

Stoneking stays strong in the battle against cancer

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Every day many of us take our health for granted; never realizing that in one moment that can all change. On Sept. 7, after suffering from headaches and consulting doctors, Jake Stoneking, freshman, was diagnosed with high-risk medulloblastoma. In days before Stoneking was to attend his first year because of the diagnosis and treatment.

"I couldn't wait what was Brett Kruger and close

he and Stoneking were overwhelmed with the diagnosis.

A website on Caring Bridge was set up for Stoneking and his mother, Wendy, makes frequent updates about his condition. Many people have written in the guest book with entries from



he is doing, go to the Caring Bridge web site at, www.caringbridge.org/visit/jacobstoneking. "I think we've all been touched, and feel a real motivation to be there for each other the way," Kruger, my friend,

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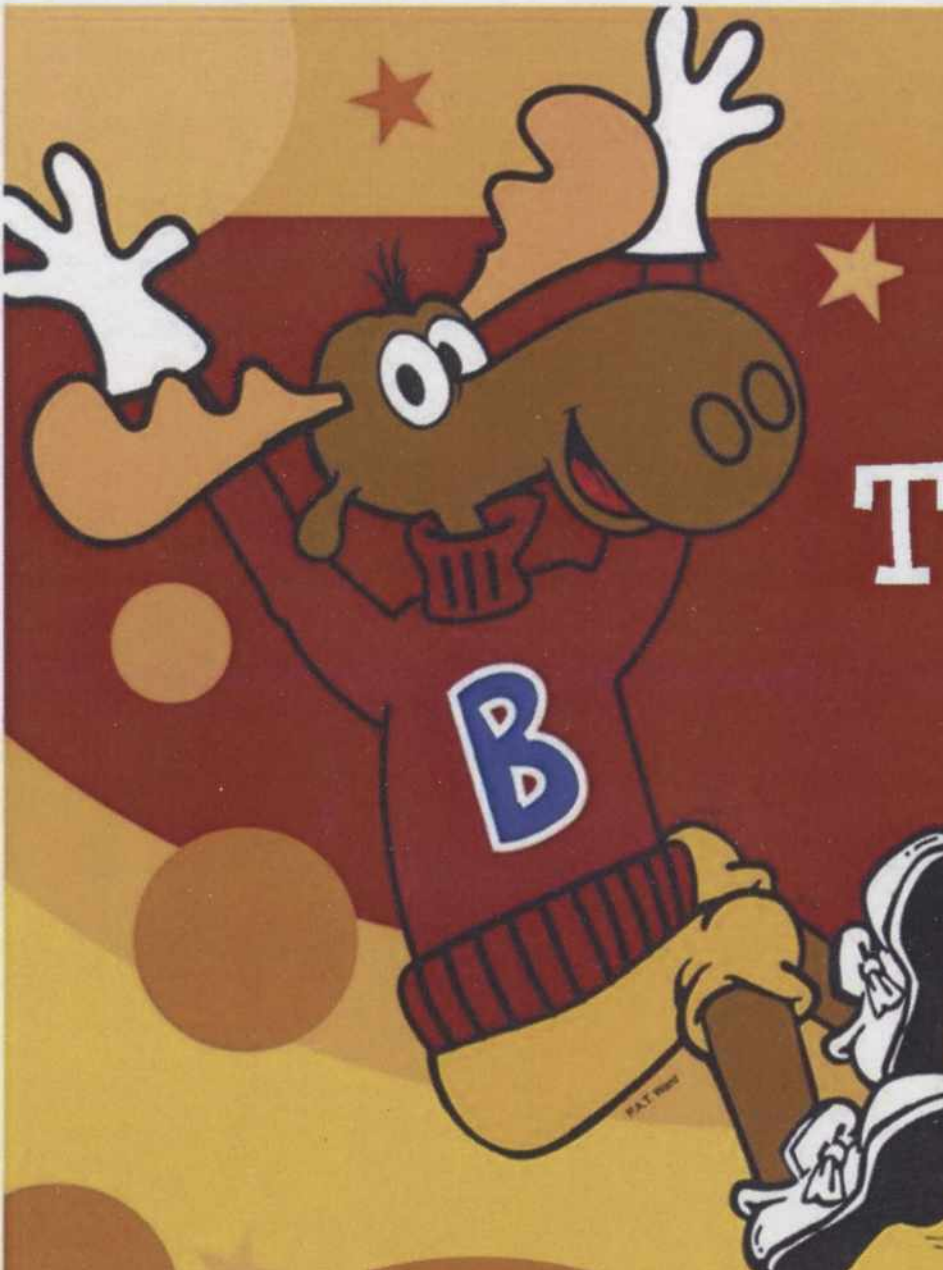
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through a tube. He has been losing weight, but it has steadied. Friends Mitchell Wible and Mitchell Blatt, freshmen, went trick-or-treating for Stoneking, because he couldn't.

"The power of your support is uplifting," Wendy Stoneking said.



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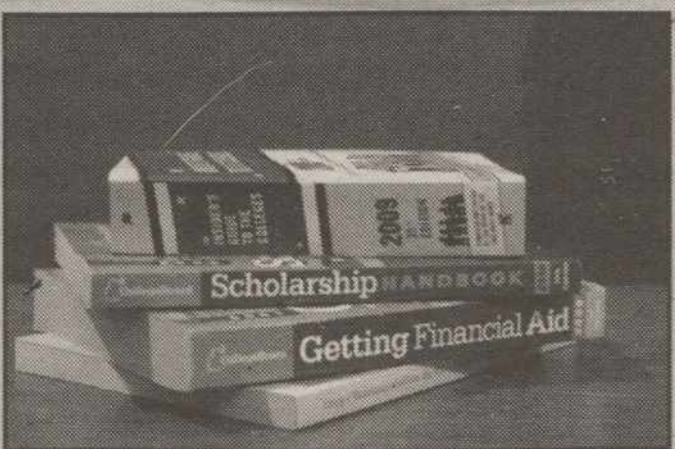
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the same time as their early applications are due. Other colleges such as Oregon State University don't require their scholarship applications until early February.



go. Most colleges are willing to waive application fees; simply search the website to find the link and fill out the application.

•The private school option turns off many because of its general high price. However, many don't realize that private schools have much more money (often from private donors, memorials and alumni) to give to students in financial aid.