Dan Davis
Head Baseball Coach

Dan Davis has been hired as the new head baseball coach. Davis, who was previously an assistant coach at Northern Iowa, becomes the sixth Bulldog manager in the history of the program.

Davis has been the pitching coach for the NCAA Division I Panthers for the last six years. When he arrived at Northern Iowa, the team had an ERA just under eight. Davis helped that number drop over the years, including an ERA of 4.63 last year, the lowest mark since the school moved to the Division I level. Also last season, the Panther pitchers struck out over 400 hitters for just the third time in school history.

Other highlights at Northern Iowa include helping the team win the 2001 Missouri Valley Conference tournament and advance to the NCAA tournament for the first time. That year, Davis coached Nic Unger, the MVC Pitcher of the Year and a second-team all-American. Davis also coached a freshman all-American pitcher in 2002 and seven pitchers who signed professional contracts.

Davis also has coaching experience from SIU-Carbondale, the El Dorado Broncos and Independence Community College.

He was an assistant coach for the Division I Salukies from 1997-2000. He was the pitching coach there, as well as helping with recruiting and having various other duties.

Davis was the head coach for El Dorado in the competitive Jayhawk summer league for the 1999 and 2000 seasons, and was the assistant coach there from 1997-1998. He helped the 1998 squad win the National Baseball Congress World Series.

His coaching career started at Independence Community College in 1997, where he was the pitching coach, recruiting coordinator and first base coach.

Davis graduated from SIU-Carbondale in 1995 with a bachelor of science degree in exercise science. He received his master of science in higher education and administration from the same school in 2000.

Erin Brown ('01)
Head Softball Coach

Erin Brown has been selected to be the next Truman softball head coach. Brown was previously head coach and sports information director at Westminster College in Fulton, Mo. and was a three-time letterwinner for the Bulldog softball team from 1999-2001.

“I’m excited about coming back to Truman and build upon a program that already has a strong history,” said Brown. “We have a good core of players coming back and I hope we can continue the success Bulldog softball has had.”

Brown took over a Westminster program in 2004 that had won just two games the previous two seasons and won 17 the next two years under her tutelage. She had four players named all-conference by the St. Louis Intercollegiate Athletics Conference, including the school’s first first-team pick in three seasons.

Prior to Westminster, Brown served as a graduate intern at the Missouri State High School Activities Association in the summer of 2004 after completing her master’s degree at Central Missouri State. She assisted long-time Jennies coach Rhesa Sumrell for two seasons in Warrensburg as Central went 69-40 during that period.

Brown transferred to Truman from Culver-Stockton College in 1999 and was a member of three NCAA regional finalist squads. The Bulldogs went 133-34-1 over the three-year period under then-head coach Kristy Schroeder, including a school record 46 wins in the 1999 season.

Erin played high school softball at South Shelby High School. Erin is married to former Bulldog basketball coach at Centralia High School in Centralia, Mo. They have a newborn daughter named Teryn.

Josh Kotelnicki
Assistant Football Coach

Josh Kotelnicki was hired in July to be the new defensive coordinator for the Truman Football team.

Kotelnicki joins the Bulldogs staff from the University of North Dakota, where he served the past two years as the outside linebackers coach and as a special teams coach. He was also the recruiting coordinator for the Fighting Sioux in Canada and Southern Wisconsin.

During his two seasons with North Dakota, the Fighting Sioux were 21-6 and the top defensive team in the North Central Conference and top scoring defensive team in Division II. North Dakota was the NCAA Northwest Regional champions and national semi-finalist in 2004, dropping a 31-19 game to MIAA foe Pittsburg State.

In 2005, the Fighting Sioux won the NCC championship and appeared in the playoffs again but fell in the first round to eventual national champion, Grand Valley State (Mich.) 17-3. The 17 points were the fewest the national champions scored during any game of the 2005 playoffs.

He played his collegiate career at North Dakota as an outside linebacker from 1997-2001. He was a starter on UND’s 2001 Division II national championship team and was named team captain for the championship game against Grand Valley State. In the 17-14 win, Kotelnicki had five solo tackles with two coming for losses.

After graduating from North Dakota magna cum laude with a degree in psychology, Kotelnicki attended graduate school at Murray State (Ky.). Kotelnicki was the linebackers coach and assistant offensive line coach for Murray State for two seasons.

He received his master’s degree in Business Administration from Murray State in December 2003.

Tim Schwegler ('80)
Assistant Track & Cross Country

Tim Schwegler rejoined the Truman athletics department this year as an assistant Track and Field/Cross Country coach under the direction of Coach John Cochrane.

Schwegler is returning to Kirksville after serving as Head Track and Field/Cross Country coach at Highland Community College in Highland, Kan.

Schwegler graduated from Truman in 1980 where he lettered for the Bulldog Cross Country team in 1979 and proceeded to work at Kirksville High School as the Cross Country coach and Boys Track and Field coach. He led the Tigers to three district titles, two North Central Missouri Conference championships and had three top ten state finishes.

Following a four-year stint at KHS, Schwegler returned to Truman to complete his master’s degree and served as a volunteer assistant for the Bulldog women’s Track and Field/Cross Country squads.

After completing his master’s in 1986, Schwegler was named head coach at Highland Community College where he built a top 20 NJCAA Track and Field/Cross Country program. He had 51 athletic all-Americans and 192 academic all-Americans during his tenure at Highland.

The Scotties won eight Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference championships and Schwegler was named the 1999 NJCAA Men’s Track Coach of the Year and the 2000 NJCAA Region VI Women’s Coach of the Year.
ATHLETICS HALL OF FAME TO GROW THIS FALL

Some followers of Truman football insist the 1934 Bulldogs were the greatest gridiron team ever produced by the University.

That may be an arguable statement, but the Purple and White squad of 72 years ago was without a doubt an imposing football machine. It was Don Faurot's last Bulldog crew before he moved to the University of Missouri (Columbia) to coach. It was also his third consecutive undefeated team at Truman.

The 1934 Bulldogs chalked up an 8-0-0 overall record while amassing 180 points and limiting their opponents to just 13. Truman's all-time longest winning streak is 27 in a row, and Faurot's warriors produced a string of 26 successive victories from 1932-34. The 27-game skein is the seventh-longest among Division II schools.

One of the most impressive conquests in 1934 was a 19-0 decision over formidable St. Louis University. The Bulldogs also blanked four other teams, including Southeast Missouri State, the team they had to beat in order to capture the league title.

Only Pittsburg State (Kan.) and Central Missouri scored on them that season.

The 1934 co-captains were tackle Jack Robinson, later a professional player, and quarterback Arnold Embree ('35). They earned all-American, all-state and all-conference recognition that fall.

Faurot once said Embree was the most talented all-around back he coached at either Truman or Missouri. A number of other members of the 1934 team also received all-state accolades. End Robert Doyle ('35) was first-team all-state and guard Walter Roth ('35), fullback Drexel Moody and center William Scholle ('35) were selected to the second all-state group. Making the all-state honorable mention list were end Delbert Maddox, center Lynn McHarg ('36), tackle Carl Noble and halfback Martin Rhode. They all garnered some type of all-MIAA laurels as well.

Other Bulldogs chosen for all-conference honors included end Orville Towers, halfback Jay Lyle Faurot, guard Payne Muir ('35), halfback Frank Hanna and quarterback Ralph Alexander ('37).
TRUMAN RANKED THIRD IN NCSA POWER

In the latest National Collegiate Scouting Association power rankings, Truman State University was ranked third in the nation for NCAA Division II. In the overall rankings, which combine Division I, II and III, Truman was ranked 42nd.

The NCSA is a scouting service that is designed to help student-athletes identify the colleges they are best suited for based on athletic and academic factors. The NSCA power rankings are calculated by averaging the U.S. News & World Report ranking, the U.S. Sport’s Academy Director’s Cup rank, and the NCAA Student-Graduation Rate.

Truman was the only MIAA school ranked in the Division II poll and was one of three Missouri universities recognized, with Drury University ranked fourth in the Division II poll and Washington University in St. Louis ranked fourth in the Division III poll. Northwest Missouri State University was ranked 229th in the overall rankings.

Last year, Truman was also ranked third in the power rankings, and it was No. 1 in 2004.

TRUMAN REVIEW

Men’s Basketball

Oct. 28 Bill Cable Purple & White Game vs. Dreambuilders (Exhibition) – 7:30 p.m.

Nov. 1 vs. Missouri State (Exhibition) – 7:05 p.m.

Nov. 4 Drake Univ. (Exhibition) – 7:05 p.m.

Nov. 15 Central Christian – 7:30 p.m.

Nov. 17-18 Missouri Western Tournament

Nov. 17 vs. Armstrong Atlantic – 5:30 p.m.

Nov. 18 vs. Missouri-Rolla – 5:30 p.m.

Nov. 21 Quincy Univ. – 7:30 p.m.

Nov. 27 Culver-Stockton – 7:30 p.m.

Dec. 2 Hannibal-LaGrange – 7:30 p.m.

Dec. 9 William Penn – 5:00 p.m.

Dec. 9 Missouri-Rolla – 5:30 p.m.

Dec. 20 Illinois-Springfield – 7:30 p.m.

Dec. 22 Lincoln Univ. – 7:30 p.m.

Dec. 22 Emporia State – 5:30 p.m.

Dec. 30 Pittsburg State – 4:30 p.m.

Jan. 3 Fort Hays State – 7:30 p.m.

Jan. 10 Emporia State – 7:30 p.m.

Jan. 13 Washburn Univ. – 5:30 p.m.

Jan. 13 Northwest Missouri – 7:00 p.m.

Dec. 28 Central Missouri – 7:30 p.m.

Jan. 27 Missouri Southern – 7:30 p.m.

Jan. 31 Quincy Univ. – 7:30 p.m.

Feb. 3 Northwest Missouri – 7:30 p.m.

Feb. 10 Washburn Univ. – 7:30 p.m.

Feb. 14 Missouri Western – 7:30 p.m.

Feb. 20 Fort Hays State – 7:30 p.m.

Feb. 24 Pittsburg State – 7:30 p.m.

Mar. 14 MIAA Postseason Tournament

* - MIAA Home Game

Women’s Basketball

Nov. 1 vs. Drake (Exhibition) – 5:15 p.m.

Nov. 4 vs. Missouri (Exhibition) – 7:00 p.m.

Nov. 15 Harris-Stowe – 5:30 p.m.

Nov. 18 Drury Univ. – 2:00 p.m.

Nov. 21 William Penn – 5:30 p.m.

Nov. 29 Illinois-Springfield – 7:30 p.m.

Dec. 2 Lincoln Univ. – 5:00 p.m.

Dec. 6 Emporia State – 5:30 p.m.

Dec. 9 Missouri Southern – 7:00 p.m.

Dec. 16 Rockhurst Univ. – 2:00 p.m.

Dec. 18 Missouri-Rolla – 5:30 p.m.

Dec. 31 Pittsburg State – 7:00 p.m.

Jan. 3 Fort Hays State – 7:30 p.m.

Jan. 6 Missouri Western – 5:30 p.m.

Jan. 10 Emporia State – 5:30 p.m.

Jan. 13 Washburn Univ. – 5:30 p.m.

Jan. 17 Northwestern Missouri – 7:30 p.m.

Jan. 20 Southwest Baptist – 7:30 p.m.

Jan. 24 Central Missouri – 7:30 p.m.

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Mar. 14 MIAA Postseason Tournament

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Swimming

Oct. 6 Purple/White Intrasquad – 6:00 p.m.

Oct. 7 Alumni Meet – 12:00 p.m.

Oct. 21 Missouri State – 2:00 p.m.

Nov. 3-4 Bulldog Invitational – 4:15/8:00 p.m.

Nov. 10 Univ. of Iowa – 7:00 p.m.

Nov. 18 Univ. of Missouri – 1:00 p.m.

Nov. 20 Miami of Ohio Invitational

Jan. 12-13 Univ. of Indianapolis – 6:00 p.m./10:00 a.m.

Jan. 25 Missouri-Rolla – 6:00 p.m.

Jan. 27 Drury Univ. – 1:00 p.m.

Feb. 14-17 NSIC Championships (Cleveland, Miss.)

Mar. 14-17 NCAA Championships (Buffalo, N.Y.)

Home Meets In Bold

Wrestling

Nov. 12 Central Missouri Open

Nov. 15 Central College – 4:00 p.m.

Nov. 18 vs. Martin College – 6:00 p.m.

Nov. 19 Nebraska-Omaha Open

Nov. 19 Univ. of Missouri Open

Dec. 2 Simpson Invitational

Dec. 8 Millikin University – 6:30 p.m.

Dec. 9 MacMurray Open

Jan. 5-6 Midwest Classic (Indianapolis, Ind.)

Jan. 11 Upper Iowa – 7:30 p.m.

Jan. 14 Central Missouri – 1:00 p.m.

Jan. 14 vs. Indianapolis – 7:30 p.m.

Jan. 17 Missouri Baptist – 7:30 p.m.

Jan. 20 SIU Edwardsville – 3:00 p.m.

Jan. 20 Minnesota State-Mankato – 5:00 p.m.

Jan. 27 Central Missouri Duals

Feb. 3-4 Wheaton Invitational

Feb. 10 Univ. of Oklahoma – 7:00 p.m.

Feb. 11 Oklahoma City Univ. – 1:00 p.m.

Feb. 21 NCAA Midwest Regional (Ashland, Ohio)

Mar. 9-10 NCAA Championships (Kearney, Neb.)

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