married at the end of June. She has a new address: 1730 North Clark Street, Apt 506, Chicago, IL 60614, (312) 573-1060. Emily Power (Sharretts) (Overall PR Chair '98) can be found at: 713 7th St. Hermosa Beach CA 90254. She and her husband, Andrew, just had a baby girl, Piper Lynn Power, on April 27, 2004. They are loving being new parents. Devin Mathias (PR/Competition/Kappa Alpha) and his wife, Emmalia (Social Comm '99), (continued from page 5) welcomed their first son, Kai Christopher, to the world February 10th (almost a THON baby). Devin completed his MBA at the University of Florida in April and is beginning a PhD program in Higher Education Administration this fall, also at UF. He is currently the Director of Annual Giving for UF and can be reached at dmathias@ufl.edu. Jonathan Briante (ATO DM Chairperson '96, Marketing Captain '97, PR Captain '98) moved back to NYC after a few years in Chicago and is working as a copywriter at Digitas, an advertising agency. He can be reached at jonathanbriante@yahoo.com. Stephanie E. Sanderson Braem, Esquire has graduated from Rutgers School of Law - Camden and am a practicing attorney in the Trust and Estates area with Stradley, Ronon Stevens, and Young, LLP in center city Philadelphia. I was married on August 7, 2004 to Daniel S. Braem and we have bought a home in Cherry Hill, New Jersey.

The 00's

Lauren Pinsker (Overall Corporate Relations 2000) recently moved back to New York City from Aspen, Colorado after a great winter as a concierge at the Sky Hotel! She is excited to be back on the east coast to be near all her friends and family. She will be working in event planning at Goldman Sachs in Jersey City. Jennifer Doebler (Overall OPP '00) received her Master of Arts in Higher Education Administration from the University of Redlands on May 27, 2004. She is returning for eight more months to the position of Johnston Complex Director until she begins a thru-hike of the Appalachian (Continued)

Trail on April 15, 2005 (Anyone wanting an adventure for the summer of 2005 is welcome to come for any part of the trail they can fit into their schedule!). She can be reached at TUBABABE@psualum.com. Elizabeth Stackhouse (Overall Marketing Chair '01, Marketing Captain & Dancer '00) got engaged on May 29, 2004 to Brian Brassell ('01, and a TKE), after 8 1/2 years of dating! She works in the Public Relations and Press Office of the Pennsylvania Lottery in Middletown, PA, and Brian is an insurance salesman and financial advisor in southcentral PA. A July 2005 wedding is planned. Kristin Oestreicher (Dancer '01) and Michael Ferrara ('00, Dancer '99 and '00) are getting married! October 2nd is the date, NYC is the place. Bob Pilon (EVP - IFC '00, President of ATO and Dancer '99) is employed at the Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation as a Sr. Development Officer managing international corporate relations. In the last year, he has been traveling extensively overseas developing strategic partnerships with multinational companies to support the Foundation's pediatric HIV/AIDS programs. In October, he will spend 3 weeks traveling throughout South Africa visiting healthcare facilities that the Foundation funds. HBO's Mathew St. Patrick from the show Six Feet Under will be joining them for this tour as well as former CNN anchor and NBA Inside Stuff host, Willow Bay. He has been working with Lee Kimball (Overall Chair '03), to recently launch a music benefit project with David Britz '01 (Stillette Management), which will kick-off in early 2006 in 20 cities nationwide. He can be found at: 2515 K St., NW #712, Washington, DC 20037. Lauren Decker (Dancer for Newman '02, co-chair fund-raising PSU-Beaver '00) has a new email: led9j@virginia.edu. She received M.Ed. in Educational Psychology at the University of Virginia and is continuing her education towards her Ph.D. in Risk and Prevention at the University of Virginia. Elizabeth Panek (Dancer '02) graduated in May '04 with her Master's Degree in Communication Sciences and Disorders specializing in Augmentative and Alternative Communication from Penn State. She has a new job as a speech language pathologist in Hershey, PA. Liz Keating (OPP Comm '00, Dancer '01, OPP Cap '02) has lived in Vail, CO for 2 years now and works for Vail Resorts. Kelly Ryan (Dancer '02) started a new job August 9th as Safety and Risk Management Associate at Eagleville Hospital, Eagleville, PA. Lanik Lowry (Dancer '01, '02) has relocated to Los Angeles, California with Lockheed Martin Corporation (Aeronautics division) as a Labor Relations Representative with her long-time boyfriend. Jenna Groff (Morale Comm, Morale Captain, Pi Beta Phi Chairperson, Communications Captain, Dancer) recently got married! As of July 17, 2004, she is now Mrs. Jenna Knapp, wife of Ryan M. Knapp. They married in Pittsburgh, and then moved to Arlington, VA. Her new email address is: jennaknapp@hotmail.com. Teri Hennigan (Dancer '99, OPP Crew member '00, OPP Captain '01) is currently engaged to a PSU Alum - Jim Bossard ('02). She is also currently deployed to Baghdad, Iraq with the 1st Cavalry Division in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. She's a combat patrol leader in charge of 16 other people as they patrol the streets of Baghdad. She's been deployed since March 2004 and anticipates being there for a year. Chris

Hulse recently was promoted to Store Manager at CVS/pharmacy in Philadelphia, PA. Jessica Donnelly (Dancer '99, Morale Comm '00, Corporate Relations Captain '01, Morale Captain '02) just finished her 2nd year of teaching at Spring Grove Middle School. At Spring Grove she is in charge of a service group called Project Harmony. This past year Project Harmony held it's second annual Mini-THON, which was a huge success thanks to the 216 student dancers, 75 Project Harmony club members, 14 Four Diamonds Families, 65 volunteers, 11 Penn State THON Captains, and DJ Larry Moore. They raised over \$24,500 for the Four Diamonds Fund. Bob Viscount works at WJAC-TV in Johnstown, PA as a sports reporter and loves his job. He recently got engaged to Melissa Langford, who went to Ithaca College. Lisa Frank Callender (Dancer for AICHE '03) was married to Matt Callender ('01) on July 17th, 2004! Their address is: 4905 Claremont St., Apt #1, Midland, MI 48642 Sean Chuplis (Morale '04, Theme hour chair '03, Dancer '02) is commissioned in the Air Force. He is going to Barksdale AFB (Shreveport) in Louisiana and then Laughlin AFB (Del Rio) in TX for pilot training. He can be reached at seanchuplis@psualum.com. Jess Fitterling (Morale Comm '01, '02, Dancer '02, High School Initiative Communications Captain '03, '04) has a new email address: jlf312@umd.edu. Jacqueline Martinico started a marketing job with an Architectural Firm in Beverly Hills, CA. Her new email is jsm271@hotmail.com. Rachel Sterling (Dancer '04) will be attending Temple Medical School in the Fall. Her new email: rssterli@temple.edu. Jen Bittner (Dancer '04) has moved to 570 Yocumtown Road, Etters, PA 17319. Her email address is now jlb503@psualum.com.

did you know?

THON's total contribution to the Four Diamonds Fund is almost at \$30 million!

The alumni appeal (the one that has the can on the front) raised \$45,000 and was added to the THON 2004 total!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF THON, THE FOUR DIAMONDS FUND, AND THE DMAIG.

HOPE TO SEE YOU IN FEBRUARY!

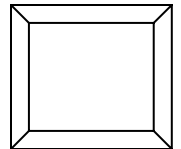
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