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Swimmers dive off the block at a meet this past winter at the Truman Aquatic Center. The men and women combined to have seven total swimmers earn All-American status this season.

## **Bulldogs change lanes with Pretre**

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Truman has hired Ed Pretre as the new head swimming coach. Former swimming head coach Mark Gole resigned in December leaving the program without a head coach for the past four months. Interim head coach Jennifer Godlweski was removed this week.

"I think any swim coach or anyone that serious about swimming k n o w s about Truman and history," Presaid. tre "And when job opened up talked to a lot of



**Ed Pretre** 

my coaching buddies and they said, 'You know, you need to put your hat in the ring for this.' The tradition and the history of what Seth Huston especially started here in the late 90s—it's very, very well-known. Its an opportunity I couldn't pass up."

Pretre has been an assistant couch at Princeton University [N.J.], Rutgers University [N.J.] and at East Carolina University [N.C.].

Truman will be Pretre's first job as head coach at the collegiate level.

Athletic Director Jerry Wollmering said Pretre was the most qualified candidate of the four who were given the opportunity to visit campus.

"I think Ed, on his campus visit, really gelled well with the campus community," Wollmering said. "I think he brings a great background to the program of preparing himself to be a head coach."

Pretre is inheriting a program that sent All-American swimmers senior Anna Grinter and sophomore Jerod Simek to the national meet last month. The men placed fourth at the New South Intercollegiate Swimming Conference tournament last season while the women placed first. Truman's women's swimming team has won the conference title for the last seven seasons.

"We all have our individual best races," Grinter said. "Some of us are sprinters, some of us are distance or mid-distance. So, he'll have to individualize people's training programs in order for them to swim to their individual ability. He has a lot of experience doing that, which is really important to us. Just kind of having confidence in himself and giving this team a new, fresh start."

The swimmers had the chance to sit down with Pretre and voice questions,

comments and concerns during Pretre's visit to Kirksville before he was hired.

It could be a time of adjustment for the swimmers during the first part of the season. Gole coached at Truman for six years and had created his own culture within the swim program, Wollmering said.

"I think there is always a shift when you have a head coaching change," Wollmering said. "There obviously could be some similarities, but I think there is always a paradigm shift. I'm not sure what areas that could be in but I'm sure it will be an adjustment period for our swimmers. I'm not saying that is a bad thing.'

Pretre said he intends to implement quality training.

He said understanding his athletes need is the criteria he will use in making a program that will fit them.

New head coach Pretre has the potential to change recruiting. Due to his previous coaching positions, his recruiting grounds are not as regionalized as those of coaches in other Truman programs, Wollmering said.

'The in-state kids are the most important thing," Pretre said. "That's Truman's home base. From there, I think we kind of have to build outside of that. We'll hit the areas of Iowa, Nebraska, we'll hit your basic Midwest areas. Then from that point on I think of getting the right student to Truman, whether it is from the west coast or down south."

#### TRUMAN ATHLETICS **News and Notes**

Rugby: Bulls drop final game to KU

Despite a 5-0 lead at halftime, the Truman Bulls rugby team lost 12-11 to the Kansas Jayhawks on Saturday at the Truman rugby field.

Head coach Bill Sexton said that, despite the loss, the Bulls played well.

Sexton said the team had control of the match for most of the first half to give them the lead going into halftime. When the teams came out for the second, the Jayhawks scored a try early and then followed it up with one other to make the game 12-5. The Bulls then returned the favor, scoring with only a few minutes to go to make the score 12-10, although sophomore full-back Joe Krispin was unable to convert the try, which would have tied the game.

"Normally, he would've converted the try," Sexton said. "Unfortunately, he pulled the ball a little to the left and he missed it."

This loss capped off a successful year for the Bulls, as they garnered wins against Oklahoma State University and the University of Nebraska.

Sexton said he expects good things out of his

"We started a very young team this season, and we talked early in the season," he said. "When it was clear that we weren't going to be in contention, we knew that we were building for the future. We're pretty excited about the fact that we have this young core of players who are pretty talented and if we add some young players, we'll be in some pretty good shape."

#### Football: Spring game shows new offense

After a 4-7 season this fall, the Bulldogs took to the field to face a familiar opponent: themselves. Truman suited up for their annual Purple & White game Saturday at Stokes Stadium.

"We're throwing a lot more," freshman wide Receiver Dallas Grier said. "Those are the kind of quarter backs that we have. We have throwing quarterbacks now. We're running more of a spread offense, a lot of shotgun ... we're totally no huddle now. We have a really fast moving throwing offense."

Junior wide receiver Donald Harvey led the way for the purple team, scoring two touchdowns to give it the scores it needed for the 17-0 win.

Senior quarterback J.B. Clark, newly transferred from Lehigh University in Bethlehem, Pa., tossed the first touchdown to Harvey, a backfield throw that led to Harvey running 67 yards into the endzone.

"[Former quarterback] Phil [Davis] was a tremendous athlete on the ground," Grier said. "He could run with the best of anyone on the field. That helped us out last year. But J.B. he is really disciplined. He has a lot of experience that is obvious when he plays, just how calm he stays in the pocket. That's his strength, just putting the ball in places you wouldn't think he would normally be able to get them to."

The second touchdown was a one-yard score, being the result of a 32-yard strike thrown to junior Harnish Ayora by freshman Conrad Schottel to take the ball to the one-vard line.

This game is the last game action the Bulldogs will see until their first game next season September 1, when they face Northwest Missouri in the annual "Old Hickory Stick" game.

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