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Pershing renovations will eliminate small gym

Wrestling, others will have to find new practice home for 2009-10 season

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MOHELA-funded renovations to Pershing Building beginning this summer will leave several Truman athletic teams and campus organizations in need of a different practice facility.

Phase one of the MOHELA project, which is set to begin in July, includes turning the small gym in Pershing Building into a mechanical room. This leaves teams that practice in the small gym, such as wrestling, baseball, softball, cheerleading and dance groups, in need of a different facility.

Director of Athletics Jerry Wollmering said it's likely that cheerleading and dance groups will be able to utilize the gym in Kirk Building. That gym currently is used by the University for storage, but campus planner Mark Schultz said the gym is sup-

posed to be cleaned out by this summer.

The baseball and softball teams use the small gym primarily for batting practice. To offset this, Wollmering said the plan is to turn two racquetball courts on the side of Pershing Arena into batting cages.

The major problem that remains is what to do with the wrestling team. Because wrestling needs a facility big enough to store the mats after practice, Wollmering said Kirk gym is not a good option. He also said he examined the Kirksville

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On the Move

Phase one MOHELA renovations to Pershing Arena will transform the Pershing small gym into a mechanical room. The following teams use the small gym for practice and will have to find a new location next year.

Sport	Proposed 2009-10 practice location
• Wrestling	Undecided, possibly Pershing Arena
• Baseball BP	Racquetball rooms
• Softball BP	Racquetball rooms
• Cheerleading	Kirk gym
• Dance Groups	Kirk gym

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Editor says farewell to seniors

Next issue is my final issue as sports editor. I will be returning to the Index next year, but I will be in a different position.

Although I'll be back next year, this year's class of senior athletes will not. Therefore, even though the spring sports season has

COMMENTARY about a month to go, I would like to recognize and thank six sensational seniors who I will miss watching



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and interviewing next year. All six athletes were great ambassadors for Bulldog athletics and excelled in some way in their respective sport.

6. Matt Ticich, Football

For three seasons, Ticich proved that he could carry an offense — at times, he did it seemingly by himself. Despite not having any semblance of a running game for the past two seasons, the Bulldogs were competitive all three seasons under Ticich's reign as starting quarterback. Twice in his three years as a starter, Truman had a winning record.

In fact, in Truman's offense with a limited running attack, Please see COLUMN, Page 19



Blake Toppmeyer/Index
Sophomore Jen Lawson goes into her backswing of her approach shot on the 18th hole Saturday. Lawson fired a 91, 83 to finish second overall at the Bulldog Classic.

Women's golf wins Bulldog Classic

Limsiaco, Lawson claim top two places to lead 'Dogs

BY LOGAN JACKSON
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The only challenge for the women's golf team last weekend was the weather.

The Bulldogs shot team scores of 357 and 352 to dominate last weekend on their home turf, winning the four-team Truman Bulldog Classic by 70 strokes.

"Most of our players hit the ball solid," head coach Sam Lesseig said. "In golf ... you're trying to make good, solid contact. If you can do that, eventually good things will happen. You can't half-hit the shot."

Nine Bulldogs had the opportunity to golf because it was a home tournament. They were split into one five-player team and four individuals. The four individuals for Truman posted a good enough team score to finish in second place during the tournament, but they weren't technically considered a team. Seven of the nine Bulldog golfers finished in the top 10, and all nine finished in the top 13.

Junior Krystal Limsiaco was one of three Bulldogs in the top five. She was the overall winner of the tournament with a two-round score of 166 (84, 82), 18 over par. It was her second individual champion-

ship of the year. Sophomore Jen Lawson finished in second place with a score of 174 (91, 83). Freshman Jessica Schepker finished in fourth place (90, 93) overall and third on the team.

Lesseig said it was nice to play a home tournament, but Truman didn't have much of an advantage.

"It's the only home tournament we get all year," Lesseig said. "[The players] have friends that are going to come out and watch. You put more pressure on yourself because more people are there to watch you. I think those things balance out any advantage that we have had."

The weather once again played a huge role in the outcome of the tournament. Players had to deal with wind gusts as strong as 35 mph.

"The biggest thing that golfers hate is wind," Lesseig said. "It was very windy, but you can't control that. When you get wind and ground that is very wet, you get no run on a shot. It's really as tough as it gets and that's what we had."

Although the Bulldogs won the tournament handily, most players scored anywhere from 10 to 20 strokes higher than their averages. Limsiaco won the tournament, but it was her second-worst scoring tournament this year. Lawson found herself finishing with Please see GOLF, Page 19

Baseball drops two against 'Cats

Bulldogs on five-game losing streak after beating UNO on Friday

BY BRENT FOSTER
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Every time it looked like the baseball team was going to get back in the game, Northwest Missouri State University answered with more runs.

The Bearcats had three big innings en route to a double-header sweep Tuesday in Maryville.

The 'Dogs have lost five straight, and their record now stands at 8-28 (5-17 MIAA).

The Bearcats won Game 1 with a score of 12-4 as they roughed up sophomore left-handed starter Logan Frame early. Northwest scored four runs in the first on four singles, a walk, a balk and a throwing error by freshman shortstop Steven Rose.

Truman cut the lead in half with two runs in the top of the second, but the Bearcats continued to come up with clutch hits and scored single tallies in the third and fourth, followed by three apiece in the fifth and sixth innings to close out the game.

Northwest outthrew the Bulldogs 11-9 and the Bearcats took advantage of six walks and two Truman errors.

"They hit with guys on base," head coach Dan Davis said. "... Their pitchers did a good job of keeping us from getting the big hit when we needed it."

In Game 2, the Bulldogs led 4-2 heading into the bottom of the sixth inning before the wheels came off. Northwest exploded for eight runs on seven hits. Truman never recovered from the blitz and lost 10-4.

During the seemingly endless sixth inning, the Bulldogs used four hurlers to record three outs. Sophomore right-hander Andy Updike picked up the loss for Truman. He entered in relief of senior starter Cory Tomasek. Updike retired just one batter and allowed three runs on three hits.

Truman and Northwest will finish the four-game season series with a double-header Tuesday in Kirksville.

On Friday, the Bulldogs picked up their first win against a top-20 opponent since 1998 when Truman defeated No. 20 University of Nebraska-Omaha 7-2. But the momentum from that victory did not carry through the rest of the weekend. The Bulldogs lost the remaining three games of the series by a combined score of 37-10.

In Game 1 the Bulldogs received another stellar performance from sophomore right-hander Michael Staihr.

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Brian O'Shaughnessy/Index
Sophomore second baseman Luke Crader is upended by a takeout slide from a UNO player during Friday's game. The Bulldogs dropped three of four last weekend to UNO and lost both games Tuesday to Northwest.