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## Bulldog Breakdown

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Basketball beat writers discuss end of men's and women's seasons

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## Records

### Baseball:

(1-8 overall, 0-4 MIAA)

### Softball:

(5-5 overall)

## Quotable

“What I can read in a media guides, I can get it in a form from Hank in a colorful manner. He can present in a way that I think really brings a vivid picture for the listener about Bulldog players and about Bulldog teams of the past.”

— Brad Boyer, play-by-play radio announcer for KRES, who has worked with Hank Janssen for the last 15 years

Hank Janssen is...

# ‘Mr. Bulldog’



## Truman alumnus has been covering ‘Dogs for 30 years

BY JACK NICHOLL  
Sports Editor

The story can begin at almost any place and almost any time.

You can start on the radio during a Wednesday night in the winter, where he can be heard as the color commentator for Truman basketball games. Or on a Saturday afternoon in the fall, when he is a sideline reporter for Bulldog football.

You can start at a nearby school two nights ago, where you can see him officiating basketball games for fifth through eighth graders.

You can start at the Thompson Campus Center at A.T. Still University, where you can find him opening the building three mornings per week. He does not have a set job title but does a variety of work at the recreation center.

Or, if you want to travel back in time, you can see him on the basketball court, read his articles from the Kirksville Daily Express or see him involved in about 100 competitive softball games during the summer.

Even further back, you might see him watching football practice or working as the

sports editor at the Truman Index. Or you might find him at an intramural bowling game in the Student Union Building.

For Hank Janssen, long-time radio broadcaster and Kirksville sports extraordinaire, it doesn't matter where, or when, you start. He has not changed much since he arrived in Kirksville roughly 38 years ago.

“Got older, that's about it,” said Jack Schrader, men's basketball head coach, who has known Janssen since 1981.

Football head coach Gregg Nesbitt, who has known Janssen since the 1970s, gave a different perspective.

“Hank is refreshing,” he said. “Things have changed, certainly the community has changed a little bit. Hank is like stepping back into a time warp when you talk with him.”

### On the airwaves

Janssen just finished his 15th year with play-by-play partner Brad Boyer on KRES. Janssen's radio career started in the early 1980s when he worked both football and basketball. Janssen was the color commentator unless he had to broadcast the game by himself.

With nearly 30 years experience of covering

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Gregg Nesbitt  
Football Head Coach

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Brian O'Shaughnessy/Index  
Top: Hank Janssen has been working with Brad Boyer for football and basketball games for the last 15 years.  
Right: Janssen on the football field this fall.

## Biermann continues soaring pace

Senior has two automatic qualifying marks, owns three school records

BY JOCELYN NEBEL  
Staff Reporter

Senior jumper Katrina Biermann has jumped her way to school records and provisional marks during the past three years, and this year, she continues to better herself.

“I think both of us would say she's matured a lot,” assistant coach Tim Schwegler said.

Biermann began her jumping career in middle school when she joined an after-school track program to see her friends more often. She started as a runner but eventually began jumping because she began to feel comfortable in the triple jump.

She was recruited in high school to become a pole vaulter. Biermann said she had participated in gymnastics for many years and that her coach told her that great gymnasts made great pole vaulters.

“I was pretty much just forced into pole vaulting, but I'm thankful that Coach Washburn, my high school coach, did that for me,” Biermann said.

Biermann said combining relays with her jumping became too time consuming, so she decided to focus on the triple jump and pole vault during her last two years in high school. Her highest vault was only 10 feet at the time, but that changed when she entered college.

“I came to Truman to talk to coach [John] Cochrane and the pole vault coach and some of the athletes,” Biermann said. “One of the pole vault-



Brian O'Shaughnessy/Index  
Senior jumper and pole vaulter Katrina Biermann practices earlier this season.

ers, Kristen Klesh ... was really an inspiration for me to keep vaulting because she was like me in high school where she didn't do much in high school but she got to be really good her freshman year. She became one of my close friends.”

Biermann continued to improve her technique in college despite some struggles with jumping her freshman year.

“My freshman year I had some frustrations with pole vaulting,” Biermann said. “There's a point where I got so frustrated that I thought about not vaulting.”

Despite her frustration during the indoor season, Biermann competed in the outdoor season and her jumps began to soar. Schwegler coached

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## Women, men finish near bottom of MIAA

BY JOCELYN NEBEL  
Staff Reporter

Things didn't go as planned for the men's and women's track teams at the MIAA Track and Field Indoor Championships.

The women finished in seventh overall and the men were eighth.

“You know what you have to do with this meet is you have to compete hard and really go after everything so that when you're done you have no excuses and no regrets,” head coach John Cochrane said. “You can take whatever place you are. Well in that case, [they] don't have any excuses, but there are a lot of regrets.”

Cochrane said many athletes did not have the mental preparation to compete at the conference meet. He said the poor performances could be attributed to a lack of leadership this season.

“The thing is, last year when we would get Shaina Dochterman on a roll and Danna Kelly on a roll, everyone [got excited],” Cochrane said. “We didn't quite get those things out this year.”

Cochrane also said the athletes who listened to his advice and the advice of the assistant coaches did well. Senior jumper Katrina Biermann was one of these athletes. Biermann placed first in the pole vault with a vault of 12-10.25 feet. She also placed fifth in the triple jump with a jump of 38-08.25 and is the only Bulldog that has automatic qualifying marks for

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