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Sophomore Jerod Simek swims at practice earlier this season. Simek will swim in four events at the national meet.

Seven swimmers advance to nationals

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The last time the women's swimming team was not in the top five in the nation was during the 1996-97 season.

The Bulldogs will rely on six swimmers to continue their current streak.

Seniors Anna Grinter, Claire Myers, Stephanie Myers, Tanya Sylvester and freshmen Casey Jepsen and Beth Eyanon all will compete in the national meet March 9-12 in San Antonio, Texas.

Sophomore Jerod Simek was the only men's swimmer to make it to nationals.

"We didn't have as many people invited as we wanted to," Grinter said. "The NCAA was limiting people and we thought we would have more people at the top. That was a little bit of a shock."

Truman had 12 women's swimmers advance to the national meet last year. Grinter, Sylvester and Claire Myers each won at least one All-American award last year at the national meet, and they are the only three with national experience. Six Bulldogs who advanced to the national meet last year did not make it this year.

"It was frustrating not only to me but to the returning swimmers that had been to nationals last year," head

coach Jennifer Godlewski said. "With their ranking across the country, they should be there. It's also frustrating to all of the Div. II coaches. All in all, I think that it's going to be better for Div. II as a whole in the long run. I think that we'll see a lot of tweaks for next year. It will be interesting to see where those changes come from."

In Div. II, only 160 men and 205 women were invited to the national meet. A-cut times also were tougher to achieve. Grinter and Simek were the only two Bulldogs to achieve A-cut times.

All six of the women swimmers will swim in at least two events. Claire Myers will swim in four events, while Grinter, Jepsen and Stephanie Myers will swim in three events.

"The day [the announcement] came out it was absolutely heartbreaking," Godlewski said. "I was speechless. It was really heartbreaking for the seniors and those people that were on the bubble. I think the days of having 18 swimmers [advancing to nationals] are pretty much over."

During the last five years, the Bulldogs have had at least 12 swimmers advance to nationals. Five years ago, Truman had 19 swimmers go to the national meet.

The invitation list was released last

week, more than a week after the conference meet. The women's team won their seventh straight New South Intercollegiate Swim Conference Championship in early February.

"I think we turned a lot of heads at conference," Godlewski said. "I think a lot of our competitors thought that we were going to crumble. ... I would like to believe that I held this team together as much as possible. We had some incredible swims and we had some not-so-good swims, and that's to be expected."

On the men's side, Simek advanced to the national tournament for the second straight year. Last year, Simek earned All-American awards in the 500-, 1,000- and 1,650-yard freestyle events. He also was two places away from a fourth All-American honor in the 400-yard individual medley.

Simek will compete in those four events this year as well.

"Coming in [with experience], it gives me a little bit of a warning, so to speak, of how other people are going to swim and how I have to drop time," Simek said. "I can't just go the times that I've already went. I need to try to improve. Having the experience of what happens at that level is just really helpful. Last year I was told about it, but experiencing it helps a lot."

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Basketball: Five Bulldogs earn honors

Three women's basketball players and two men's basketball players earned All-MIAA awards this week.

Junior guard Bri Daniels was named to the third-team after averaging nearly 13 points and five rebounds during the regular season. She led the team with 45 3-pointers and started in all 26 games.

Senior guard Amy Gale and sophomore forward Jennifer Conway were honorable mention All-MIAA selections. Gale averaged seven points, four assists and four rebounds. Conway averaged nearly nine points and led the team in rebounding.

Senior forward Ethan Freeman also was a third-team selection. He nearly averaged a double-double — 11.5 points and nearly 10 rebounds. He led the MIAA in rebounding and also led the Bulldogs in assists.

Senior guard Alex Henderson was named to the honorable mention team. Henderson averaged a career-high 14.7 points and led the team in free throws made.

Track: Zweifel headed to nationals

Junior Jennifer Zweifel will be the only Bulldog making the trip to Albuquerque, N.M., for the Div. II National Indoor Championships. Zweifel will compete at nationals in the triple jump.

Zweifel broke Truman's indoor record set by alumna Katrina Biermann with a 40-00 jump in the MIAA Championships last week. Zweifel improved her jump during the last three meets. In the first meet of 2011, Zweifel jumped 37-09.50. She jumped 38-09 in the first meet of the indoor season.

Zweifel has the fifth best jump recorded in Div. II this season. Three of the jumpers in front of her are from the MIAA.

The national meet is March 11-12. Zweifel will compete at 4:30 p.m. March 12.

Athletics: SAAC to hold camp for kids

The Student Athlete Advisory Committee will hold a sports camp for third through sixth graders on Sunday, March 20 from 2 to 4 p.m. in Pershing Arena. Admission is free, and registration begins at 1:45 p.m. The camp is called "Basics for Bulldogs" and will feature a myriad of sports taught by varsity athletes.

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