KU Unity Hip Hop Dance Troupe

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The KU Unity Hip Hop Dance Troupe will be performing at the Varsity Boys game on Friday, January 30, 2009. Local girl Chelsie Ybarra has been a member of the dance troupe for four years and will be performing with the group. Whitney Kinney from Garden City is also a member of the Troupe.

The Unity Dance Troupe Mission Statement is to embrace diversity through the common interest of Hip Hop Dance.

The Unity Dance Troupe will also be holding a clinic at Kepley gym on Saturday, January 31, 2009. The morning part of the clinic will be for students third through fifth grade. Registration starts at 8:30 am and the morning session will be from 9 - 11 am. The second session will be for students sixth grade and up and registration for that will be at 11:30 am. The second session will be from 12-3 pm.

The registration fee for the clinic is $15 for early registration or you can register at the door for $20. For more information about the Troupe or to pre-register for the clinic go to Dance4ever@live.com or unityhiphopdance@yahoo.com.

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HAYS, Kan. -- The Kansas Small Business Development Center (KSBDC) recently launched a redesigned Web site at www.kansas.gov/ksbdc for entrepreneurs and small business owners. The site grants access to free consulting and tools to start and grow a small business. Fort Hays State University is the statewide host for KSBDC.

The KSBDC partnered with www.kansas.gov to develop the new site now housed in the Kansas Business Center, the state’s “one-stop shop” for information vital to starting and growing a business in Kansas.

“This partnership will provide current and future KSBDC clients access to the resources they need as entrepreneurs,” said Wally Kearns, KSBDC state director. “It is a collaborative effort that illustrates the commitment the state has to economic development and in providing online access to state resources.”

The new site replaces www.ksbdc.biz. Users will automatically be redirected to the new site.

The KSBDC site includes information about how to access one-on-one business consulting at no cost to the user from one of 12 regional or outreach centers throughout Kansas. The KSBDC provided more than 12,000 hours of free one-on-one counseling to 2,000 clients in 2007. Approximately 4,650 individuals attended onsite workshops at the eight regional and four outreach centers throughout Kansas. In 2007, the KSBDC assisted clients in 263 new business ventures, helping generate about 1,400 new jobs in Kansas.

Additional efforts to reach Kansas entrepreneurs include establishing more outreach centers in rural areas. An outreach center is a cost-effective strategy for establishing collaborative partnerships and expanding KSBDC services. Currently, there are four outreach centers, with plans to add several more this year.

Online virtual business training in areas such as “Managing Your Finances” and “Foundations of Marketing” is accessible at any time. The online courses are also available in Spanish. The new site also includes business success stories from the Emerging and Existing Business of the Year in Kansas.

KSBDC is a partnership program with the U.S. Small Business Administration, the Kansas Department of Commerce, the Topeka Chamber of Commerce and the Manhattan Area Chamber of Commerce. University partnerships include Emporia State University, Fort Hays State University, Pittsburg State University, University of Kansas, Washburn University, Wichita State University and several community colleges throughout the state.

Kansas.gov is the official Web site for the state of Kansas. The portal operates through a public-private partnership between the Information Network of Kansas and the Kansas Information Consortium, LLC.
Husband-wife duo to perform at Coutts
Monthly Brown Bag performance to be held Tuesday

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The public is invited to attend another Brown Bag Program at noon Tuesday at the Coutts Museum of Art, 110 N. Main.

Performers for the program are a husband and wife duo, Catherine Dryden and John Jenkinson.

A Parsons native, Catherine Dryden earned her bachelor of arts at the **University of Kansas**, and her master of fine arts at **Wichita State University**, where she was awarded the Creative Writing Fellowship in Fiction. A Defense Department auditor by day, where she has uncovered millions of dollars in cost overruns by major defense contractors, Dryden squeezes her writing time in while raising four children, attempting to discipline her poet-husband, John Jenkinson and raising well-behaved pets.

In addition to her daily grinds of working and writing, Catherine has served as fiction judge for several statewide contests. Her fiction has appeared in American Literary Review, So to Speak, Sulphur River Literary Review, Pocket Rocket, Tumbleweed Review and others.

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courtesy photo

Catherine Dryden will be performing with her husband at the Brown Bag Tuesday.
and a wide range of regional and student publications. She won the Alligator Juniper Prize for her creative non-fiction in 2007, and her short story “Talking Backwards” was nominated for a Pushcart Prize by the editors of So to Speak, and was featured on the journal’s Web site as well as in the print edition.

Born in Independence, Jenkinson earned his PHD at the University of North Texas and his Master of Fine Arts at WSU. Author of two prize-winning chapbooks, he served as Milton Center Fellow in Poetry at Newman University. Jenkinson’s poetry has won a variety of awards and may be read in a wide swath of journals. His first full-length collection, “Rebekah Orders Lasagna,” is available from Woodley Press, Washburn University. Married to fiction writer Dryden, he teaches literature and creative writing at Butler Community College, where he initiated and directs the Oil Hill Reading Series, bringing in poets such as Albert Goldbarth, Jeanine Hathaway and Bryan Dietrich.

Jenkinson has returned to an old interest, song-writing, and he awaits the release of his first CD, “The Mystery of Love.”

For Tuesday’s program, Dryden will read from her short fiction and take any questions the audience may have and then Jenkinson will perform some music. This program is free and open to the public. It is sponsored by the Coutts Museum, The El Dorado Main Street Artscape Committee and through a grant from the Kansas Arts Commission, a state agency, and the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency, which believes that a great nation deserves great art. For more information, call 321-1212.
Beginning in January, Anthony Medical Center’s Outpatient Specialty Clinic is offering another new service for patients in Harper County and the surrounding areas, as well as expanding one of their current service options. Dr. David E. Webb, M.D. a nephrologist (kidney specialist) from Wichita Nephrology Group began seeing patients on January 5, 2009. Also, returning to the OSC this month due to increased cardiology patient needs, is Kansas Heart Hospital’s Dr. Jason Tauke, M.D.

Dr. David Webb graduated from the University of Kansas School of Medicine in Kansas City, KS in 1978. He completed his residency in Internal Medicine in 1982 and a fellowship in Nephrology in 1984, both with the University of Kansas School of Medicine. Effective in January, he has partnered with Anthony Medical Center’s Outpatient Specialty Clinic to provide care for patients needing a nephrologist.

Nephrology is a branch of internal medicine dealing with the study of the function and diseases of the kidneys. Dr. Webb specializes in the treatment of patients dealing with diseases and disorders of the kidneys, hypertension, and hypertensive disorders and diseases. He also coordinates treatment for patients needing to be on dialysis. He is currently the Medical Director of the DaVita Dialysis Centers in Independence, Derby, and Maize, KS as well as coordinating dialysis treatments with many other dialysis centers across the state and in Enid and Ponca City, OK.

Dr. Tauke, from Kansas Heart Hospital also returned to the Outpatient Specialty Clinic in January. Due to the increased load of patients needing cardiology services, Dr. Tauke will be rejoining Dr. Roger Roberts, also from Kansas Heart Hospital in providing additional services to the patients in the area. If you are currently a patient of Dr. Tauke, Dr. Roberts, or the Kansas Heart Hospital and are driving to Wichita for your care, call the Outpatient Specialty Clinic to see if your appointments can be scheduled locally.

Anthony Medical Center’s Outpatient Specialty Clinic is pleased to be able to offer local and area patients these new and increased options for their care. Patients who are currently seeing a nephrologist, who would like to find out if they can transfer their care to Dr. Webb, can call Rosie Walker, Outpatient Specialty Clinic Supervisor at 620-842-5706. If you have a diagnosed kidney problem, or feel that you may need to see a kidney specialist, call Rosie Walker for additional information, or talk to your family physician for a referral. Patients wishing to make an appointment with Dr. Tauke or Dr. Roberts from Kansas Heart Hospital should also contact Rosie at the Outpatient Specialty Clinic. The OSC at Anthony Medical Center can also be reached toll free at 1-866-42-5111.
Practical matter

Text-messaging while driving is a bad idea, and some KU researchers want to prove it.

When you think of university research having practical applications, think of Kansas University researcher Bob Honea.

Honea and his colleagues at KU’s Transportation Research Institute are gathering data on how often cell phones and other wireless devices are in use when traffic accidents occur. It is their hope that the statistics will provide the basis for new laws regarding cell-phone use by drivers.

As Honea notes, it doesn’t take a scientist to realize that sending and receiving text messages while driving is a bad idea. “It’s a no-brainer,” he said. But when it comes to making laws, officials need more than intuition or anecdotes; they need hard numbers. That’s what the researchers are trying to provide.

The researchers contend that the involvement of cell phones and wireless devices currently is drastically underreported by law-enforcement personnel. Even so, the devices are blamed for 2,600 deaths and 330,000 injuries a year.

Those numbers are pretty dramatic, but if the researchers can show the actual number of injuries and fatalities is even higher, this issue might finally get the public attention it deserves.

Lawrence Journal-World
Americans for Prosperity sponsor summit in Wichita

More than 300 citizens from across Kansas gathered in Wichita on Jan. 10 for the state’s second annual Defending the American Dream Summit, sponsored by the Kansas chapter of Americans for Prosperity.

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Lawrence man documents giant resin bee in Kansas

LAWRENCE (AP) — Most people avoid bees like the plague. They certainly don’t welcome them at summer gatherings.

Ismael Hinojosa-Diaz, a University of Kansas entomology doctoral student, is different. While attending a barbecue at friend Charles Linkem’s house in June, he saw a bee nearly 1 inch long with a yellow thorax and black abdomen.

"I started screeching, 'Help me! Help me!' because I was so excited. I couldn't believe my eyes," he recalls.

This wasn't your common variety bumble or carpenter bee. It was a giant resin (megachile sculpturalis), thought to have originally arrived in North America via Chinese and Japanese cargo ships.

"The first recorded collection of the bee occurred at the campus of North Carolina State University in 1994," says Hinojosa-Diaz. "Since then, it's appeared all over eastern North America."

Until that summer day in Lawrence, the giant resin bee hadn't been identified authoritatively west of the Mississippi River. Three years earlier, in 2005, Hinojosa-Diaz and four colleagues published a study predicting the bee would make its way as far as the Great Plains.

"To be the one to find the subject of our predictions and prove those predictions right was amazing," he says.

After the bee's capture, he lost no time in producing the first scholarly report of its recorded presence in Kansas. It was published in July.

As a boy growing up in Santa Maria Rayon, about two hours west of Mexico City, Hinojosa-Diaz had no idea he would one day end up catching bees in Kansas. His mother died when he was 7 and, because his father had abandoned the family, he and his 17-year-old sister Yolanda went to live with their aunt.

"I wanted to be a scientist, but that was much too expensive," he says. "So when it was time for college, I decided to study biology."

He graduated with a bachelor's degree in biology from the National University of Mexico in 1997 and then worked in the government's treasury department, while attending night school to complete a master's degree in animal biology.

"As part of my studies, I did an elective course on bees and really liked it," he says. "From then on I became really involved in studying bees. Once you get into the bee world you soon learn that there's a person named Charles Michener who has been the source of knowledge in this field for more than 60 years."

He pauses and laughs.

"You also learn he's been a professor in the University of Kansas for a long time, and has helped to create the most comprehensive and best bee collection in the world. It didn't take me long to realize that there's no better place in the world to do studies related to bee systematics and evolution than Kansas."

After graduating with his master's in 2001, he got a scholarship to attend the University of Kansas to study for a Ph.D. focused on bee systematics.

In spite of his coup with the giant resin bee, it's not the subject for his doctorate. He's focusing instead on the phylogenetic study of a genus of orchid bee. His work has already taken him to Spain, Costa Rica and Mexico.

"I'm an entomologist and systematist," he explains. "I try to make sense of the organization of living things according to their evolutionary ties. In doing that I have to deal with many specimens and make reviews so it's easy to find new species. I've described six. That's not much."