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Juniors Adam Manahan, left, and Audra Jost, right, participate in the Student Activities Board's version of the Newlywed game, TruMance, Feb. 5 in the Student Union Building. Manahan and Jost took the first place prize at the end of the game.

YMCA teaches dance

New YMCA program offers affordable dance classes to local children of all ages

BY ANNA SELLE
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An opportunity to explore the art of dance is being offered to Kirksville children through a newly-opened, financially-accessible dance program at the local YMCA.

The program is available to members as well as non-members and financial assistance is available, Program Director Brittni Kastelic said.

The classes, taught by Truman State students, meet once a week for eight weeks, and there are two different sessions.

The program, which began during January, is one of a small number of dance programs offered by local YMCAs.

The cost of the YMCA program is minimal compared to equivalent dance programs at local dance studios, Kastelic said. The program offers a wide range of class options for dance students ages 3 to 14, from introductory level classes to more specific options for advanced instruction in ballet, jazz and creative movement for students with previous dancing experience.

"We had a lot of members asking for dance programs, so we tried to find a couple instructors to start the program," Kastelic said. "I like to hire Truman students."

After the initial demand by local parents for dance classes, Kastelic said she turned to Truman's position listings website to find the instructors needed to start the program.

Senior Zach Peasall saw the listing and decided to apply.

However, the benefits of the program extend beyond helping the children and parents of the Kirksville community, said Peasall.

"I'm learning a different way of thinking about teaching," Peasall said. "I'm learning how best to explain something so technical that comes so easily to me. But I'm also learning more about patience and understanding."

Peasall said he had worked for Residence Life, but wanted to find a job off campus.

He said he always has enjoyed dancing but had never had the opportunity to teach. He liked the idea of getting paid while doing something he enjoyed, he said.

"It gives kids another option as far as activities and something to be passionate about," Peasall said.

Freshman Maddie Chambers, a Kirksville resident who studied dance in town as a child, said the addition of several inexpensive class options in her hometown is a welcomed addition to the options available to her as a child.

There were two main options for dance in Kirksville, at the Dance Studio of Kirksville and Julia Peterson's Dance Factory, Chambers said.

She said she had to choose between the two because of the cost and time commitment, and couldn't attend Julia Peterson's Dance Factory.

"I think it's great, especially because it'll be more inexpensive than going to the studio," Chambers said.

During her time at the Dance Studio of Kirksville, Chambers took classes ranging from ballet to hip-hop, but said she still would have liked the opportunity to expand her experiences with other classes and instructors.

"I honestly wish I had the opportunity to take classes at another place," Chambers said. "I love dance that much, that I would've liked to have had the chance to add more."

Couples compete in trivia game

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Juniors Audra Jost and Adam Manahan held hands as they anxiously awaited the results of the Student Activities Board's version of Newlywed Game, TruMance, on Feb. 5. Once the game's co-host Jake Wehmer announced Jost and Manahan the winning couple, Manahan leaned in for a kiss as they both laughed and the audience applauded.

Dozens of couples and pairs of BFFs scrambled to write down answers to questions ranging from their partner's birth city to whether they would close the door to pee if they were home alone. Wehmer said 20 SAB members milled about the tables, breaking ties and ensuring no one cheated. As announced at the event, three prize packages were prepared for the top scoring pairs. Two hosts kept the show running smoothly. One couple claimed victory and could brag they truly knew each other.

Winning couple Jost and Manahan said they've been dating for a year and a half.

Manahan said the first time he saw Jost was in the dining hall with a mutual friend, and he decided then and there that he needed to find out who she was.

"He went back to his friends and said that he just saw the love of his life and he has to find out who I am," Jost said.

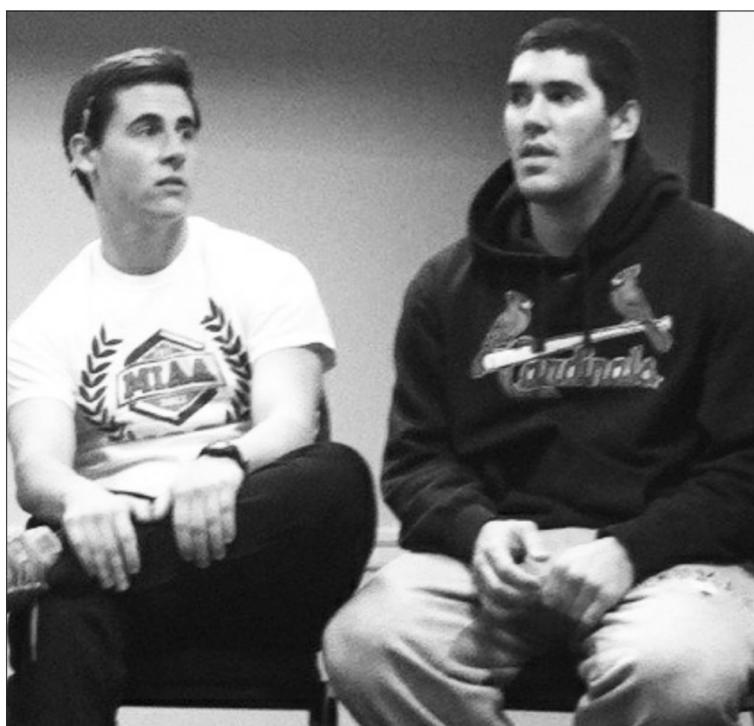
Of the questions asked during the tournament, Jost and Manahan agreed that the easiest question to answer was, "Our relationship would be perfect if we could just agree on ___."

Jost and Manahan both answered "cats." "I hate cats and she won't give them up," Manahan said.

Jost said the questions asked were what she expected for the most part, though she thought some would be a little racier because of the Facebook updates SAB posted about the event.

"Some of the questions were so random, I don't even know the answers, so we were just picking the best fit one," Jost said.

Jost and Manahan agreed they thought



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Juniors David Kirner and John Fernandez, TruMance second place winners, participate during the competition Feb. 5. The friends won a paid trip to Downtown Cinema 8 and a free bowling pass to Leisure World.

they knew each other well enough to win.

"I had the mentality of, 'Let's go in and win this,'" Manahan said. "And [at one point] we thought we were out."

Jost and Manahan won \$40 of Kirksville Cash to use at a restaurant of their choice and a small chocolate treat. Second place winners were juniors David Kirner and John Fernandez, who won a paid trip to Downtown Cinema 8 and free bowling passes to Leisure World. Third place win-

ners were sophomores Bailey Jones and Christian Wacker, who won a stay-at-home movie prize pack, according to SAB's Facebook page for the event.

Junior Sean Trammel, a friend of Manahan and Josts', said he thinks they are "the most adorable couple."

"When they say things to each other they make everyone else in the room want to vomit," Trammel said. "I knew they'd win [TruMance]."



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