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M. Basketball

	MIAA	OVR
1. FHSU	11-0	17-1
2. UCM	11-1	18-1
3. SBU	7-4	16-5
4. UNO	7-5	14-5
5. MWSU	7-5	12-7
6. MSSU	6-6	12-7
7. WU	5-7	11-8
8. NWMSU	4-8	9-10
9. ESU	4-8	8-11
10. Truman	2-10	4-15
11. PSU	1-11	7-12

W. Basketball

	MIAA	OVR
1. ESU	11-1	18-1
2. WU	9-3	15-3
3. PSU	8-4	10-9
4. FHSU	7-4	14-4
5. UCM	6-6	10-9
6. NWMSU	6-6	10-9
7. MSSU	5-7	11-8
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11. SBU	1-10	3-15

Quotable

“You go in to the kitchen, and you're smelling victory, but you haven't tasted it yet. That makes you hungrier. We have to get hungrier and execute.”

— Head basketball coach Jack Schrader

Rivalry weekend



Men swept by MST, Drury

BY BRENDAN O'BRIEN
Staff Reporter

After being pushed to the brink on its annual California training trip, the men's swim team has faced the two Div. I schools, rival Lewis University, and top-ranked Missouri University of Science and Technology and Drury University.

The 'Dogs took on MST on Friday and lost 117-82. They then dropped their dual to Drury the next day, 165-64, and head coach Mark Gole said the results show how fatigued some swimmers are.

“We had some very solid swims and we had some rough ones,” Gole said. “The rough ones basically tell us that those individuals are tired to the point where they need the rest, and the ones that were strong — that we were hoping for — those guys are actually going to be continuing to work a little bit before they back down.”

“It was pretty exhausting ... but it went well overall, because Drury's No. 1.”

Jerod Simek
Freshman

Like last week at Missouri State University when the team arrived on deck late and was limited in practice time, the Bulldogs once again had to adjust their routine. Gole said swimmers need to do



Brian O'Shaughnessy/Index
The men's swimming team lost Friday to Missouri S&T 117-82 and Saturday to Drury 165-64. They were the last dual meets of the season for the Bulldogs.

light swims almost immediately after a strenuous swim to “flush out the lactic acid that [the] body produces,” but on Friday swimmers were given only enough time for one to two lengths, when as many as 12 are sometimes necessary.

Despite some disappointments, Truman adapted and had its fair share of fast times both Friday and Saturday. Although the team did not add to its 10 total B cuts, it received top in-season swims from multiple swimmers, such as

freshman Jerod Simek and sophomore Zac Litzau in the 1,000-yard freestyle. Gole said freshmen Greg Taplin and Matt Fletcher swam solid 200-yard individual medleys and sophomore Bob Markie cut time in the Please see SWEPT, Page 19



Brian O'Shaughnessy/Index
Junior Claire Myers swims the backstroke earlier this season. Myers finished second for Truman in the 400 IM and sixth overall against Drury on Saturday.

Women ousted by Panthers

Swimming team earns one individual win against Drury

BY JACK NICHOLL
Sports Editor

The women's swimming team got a first-hand look at defending national champion Drury University last week-end in Rolla.

What followed was just one individual win for the 'Dogs in a 157-78 loss that was aided by the Panthers exhibitioning the last two events.

The result caused head coach Mark Gole to put Drury ahead of the University of California-San Diego as the Div. II national favorite.

“Looks like by far they are the team to beat, and at this point I don't think we can match up at all,” Gole said. “Their regular cast of characters did a number on us.”

Drury head coach Brian Reynolds said he would put Drury first and Truman fourth in Div. II right now, although he said he has not done much scouting of other teams.

Truman was swept in the relays and outscored in nearly every event. The lone win was from junior Anna Grinter in the 200-yard butterfly, when she defeated Drury's Li Tao by nearly four seconds.

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Mark Gole
Head coach

“You can tell they're going to be very strong competitors like they usually are,” senior Kate Aherne said. “We're definitely in a different place right now than we were a couple years ago, but we're

still going to be strong competitors going into the national meet.”

The meet featured many events that could serve as a preview for top performances at the national meet in March. Please see SWEPT, Page 19

Sharpe moves to hardwood

Freshman makes first start after fall volleyball season

BY BRENT FOSTER
Assistant Sports Editor

Freshman forward Megan Sharpe hasn't had many days off in the last five months. If Sharpe has her way, she may not have many days off for the next 3 1/2 years.

Sharpe began practice with the volleyball team as soon as she arrived on campus in August and made an immediate impact on the team. She won National Freshman of the Year and helped the Bulldogs to their 10th straight NCAA Tour-

nament. But instead of taking time off after the 'Dogs first-round loss in the NCAA Tournament on Nov. 19, Sharpe hit the hardwood immediately and played in her first game with the basketball team Nov. 29.

Sharpe's basketball career took another step forward when she garnered her first career start during the 64-57 victory against Missouri Southern State University and scored six points in 30 minutes.

Sharpe's original plan at Truman did not include basketball. Head coach Michael Smith said Sharpe was not recruited to play basketball at Truman, but expressed interest in playing basketball to then-

head volleyball coach Jason Skoch. Skoch did not want Sharpe to play basketball while focusing on volleyball.

Smith said Sharpe had offers from other MIAA schools to play both sports, but the academics drew her to Truman. It wasn't until Smith talked to Sharpe's high school coach that basketball became a reality.

“Her high school basketball coach had called me, and really caught me off guard and said ‘Hey we've got a young lady coming there to play volleyball and really wants to play volleyball,’” Smith said.

Sharpe is the second Please see SHARPE, Page 19



Brian O'Shaughnessy/Index
Freshman Megan Sharpe has played in 11 basketball games following an award-winning volleyball season.