Dance Receives Walter Byers Postgraduate Scholarship

The NCAA announced last week that Sarah Dance, senior exercise science major from Lincoln, Neb., has been selected as the female recipient of this year’s Walter Byers Postgraduate Scholarship. The award is a $21,500 scholarship that can be renewed for a second year.

This prestigious distinction goes to one female and one male student-athlete within the entire NCAA. Dance was the only Division II finalist among the six candidates. She recently competed at her final NCAA Division II National Championship meet in March with the Bulldogs. As a member of the women’s swim team, Dance helped guide the Truman team to their fifth consecutive national championship, tying Oakland University (Mich.) for most consecutive swimming national titles.

Dance has excelled as a student-athlete at Truman. She is a multiple time All-American in the pool and has earned several academic awards over the past four years. As a junior, Dance received first-team academic All-American honors from CoSIDA and was named an MIAA presidential scholar for the third straight year.

Nominees for the Walter Byers Postgraduate Scholarship must be exceptional student-athletes who combine the best elements of mind and body to achieve national distinction for their achievements, and promise to be future leaders in their chosen field of career service.

The scholarship was established in 1988, as a means of recognizing the contributions of the former executive director of the NCAA. The award is one of the largest given by the NCAA, whose Postgraduate Scholarship Program provides numerous annual awards with smaller stipends.

Postgraduate plans for Dance include attending the University of Nebraska Medical School in Omaha.

Leaders to be Honored at Annual Program

Various workshops and a lecture are planned for the Leadership Recognition Program April 26 and April 27. An annual two-day event sponsored by Residence Life and the Center for Student Involvement, the program recognizes outstanding leadership and service throughout the campus community. Eight leadership awards in different categories are presented to organizations, students and advisers.

Vernon Wall is the workshop facilitator this year. He will give a keynote address at the reception at 7 p.m., April 27, in the Student Union Building Georgian Room.

The reception will begin at 6:30 p.m. Wall is a senior consultant for the Washington Consultant Group, an agency that specializes in multicultural organizational change. He has more than 20 years of professional Student Affairs experience at colleges and universities across the nation.

Workshops include a session on student adviser development titled “One Better World,” to take place at 7 p.m., in the Student Union Building Governors Room. Another session from 12:30-1:30 p.m., April 26, is open to all students for leadership development.
For the second consecutive year, the Missouri College Media Association has named a Truman student as the state’s College Student Journalist of the Year. Christina Collison, senior communication major from Newton, Kan., earned the honor at the Association’s annual convention April 8-9, in Lee’s Summit, Mo.

Collison, the current editor of the Index, was selected from eight finalists from across the state for the honor following a nomination process and an on-site interview. Sarah St. John, a May 2004 communication: journalism graduate, was last year’s recipient.

Collison was particularly cited for her work as news editor in the spring of 2004, and for her development of convergent media in the newsroom as editor in chief this year. The association also recognized her direction of news coverage of the Kirksville plane crash in October 2004.

The annual MCMA journalism awards, as judged by the Missouri Press Association, were also presented at the convention. Students from the Index and from the Echo yearbook were honored for their work as they placed in 19 of the 27 categories in the contest.

Steven Chappell, adviser to the Index, presented a development session on media ethics at the convention. Steven Stepanek is adviser to the Echo.

Colloquium Focuses on Immigration and Nearby Community

Two speakers will address issues in immigration at the Global Issues Colloquium April 28.

From 7-9 p.m., in Violette Hall 1000, guest lecturers Valentina Mensa and Steven Jeanetta will discuss the integration of the Hispanic population in Milan, Mo., a town 30 miles west of Kirksville.

Fifty percent of Milan’s 2,000 residents are Hispanic. The Mexican population exploded following the 1992, opening of a meat processing plant.

To manage the influx of non-English speaking immigrants, Mensa founded El Centro Latino in Milan to help Hispanic families, especially newcomers, adjust to the community.

At the colloquium, Mensa will talk about her work with the immigrants and the function of the center as source of information and support.

Jeanetta will share insights into community development, an area in which he has much experience. Jeanetta recently organized the “Cambio de Colores,” an annual conference that focuses on issues related to the current Latino immigration to the Midwest, and particularly, Missouri.

Student Releases CD to Remember Friend, Raise Money for Meningitis Awareness

Diana Upton-Hill, senior music major from Bloomfield, Iowa, has teamed up with the nationally recognized Meningitis Foundation of America and Third Floor Records to release her debut single, “Your Day, Too.” The song recognizes her friend Jessica Eakins who wrote the song before becoming a victim of bacterial meningitis one year ago.

Bacterial meningitis is a vicious disease that is often both preventable and treatable. It is an inflammation of the meninges, the lining which surrounds the brain. According to the Meningitis Foundation of America Web site, the main symptoms in adults include vomiting, high temperature, severe headaches, neck stiffness, a dislike of bright lights, drowsiness, other joint pains and fits may be present.

Eakins was a 20-year-old college student when she became ill. It began with flu-like symptoms and quickly progressed to a life-threatening condition. She died after only 36 hours of first becoming ill. One hundred percent of the proceeds from the sale of Upton-Hill’s CD will go to support the Meningitis Foundation of America. The CDs cost $5 each and available at http://www.dianapultonhill.com.
The Jack J. Isgur Foundation is accepting applications from students enrolled in the field of humanities education. This includes students planning to teach literature, fine arts, music, art, poetry or dance among other humanities areas. The Foundation awards scholarships to students who will work in Missouri schools, preferably in rural districts. Applications are due May 1.

For more information on this opportunity, stop by the Financial Aid Office in McClain Hall 103.

University Counseling Services is teaming up with the Adair County Humane Society to give students a break from end-of-the-year stresses. UCS invites students to interact with animals from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., April 29, on the Quadrangle. Cats and dogs from the Humane Society will be up for adoption.

The dual purpose of the afternoon with animals is to provide students with a reprieve from studying and finals pressure, as well as to promote the adoption of homeless animals.

The Humane Society allows anyone 18 or older to adopt animals from the shelter. They now have a pre-application for many of their animals. Please be prepared for a 48 hour wait for them to check references. Cats and kittens are available for a $35 adoption fee. Puppies start at $55 for purchase. They now spay and neuter all of the animals over 6 months of age before they can be adopted.

The animal shelter is located a few miles west of Wal-Mart on the right-hand side of Highway 6 in Kirksville.

The Journal of Political Science Education

John Ishiyama, (center) professor of political science, and Marijke Breuning, (right) associate professor of political science, present University President Barbara Dixon (left) with the first issue of the new journal titled the Journal of Political Science Education.

Ishiyama is the editor in chief of the journal and Breuning is the editor of the journal. APSA sponsors the journal, which is published by Taylor and Francis.

This is the only journal in political science dedicated to publishing material on teaching and learning issues in political science.
Entries is 5 p.m., the Wednesday preceding Tuesday's publication. Entries should be submitted by sending an email to kbest@truman.edu or by completing a Truman Today form available in the Public Relations Office, McClain Hall 101. The form may also be accessed online at http://trumantoday.truman.edu/submissionform.pdf. All submissions are subject to editing for clarity and style.

James Alan Fox will give a lecture entitled “Killing for Pleasure: Serial Killers Among Us” at 8 p.m., April 26, in Baldwin Auditorium. Fox will examine the minds, motives and capture of the infamous serial killers of our time. Lambda Alpha Epsilon is sponsoring the event. Free admission. Contact Michelle Foard at 785.4738 for more information.

Alpha Sigma Gamma is sponsoring the annual 5K/10K Run/Walk for Their Lives April 30. Registration tables will be set-up in the SUB from 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., April 25-28 or in the Student Recreation Center from 3-7 p.m., April 25-29. Registration costs $10 ahead of time and $12 on the day of the race. All proceeds benefit the families of two Truman students with extensive medical bills. The race will begin at 8 p.m., at the Centennial Hall crosswalk. Contact Gina Sterwalt at 665.8910 for more information.

The Homecoming Committee 2005 will be having their spring meetings for organization representatives at 10 a.m., April 26, in VH 1010 and at 10 p.m., May 3, in the BH Little Theatre. Organization representatives will receive information to take back to their organizations concerning theme, events and responsibilities. Organizations wishing to participate should send representatives to each meeting. Contact Marcie Kottemann at 785.4801 for more information.

The Weekly Lunch Series will feature the 2004-2005 Diversity Institute Fellows presenting their projects from 12:30-1:30 p.m., April 27, in the SUB Spanish Room. Contact the Center for Teaching and Learning at 785.4391 for more information.

Residence Life is sponsoring a program titled “Remember Recess?” from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m., April 28, on the Quadrangle. The night includes several back-yard games, food and the movie “Supersize Me.” Volleyball, dodgeball, kickball and washers are a few of the games to be played. Contact Tammy Tolliver at 785.5348 for more information.

The Tech Break for faculty and staff will be a team discussing the capabilities of the campus portal, TruView, from 2-3 p.m., April 29, in VH 1300.

Students will be able to dance into “The Late-Night” with the Residence Life Community Board April 29. Students can enjoy a free dance and refreshments from 10:30 p.m.-2 a.m., in the SUB Down Under. Call Shannon Grantham at 785.7619 for more information.

The Truman football Spring Scrimmage will be at 1 p.m., April 30, at Stokes Stadium. A flag football game for alumni only will be at 10:30 a.m., April 30, at Stokes Stadium. For more information about the alumni game, contact Derek Kent at dkent@midwestboneandjoint.com. There also will be four-person best ball golf tournament to take place April 29 at the Kirksville Country Club. Contact the Football Office at 785.4012 for information about playing golf.

Kappa Mu Epsilon is sponsoring an Integration Bee at 1:30 p.m., April 30, in VH 1010; in honor of Mathematics Awareness Month. It will be run similar to a spelling bee but with calculus integrals. Any student who has taken a calculus course is eligible to compete. A total of $200 in cash prizes will be given to winners in several categories. Email Melissa at d1454@truman.edu to enter.

Students can share their poetry and win prizes at a poetry slam fund-raiser for Victim Support Services. The event, sponsored by Centennial Hall Residence Life and the Residential College Program, will be from 7-9 p.m., April 30, in the SUB Down Under. A $2 donation is suggested. Contact Kate Carlson at 785.4906 or kmc738@truman.edu for more details.

Stude Senate is sponsoring a letter-writing campaign to Jefferson City legislators encouraging them not to cut funding for higher education. Stop by the SUB Office or the Student Senate Office to pick up materials. The campaign will continue until April 30.

Psychology will be having a poster conference from 12:30-5:30 p.m., May 3, in the SUB Activities Room. Students enrolled in Psychological Research, psychology’s capstone course, will be presenting posters of their research. All posters will be on display for the entire afternoon. Each poster will indicate specific times when the student will be available to discuss the work. Contact Terry Palmer at 785.4314 for more information.

The College Democrats and College Republicans will debate on the future of social security and how it relates to young adults from 8-9 p.m., May 3, in VH 1010. Contact Taylor Burks at 785.4850 for more information.

Traci Ciepiela from Public Safety will guide a self-defense workshop for women only at 7 p.m., May 4, in the Baldwin Auditorium.

The Monitor will celebrate it’s 10th anniversary with sparklers from 8-10 p.m., May 5, on the Quadrangle. Call 785.4775 for more information.

The University Observatory will be open to the public from 9-11 p.m., May 5. For directions to the facility, call Michael Adams at 785.4088.

The next AAUP monthly meeting will be at 4:30 p.m., May 6, at the University Club. Contact Marc Becker at 785.6036 for more information.

Students can enjoy two days of gaming bliss at “Game On: The Video Game Pentathlon,” sponsored by ACM and the Take 5 Game Room. Teams of four will compete in a five-event tournament for more than $500 worth of prizes, including the top prize of a PSP. The event will be from 5-10:30 p.m., May 6, in the SUB. Visit http://acm.truman.edu/gameon for more details.

An upcoming opportunity is available to those interested in bird watching with other Truman and Kirksville community members. Groups will leave at 6:30 a.m., May 7, from Magruder Hall to bird watch at Thousand Hills State Park. For more information, contact Petie Goldman at 785.4632.

The Annual Service Recognition Banquet will take place at 6:30 p.m., May 9, in the SUB Georgian Room. Tickets are available in the Human Resources Office in MC 105 for $10 each.

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