The game of football was inaugurated at the school, now called Truman State University, on Nov. 2, 1900, in resounding fashion, as the team from Kirksville romped past Oaklawn Academy in neighboring Novelly, Mo., 76-0.

Records indicate the 1900 team was the first organized squad at what was called the First Normal School at that time. The aggregation compiled a 3-2-1 record. The 1903 was the first team sanctioned by the University.

Ninety-four more seasons of rich gridiron tradition have unfolded since the infancy campaign. However, no football was played in 1901-02, 1912-13, 1918 and 1942-44 at the University.

Truman football has an all-time record of 504-320-34 (.607), with four of those losses later being forfeited by the opposing team. The Bulldogs have won 26 MIAA championships, seven more than the next closest school in conference history.

The Bulldogs have earned postseason play five times, including a victory in the 1961 Mineral Water Bowl. Truman reached the NCAA tournament four times, including three during the 1990s.

O.C. Bell was appointed the first official coach by the Board of Regents in 1907. Other men who have directed the Purple and White include C.B. Simmons, H.L. McWilliams, Don and Fred Faurot, Earl Svendsen, Malcolm Eiken, Vincent Gehringer, James Dougherty, Maurice "Red" Wade, Mary Braden, Russ Sloan, Randy Lukehart, Ron Taylor, Bruce Craddock, Jack Ball, Eric Holm and John Ware. Shannon Currier was named the newest Bulldog coach this past winter.

McWilliams compiled the first successful coaching record, winning 48 contests, losing only 26 and tying eight for a .634 percentage. The 1916 team was probably his most famous, capturing the championship of the original Missouri Intercollegiate Athletic Association (now the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletic Association), the Bulldogs’ first crown.

McWilliams’ squads also tied three times for the championship between 1919-25. The first of 26 titles as a member of the current MIAA was won in 1924.

Don Faurot, who later gained fame at the University of Missouri (Columbia), began his illustrious reign in 1926. During his tenure, the Bulldogs claimed seven league championships and chalked up perfect seasons in 1932, 1933 and 1934.

Under Don Faurot, the Dogs notched 63 wins against 13 losses and three ties for an .816 winning percentage. Between 1931-35, the Bulldogs compiled a streak of 27 consecutive victories, one of the longest in intercollegiate football.

The longest tenure of any Truman coach was charted by Wade who guided the 'Dogs for 16 years between 1951-66. He is still the winningest coach (99 victories) in the history of football at Truman. His teams won eight MIAA championships, and made the first postseason appearance in 1961.

Eric Holm made his mark on Bulldog Football in the early 90s, leading the team to three NCAA Division II postseason appearances in five years and compiling a stellar 37-19 record.

John Ware took the reigns from Holm after serving as Holm’s assistant head coach. Ware continued the Bulldog tradition with seven more winning seasons, including the school’s 16th eight-win season in 2001. He tied Faurot as the second-longest acting head coach at Truman with nine seasons as the Bulldog taskmaster, and racked up the third-most wins. While the Truman program has had some great coaches throughout the years, much of the success is due to the talented athletes that have worn the Bulldog uniform.

Fourteen Bulldogs athletes have earned first-team all-American honors, eight have been named MIAA MVP and eight have played in the National Football League.

One of the earliest stars for Truman was Arnold Embree, a quarterback for the Bulldogs from 1931-34. He was the team leader during the team’s most successful stretch in school history. The Bulldogs won MIAA titles in 1932, 1933 and 1934 and won 27 straight games.

Dale Mills performed for Truman between 1957-60, and left school with 10 NCAA records, including 4,502 career rushing yards.

Many of Mills’ school rushing records were broken in 1996 by another great Bulldog running back, Jarrett Anderson. Anderson became the first Truman player to win the Harlon Hill trophy, the Division II equivalent of the Heisman.

Those three athletes are just a few of the greats in Bulldog history. With the addition of first-year head coach Shannon Currier this past winter, the great tradition of Bulldog history looks to continue in 2004 and beyond.
The Old Hickory Stick

In 1930, President U.W. Lamkin of Northwest Missouri State University sent a 30-inch piece of hickory to President Eugene Fair of Truman State University. At that time, neither man could have envisioned the impact of the “Old Hickory Stick” on the two teams during the next 72 years.

President Lamkin found the “coveted trophy” on a farm in the Northwest Missouri State district, where Dr. Fair was born, and the two schools started playing for its possession in 1931. It may not have the prestigious and familiar name of say, the “Little Brown Jug” (Michigan versus Minnesota), but observers of the annual ‘Cat-Dog fuss feel the “Stick” should not be underrated.

The 1990 ‘Dogs were forced to rally from a 10-point deficit in the third quarter and a three-point deficit in the fourth period to pull out a 34-31, homecoming victory over the Bearcats. Eight seconds into the fourth quarter, quarterback Jeff Frost heaved a 59-yard touchdown pass to wide receiver Randy Corbin for the winning score. The Bulldog defense halted NWMS five on 12 plays. Quarterback Craig Towbin, spotted flanker Eric Holm in the end zone for a 5-yard TD pass, and the PAT by Greg Dolence made the final score, 14-10.

The following year, the Bulldogs had victory within their grasp, 7-6, with 1:54 remaining, only to see fullback Wayne Woolsey snatch a 44-yard TD aerial from quarterback Don Orlowski.

However, the 1968 Purple and White recovered the “Stick” in a 9-7 thriller at Maryville. Quarterback Don Cummings kept the ball and ran 30 yards in the first quarter for the Bulldogs’ only TD. Bob Levy added a 30-yard field goal a few minutes later, and Truman scored the rest of the game protecting the slim margin. In the second half, the Bearcats attempted four field goals, the first hitting the uprights. NWMS’s final three-point try, coming with 3:27 to go, was short.

The 1980 Bulldogs trailed the ‘Cats, 10-7, early in the fourth quarter on a homecoming afternoon. But then moved from their 30-yard line to the NWMS five on 12 plays. Quarterback Craig Towbin, spotted flanker Eric Holm in the end zone for a 5-yard TD pass, and the PAT by Greg Dolence made the final score, 14-10.

The 2004 Hickory Stick battle will take place on Oct. 23 in a 1:30 p.m. game at Stokes Stadium. It will be the 69th trophy game between the two schools.
Bulldogs In The Postseason

In the long football history at Truman, the Bulldogs have participated in postseason competition five times and are 1-4 in those games. Three of the appearances have been in the last 14 years.

The first appearance was in 1961, and Maurice "Red" Wade's men savored the results over the cold winter months that followed. They turned back Parsons College of Fairfield, Iowa, 22-8, in the Mineral Water Bowl at Excelsior Springs after winning the school's 16th league championship and finishing the regular season with an 8-1 overall record.

Parsons' Wildcats carried a perfect 9-0 ledger into the bowl battle on the evening of Nov. 25 at Roosevelt Field. A steady rain had fallen before the kickoff, and the rapidly dropping temperature and blustery wind kept 5,000 spectators shivering.

The 'Dogs exploded quickly on a Jerry Germain 6-yard run with 8:43 remaining in the first quarter, and a Germain 19-yard scamper with 13:11 left in the second period. Quarterback Jack Ball rifled a 10-yard aerial strike to Janks Morton with 10:22 showing on the clock in the second stanza.

Parsons' only tally came on the last play of the first half, as Nathaniel Craddock scored from the Truman 3-yard line. Both defenses shut down their opponents after intermission.

Receiving recognition for their performances in the game were Fred Lyles, who was voted outstanding lineman by sportswriters, and Dave Grant who was cited as the best tackler.

The Mineral Water bowl was reinstated in 2000 as a Division II bowl game, after a 25-year hiatus from the small college scene.

The 'Dogs experienced the agony of defeat in their next four postseason games.

Despite outgaining Jacksonville State (Ala.), 425 to 248 total yards, mistakes proved to be the undoing of Truman in its second postseason appearance.

The Bulldogs committed five costly turnovers in a 34-21 loss to the Gamecocks in the first round of the 1982 NCAA Division II playoffs at Jacksonville. Truman drew first blood in the game on quarterback Tom Hayes' 14-yard pass to tight end Brian McGovern.

The final 22 minutes of the first half was a nightmare for Bruce Craddock's men. The Gamecocks scored 31 points on a safety (after a blocked punt), a 61-yard run, a 100-yard pass interception return, a 24-yard pass and a 2-yard run.

All of that scoring came after or was the direct result of Truman's errors. Midway through the third period, the 'Dogs pulled within 10 points on a 20-yard aerial from Hayes to flanker Rich Otte and Hayes' 3-yard dash to the end zone. However, Jacksonville State added insurance points on a 29-yard field goal by Chris Hobbs in the fourth stanza.

It was another eight years before the 'Dogs made their next trip to the Division II playoffs, traveling to Pittsburg State Truman, 59-3.

Nine years ago, the 'Dogs made the Division II playoff field again. However, the results were much the same as in 1982 and 1990. North Dakota State, ranked second nationally, defeated Truman, 42-7, in a first-round game in Fargo, N.D. A harbinger of what was in store for the 'Dogs came on the first play from scrimmage. A pass by quarterback Steve Thompson was intercepted, and the Bison converted the Truman mistake into a TD. They scored three more times for a 28-0 advantage at halftime.

Early in the third quarter, the 'Dogs posted their only TD when Thompson connected with flanker Fontaine Walker on a 32-yard aerial. The five-play scoring drive was set up by outside linebacker Nick Della Vedova's fumble recovery.

Truman threatened in the fourth period, but Thompson was intercepted again, this time on the NDSU 8-yard line. The Bison put their final two TDs on the board in the last three minutes of the game.

The 1994 Bulldogs came the closest yet to advancing further than the first round of the NCAA Division II playoffs. However, they succumbed to the University of North Dakota Fighting Sioux, 18-6, in Grand Forks.

The Sioux scored two TDs in the first half, one set up by an 11-yard interception return by Brent Johnson. After a scoreless first period for Truman, future Harlon Hill winner, tailback Jarrett Anderson, put the 'Dogs on the board with a 3-yard run set up by an 81-yard kickoff return by Art Austin early in the third quarter.

But, North Dakota also posted a TD in the third period on a pass from quarterback Clay Wagner to wide receiver Jeff McElroy, the last scoring play of the game.
1990 Division II Playoff

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Scoring
- Truman-Scott Bresaw 37-yard field goal.
- PSU-Jay Padden 3-yard run (James Jenkins PAT).
- PSU-Ronald Moore 1-yard run (Jenkins PAT).
- PSU-West 33-yard pass from Padden (Jenkins PAT).
- PSU-Darren Dawson 27-yard run (Jenkins PAT).
- PSU-Padden 2-yard run (Jenkins PAT).
- PSU-Todd Hafner 15-yard run (Jenkins PAT).

Statistics
- TRUMAN:
  - First Downs: 10
  - Rushing Attempts: 22
  - Rushing Yards: 56
  - Passing Yards: 184
  - Penalties/Yards: 9/70
- PSU: 29
  - First Downs: 29
  - Rushing Attempts: 75
  - Rushing Yards: 356
  - Passing Yards: 92
  - Penalties/Yards: 14/45

Attendance: 4,500

1994 Division II Playoff

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Scoring
- UND-Josh Ostby 14-yard pass from Clay Wagner (kick failed).
- UND-Tom Langer 24-yard pass from Wagner (pass failed).
- Truman-Jarrett Anderson 3-yard run (pass failed).
- UND-Jeff McElroy 16-yard pass from Wagner (pass failed).

Statistics
- TRUMAN: 18
  - First Downs: 18
  - Rushing Attempts: 41
  - Rushing Yards: 172
  - Passing Yards: 159
  - Penalties/Yards: 3/15
- UND: 240
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Attendance: 3,520
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<td>1907</td>
<td>O.C. Bell was appointed as the first official coach by the College Board of Regents.</td>
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<td>Bell guided the ‘Dogs to their second undefeated campaign but the first perfect mark against a full slate of opponents.</td>
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<td>1916</td>
<td>The Purple and White captured the championship of the original MIAA conference. They chalked up an 8-0-1 standard, under the tutelage of H.L. McWilliams.</td>
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<td>In the first year of the current MIAA Conference, the ‘Dogs nabbed their first of 26 titles.</td>
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<td>The ‘Dogs’ 100th victory came at the expense of University of Northern Iowa, 14-0.</td>
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<td>1931</td>
<td>The traditional rivalry between the ‘Dogs and Bearcats from Northwest Missouri was intensified with the inception of the “Old Hickory Stick” trophy.</td>
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<td>1934</td>
<td>The third consecutive undefeated season was logged by a Don Faurot-led team, which notched the school’s eighth league crown.</td>
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<td>1935</td>
<td>One of the longest winning streaks in college football history, 27 victories, was snapped by St. Louis University, 37-7.</td>
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<td>1951</td>
<td>The ‘Dogs shared the crown with Southwest Missouri as they recorded their best mark (7-1-1) since 1936.</td>
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<td>Only a 28-27 loss to Northwest Missouri (Maryville) prevented Truman from an outright conference title and a perfect record. However, the ‘Dogs were co-champions of the MIAA.</td>
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<td>1953</td>
<td>Truman celebrated its 200th victory with a 27-7 trouncing of Southwest Missouri State.</td>
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<td>1961</td>
<td>The Bulldogs concluded a 9-1 campaign with a 22-8 triumph over Parsons (Iowa) in the Mineral Water Bowl, their first postseason contest.</td>
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<td>1965</td>
<td>Maurice “Red” Wade led the ‘Dogs to their 18th MIAA title, the eighth under his direction.</td>
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<td>1970</td>
<td>Victory No. 300 came over Central Arkansas, 24-14.</td>
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<td>1971</td>
<td>The Bulldogs chalked up the school’s third nine-victory season since 1900 by crushing Missouri-Rolla, 44-13. They also notched their 21st MIAA crown.</td>
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<td>1975</td>
<td>Truman reversed a two-year losing trend by fashioning a 7-4 ledger and finished a surprising second in the MIAA pennant chase.</td>
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<td>1976</td>
<td>For the first time in five seasons, the ‘Dogs captured top conference honors, sharing the title with Southeast Missouri (Cape Girardeau).</td>
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<td>1981</td>
<td>Truman won its first outright MIAA Championship since 1971.</td>
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<td>1982</td>
<td>The Bulldogs captured their second straight conference title and won a bid to the NCAA Division II playoffs after being ranked fourth in the NCAA poll, the highest they had ever been ranked nationally.</td>
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<td>1985</td>
<td>Truman claimed the schools 25th league crown since 1924 and finished 11th in the final NCAA Division II poll. As a team, they led Division II in passing and total offense, erasing nine DII records.</td>
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<td>1988</td>
<td>For the 26th time in the long history of Truman football, the ‘Dogs earned at least a piece of the conference title. They shared the championship with Southeast Missouri State and Central Missouri State, the first time that the MIAA had crowned tri-champions in football.</td>
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<td>1990</td>
<td>The Bulldogs overcame the adversity of penalties assessed by the MIAA for violation of rules and the tragic death of teammate Derringer Cade, and compiled a 9-2 overall record and made their first trip to the NCAA Division II playoffs since 1982. They finished the season with a ninth-place ranking in the DII poll, posted nine wins for the first time since 1982 and rolled up nine straight victories for the first time since 1933.</td>
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<td>1992</td>
<td>For the second time in three seasons, Truman notched nine victories and qualified for the NCAA Division II national playoffs. The 9-3 Bulldogs ranked 16th in the final Division II poll.</td>
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<td>1994</td>
<td>The ‘Dogs made their third NCAA Division II national playoff appearance in five years. The 8-3 squad ranked eighth in the final Division II poll and produced four All-America players.</td>
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<td>1998</td>
<td>Truman celebrated its 800th game by beating Southwest Baptist 31-14 in front of a homecoming crowd.</td>
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<td>2001</td>
<td>The Bulldogs regained the Old Hickory Stick after a five-year hiatus and defeated 8th-ranked Northwest Missouri, 24-23. Truman also participated in its first-ever cliffhanger when the ‘Dogs beat Washburn on a 46-yard field goal with just six-tenths of a second on the clock.</td>
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<td>2002</td>
<td>Wide receiver Andrew Blakley became the all-time Truman receiving leader, ranking second all-time in NCAA Division II and sixth in all divisions with 300 career receptions. During his career, he also totaled 3,458 yards for 22 touchdowns. Following the 2002 season, Blakley tied for the DII lead with 8.73 receptions per game, amassing 965 yards for 96 receptions his senior year. Truman also picked up its 500th win, according to the NCAA, with a 27-23 victory over Missouri Western in the season finale.</td>
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'52 Team Two Points Shy Of Perfect Season

Not since 1936 has Truman finished a football campaign with a perfect record. However, one team, the 7-1-0 Bulldogs of 1952, missed achieving the feat by a mere two points. Considered by some Truman followers as probably Maurice “Red” Wade’s most talented crew, the 'Dogs lost a, 28-27, heart-breaking decision Nov. 1 at Northwest Missouri State. Until this struggle for the “Old Hickory Stick” on the Bearcats’ homecoming day, Wade’s men had captured six straight wins, five via the shutout route. They blanked Missouri Valley, 20-0, University of Missouri “B” team, 26-0, Western Illinois, 19-0, Southeast Missouri, 18-0, and Central Missouri, 32-0.

Missouri Valley, a perennial NAIA power at that time, suffered its first home setback and worst defeat in 12 seasons at the hands of the '52 Bulldogs.

A fired-up Northwest Missouri team posted three quick touchdowns in the first quarter before Truman recovered from the initial shock to forge ahead, 27-21. Then, the Bearcats scored on a pass play and kicked the game-deciding extra point.

The 'Dogs concluded the season with their most prolific offensive assault, burying the Missouri-Rolla Miners, 52-19, and sharing the MIAA title with Northwest. For the campaign, Truman rolled up 213 points and surrendered only 61. Postseason invitations to the Refrigerator, Polio and Mineral Water Bowls were declined by the school.

Selected to the first all-MIAA team were quarterback Eddie Bender and center LaVerne “Horse” Dabney, who was also the recipient of the conference sportsmanship award. Bill Richerson, former chairman of the Truman Division of Health and Exercise Science and men’s golf coach, was one of the Bulldogs’ top running backs that year. Wade, Bender, Dabney and Richerson are also members of Truman’s Athletics Hall of Fame, as well as their teammates Darrell Fouch and Mel Loncaric and assistant coach Ken Gardner.

Faurot’s Last Crew Was An Imposing Machine

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

That may not be an accurate statement, but the Purple and White squad of 70 years ago was 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 ’Dogs 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 State scored on them that season.

The 1934 co-captains were tackle Jack Robinson, later a professional player, and quarterback Arnold Embree. They earned all-America, 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 was first-team all-state and guard Walter Roth, fullback Drexel Moody and center William Scholle were selected to the second all-state group. Making the all-state honorable mention list were end Delbert Maddox, center Lynn Mcharg, 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, halfback Frank Hanna and quarterback Ralph Alexander.
Gridiron Greats

Dale “Paley” Mills Left Mark On Bulldog Football

More than four decades ago, a 5-10, 175-pound running back from Hickman High School in Columbia stepped onto the Stokes Stadium turf at Truman State University to inaugurate an illustrious football career.

By the time Dale “Paley” Mills played his final game, a lot of fans throughout the nation knew of his exploits.

One only has to read his long list of records at Truman to understand why his old jersey number, 31, was retired in 1977.

At one time, Mills, who performed between 1957-60, held 10 NCAA marks. He led college division rushers in 1958 and 1959 and gained 4,502 yards in his career.

Mills, who still owned nine school and four conference records until 1996, is currently 29th among Division II career rushers. He ranks 31st in career scoring (407 points) and is 23rd in career points per game (11.3) for all NCAA divisions. He is 13th in career points and eighth in career points per game among DII leaders.

He was named to all-America teams by the Williamson Rating System (1959 and 1960) and the Associated Press (1960).

Maurice “Red” Wade, his college coach, once said the secret to Mills’ success was his durability and his amazing balance as a runner. Except for one game as a senior, when he was sidelined for a few minutes with a broken tooth, he was never injured in college.

His brother, Billy, hung the “Paley” nickname on him. When Mills was about 8, he was involved in an accident at a trap-shooting range in which he was struck in the head by a clay pigeon. Seeing his unconscious brother on the ground, Billy called him “pale face,” and the name was eventually shortened to “Paley.”

Ironically, Dale Mills got his chance to start as a freshman when Billy sustained a mid-season injury.

McWilliams Described As “Big Man" Mentally, Morally and Physically

McWilliams was quarterback and captain of the 1905 Bulldogs.

With the appointment of H.L. “Curly” McWilliams as coach in 1914, the sport of football was resumed after a two-year hiatus at what is currently Truman State University.

In the early 1900s, McWilliams was a standout on teams at what was then called the First Normal School. Many football observers of the early years indicated that he was one of the best backs to ever perform for the Bulldogs.

After receiving Pd.B. and M.Pd. degrees, McWilliams graduated from the University of Missouri (Columbia) with a bachelor’s degree in law. At Missouri, he performed for the Tigers, drop-kicking a field goal in a 1913 game with Kansas to account for the only points in a 3-0 victory over the Jayhawks.

While on the staff at the First Normal School, McWilliams was also athletics director and coached the baseball and track programs.

However, it was guiding the gridiron teams for which he gained a solid reputation. His coaching record of 48-26-8 was the best for Bulldog football up to that time. Two of McWilliams’ teams captured undisputed championships and three were conference co-champions.

The first of 21 titles claimed by the school as a member of the reorganized Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association was notched by the 1924 team.

However, the undefeated 1916 squad was probably McWilliams’ most famous. David Neal, Leo Petree, the team captain, and Alva Motter were all-conference.

When McWilliams resigned in 1925 to enter business, President Eugene Fair said, “No Missouri teachers college ever had so strong a coach.”

But perhaps, one of McWilliams’ students made the most fitting appraisal of the man.

“He is a big man, big mentally, morally and physically,” the student said.
Two-Point Losses Prevent 1965 Bulldogs From Undefeated Campaign

Thirty-nine years ago, an 8-2 Truman football team won the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association championship. However, the Bulldogs saw a couple of heartbreaking, two-point road defeats spoil their quest for an undefeated season. Truman suffered its first setback to nationally ranked Northern Illinois when both teams were undefeated.

The two teams traded the lead through most of the game until the Huskies scored what turned out to be the deciding touchdown with 1:40 showing on the clock to give them a 22-20 victory.

The ‘Dogs rebounded from the hard-to-take loss to capture the MIAA title with five straight conquests.

However, their campaign finale was another bitter pill to swallow. They traveled to Fairfield, Iowa, for a confrontation with Parsons College. Both teams were contending for a bid to the Pecan Bowl, an NCAA College Division regional play-off encounter in Abilene, Texas.

The ‘Dogs jumped to a 21-7 halftime advantage on two passes from quarterback Rick Gorzynski to halfback T.J. Jackson and a one-yard plunge by fullback Ron Villars.

Then, on the Wildcats’ first possession in the third quarter, they scored on a 68-yard aerial. Later in the same period, they closed the gap to three points (21-17) on a 29-yard field goal.

With 1:25 left to play, Gorzynski punted to Parsons’ Paul Read who returned it 55 yards for a TD. The ‘Dogs did not threaten in the remaining seconds, and the jubilant Wildcats celebrated a 23-21 win.

Gorzynski, who finished the season with 1,399 passing yards, made the Associated Press Little All-America honorable mention team. Halfback Sharron Washington landed on the AP honorable mention list after rushing for 949 yards and scoring 96 points to leave him ranked among the top 10 point-producers in the nation that year.

A two-way lineman, Rich Rhodes, was named to the AP first team. Three years later, Rhodes died while serving in the army in Vietnam.

The Bulldog offense was well-balanced in ‘65, averaging 230.1 rushing yards per game and 166.5 passing yards. Truman ranked seventh in NCAA College Division total offense with a 396.6 average.

Bulldogs in the Pros

RANDY BESLER, OG/OT
Calgary Stampeder (CFL), 1981

RICK CASH, DL
Atlanta Falcons, 1968
Los Angeles Rams, 1969-71
New England Patriots, 1972-73
Philadelphia Bell (WFL), 1974
San Antonio Wing (WFL), 1975

LENVIL ELLIOTT, RB
Cincinnati Bengals, 1973-78
San Francisco 49ers, 1979-81

RUSSELL EVANS, WR
Seattle Seahawks, 1987 *
* Replacement player during strike.

TOM GEREDINE, WR
Atlanta Falcons, 1973-74
Los Angeles Rams, 1976

MATT HEIDEMAN, QB
New England Steamrollers (AF), 1988

JASON HENDRICK, WR/LB
St. Louis Stampede (AF), 1995

LLOYD HENRY, WR
Miami Dolphins, 1977-78
Saskatchewan Roughriders (CFL), 1979

LARRY JONES, WR/DB
Washington Redskins, 1974-77
San Francisco 49ers, 1978

CHRIS LIVINGSTONE, QB
St. Louis Stampede (AF), 1995-96

ROLAND MANGOLD, OL
Montreal Alouettes (CFL), 1979-81
Toronto Argonauts (CFL), 1982-83
Montreal Concordes (CFL), 1983-84

AF-Arena Football
WFL-World Football League
APFA-American Professional Football Association

MICHAEL MORRIS, OL-LB
St. Louis Cardinals, 1987-88
Kansas City Chiefs, 1989
New England Patriots, 1989
Seattle Seahawks, 1990

CRAIG O’SADNICK, S
Chicago Fire (WFL), 1974

LEO PETRE, RB
Cleveland Tigers (APFA), 1920
Toledo Maroons, 1922

STEVE POWELL, RB
Buffalo Bills, 1978-79

JACK ROBINSON, OG/OT
Brooklyn Dodgers, 1935-36
Chicago Cardinals, 1936-37
Pittsburgh Pirates, 1938
Cleveland Rams, 1938

MARV ROBINSON, RB
Chicago Fire (WFL), 1974

SPENCER STEVENS, OC
Quad City Steamwheelers (AF), 2000-2001

The ‘Dogs in the Pros

Tom Geredine

FAUROT CONSIDERED

Embree Most Versatile Back

When Don Faurot, former Truman and University of Missouri (Columbia) football coach, was asked to name the best all-around player he coached, the man he considered the most versatile back he coached was Embree between the mid-1920s and mid-1950s is Arnold Embree, who quarterbacked the Bulldogs from 1931-34.

It was during this period that Truman reeled off 27 victories in a row, the seventh longest Division II winning streak.

Embree, from Marceline High School, could do it all on the football field, according to Faurot. He was team captain, calling offensive and defensive signals without help from the coach who could not send in plays at that time.

Once, against St. Louis University in a scoreless battle, Embree decided to go for a fake punt with the Bulldogs deep in their territory. Faurot’s brother, Jay, the intended kicker, caught the Billiken defenders napping and scampered to the opponent 5-yard line before he was overhauled. Truman won the game, 19-7.

Another time against Southeast Missouri State, Embree called for an 11-man rush by the Bulldog defense. He tackled the Southeast ball-carrier for a 5-yard loss, and the momentum quickly swung to Truman’s side.

The final score read, 13-0, in favor of the ‘Dogs.
### All-Time Coaching Records

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* The NCAA does not recognize forfeits unless they are a result of an NCAA violation. Otherwise on-the-field results apply. Truman won one game by forfeit against Missouri Wesleyan in 1920, two games by forfeit from Washburn University in 1963 and 1989 and one from Missouri Southern State University in 1997.

* Kirk was not an official coach. Bell was the first coach appointed by the Board of Regents.

# Dougherty also coached the last two games of 1945.

### Miscellaneous Records

- Season Openers: 59-33-4
- Home Openers: 62-30-3
- MIAA Openers: 54-21-2
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Coaching Legend - Don Faurot

Don Faurot won seven MIAA titles in nine years as head coach of the Bulldogs. He went on to coach the University of Missouri for 19 years, compiling a record of 310-7-10. Football historians credit him with innovating the Split-T formation in 1941, which led to the birth of the option play. He was also the athletics director at Missouri and the head basketball coach.

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1927 (8-1) | Central Missouri | W 0-14 | At Missouri, Location unknown |
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1934 (8-0) | Central Missouri | W 0-14 | At Missouri, Location unknown |
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1944 (4-4-1) | Central Missouri | W 0-14 | At Missouri, Location unknown |
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|         | Central Missouri | W 0-14 | At Missouri, Location unknown |

1945 (2-3-1) | Central Missouri | W 0-14 | At Missouri, Location unknown |
|         | Central Missouri | W 0-14 | At Missouri, Location unknown |
|         | Central Missouri | W 0-14 | At Missouri, Location unknown |
1947 (5-3-1)
Coaching Staff: Kenneth Gardner

Captains: Jeff Neale

9/19 at Northwest Missouri W 13-12
10/7 at Missouri-Rolla T 28-28
10/11 Northwestern Missouri T 14-14
10/13 Southern Missouri T 14-14

1950 (2-4-3)
Coaching Staff: Ken Taylor

Captains: Art Hochstedler, Kenny Rehg

10/7 Southeast Missouri W 13-13
10/26 Missouri-Rolla T 14-14
11/10 Missouri-Columbia "B" W 26-6

1953 (6-2)
Coaching Staff: Aubrey Johnson

Captains: Mel Loncaric, Bill Bowles

9/17 Northwestern Missouri T 14-14
10/8 at Missouri Valley L 7-6
11/10 Missouri-Columbia "B" W 26-6

1953 (4-3)
Coaching Staff: Dave Blakley

Captains: Allen Church, Ron Stark

9/17 Western Missouri T 28-28
10/12 at Missouri Valley T 14-14
10/31 Central Missouri T 36-36

1954 (1-5-1)
Coaching Staff: Ron Taylor

Captains: Jim Rauch, Ed Hull

9/17 Benedictine L 6-6
9/29 at Missouri Valley L 7-0
10/22 at Missouri Valley L 13-13

1956 (7-1-1)
Coaching Staff: Russell Sloan

Captains: Ken Beemro, Charles Blackley, Aubrey Johnson

9/17 at Missouri Valley L 6-0
9/24 at Central Missouri L 26-14
10/4 at Missouri Valley L 30-8

1960 (3-6)
Coaching Staff: Tom O'Sadnick

Captains: Jack Bringer, Ron Cash, Rick Gorkomsky

9/17 at William Jewell L 13-13
9/22 at Washburn L 21-21
10/6 at Southern Missouri L 12-12

1966 (3-4)
Coaching Staff: pencil

Captains: Not Available

9/17 at Western Missouri L 6-0
9/24 at Washburn L 12-12
10/6 at Missouri-Rolla T 12-12

1968 (5-4)
Coaching Staff: pencil

Captains: Not Available

9/17 at William Jewell L 13-13
9/24 at Washburn L 21-21
10/6 at Missouri-Rolla T 12-12

1970 (7-0)
Coaching Staff: pencil

Captains: Not Available

9/17 at William Jewell L 13-13
9/24 at Washburn L 21-21
10/6 at Missouri-Rolla T 12-12

1973 (9-1)
Coaching Staff: pencil

Captains: Not Available

9/1 at Northern Iowa L 7-0
9/24 at Western Missouri W 21-0
9/28 Northwestern Missouri L 9-0
10/6 at Missouri Valley L 30-8
10/13 Missouri-Columbia "B" L 12-12
10/20 at Missouri Valley L 27-27
10/27 Central Missouri T 14-14
11/3 at Missouri Valley L 12-12
11/10 Missouri-Columbia "B" W 26-6

1978 (4-2)
Coaching Staff: pencil

Captains: Not Available

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10/13 Missouri-Columbia "B" L 12-12
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11/10 Missouri-Columbia "B" W 26-6

1980 (4-3)
Coaching Staff: pencil

Captains: Not Available

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10/13 Missouri-Columbia "B" L 12-12
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11/10 Missouri-Columbia "B" W 26-6

1986 (4-2)
Coaching Staff: pencil

Captains: Not Available

9/1 at Northern Iowa L 7-0
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9/28 Northwestern Missouri L 9-0
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10/13 Missouri-Columbia "B" L 12-12
10/20 at Missouri Valley L 27-27
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11/3 at Missouri Valley L 12-12
11/10 Missouri-Columbia "B" W 26-6

1991 (5-4)
Coaching Staff: pencil

Captains: Not Available

The 1951 MIAA Champion Bulldog Team

Year-by-Year Scores

1946 (5-2-2)

9/20 Iowa Wesleyan W 18-0
9/28 at St. Cloud State L 6-6
10/15 at Parsons W 28-0
10/12 Missouri Valley W 40-14
10/10 Missouri-Rolla W 13-0
11/16 at Missouri-Rolla W 26-6

1947 (5-3-1)

9/19 at Northwest Missouri W 13-12
10/6 at Missouri Valley W 19-19
10/25 Eureka W 13-0
11/1 Central Missouri T 0-0
11/8 at Northwest Missouri L 12-12
11/16 at Missouri-Rolla T 13-13

1948 (4-3-2)

9/19 at Pittsburg State W 12-12
9/26 at Eureka W 21-0
10/1 Rockhurst W 21-0
10/11 Southern Missouri L 14-14
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Year-by-Year Scores

1985 (3-7)
Coach: Bruce Craddock
Captain: Paul Wernsman
Captains: Scott Cummings, Don Morris, Brian Neubauer, Dave Waddell
Coach: Eric Holm

1986 (5-5)
Coach: Bruce Craddock
Captain: Eric Holm
Captains: Ken Archambault, Charlie Cahoun
Coach: Jack Ball

1987 (9-2)
Coach: Bruce Craddock
Captains: Rich Otte, Tom Hayes, Roosevelt Golday, Mike Voney
Coach: Jack Ball

1988 (9-2)
Coach: Bruce Craddock
Captains: Tom Hayes, Keene Collins, Ron Petry
Coach: Bruce Craddock

1989 (4-7)
Coach: Jack Ball
Captains: Paul Wernsman, Matt Heideman, Kevin Gorgol, Gerald Stowell
Coach: John Ware

1990 (9-2)
Coach: Jack Ball
Captains: Keith Godshud, James Bird, Dave Frises
Coach: John Ware

1991 (5-6)
Coach: Eric Holm
Captains: Clint Cutler, Owen Doak, Marl꽃, Douglas Dave Quinn
Coach: Mark Bosco

1992 (9-3)
Coach: Jack Ball
Captains: Scott Griffith, Mathieu Metu, Kevin Billings, Eric Holm
Coach: Rad Cling\n
1993 (6-5)
Coach: John Ware
Captains: Chris Livingstone, Mike Bussen, Tony Marck, Tim Bussen
Coach: John Ware

1994 (7-6)
Coach: John Ware
Captains: Zac Allison, Mark Irby, Nate Minnis, Karega Scott
Coach: John Ware

1995 (6-5)
Coach: John Ware
Captains: Matt Copeland, Mark Cross, Matt Nelson, Greg Trachsel
Coach: John Ware

1996 (7-6)
Coach: John Ware
Captains: Jarrett Anderson, Bill Crews, Jim Gutierrez, Tom Hendary
Coach: John Ware

1997 (6-5)
Coach: John Ware
Captains: Jeff Frost, Greg Rideout, Don Cummings, Mike Wolfe
Coach: John Ware

1998 (6-5)
Coach: John Ware
Captains: Andy Blakely, Dusty Burk, Nick Mulock, Jake Wilkerson
Coach: John Ware

1999 (4-7)
Coach: John Ware
Captains: Greg Klipsh, Shaun Lowery, Tameem Yehaw, Derek Sullivan
Coach: John Ware

2000 (6-5)
Coach: John Ware
Captains: Curt Ciria, John Neese, Josh Kaza, Leo Smith
Coach: John Ware

2001 (8-3)
Coach: John Ware
Captains: Mark Jerben, Brandon Montgomery, Jason Riney, Ryan Sullivan
Coach: John Ware

Jeff Frost helped lead Truman to the 1988 MIAA Championship, the last title for the school.

1979 (8-3)
Coach: Ron Taylor
Captains: Pete Grath WHY, Darrell Burgess, Leonard Fagan
Coach: Jack Ball

1980 (5-6)
Coach: Bruce Craddock
Captain: Eric Holm
Coach: Jack Ball

1981 (6-4)
Coach: Bruce Craddock
Coach: Jack Ball

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