Truman Baseball Coach Dan Davis has announced his National Letter of Intent signees during the November signing period. This is the first signing class for Coach Davis, who took over the Bulldog program in August.

**Bryce Bond (C/1B/OF)**  
Columbia, Mo. (Rock Bridge)  
6-3, 205 Throws Right, Bats Right  
Bond had an impressive junior year for the Bruins as he hit .390 with a .581 slugging percentage in 64 games played. He had 14 doubles and six triples.  
As a catcher, Bond threw out 50% of potential basestealers last season.  
He is a member of the National Honor Society and in the A+ program.  
*Truman Coach Dan Davis on Bond:* “Bryce is a big strong kid with the potential to come in and compete for a starting job right away behind the plate. He could be a strong bat for us in the middle of the order and is a fantastic student and great person.”

**Logan Frame (LHP/1B/OF)**  
Bettendorf, Iowa (Pleasant Valley Community HS)  
6-1, 185 Throws Left, Bats Left  
Frame was a first team all-district selection as a utility player in Class 4 in southeast, Iowa and was a second-team all-conference pitcher last season.  
Frame posted a 4-5 record with a 2.68 earned-run average and had 61 strikeouts in 68 innings pitched. He hit .317 with seven doubles and 11 stolen bases last season.  
He was selected to the World Wood Bat Association Iowa Select Team and is currently a member of the National Honor Society.  
*Truman Coach Dan Davis on Frame:* “Logan has a great frame to become a very solid college pitcher. He has the chance to be a top starter in the rotation and contribute at the plate in the middle of the order. Logan will be a great fit in the program and his best days are in the future.”

**Matt Herrick (RHP/1B/3B)**  
Council Bluffs, Iowa (Thomas Jefferson)  
6-2, 205 Throws Right, Bats Right  
Herrick was an all-conference selection as a first baseman, hitting over .300 and had 15 doubles over the past two seasons. As a pitcher, Herrick was named all-district while going 12-5 with a 3.07 earned-run average and 109 strikeouts in 112 innings.  
He is a three-sport varsity athlete, lettering in baseball, cross country and track and is a member of the National Honor Society.  
*Truman Coach Dan Davis on Herrick:* “Matt is a big, strong kid who is a tremendously hard worker. I expect him to explode as both a pitcher and hitter at the college level. Matt has great command of three pitches and at the plate he can hit for power.”

**Jordan Nietzel (SS/RHP)**  
Columbia, Mo. (Rock Bridge High School)  
5’11”, 170 lbs, R/R  
Nietzel is coming off a stellar season in which he batted .351 and recorded 17 RBIs. He also posted a 1.56 ERA as a pitcher in 2006, earning All-District and All-Area honors for his efforts that season. Nietzel was a part of the USSSA AAA State Championship Team in 2003.  
*Coach Davis Comments:* “Jordan is a potential starter at both shortstop and as a closer. He has sure hands and uses his feet well in the middle infield. With his bat control and approach at the plate, Jordan has the potential to hit in several spots in the order. On the mound, Jordan has a strong arm with great command and movement on his fastball and a late-breaking curveball. He is closing in on the Rock Bridge HS career record for saves. He will have an impact in his first year both in the infield and on the mound. We can’t wait to see Jordan in a Bulldog uniform.”

**Eric Radel (LHP)**  
St. Charles, Mo. (Francis Howell Central)  
5-10, 175 lbs, L/L  
Radel started and lettered as a four-year baseball player, as well as playing four years in Legion baseball. In 2006, he led the FHC in pitching appearances and posted a 2.68 ERA in 60 innings. Named to the American Legion All-Star Team from 2004-2006, Radel was also named to the MO-IL American Legion All-Star Team in 2006.  
*Coach Davis Comments:* “Eric is your prototypical left handed pitcher. He attacks the zone and forces contact. He will add a much-needed left-handed arm to the staff. He’s a hard worker and has the ability to make an impact his first year in the program. We look forward to having Eric pitch for us in the future.”

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Jeff Davison (3B/2B)
Muscatine, Iowa (Muscatine High School)
6'0", 165 lbs, L/R

Davison competed and lettered in baseball, basketball, football, and tennis in high school. In baseball, he was awarded with an All-Conference Honorable Mention in 2005 and 2006. In 2006, Davison was honored with a Second Team All-District selection and won his second Golden Bat Award.

Davison batted .375 and tallied 11 doubles in 2006. He also knocked in 24 runs and stole 10 bases while slugging .508.

Coach Davis Comments: “Jeff is a left handed hitting second/third baseman. He has the chance to come in and compete for a starting spot on the infield his first year. He has the ability to hit in the top of the lineup; he controls the bat well, moves runners, and can bunt extremely well. He has soft hands and good feet. He fields the ball well and has a strong arm. We can’t wait to see Jeff in the Bulldog purple next fall.”

Christian Lee Witt (RHP)
Kearney, Mo. (Kearney High School)
6'4", 235 lbs, R/R

Witt had an impact season, logging 55 innings in which he struck out 78 batters. He finished with an impressive 1.91 ERA en route to winning eight games in his final high school season.

Coach Davis Comments: “Christian is a big right handed pitcher. His whipping arm action creates a heavy running and sinking action on his fastball. He has a good slider and great command. Christian will compete for a starting or relieving spot as a freshman. He’s a pitcher with a high ceiling and we look forward to seeing him grow in the program.”

Luke Crader (2B/SS)
Burfordville, Mo. (Jackson HS)
5'6", 145 lbs, R/R

Crader joins the Bulldogs as a standout baseball and football player. He was named an all-conference infielder, as well as garnering the “Outstanding Offense and Defense” awards. Crader’s efforts in varsity football also earned all-conference honors.

Coach Davis Comments: “Luke is a middle infielder who will probably end up finding a home at second base. More importantly, Luke is a hitter. We look for Luke to battle for a spot on the infield during his freshman year.”

Kyle Veazey (LHP)
Joplin, MO (Joplin HS)
6'1", 195 lbs, L/L

Veazey, a three-year letterman in baseball in which he was a part of the 2005 undefeated Ozark Conference Championship team, was named St. John’s Male Scholar Athlete of the Year in 2006. During his high school career, Veazey compiled a 10-5 record and picked up six saves.

A standout varsity football player, Veazey collected several All Conference and All District awards, as well as being named JHS Linebacker of the Year for two consecutive years.

Davis on Veazey: “Kyle is a left handed pitcher who has a chance to come in and win a spot in the rotation as a freshman. He has a strong arm with great command of the zone. His change-up is as good as it gets. Kyle is a true athlete and a tough-nosed person, as he will play linebacker for the football team in the fall. We can’t wait to see him in a Bulldog uniform.”

Ruly Gonzalez (Utility)
Ormond Beach, Fl. (Mainland HS)
5'9", 150 lbs, R/R

Gonzalez, who was named team MVP, received four varsity letters in baseball as an infielder and outfielder in high school. He finished with a .386 career average, with two home runs and 64 RBIs. Gonzalez was a part of a regional junior baseball team, as well as a successful competitor in soccer, cross country. His 4.17 GPA earned Suma Cum Laude honors.

Coach Davis Comments: “Ruly is the ultimate utility guy. He is comfortable at shortstop, second base, and in the outfield. He is an above average runner and likes to hit. Ruly is an extremely hard worker who we think has the chance to compete for playing time early in his career.”
Andrew Austin (RHP/UT)
Blue Springs, Mo. (Blue Springs HS)
5’8”, 165 lbs, R/R

Austin joins the Bulldogs after playing pitcher, infield, and outfield in high school at Blue Springs.

Coach Davis Comments: "Andrew is a right handed pitcher with a ton of movement on his fastball. He also throws a sharp curveball. He has command of both pitches and is working on a change-up. Andrew is a big-time competitor. We look forward to working with Andrew in the future."