

Dance Marathon to be held in EMU

■ **EVENT:** Dancers are aiming to raise \$15,000 for the Children's Miracle Network

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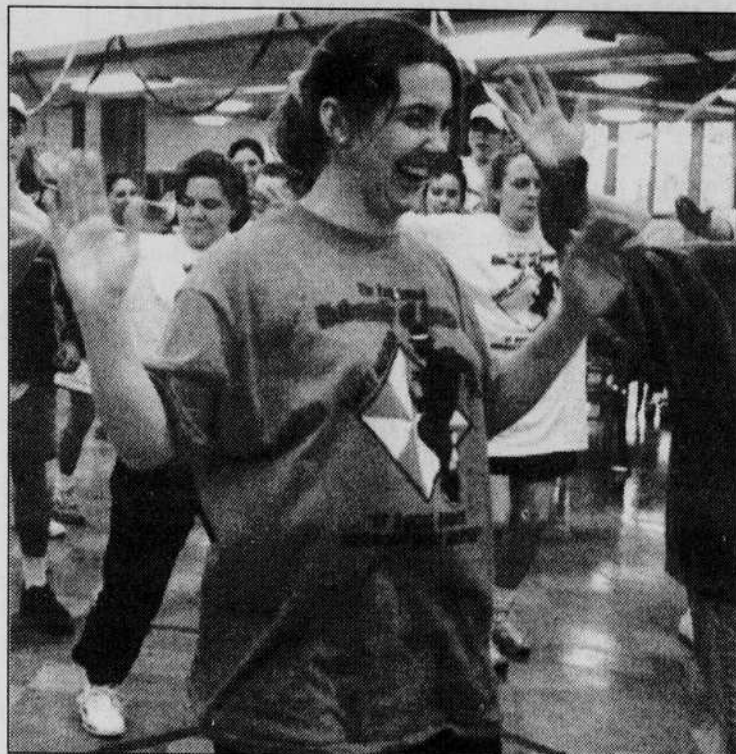
Dancing ducks will participate in a 36-hour nonstop Dance Marathon today and tomorrow in the EMU Ballroom. The proceeds from the second annual University Dance Marathon will benefit the neonatal intensive care unit at Eugene's Sacred Heart Medical Center.

"The funds raised from the Dance Marathon will go a long way in helping the Children's Miracle Network provide vital medical equipment for sick and injured kids," said Debi White, director of the Children's Miracle Network, a fund-raising arm of the Sacred Heart Medical Center Foundation.

More than 100 students are expected to participate in the Dance Marathon, during which participants are not allowed to sit, sleep or leave. Last year, 80 dancers combined their efforts to raise \$4,500. This year, the dancers are aiming to raise around \$15,000, said Sam Bessey of Greek Life.

Although the marathon was introduced to the campus through the Greek community, it is a campus-wide event open to anyone who would like to raise \$100 to participate. Money is raised with donations from local businesses, sponsorship for prizes and the dancer registration fees.

The residence halls and each of the Greek chapters conducted heavy recruiting and promotion for the marathon. Families whose



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children have been treated in the neonatal intensive care unit have also volunteered their time and energy to the event.

University students, including Greek Life members, have worked on contacting possible sponsors, booking entertainment/bands and planning the Dance Marathon.

"It's exciting to see the enthusiasm of all the students who are organizing this unique event," White said.

The fund raiser is filled with dancing, entertainment and different themes.

The volunteer bands slated to perform are: Zero Rock Density,

Phamous Phaces, Isor Wallobee, Big Steve and the Unusual Suspects, Freaks of Nature, More Time to Live and Coup de Ville. DJ Half-Pint will be on hand to play music throughout the night. The University cheerleaders will also make an appearance along with the Zap Dancers, female impersonators and dancers from the University Ballroom Dance Club.

The Dance Marathon will be open for the public to watch and participate in a silent auction, which will be held throughout the evening. Its proceeds will also benefit the Children's Miracle Network.

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