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Bulldog Breakdown

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Outgoing assistant sports editor Brent Foster and editor in chief Blake Toppmeyer discuss favorite Truman reporting moments

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Men's on campus:

Baseball: Noon Friday and Saturday vs. Central Missouri

Softball: 2 p.m. Friday vs. Northwest Missouri 1 p.m. Saturday vs. Nebraska Omaha

Football: Spring game 10 a.m. Saturday at Stokes Stadium

Baseball

	MIAA	OVR
1. UCM	28-4	36-5
2. ESU	24-8	32-11
3. UNO	22-8	26-12
4. WU	16-14	18-17
5. FHSU	17-15	25-16
6. MSSU	14-16	20-22
7. NWMSU	14-16	16-28
8. MWSU	11-17	17-18
9. PSU	13-23	14-23
10. SBU	9-27	11-35
11. Truman	6-26	11-33

Softball

	MIAA	OVR
1. ESU	12-0	38-9
2. UNO	9-2	36-9
3. UCM	6-4	20-19
4. MWSU	7-5	24-21
5. WU	6-5	22-17
6. Truman	6-6	18-23
7. FHSU	5-7	23-16
8. MSSU	5-9	16-36-1
9. NWMSU	3-7	19-18
10. SBU	2-8	19-26
11. PSU	2-10	18-23-1

Quotable

"A lot of the times when I hit the ball looks like a pebble. This weekend it looked like a basketball coming up there."

— Junior second baseman Luke Crader, who had 10 hits during the past week

BOG approves two athletic fee projects

BY JACK NICHOLL
Sports Editor

The Board of Governors has approved both projects proposed by the Student Athletic Fee Committee.

The committee proposed resurfacing of the tennis courts and construction of a multipurpose field, with the funding to come from the Student Athletic Fee. The board rejected the initial proposal because it needed more information on final costs. The second proposal was accepted April 10.

Director of Athletics Jerry Wollmering said the estimated cost is about $300,000 for the tennis courts and about $1 million for the multipurpose field. All eight tennis courts will be resurfaced, and Wollmering said that project is scheduled to be completed in August 2010.

The initial recommendation estimated the resurfacing of the tennis courts to be between $50,000 and $60,000.

Hastings & Chivetta, the same design company involved in Pershing renovations, was selected for both projects. JL Bruce and Peckham & Wright also submitted proposals.

"Just with the ongoing relationship with Hastings we just had to weigh the two and said it's less people to deal with," Campus Planner Mark Schultz said.

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BOARD OF GOVERNORS APPROVES TENNIS COURT AND MULTIPURPOSE FIELD PROJECT

- Resurfacing of tennis courts to be finished by next fall
- Plans to create a multipurpose turf field behind Centennial Hall are in place
- The multipurpose field is contingent on the athletic fee continuing
- Original plan of resurfacing soccer and rugby fields was canceled

DELBERT 'DOC' MADDOX: 1912-2010

Design by Sarah Schneider/ Index
Images courtesy of Sports Information Department and Alumni Relations

Alumnus was 'from that old school,' but loved to watch young athletes

BY SHAWN SHINNEMAN
Assistant Features Editor

Hank Janssen said he remembers the greatest day he spent with Delbert Maddox.

It happened two years ago when Maddox was 95 years old. It was mid-September, and Janssen's son was competing in a cross country meet in Fulton, Mo., on the same day the Truman football team was taking on the University of Central Missouri in Warrensburg. So the two made a day of it.

Dressed in his normal attire — sweater vest and coat, slacks and a fedora — Maddox spent the track meet wandering around conversing with parents and coaches, captivated by the young athletes.

Later, in Warrensburg, Janssen met Maddox's great-grandson, who was playing in UCM's band. Janssen sat with Maddox's family during the second half and ate dinner with them after the game, swapping stories and enjoying each other's company.

Even at age 95, Maddox was in his element that day. He was around sports. He was watching kids compete and listening to parents and coaches talk about their young athletes. And he was spending time with family and friends.

"That's the best day we ever had," Janssen said, and he began to choke up. A long-time Bulldog supporter and radio broadcaster, Janssen had been able to spend many days watching sports alongside Maddox.

"It was cool to be able to facilitate that for him," he said. "To have him go watch my son and all these kids and then to have him go see a Bulldog game and then to meet this young great-grandson. ... It was cool."

Janssen tried to focus and tried to verbalize his respect for Maddox. For a man who makes a living talking, Janssen only could mutter softly the next three words.

"Delbert was good," he said.

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Maddox passed away three and a half weeks ago at the age of 97. Back and knee problems made it increasingly hard for him to get around in his remaining years. His day with Janssen was the last Bulldog road game attended.

But the day is indicative of the love of sports that was such a large part of Maddox's life. He was interested in them from a young age. After high school, Maddox decided to

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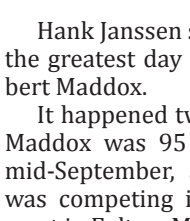
MADDOX I
Selected Accomplishments

- *All state two-way football player*
  Later named to all-century team
- *Played on HOF football team, 1934*
- *Lettered in 3 sports*
  HOF athlete
- *Discharged as a Lieutenant of the U.S. Navy, 1945*
- *Graduated D.O. from KCOM, 1955*
  Practicing physician for 30 years

Anderson deserves more credit for work

Commentary



JACK NICHOLL

There is a person in the Truman athletic department who works just as hard as everyone else, if not harder.

She knows the compliance rules better than anyone.

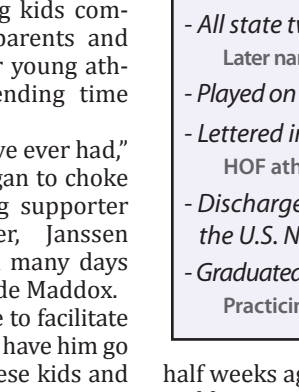
She does paperwork year-round for every athlete and every recruit.

She documents every national letter of intent and every grant aid, updates the eligibility for every athlete before every sports season and oversees eight of Truman's 21 varsity sports and participates in game management.

And I have to say, she is possibly the nicest person I have met in the athletics department.

And yet Linda Anderson, associate athletics director for compliance and eligibility, does not get enough credit for her work.

Not that it's a bad thing — if Anderson received a lot of attention it would probably be because Truman did not comply with NCAA or MIAA rules. It's her job to make sure that doesn't happen and admit the mistake if it does.



Linda Anderson

Anderson is, by title, the second most important person in the athletics department. She is the senior women's administrator and part of a four-person group that meets once per week that includes Director of Athletics Jerry Wollmering, Sports Information Director Kevin White and Head Athletic Trainer Michelle Boyd.

Wollmering receives praise when he does a good job and gets the complaints when something goes wrong. Anderson, however, generally gets neither. She just plugs away at keeping

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Commentary

BRENT FOSTER

Editor offers final thoughts

I didn't know what I would have in common with the other 1,500 freshmen when I first stepped on campus in 2006. But I quickly found something the majority of us had in common — we didn't know anything about Truman athletics and didn't seem to care.

But when I leave campus in two weeks, I will have attended more than 100 Bulldog athletic events and talked to nearly every Truman coach and hundreds of student athletes from almost every sport.

Who knew that in college I would learn to calculate hitting percentage in volleyball and understand the importance of a player's zone rating in baseball? I'm embarrassed to admit it now, but I thought as a freshman that Truman competed at the NAIA level.

It's a shame that most of the other 1,500 students I entered school with didn't garner the same love of Truman athletics. In fact, I would bet half of those 1,500 students never attended a game besides the first football game. Their student adviser probably forced them to attend that game anyway.

The student support is flat-out terrible, and I hate that athletes are not rewarded for their hard work. Some people look down on athletes because they think they are here on a free ride. That's not true at all. In fact, at least four sports receive less than one athletic scholarship per year for the entire team, and several others receive less than three.

It hurts because student athletes and coaches are some of the nicest people I've met at Truman. During the last three years, I've done as many as 11 interviews a week and can count on one hand the number of times an athlete has turned me down for an interview. A coach has only disrespected me one time.

There are numerous reasons why students don't care about athletics. Some students say that Truman sports teams suck. That idea is somewhat flawed. Director of Athletics Jerry Wollmering admitted that part of the problem is that the football and men's basketball teams have been down the last several years,

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