Shannon Currier was named the 20th head coach in Truman football history in January. Currier has been busy since arriving on the Truman campus, reshaping the Bulldog football program. During spring practice, returning Bulldog players got a taste of Currier and the new systems that he was installing. Off the field, Currier has emphasized improving the team’s image on campus and in the Kirksville community, raising more funds for the program and hitting the recruiting trail hard in search of future Bulldogs.

The position at Truman is the second head coaching job for Currier. From 2000-2003, he served as the head coach at Concordia-St. Paul (Minn.), helping turn that program around despite working with a limited number of scholarships.

Currier inherited a team that won just two games in 1999, and over the next four years, he compiled a record of 32-12 (.727). He left the school second all-time in wins and first in winning percentage.

The Golden Bears were nationally ranked every year from 2001 to 2003. Last season, Concordia won a Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference championship and was a participant in the Mineral Water Bowl.

Currier was named the 2003 conference coach of the year and earned honorable mention honors for the Midwest region coach of the year.

While he was at Concordia, the Golden Bears had one of the top offenses in NCAA Division II. His teams ranked seventh in total offense in the country in 2002 and sixth in 2003. Concordia averaged over 34 points a game the last three years.

Currier coached 13 athletes to first-team all-NSIC honors and 15 players to second-team accolades. He recruited two conference newcomers of the year, including James McNear who was named the NCAA all-Division Freshman of the Year in 2002.

Currier’s players at Concordia also had success in the classrooms. He coached 33 academic all-conference players in his four seasons.

Prior to being named head coach at Concordia, Currier served as the assistant head coach and offensive coordinator at the school for one season. He also served as the offensive coordinator at Southwest State University (Minn.) (1997-99), University of Minnesota-Crookston (1995-97) and offensive backfield/wide receiver coach at Bemidji State University (Minn.) (1994-1995).

Currier is a former college quarterback at Hamline University in St. Paul, Minn. He earned a B.A. in physical education from Hamline and he has a M.S. in health, physical education and recreation from Bemidji State.

He and his wife Amy have two children, Frannie and Collin.
Scott Strohmeier joins the Bulldog coaching staff this season after six years at Concordia-St. Paul. Strohmeier is the team’s associate head coach and offensive coordinator.

Last season, he served as the assistant head coach and offensive coordinator at Concordia. He joined the Concordia staff in 1998 as the running backs coach and also coached tight ends and quarterbacks during his time there.

Strohmeier played a big role in the Golden Bears having one of the top offenses in the country the last few seasons. Last year, the team ranked sixth in the nation in total offense and the previous year the Golden Bears ranked seventh nationally.

He helped develop a pair of all-conference quarterbacks at Concordia. In 2001, Michael Allen was named to the Northern Sun all-conference second-team. The next season, Strohmeier coached James McNear to National Freshman of the Year honors. McNear went on to earn conference offensive MVP honors last year and was an all-region selection.

Strohmeier and Truman head coach Shannon Currier first crossed paths at Minnesota-Crookston. While Currier was an assistant coach there, Strohmeier was the Eagles’ quarterback during the 1996 and 1997 seasons. He was a two-time all-conference selection and in 1997, led Minnesota-Crookston to the NAIA national playoffs.

Strohmeier also played two season at Fergus Falls Community College (Minn.), where he was a two-time all-conference and all-region performer.

Strohmeier graduated from Minnesota-Crookston in 1998 with a business management degree. He is expected to receive a Masters of Arts in education - youth development this September from Concordia.

Strohmeier and his wife, Karla, have a daughter, Emily.

Aaron Rasset will enter his first season on the Truman coaching staff. He will serve as the team’s new defensive coordinator. Rasset comes to Kirksville after two years at Concordia-St. Paul. He was the assistant defensive coordinator and linebackers coach for the Golden Bears. He was also the strength and conditioning coach at the school.

Last season, he helped Brian Doyle earn first-team all-conference honors at the linebacker position. Doyle led the team and was eighth in the conference in tackles. Rasset also played a role in Concordia ranking second in the conference in 2003 in sacks.

Prior to coaching at Concordia, Rasset spent one season as the linebackers and strength coach at Dodge City Community College (Kan.).

He also spent two seasons as a graduate assistant coach at Bemidji State (Minn.). There he was in charge of the defensive backs and was the strength and conditioning coach.

Rasset began his coaching career in 1998 as the linebackers coach at Fergus Falls Community College (Minn.).

Rasset earned a bachelor of science degree in health management from Minnesota-Crookston in 1999. He is currently finishing up his masters in sports science from Bemidji State.

Rasset is pictured below with his wife, Mary Beth.
The new recruiting coordinator for the Bulldogs is Charlie Flohr. Flohr will also coach the team’s wide receivers.

Flohr is no stranger to MIAA football as he was a graduate assistant at Northwest Missouri the past two seasons. He was in charge of coaching the tight ends at Northwest Missouri.

Flohr won two conference titles while coaching at Northwest Missouri. In 2002, the Bearcats went 9-0 in MIAA play and ended up advancing to the NCAA quarterfinals. Last season, Northwest Missouri was one of five teams to tie for the conference crown.

Prior to his stint at Northwest Missouri, Flohr was a student assistant coach in charge of wide receivers at his alma mater, Dakota State.

While a player at Dakota State, Flohr lettered for four seasons and was a two-time honorable mention all-conference selection at wide receiver. He left the school as the career record holder in punt returns.

Flohr received his health and physical education degree from Dakota State in 2002 and last December, he earned his masters in health and physical education from Northwest Missouri.

Flohr is pictured below with his wife, Amy.

Daric Riley will coach the Bulldogs’ defensive backs in 2004 and also serve as the special teams coach.

Riley comes to Truman after coaching one season at Newberry College (S.C.). While at Newberry, he was the defensive secondary and special teams coach.

Last year, Newberry ranked second in the South Atlantic Conference in pass defense. It improved by an average of 25 yards a game and six places from the 2002 season.

Riley has also coached at Pikeville College (Ky.), Fairfield University (Conn.) and Charleston Southern University (S.C.).

He was at Pikeville for the 2001 and 2002 seasons and coached the defensive secondary and special teams. He was also the recruiting coordinator one year, the junior college recruiting coordinator the other year and at times helped coach both the quarterbacks and wide receivers.

At Pikeville, his teams collected 40 interceptions in two seasons and the Bears ranked in the top 20 defensively in both the 2001 and 2002 campaigns.

Over the last three years, his special teams have averaged 20.2 yards on kickoff returns with six touchdowns and 9.3 yards in punt returns. The special teams have averaged giving up 19.8 yards a kickoff return, 10.2 yards on punt returns and have given up just one touchdown.

Riley coached at Fairfield in 2000 as the defensive secondary coach and was a defensive graduate assistant coach at Charleston Southern in 1998 and 1999.

He was a three-year letterwinner at Charleston Southern, playing all four secondary positions and on special teams. He graduated from the school in 1999 with a bachelor of arts in psychology and physical education.
Volunteer Coach - Aaron Rodney

Aaron Rodney will coach the Bulldogs' running backs this season.
Rodney coached the wide receivers the last two years at West Jordan High School in Salt Lake City, Utah. The Jaguars reached the state playoffs both seasons he was there.
In 1995-96, he was a wide receiver for Boise State University (Idaho). In 1997, he transferred to Ricks (Idaho), but an injury ended his playing career towards the end of the year.
Rodney graduated in 2003 from the University of Utah with a bachelor of science degree in political science.
He and his wife, Sarah, have a son named Chance.

Wallie Kuchinski will be serving as the defensive line coach as well as the strength and conditioning coordinator for Truman this season.
He carried the same responsibilities last year at Concordia-St. Paul. Kuchinski also previously coached the defensive line for a spring at Bemidji State and was the head eighth grade coach in 2002 at Bemidji Middle School.
Kuchinski was a four-year starter at Bemidji State. In 2000, he led the nation in tackles for losses and his senior year, he was the conference sack leader.
He was named a team captain in 2001 and was an unanimous first-team all-conference selection.
He was a member of the most successful Bemidji team in school history, which went 9-2 in 2000.
He graduated from Bemidji State with a bachelors degree in physical education and just earned his masters in education from Concordia.
Kuchinski is pictured above with his girlfriend, Alicia.

Mike Harris is in his third season on the Bulldogs' coaching staff, this year serving as the assistant in charge of the offensive line.
Harris was a two-time letterwinner on the Truman football team, playing in six games in 2000 and starting seven games in 2001 before suffering a career-ending injury.
Prior to coming to Truman, he earned all-league honors as a member of the Phoenix College football team.
Harris graduated from Truman in May of 2003 with a degree in business.
Harris is pictured with his girlfriend, Becky Sedore.

Support Staff

Team Physician - John Bailey, D.O.

Dr. John Bailey earned a bachelor's degree in biology from Truman and a Doctor of Osteopathy degree from the Kirkville College of Osteopathic Medicine in 1990.
He was an orthopedic resident in Rockaway, N.Y., before entering an orthopedic and neurosurgical spine fellowship at the University of Missouri-Columbia. His specialty training includes sports medicine.

Team Physician - Chris Main, D.O.

Dr. Chris Main earned a bachelor's degree from Truman and a Doctor of Osteopathy degree from the Kirkville College of Osteopathic Medicine.
He completed his orthopedic surgery residency at Des Peres and St. Louis University hospitals. Dr. Main has worked with many professional athletes and specializes in orthopedic sports medicine.