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Senior Chris Pearson performs the breast stroke during the swimming teams' Saturday dual meet against Indianapolis. The men's team lost to the University of Indianapolis on both days of the two-day home opening meet.

## Swim teams take on Indy

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The women's swim team kept up its strong start to the season this past weekend.

The team collected a plethora of event wins en route to dominating meet victories of 112-87 and 120-81 against the University of Indianapolis last Friday and Saturday at Pershing Natatorium. To keep the score from getting out of hand, the team resorted to swimming exhibition races, meaning some points were given to Indianapolis.

"I was really happy with how the meet went top to bottom for both teams," head coach Mark Gole said.

The highlight of the meet came on day two, when the women's 200-yard freestyle relay set a new pool record. The quartet of sophomore Kate Aherne, seniors Emily Pufall and Emily Greenwood, and freshman Carina Pautz combined for a time of 1:37.03, only four-hundredths off the national A cut qualifying time.

Pautz said she was frustrated after anchoring the relay and not making the A cut. But when she found out it was a new pool record, her mind-set changed.

"It made me proud of where our team is right now in the season and makes me look forward to

what we can do at our next taper meet," Pautz said.

Gole said he was happy with how the women placed in the 100-yard freestyle, where Aherne finished first, followed by Pufall's third- and freshman Franshon Francis' fourth-place finish.

"I'm actually very surprised to see our girls swimming as fast as they are this early in the season in that event," Gole said. "That is also a testament to how hard they have been working."

The only event the women didn't win was the 100-yard butterfly, but they placed second, third, fourth and tied for fifth place in the event, including senior Laura Harp's B cut time of 58:26.

"The 100 butterfly, that was our one event we didn't win, but Valerie Crosby has always been in the top five as an individual in the nation for Indianapolis, so I'm really not overly concerned with that," Gole said.

Other B cut times were Greenwood's 50-yard freestyle, senior Katie Welsh's 400-yard individual medley, senior Molly Polette's 1,000-yard freestyle and freshman Emily Buss's 200-yard breaststroke.

Greenwood had the only A cut qualifying time in the 100-yard backstroke, but she already received her A cut in that event two weeks ago against Missouri State.

Buss' time of 2:57.27 netted her a new personal best.

"I was happy with how I did," Buss said. "Especially in my breaststroke events, I went faster than I was expecting to at this point in the season."

Gole said one downside to the meet was not receiving the A cut in the 200-yard medley relay. He said the first two legs of the relay were fine but that the team needs a little work in the breaststroke and butterfly. The relay finished at 1:49.27, just more than a second better than the A cut time.

Gole said he was happy with the results of the 200-yard freestyle event, in which Polette and Pufall both swam season-best times. Gole said Aherne showed significant improvement in the event as well.

The men went 0-2 in the two meets, bringing their season record in dual meets to 0-4. Even so, Gole said the team swam well and that they had a chance to win Friday's meet going into the last two races, starting with the 100-yard breaststroke.

Gole said the team needed to finish first, second and fourth in the 100-yard breaststroke and first and third 400-yard freestyle relay to win the meet by two points. The team placed first through third in the breaststroke but only second and third in the relay to

lose the meet 107-98. The men lost Saturday's meet 109-94.

"I can't get upset with our guys in any way, shape or form for how they raced on Friday night," Gole said. "They stepped up everywhere that we needed them to step up. A few races could have gone either way, and it might have changed the difference, but I can't put it on any individual because of how hard they worked and how much they fought for that win."

Junior Jason Stokes and senior Alex Totura shined for the Bulldogs, receiving the team's only two B cuts. Stokes received his Friday with a winning time of 21:27 in the 50-yard freestyle, and Totura received his by winning the 100-yard backstroke in a time of 52:62. Stokes' time in the 50-yard freestyle also netted him a new personal best.

Compared with the women, the men had only a limited number of individual wins. Adding to his 50-yard freestyle win, Stokes also won the 100-yard freestyle event. Senior Kyle Ruiz claimed first in the 200-yard breaststroke, and junior Andrew Berdine finished first in the 400-yard individual medley.

The teams will continue the season against the University of Iowa on Nov. 16. It will be the 'Dogs' second consecutive meet at home.

## TRUMAN ATHLETICS News and Notes

### Women's soccer: Team piles up MIAA awards

It was awards galore this week for the women's soccer team. After taking home the MIAA tournament title, they added many individual awards to the count.

The Bulldogs swept the weekly MIAA awards with sophomore midfielder Theresa Bauler winning offensive player of the week for her goal against Washburn University and junior goalkeeper Emily Roark winning defender of the week by posting two shutouts in the tournament.

Head coach Mike Cannon won MIAA coach of the year, sharing the award with the University of Central Missouri's coach, Lewis Theobald. Senior fullback Emily Newsham was named first-team all-MIAA as was sophomore forward Katie Reuck. Junior defender Kim Wolff and junior midfielder Katie Buning were both named to the second team, as well as sophomore forwards Jessica Wiegert and Isabel Gaeta. Senior midfielder Rachael Schmidt received an honorable mention along with junior midfielders Katelyn Talcott and Brigitte Pohren.

### Football: Coker notches touchdown on return

Sophomore wide receiver Albert Coker did something in Saturday's football game against Missouri Southern State University that head coach Shannon Currier had not seen in his four years at Truman.

Coker returned a punt 60 yards for a touchdown. Up until that point, no Bulldog punter or kickoff returner had a touchdown return since Currier took over the helm prior to the 2004 season.

Coker, whose return was the first Bulldog punt return to go for a touchdown since Sept. 14, 2002, said he took advantage of good blocking by the return team.

"I caught the ball, I looked upfield, I made one guy miss, and it was just me and the end zone from then on," he said. "The punt return team, they blocked perfectly."

Coker's return was one of two big plays by the special teams. Freshman cornerback Luther Eta blocked a punt earlier in the game to set up a Truman field goal.

"That's something that we've worked hard on, our special teams game," Currier said. "We've put a lot of time into it."

### Volleyball: Cherven earns conference honor

Junior middle hitter Allie Cherven was named the MIAA Hitter of the Week Monday for her strong play in the volleyball team's three victories last week.

Cherven hit .433 during the three games and recorded 33 kills. She hit .636 with 16 kills in the victory against No. 17 Emporia State University on Friday. In the victory against the fifth-ranked University of Central Missouri on Wednesday, Cherven recorded 14 kills and had a hitting percentage of .310.

Cherven is the second Bulldog to garner the honor this year. Junior right side hitter Melissa Keck won the award twice this season.

### Swimming: Stokes absent from dual meet

Junior Jason Stokes, one of the top swimmers on the men's team, was unavailable for Saturday's meet against the University of Indianapolis because of a practice MCAT test.

In his absence, sophomores Andrew and Peter McCall had to step up their games in the 50-yard freestyle, Stokes' best event. The McCall brothers finished second and third in the event Saturday. In Stokes' other event, the 100-yard freestyle, Truman also was able to finish second and third with seniors Ryan Ferrell and Adam Pruess.

Head coach Mark Gole said Stokes' absence took a toll on the team Saturday. Had Stokes been there, the team most likely would have gotten two first place finishes, making the meet closer than it was, he said.

Stokes finished first in the 50-yard and 100-yard freestyle events Friday, including a B cut in the 50-yard race.



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Junior Danna Kelly punched her ticket to nationals Saturday. She finished sixth to earn the bid.

## Kelly advances to national meet

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The cross country season is not quite finished for junior Danna Kelly.

After being passed in the final part of the regional meet this past weekend and finishing sixth, Kelly thought she had missed qualifying for nationals by one spot. It wasn't until five minutes later that she found out she would be racing again at the national meet in two weeks.

"Crossing the finish line, I think I was more mad at myself than I've ever been after finishing a race," Kelly said. "Because I'm like, 'Wow, I just lost my chance at going to nationals by one spot.'"

Kelly was passed by a runner from Abilene Christian University (Texas), and it wasn't until the team results came out that she knew she had qualified for nationals. Abilene was the second-place team behind Missouri Southern State University. Kelly automatically would have qualified for nationals had she finished in the top five runners. Instead, she qualified by finishing in the top two runners who were not on the top two teams.

Head coach John Cochrane

gave high accolades to Kelly's performance.

"Kelly ran probably the best race she's ever run in cross country since she's been here," Cochrane said.

Kelly finished in a time of 21:43.3. She said the race plan was simple and that she was able to follow it well.

"Basically, it was a pretty general strategy, just to get out with that top group and stay with them," Kelly said. "And then throughout the race to keep pushing, you know, not to rest. And then just to set myself up so that I would have a chance."

Cochrane said the difference between this race and past races for Kelly was how she raced after the first mile. He said Kelly moved up better after the first mile and pushed the middle half of the race better than her other races. Kelly also followed her pattern of tapering better at regionals than at conference. Kelly said she ran better at regionals her first two years and that the trend continued this year.

For the third time in the last four years, someone from Truman's team has qualified for nationals. Alumna Jacquie Faust qualified last year with a first-place finish at regionals, and

Truman qualified as a team in 2004 with a second-place team finish.

The squad finished eighth out of 16 teams overall at the 6K regional meet in Joplin, Mo. Junior Grace DelNero (12th), freshmen Kylie Raithe (55th) and Amanda Brown (67th) and sophomore Fiona Williams (90th) rounded out the top five for the Bulldogs in the meet that featured 118 runners. Cochrane said that overall the team did much better than it did at conference, where it finished sixth out of eight teams. He said most of the people started out and ran together better than they had in past races.

DelNero joined Kelly as all-regional, an honor given to the top 30 finishers. She finished third at conference two weeks before.

"I don't think [DelNero] ran bad compared to what she did in the conference meet," Cochrane said. "She ran well. It's just one of those deals that on different days people run well."

The national meet Nov. 17 will be at the same course in Joplin. Kelly said that running that course twice this season will give her an edge. She finished 14th at the Southern Stampede out of 295 runners Sept. 15.

"I think ... it is a huge advantage

just knowing the course, and both times running it this year I've run well, so that has kind of boosted my confidence going into it," Kelly said.

The men's team had a solid performance to close out the year. Head coach Tim Schwegler said that although the team did not qualify anyone for nationals, the race was the best the team has had all year. The team matched the women's performance by finishing eighth out of 16 teams at the regional meet in Joplin.

Junior Bryant England was the team's top finisher, finishing in 31st place with a time of 32:42 in the 10K event. Sophomore Zach Chapman (35th), senior David Yonce (51st), freshman Josh Mantooth (52), sophomore Tad Dallas (78th) and freshman John Venner (89th) were the other finishers for the Bulldogs.

"We followed our race plan," Schwegler said. "We ended with a lot of confidence. I think the last race out they kind of got pumped. We ran scared at conference, and we didn't do that here."

Freshman Bob Gorman, one of the team's top runners, was unavailable to run because of a foot injury. Schwegler said the team could have placed even higher had

## The women of Alpha Gamma Delta wish to congratulate their Newly Initiated Sisters

Allie McGrath	Denyse Schrenker	Laura Columbo	Patti Wood
Allison Coffelt	Emily Bushjost	Laura Tyler	Rachel Kallal
Amanda Tharp	Emily Cruse	Lauren Robertson	Sam Costilla
Bonnie Frisch	Grace McGaughey	Lauren Sorrell	Sammie Yarnell
Bridget Campbell	Jaclyn Hunt	Lindsey Williams	Sarah Cramer
Caitlin Corrigan	Jenna Landwehr	Mara Mudd	Stephanie Scott
Caroline Paillou	Katie McLenahan	Marti Johnson	Tricia Hunt
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