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Mayank Dhungana/Index Senior Andrew McCall won the Rhodes scholarship.

Student named Rhodes Scholar

BY ELIZABETH KOCH
Staff Reporter

Senior Andrew McCall became the first Truman student to be named a Rhodes scholar on Nov. 23.

He was one of 32 national recipients. The scholarship covers expenses for two to three years at Oxford University in England.

McCall is a philosophy and religion major who is captain of the swim team, a violinist in the University Orchestra and a logic tutor.

"It seemed like, judging by the level of education that I could get here [at Truman], paying money at an Ivy League school was unjustifiable, particularly with two more brothers who need to be put through college," McCall said.

After philosophy and religion professor Patricia Burton suggested he apply for the scholarship, McCall agreed, because the scholarship is based not only on academics, but also on moral character and athletic success, he said.

"I knew I wanted to go to grad[uate] school in philosophy, but this seemed like a way I could turn my swimming into an academic accomplishment," McCall said.

McCall said he began thinking about the scholarship during the summer and started writing his personal statement in August. The application was submitted mid-September to Truman's graduate office and then forwarded to the U.K. scholarships committee, which provided feedback and advice. The final application was turned in Oct. 5.

McCall was required to have a minimum of six letters of recommendation, a 1,000-word personal statement and a résumé. Truman is in district 12, which is composed of schools from Missouri, Arkansas, Kansas, Mississippi and South Carolina. The 12 finalists from the district went to Kansas City for an interview. Two finalists, including McCall, were chosen.

"I went back and forth between telling myself I was perfect for [the scholarship] and telling myself I grew arrogant and deluded," McCall said. "The last week [before the recipients were announced] was a roller coaster. I was worried that I wouldn't be able to get into the level of program that perhaps I have the potential to succeed in, because I haven't been able to put in the time in the last three and a half years [because of swimming]."

McCall plans to study philosophy for two years at Oxford University and then return to the United States to complete a Ph.D. in philosophy and become a philosophy professor.

McCall said he thinks he is the first Rhodes scholar from Truman **Please see RHODES, page 7**

Dixon talks

One task nets her \$215,050



Brian O'Shaughnessy/Index

From October 2008 to October 2009 Truman paid former University President Barbara Dixon, shown here last fall, \$215,050. Dixon said the only task she was asked to complete during that time was compiling a report.

"I did what the Board asked me to do."

BY BLAKE TOPPMEYER
Editor in Chief

A little more than a month after Barbara Dixon's contract as a consultant to the University's Board of Governors ended, the former University president said she dutifully completed all tasks assigned to her during her one-year consultant term.

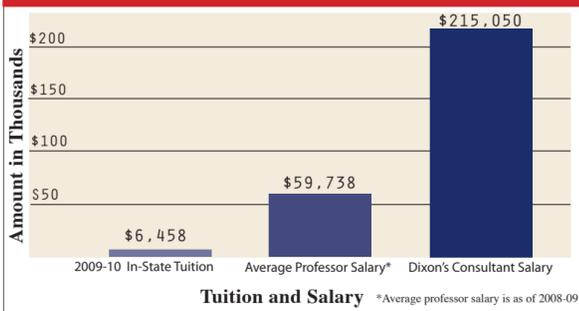
But Dixon said that list of duties consisted of just one task.

Dixon said Board Chair Cheryl Cozette assigned last spring the task of compiling a report on ways the University could save money. Other than that task, however, Dixon said she had very little contact with the Board or Interim President Darrell Krueger.

"I did what the Board asked me to do," Dixon said in a phone interview with the Index. "And the only thing they asked me to do in a year was they asked me to provide them, at one point in time, my thoughts on how the University could save money and reduce costs. I think it was last academic year when the budget looked pretty bad, they asked me to submit [a report]."

Dixon announced her resignation as University president Sept. 16, 2008, and she ended her presidential duties Oct. 15, 2008. She began her role as the **Please see DIXON, page 7**

DIXON'S EXPENSE



Restructuring tweaks take time

BY JESSICA RAPP
Managing Editor

Former President Barbara Dixon has had little involvement with Truman since stepping down last October.

Meanwhile, Dixon's effect on the University during her five-year stay hasn't gone unnoticed. In February 2007, she implemented a system that reorganized academic divisions within the University, bringing eight divisions down to just two schools and one college: the School of Health Science and Education and the School of Business, and the College of Arts and Sciences. She

also created departments within these schools.

She said in a phone interview with the Index that her intentions at the time were to cut down on administrative heads from eight to three deans and two associate deans, intentionally cutting costs for the University.

This change brought some division among the administration.

But Student Senate supported the reorganization, said Cody Sumter, student representative to the Board of Governors. However, any disagreements on the subject have not been **Please see TWEAKS, page 7**

Sig Tau placed on probation again

STEPHANIE HALL
News Editor

The University Conduct Board on Nov. 6 extended Sigma Tau Gamma's probation period to Jan. 31, 2011, because of five violations of Student Conduct Code rules relating to furnishing alcohol to minors.

The violations occurred Sept. 19, according to the results of the conduct board hearing. Sig Tau already was on probation until January 2010 for an alcohol-related incident that occurred in 2008. Also, last May, then-Sig Tau member Birk Granberg fled Kirkville after law enforcement officials issued a warrant for his arrest on charges of sexual assault, and he is still at large, Adair County prosecuting attorney Mark Williams said.

David Hoffman, assistant dean of Student Affairs, said there is another ongoing conduct board hearing involving Sig Tau, but he couldn't comment on that case until the hearing is concluded.

Sig Tau President senior Ryan Cochran and Risk Manager senior Jeff Sachs did not respond to interview requests.

Addison Schopp, Senior Leadership Consultant for Sigma Tau **Please see SIG TAU, page 7**

Griffin to appear in court on rape charges

BY STEPHANIE HALL
News Editor

Junior Brandon Griffin will make a court appearance Monday after he was indicted in October on charges of sexual assault and deviant sexual assault, both Class C felonies.

Each count carries a punishment of incarceration, either in the Missouri Department of Correction for up to seven years or up to one year in the Adair County Law Enforcement Center, up to a \$5,000 fine or any combination of incarceration and fines, according to the indictment.

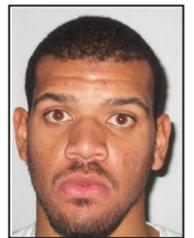
Griffin's attorney Timothy Reuschel said Griffin has pleaded not guilty. Reuschel said the court appearance Monday is to set a date for the trial, which should take place in a few months.

"As long as charges are pending against my client, we intend to take the matter seriously and protect his name and reputation," Reuschel said.

Adair County Prosecuting Attorney Mark Williams said the case is still in its discovery process.

"The charging of two counts [means] these allegations are basically of two different acts," Williams said. "One is one of sexual intercourse, another is an act of deviant sexual intercourse, so that's why there's two separate counts. It can all be during the same course of conduct."

David Hoffman, assistant dean of Student Affairs, said he couldn't **Please see TRIAL, page 7**



Brandon Griffin