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Junior pitcher Kindra Henze and senior first baseman Liz Leath congratulate one another after a play during Sunday's home game against the University of Indianapolis. The Bulldogs split with the No. 9 Greyhounds.

Golfers place twelfth

BY SARAH HICKS
Staff Reporter

The women's golf team placed 12th out of 14 teams at the GLVC Women's Golf Championship April 24-26. The tournament was hosted in Waterloo, Illinois.

Junior Kim Bartmettler placed 51st overall and shot a 266 during the tournament. Freshman Nicolle Bartmettler, Kim's younger sister, placed 19th overall in the conference, shooting 243 during the three days.

In total, the Bulldogs shot 1,041 during the three-day tournament. The 'Dogs shot 348 during the first day, and improved during the second day with a team score of 338. The ladies finished the tournament by shooting a 355 during the final day of the championships.

The University of Indianapolis won the GLVC championships, shooting 912 as a team. The overall winner was Sophomore Allison Koester from the University of Southern Indiana, who finished the weekend with a score of 222.

Although the ladies placed 12th, Kim said each of them battled the hilly course and rough weather, and played the best they could.

Kim said she prepared to face the GLVC championship by practicing chipping and putting. She said she also prepared mentally during the two weeks leading up to the tournament.

"I have been trying to be more positive during my golf rounds," Kim said. "I tend to get down on myself easily when I am playing poorly, so I wanted to change that going into conference."

Kim said the team knew the competition would be tough at the GLVC tournament. She said the team took some pressure off by going out there and having fun. While this is the Bulldogs' last tournament of the season, Kim said the team wanted to finish the year strong.

Kim said the team practiced five hours a week at a country club throughout the season, and squeezed in a few extra practices during the two weeks leading up to the tournament. She said without their work ethic, the team would not have played as well during the three-day GLVC tournament.

Kim said she was happy with her junior season overall, but is looking forward to the freshman talent coming next year. She said she will miss the team's graduating seniors Courtney Cisler and Riley Keltner.

Cisler and Keltner tied for 56th place overall and shared third place on the team at the event. Both women shot a 272 during the tournament. Junior Olumayomide Coker finished 59th overall and shot a 273.

Keltner said while she was not quite satisfied with the way she played, she thinks she performed much better than what she had played against during previous seasons. However, she said she is grateful for the guidance from coaches Clint Fitzpatrick and Mark Gambiana, and is pleased with the career she's had at Truman.

Coker said everyone on the team played their best, even though the weather was rough. She said she was happy with how her teammates played through adversity.

While the five Bulldog golfers said they were not happy with their individual scores, they agreed they played a strong mental game. Cisler said the mental aspect is important to golf.

"Everyone was able to recover quickly after a bad hole and get back in it," Cisler said. "That's an important thing to do in golf. We all hung in there and fought."

Softball takes three

Truman State softball finishes the regular season with three wins out of four games at home

BY SAM STEWART
Staff Reporter

The Truman State softball team played its final home games of the year when the University of Indianapolis Greyhounds and St. Joseph's College Pumas rolled into town. The 'Dogs began the four-game home stand against the Greyhounds with a split.

As the women celebrated their senior day, the team rallied after an 8-0 loss

during game one. Despite only a four hit day for the Bulldogs, the team went on to fight for a hard-earned 1-0 win during game two against the No. 9 nationally ranked Greyhounds. The first game was driven by the Greyhounds as they held the 'Dogs scoreless to win because of a run-rule during the fifth inning. Indianapolis scored once during the first inning, three more times during the third and finished with four runs in the fifth to claim the eight runs needed to beat the 'Dogs. Junior infielder Whitney Richardson broke up Indy's perfect game bid by hitting a single during the fifth inning.

Junior pitcher Kindra Henze started for the Bulldogs and suffered her

eighth loss, allowing eight hits and five earned runs.

"Sometimes it's hard to come back from a tough loss and continue to play to your potential, but we feel that we really pulled together," freshman utility Alyssa Spoerer said.

Game two went in favor of the purple and white. Junior pitcher Kelsea Dorsey kept the Greyhounds scoreless during the entire game as a two-out rally spurred the Bulldogs to action during the bottom of the fifth. Junior outfielder Nikki Moss singled and beat a close play to reach first, and advanced to scoring position off a wild pitch.

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Sports editor salutes

Sports editor highlights teams who made vast improvements during the 2014-15 school year

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The 2014-15 school year unfortunately has come to an end, and what a year it has been. From game-winning shots to 87-yard fumble recoveries, this year has been nothing short of exciting. I would like to thank my predecessor, junior Jonathan Rembold, for throwing me into the fire when I was just a staff reporter during the fall. I hope I was able to do half as well as he did, and it has been my pleasure to bring these 14 issues to you every Thursday this semester.

More important than my improvement as an editor are the great strides Truman State athletics has made throughout this academic year. The graphic to the right highlights four teams who performed exceptionally during their sophomore seasons as members of the GLVC. Although just four teams made the list, there are several other teams that broke records and made last season notable. Softball remains dominant after its historic season a year ago, finishing the regular season with more than 30 wins and knocking off nationally ranked conference teams. Football's 6-4 record marks the first time the team has earned back-to-back winning seasons in more than 10 years. It's safe to say the GLVC is becoming a force to be reckoned with, as well as the Bulldogs.

2013-14

Men	Women
Baseball: 20-22 4th in GLVC West Basketball: 20-7 3rd in GLVC West	Volleyball: 23-12 5th in GLVC Soccer: 12-5-4 NCAA Tournament qualifier, 2nd in GLVC

2014-15

Men	Women
Baseball: 27-15 3rd in GLVC West Basketball: 20-10 GLVC quarterfinalist, 2nd in GLVC West	Volleyball: 29-4 GLVC champions, Midwest Region No. 1 seed Soccer: 13-5-2 NCAA Tournament qualifier, GLVC semifinalist

Second Year Success

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Taylor Dinyer

Senior hurdler Taylor Dinyer placed first in the 100-meter hurdles last Saturday at the True Blue Open in Jacksonville, Illinois. Dinyer was one of five Bulldog women who won their respective events, and the team finished second in the overall standings.

PLAYER of the WEEK