

# Zumba!



About 70 students participated in a Zumba dance fundraiser at the Cain Athletic Center at Washington College Saturday.

## Quake relief money raised on a snowy afternoon

**CHESTERTOWN** — Zumba dance and fitness instructors were joined by about 70 Washington College students and other participants in a "Zumbathon," Saturday, to benefit the American Red Cross earthquake relief effort in Haiti.

Led by the certified instructors and sometimes some of the veteran Zumba students from on stage, the participants danced to the Latin beats for which Zumba is known. The dance routine, which employs simple steps, is used as a fitness regimen.

Local and visiting instructors included Mandie Shockley, Aundra Weissert, Teddi Zia, Beilin Zia, Ree Cinelli, Pam Andrews, Stacey Arnold, Sarah Snyder, Justine Hendrick, Dazi Mozie and Jayne Bourke-Steeg.

Many of the dancers braved a raging snowstorm to participate in the event, held at the Cain Athletic Center at Washington College from 1 to 4 p.m.

"Considering the fact that it snowed," said Shockley, "all in all I was pretty pleased."

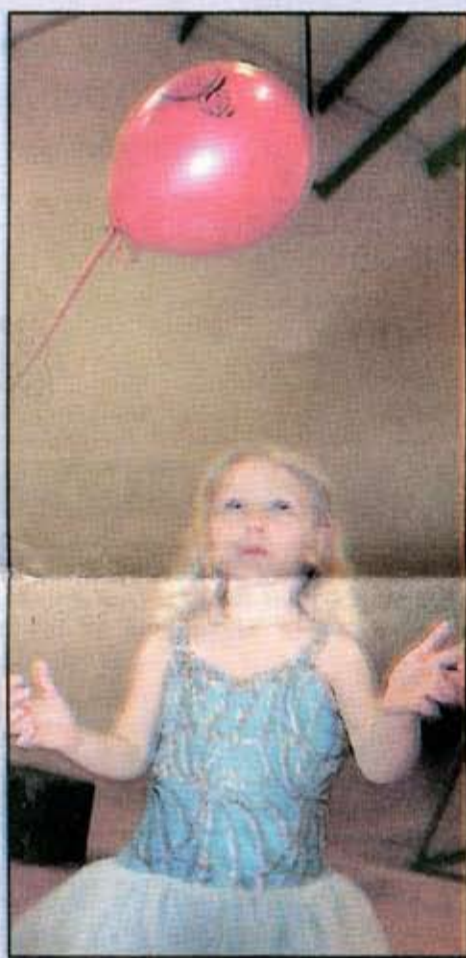
Several businesses donated items for drawings.

Participants were encouraged to donate \$10 each. Betsy Tuttle, development manager for the Southern Delmarva Office of the Red Cross, said the event raised more than \$1,400, all of which will benefit the Haiti relief program.

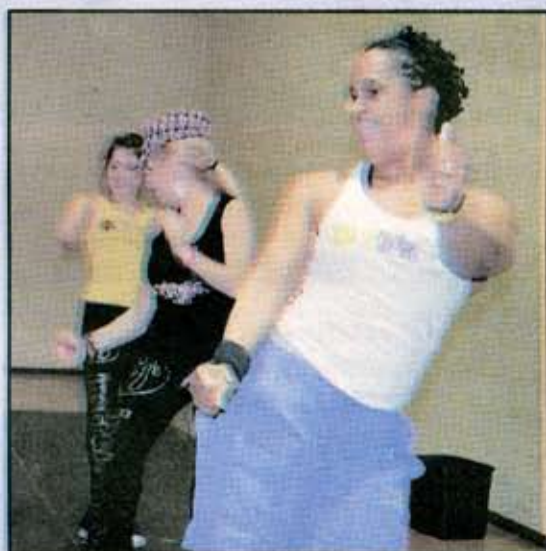
Shockley said another Zumbathon may be planned because so many people who planned to attend couldn't do so because of the weather.



**ABOVE LEFT:** Beilin Zia, one of the instructors who participated in the Zumba dance fundraiser, joins the dancers on the floor.



**ABOVE RIGHT:** Taylor Kelty, 3, danced a little, but also enjoyed the balloons.



**RIGHT:** From left, instructors Beilin Zia, Teddi Zia and Pam Andrews lead one of the dance numbers.

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