MVP Pace too much for ‘Dogs

Tyler Mathews

No big lead was enough for con-
ference MVP Budhelia Pace of South- west Baptist University on Saturday af-
ternoon.

In a battle of nationally ranked
women’s basketball teams, the Bear-
cats’ senior guard Chip Sodemann
dribbled around a Southwest Baptist de-
fender to lead into the break.

‘Dogs enjoy playing with the girls
Tanner McGee

“I really enjoyed playing with the girls
this season, and now we can look forward
to Kansas City together.”

Both teams scored in the conference
This past season, the team had
strong performances in the MIAA, but
they fell short of the NCAA tournament.

With that last spot on the line, both
teams came out in a blaze of glory to
start the game.

The game was a back-and-forth
affair, with both teams playing a great
defensive game. The ‘Dogs ended up
winning the game by a score of 82-72.

Women advance to MIAA tournament

John Scognamiglio

The women’s basketball team
was upset by Kansas City, Mo.,
68-61 on Saturday.

With a 68-61 vic-

In a game that is 6
-2 between the eight
teams in the conference,
the conference could be
determined by a single
team that wants to play
in the NCAA tournament.

Each team has enough talent
and experience to make it
through the tournament
and hope for some luck to make
the NCAA tournament.

So what will make the differ-
ence in the top spots? It will
don’t have to be a perfect game,
but it has to have at least a few
mistakes when it faces Washburn.

The calendar finally has turned to
the madness of March, a month
that anything can happen in college
basketball.

The women’s basketball team
will be in a free-for all. Against
Missouri State, Washburn, Wash-
burn-In Kansas City and Kansas City
University, the Bearcats are trying
to make it to the NCAA tournament.

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Four wrestlers head to nationals after conference meet

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#### Wrestling

Relays are probably the most important part of a dual meet," sophomore Kristin Polette said. "If you have a good relay team, then you have a good chance because you can get some points early in the match. Before you know it, you're already up by five or six." Polette said that the team has been giving their relay squads a lot of support.

"We can't do well in the duals unless our relays are good," Polette said. "If we do well in the relays, then we are going to be able to secure a win.

#### Swimming

"Relays are definitely extremely important," sophomore Kelly Pfeifer said. "The better we can do in the relays, the better we can do in the duals. If we do well in the relays, we win the duals. It's that simple."

"We are definitely extremely strong in relays," Polette said. "We are definitely very strong in relays."

"I really try not to think about it because then it would probably go out of my head," he said. "I just think about it.

The biggest difference between individuals and individual teams is the connection. The wrestlers have to want to work together. It's not just one thing. It's a team effort.

"You have the constant struggle because you have to win every relay to win every match," Polette said."
Bulldogs shut out Miners 10-0

**Olympics create student debate**

Athletes, students share different opinions on Winter Olympic Games and events

By Ben Yarnell

="Friday"

Senior Linda Beans gave the most times of the 100 meters in a single day. She finished the weekend 4-for-7 with a double, a triple, a home run, and a 4-RBI double. The Miners lost their last three games to the 'Dogs and dropped their season record and earning first team All-Conference honors.

Barton, who had been having a tough season, finished with a season-high 10 strikeouts in the complete game performance. The 'Dogs were down 8-0 in the fourth inning but pulled within seven in the complete game performance. They scored seven runs in the ninth inning, including a two-run home run by Zaborowski.

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Bulldog Breakdown
Thursday, March 2, 2006

Men’s Basketball
Truman vs. Southwest Baptist
Feb. 25
Kirkville, Mo.

Fowler 1-3 2-2 0 5 0
Long 4-4 3-5 5 11 4
Beavers 0-4 0-0 5 0 2

Southwest Baptist Results
Car. McGee 3-4 2-2 7 8 0
Can. McGee 3-13 4-4 3 13 0

Player FG FT Reb TP Ast
Truman Results
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Southwest Baptist  34  26  –  82
Kirksville, Mo.
Feb. 25

Truman 001 108 0  –  10
Feb. 25

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Foster (p)    0   0   0   0
Willard (ss)       3    0    0    0

SH - Sunderman. SF - Bleish, N.;
4. 2B - Rubin, J.(1); Maropis, D. (1).
- UMR 2. LOB - Bulldogs 5; UMR
Cormick; Willard; Sunderman. DP
- Belcher; Bembnister. SH - Blackney;
2B - Blackney. HR - Wedemeier. HBP
DP - TSU 1. LOB - TSU 6; SAU 3.
Astolfo (p)     0   0  0  0
Mayer (c)     2   0  0  0
Olivo (rf)     2   0  0  0
Reed (dp)     2   0  0  0
Litvik (1b)     3   0  1  0

Bulldog Breakdown

Women’s Basketball

Walsh (ph)    1    0   0   0
Miller (c)    3    0   0   0
Bembnister (lf)   2    0   0   1
Wedemeier (p)   2    3   2   1
Shelman (ss)    4    0   1   0

Battle (g) (3)  0  0  0  0

Truman Results
5. Truman  74.5
Feb. 24 and 25
Joplin, Mo.

1. Ashley Colon 16.33
Shot put
9. LaToya Lawrence 10.47
Long jump
Pole vault
2. Truman 12:43.33
Distance medley
4. Truman 4:07.47
5,000-meter run
7. Jacquie Faust 10:42.75
6. Nicole Moore 2:22.95
800-meter run
4. Sarah Armstrong 1:28.63
600-yard run
6. Ashley Peters 8.16

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College Swimming Coaches Top 15 of Feb. 15

9. Texas A&M-Kingsville 16-9
7. Central Oklahoma 14-8
6. West Texas A&M   14-7
5. Adams State

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9. Mercyhurst
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6. Pittsburgh-Johnstown
5. Minnesota State-Mankato

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Men’s Wrestling

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In the conference, the top teams have been the Missouri State University, the Central Missouri, the Central Missouri Northwest, and the Missouri State University at 10-6.

Three-point shooting is very important in the conference, and in recent games it has been a crucial factor in determining the outcome of the games.

In the final five minutes of each game, the top teams have been able to make the most of their three-point attempts. This has been especially true for the Missouri State University, who have been making 47.9% of their three-point attempts, which is the highest percentage in the conference.

The Central Missouri and the Central Missouri Northwest have also been strong in their three-point shooting, with percentages of 39.2% and 37.0%, respectively.

On the other hand, the Missouri State University at 10-6 has struggled with their three-point shooting, making only 35.2% of their attempts, which is the lowest percentage in the conference.

Overall, the three-point shooting percentage has been a major factor in determining the outcome of the games in the MIAA.
The softball team went live this week, something it hadn't done for five months against machines, the Bulldogs faced live pitching and threw to live batters at the Henderson State Tournament in Arkadelphia, Ark.

"I was pleased with our pitching," head coach Lacey Schanz said. "It basically highlighted things that we weren't able to work on inside and outside of what we can work on." Senior pitcher Laura Wedemeter got things going for the 'Dogs in game one of the tournament. After a scoreless first inning for both teams, Wedemeter threw a two-run second inning for the Bulldogs with a win better two to right field. "I feel like Lisa leading off the inning and a home run pretty much set the tone for the game," Schanz said. "We scored six in the top half of the second inning with Wedemeter again leading the way. We hit off the last pitch of a walk and then a home run, and from there, we really downloaded."

"(It's impressive to) come out that early in the year and throw against a quality team and just basically dominate them," Lacey Schanz (head coach) said.