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Senior Amy Galey looks for an opening last night against Missouri Western. She finished with 13 points.

## Bulldogs drop third straight

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The best way to describe Michael Smith, head women's basketball coach, would be severely disappointed following Wednesday's 62-53 loss to Missouri Western State University at Pershing Arena.

"Everything went wrong," Smith said. "Nothing was executed, there was no attention to detail whatsoever. We dug ourselves a hole the first half, and you can't do that in this league."

The Bulldogs came into the game 6-6 overall with a 4-4 conference record and were looking to move up in the conference with a win. This was not the case however, as the Griffons (9-4, 6-3) got off to a quick start to pull away with the win.

The loss brings Truman's losing streak to three. Smith said this game presented great opportunities for the team. "We had a chance to gain some ground tonight with our conference standing," Smith said. "We just set ourselves back a little bit further."

Freshman Nicole Gloor said the team was anticipating a lot more out of the game.

"We were expecting to play better than we did, and we were expecting it to be a close game," Gloor said. "We just didn't come out to play today."

Junior Bri Daniels led the team with

15 points while senior Amy Galey followed with 13. In rebounds, the Bulldogs were led by sophomore Jennifer Conway, who finished with 10.

Last Saturday at Pershing Arena, the Bulldogs faced the Northwest Missouri Bearcats in a double-overtime thriller that ended with Truman losing 73-72.

The Bulldogs held the Bearcats, the best offensive team in the MIAA, to only 26 points at the half and finished regulation tied at 53 points apiece.

In the first overtime, Daniels hit a three-pointer in Truman's first possession to set the tone. Neither team could pull away however and the game was tied at 62 after one overtime. In the second overtime, Truman took the lead with the help of a three hit by Gloor but could not hold on, giving Northwest Missouri the win.

Despite the loss, Smith was optimistic about his team's performance.

"I was very happy with how the team played," Smith said. "We out-rebounded them and held them defensively. We did everything that we planned in pre-game, and our team executed. It was tough, and they've been beating teams pretty easily. When they came here, they had to work for it."

Truman's defense came up strong against the Bearcats, holding a team that was averaging 80 points per game

to only 53 in regulation. The Bulldogs also out-rebounded Northwest 60-44, despite facing a team with four players more than 6-foot tall.

Daniels said defense was the team's focus coming into the game.

"Coming into the game, our main focus was to keep [the game] all about the defense," Daniels said. "Our defense definitely put us in a position to win, but there were just a lot of little things that didn't go our way."

Daniels and Conway, who both finished with 13 points on the night, led the Bulldogs. In rebounds, sophomore Megan Sharpe led the team with 15 rebounds while Conway finished with 14.

Daniels said the loss was disappointing despite the team's stellar play.

"It was a hard-fought loss," Daniels said. "It wasn't one of those games where we just let them have it because we didn't play well, so that made it a little easier to accept. We left it all out on the floor, but losing by one in double-overtime is definitely a heart-breaker."

The Bulldogs are set to play Lincoln University at 1 p.m. Saturday at Pershing Arena. Smith said he is worried about facing the 1-12 team.

"They have nothing to lose and everything to gain," Smith said. "It will not be an easy task at all."

## TRUMAN ATHLETICS News and Notes

### Wrestling: Muench wins at William Penn Open

Four Truman wrestlers attended the William Penn University Open in Oskaloosa, Iowa last weekend. Each placed in their respective class in a tournament with some of the toughest competition in the nation.

Eight of the 10 classes were taken by the Div. I powerhouse University of Iowa, with Truman taking home the gold in one of the two remaining classes.

Sophomore Max Muench won the 197-pound class in the tournament.

Junior Warren Galloway and Sophomore Alex Maus finished third in their respective divisions, while Gary Janesko finished fifth.

"To have a champion up there is great for our program," head coach David Schutter said. "They paid their own way to get better, and it takes things like that to build a program."

### Men's Basketball: 'Dogs surrender 19 point lead

The Bulldogs struggled in both of their game during Winter Break and dropped both contests.

Truman held a 19-point lead over Emporia State University with more than 16 minutes remaining in the second half of a game Dec. 18 at Pershing Arena.

The Hornets went on a 15-2 run that lasted nearly seven minutes, and eventually claimed a 64-63 lead off a jump shot by senior forward Michael Tyler. Truman tied the game by the end of regulation at 66 to send the contest into overtime.

The Bulldogs found themselves leading 71-69 with 25 seconds left in overtime after freshman guard Marek Bush went 1-1 at the free-throw line. Hornet's senior guard Robert Moores then gave Emporia a one-point lead off a three ball after Truman failed to get a defensive rebound.

A Bulldog turnover and a pair of converted Hornet foul shots rounded out the game resulting in a 74-71 Emporia win.

The 'Dogs ended the break with a record of 0-2 including both the loss to Emporia and a 84-57 loss to sixth-ranked Fort Hays State University on Jan. 3 in Hays, Kan.

### Football: Griffin headed to University of Minnesota

Defensive line coach Nate Griffin resigned at Truman during Winter Break and accepted a position coaching offensive quality control at the University of Minnesota.

Griffin will work under first-year head coach Jerry Kill, who Griffin previously worked with in 2008 and 2009 as a graduate assistant at Northern Illinois University.

Under Griffin, the Bulldogs were sixth in the conference in rushing yards and tied for fourth in sacks. Griffin coached two all-conference players: senior nose guard Ryan Ploesser and sophomore defensive end Patrick Blackwell.

Head football coach Gregg Nesbitt has not yet found a replacement for Griffin.

### Men's Basketball: Freshman leads team in shooting

Freshman guard Isaac Gardner had a career high in points last night with 21 and now has 108 this season.

Gardner is fifth on the team in scoring and leads all Bulldogs in three point percentage, shooting 49 percent from deep. The Iowa native is also fifth on the team in minutes with 19.4 per game and is shooting 47 percent from the floor.

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