



LIDDY SHRIVER '90

Elizabeth (Liddy) Shriver's father Bruce, a pioneer in computer architectures and microprogramming in particular, met Andy van Dam in the '60s. Since they have been friends so long, Andy was delighted when Liddy came to Brown. She worked under Jeff Vitter and received her M.Sc. in 1990; her thesis topic was "Optimal Disk I/O with Parallel Block Transfer." After earning her doctorate at NYU, she went to work at Bell Labs.



Practicing for the Denmark tour

Liddy's health was normal until nine years ago when she became aware of a burning pain in her foot. After years of this severe pain, a tumor was found behind her knee, which a biopsy showed to be Ewing's sarcoma/PNET (primitive neuroectodermal tumor). Says Liddy, "I had chemotherapy, surgery, radiation, and more chemotherapy, but my cancer has spread to my lungs. So far, the nodules in my lungs haven't responded to treatment." As the disease progresses, Liddy will have increased difficulty breathing,

which will hinder her great passion, cycling. Before this happens, she plans to take several long bike rides as part of a campaign to raise public awareness of sarcoma, especially to the critical lack of young adult participation in clinical trials. Because most Ewing's sarcoma research has been done on children, the results do not always apply to adults. This lack has resulted in a higher fatality rate for adults. "I fall into the category of *young adults with cancer*," says Liddy, "which means there isn't much data available to help my oncologist know what treatments might work for me."

On April 10-13, Liddy, 36, joined friends and family members for their first **Team Sarcoma** bike ride at Cycle Zydeco, the second annual four-day, 200-mile southern Louisiana bike tour. In late June and early July, Team Sarcoma will undertake a bike tour in Denmark. To join the team or for more information, please see the following websites or contact Liddy at liddy@theshrivers.us.

www.theshrivers.us/1a_bike_our.htm

www.theshrivers.us/danish_bike_tour.htm

www.cyclezydeco.com