Mike Cannon is approaching his first decade as head coach at Truman and is the most successful coach to ever lead the Bulldogs during the last 18 years of the program’s existence at the University.

Last year, Cannon’s team reached the NCAA Division II tournament for the second time during his tenure, earning a first-round bye and the opportunity to host second-round and quarterfinal NCAA games for the first time in school history. The 2001 team also posted the most wins ever (18) and was the No. 1 team in the Central region. Cannon was later named Central region coach of the year.

His squad of year ago claimed its third-straight Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association crown and led the nation with an outstanding 0.38 goals against average. He was also named MIAA coach of the year for the third consecutive season.

Cannon is the winningest coach in Truman women’s soccer history, and is ranked tied for 17th by percentage and 16th by victories among NCAA Division II active coaches with a career record of 109-47-13 (.683).

In 1997, he led the Bulldogs to their first playoff appearance and advanced the team to the NCAA Division II quarterfinals. That year, Cannon became Truman’s winningest coach with a 30-0 win over Baker University on Sept. 27. Cannon posted his 100th career victory last year in a 3-0 defeat of MIAA rival Northwest Missouri.

He was named head coach of the Bulldogs in 1993 after serving as an assistant coach for the Truman men’s soccer team in 1992. From 1988-91, Cannon played for Truman as a marking back and midfielder and was named the team’s most valuable player his senior year.

As a junior, he was selected as the Bulldogs’ most improved player for his contribution during a campaign in which the men’s team qualified for the DII playoffs for the first time.

During the summers of 1996 and 1997, Cannon also spent time on the pitch as a defender for the Des Moines Menace of the United Systems of Independent Soccer Leagues (now called the United Soccer League). He was selected to play in the USISL all-star game in ’96 and served as team captain in ’97. Cannon’s efforts helped lead the Menace to the regional playoffs both years.

He graduated in 1992 from Truman with a bachelor’s degree in English.

Melissa Miller completed an outstanding four-year career for the Bulldogs last season, finishing her stint ranked sixth in career goals (19) and points (55) and seventh in assists (17) from 1998-2001.

Among single season assist leaders, Miller posted the 10th best seasons ever in 2000 and 2001 with six helpers both years.

She was a second-team all-region selection last year, and was a first-team all-MIAA pick her last two seasons. Miller also earned second-team all-conference honors as a sophomore. Last year, she was an academic all-MIAA pick as well, and was a threetime member of the MIAA commissioner’s academic honor roll.

Miller is an exercise science major from Olathe, Kan.

Michelle Boyd is in her ninth year as an athletic trainer at Truman, but enters her second as the head athletics trainer after serving as an assistant under Clint Thompson for the seven years prior to taking over.

From 1992-94, she was the head athletics trainer at Quaker Valley High School in Leetsdale, Pa.

Boyd was an athletics trainer for wheelchair athletics at the University of Illinois Rehabilitation Education Center in 1992.

She received a bachelor’s degree in kinesiology in 1992 from the University of Illinois (Champaign) and a master’s degree in exercise physiology from the University of Pittsburgh (Pa.) in 1994.
## 2002 Rosters

### Numerical Roster

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## Breakdown

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- Seniors: 6
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- Sophomores: 5
- Freshmen: 14

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- Iceland: 1
- Illinois: 4
- Kansas: 2
- Missouri: 16
- Nebraska: 1
- Minnesota: 1
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### By Position

- Defenders: 11
- Forwards: 8
- Goalkeepers: 2
- Midfielders: 13

### Inseason Birthdays

- Anna Smith: Aug. 13, 1981
- Stephanie Cepicky: Aug. 21, 1982
- Lisa Schmalz: Aug. 27, 1982
- Anna Sonderman: Sept. 8, 1983
- Sara Murray: Sept. 13, 1982

### How Do You Say?

- Burkett - Bur KET
- Cepicky - SUH pick ee
- Colploys - COAL poyz
- Danekas - DAN uh kiss
- Asdis - AHS dees
- Knoble - Noble
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Returning All-America

Jennifer Buscher
Senior, Defender
St. Louis, Mo. (Notre Dame)

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TRUMAN: 2001- Buscher was named to the third NSCAA/adidas all-America team, the first NSCAA/adidas all-Central region team and was named second-team all-MIAA after helping the ‘Dogs lead the nation with a 0.38 goals against average ... helped limit opposing offenses to just 4.4 shots on goal per game ... shared save of the year honors for the Northern Colorado NCAA second-round game ... received academic all-MIAA honors and was named to the MIAA commissioner’s academic honor roll.

2000-Redshirted ... named academic all-MIAA as well as to the MIAA commissioner’s academic honor roll.

1999-Earned honorable mention all-MIAA status as a full-time starter for the ‘Dogs ... scored the game-winning goal against Southwest Baptist as the team tallied its fourth consecutive conference win ... an academic all-MIAA selection, and a member of the MIAA commissioner’s academic honor roll.

1998-A regular among the defenders ... scored her first collegiate goal in 2-0 win over Mankato State (Minn.) ... named rookie of the year by her teammates ... named defensive MVP at the Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville Cougar Classic ... also a member of the all-tournament team at Indianapolis.

HIGH SCHOOL: A four-year starter in soccer ... a member of the 1997 squad which won the district championship ... team captain her senior season ... also lettered in softball as a shortstop.

PERSONAL: Born March 25, 1980, in St. Louis ... the daughter of Terry and Nan Buscher ... a communication major.
Sara Murray
SOPHOMORE, FORWARD
EDEN PRAIRIE, MINN.
(EDEN PRAIRIE)

Returning All-Region

TRUMAN: 2001-Murray was named to the first NSCAA/adidas all-Central region team, and was also a first-team all-MIAA pick as well as MIAA freshmen of the year as a true freshman ... broke the Truman and tied the MIAA single season goals records ... finished second and third, respectively, on Truman's single season leaders lists with 86 shots and 39 points ... was third in the MIAA in points (1.86 ppg) and goals (.81 gpg) and tied for 10th in assists (.24 apg) ... tied the MIAA mark for goals in a game with four in 8-0 win over Southwest Baptist University ... named MIAA athlete of the week for her multi-goal effort vs. SBU that ranks tied for third on the league's single game points list ... her 39 points for the year ranks fourth on the MIAA single season list and puts her ninth among MIAA career scoring leaders ... chosen by her teammates as offensive MVP and rookie of the year ... led the team in game winning goals (6) ... scored first collegiate goal in a 3-2 victory over Minnesota State Univ.-Mankato ... scored goals in three consecutive games from Sept. 16-23 ... named academic all-MIAA.

HIGH SCHOOL: She earned four letters in soccer as a forward ... team captain her senior year ... all-state, second-team all-metro and all-conference in 2000 ... all-state honorable mention and all-conference in 1999 ... all-conference honorable mention in 1998 ... named most valuable attacker in 1998 and 2000 ... team MVP in 1999 and 2000 ... all-time leading scorer with 31 goals and 22 assists ... also an all-conference pick in basketball.

PERSONAL: Born on Sept. 13, 1982, in Eden Prairie, Minn. ... the daughter of Jim and Cheryl Murray ... a health science/pre-med major.

Anna Smith
SENIOR, MIDFIELDER
JEFFERSON CITY, MO. (JEFFERSON CITY)

Returning All-Region

TRUMAN: 2001-Smith was selected to the first NSCAA/adidas all-Central region team and was also a first-team all-MIAA pick ... started every game ... finished fourth in team scoring and third in assists ... named MIAA athlete of the week for her back-to-back game winning goals against North Dakota State and Minnesota State, Mankato, and had a total of three for the season after tallying the first score in a 4-0 win over Northwest Missouri ... member of the MIAA commissioner's academic honor roll. 2000-Earned second-team all-MIAA honors ... was fourth in the MIAA in assists per game (0.28) ... a member of the MIAA commissioner’s academic honor roll ... scored game winning goals against Winona State (Minn.) and Quincy (Ill.). 1999-A second-team all-MIAA pick ... league’s freshman of the year ... chosen by her teammates as rookie of the year ... fourth in team scoring and second in goals ... tallied a team-high five game-winning goals ... named MIAA athlete of the week Sept. 28 after scoring the game-winning goal vs. St. Cloud State ... her first collegiate goal was the first goal of the season and the game-winner for the Bulldogs against MIAA foe Northwest Missouri.

HIGH SCHOOL: Smith earned four letters in soccer as a forward ... earned all-district honors and was team MVP in 1996 ... a first-team all-district pick in 1997-99 ... second-team all-state in 1998 ... served as team captain two years ... broke school record for most goals scored ... her 1998 team was district and sectional champion.

PERSONAL: Born Aug. 13, 1981, in Jefferson City, Mo. ... the daughter of Tony and Jenny Smith ... a biology major.
**TRUMAN: 2001**-Danekas was named first-team all-MIAA after helping the Truman defense lead the nation with a 0.38 goals against average ... finished tied for second on the team in assists (0.24 apg) ... named defensive MVP by her teammates ... a member of the MIAA commissioner’s academic honor roll. 2000-An honorable mention all-MIAA pick, as well as an academic all-MIAA selection and a member of the MIAA commissioner’s academic honor roll ... her first collegiate goal was the final goal in the Bulldogs’ 7-0 shutout over Northwest Missouri ... started every game. 1999-Earned honorable mention all-MIAA status ... started every game ... charted assists in 1-0 wins over Quincy and Missouri-St. Louis ... an academic all-MIAA selection.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** She earned three letters in soccer as a midfielder and defender ... captain as a senior ... all-conference her last two seasons ... two-time captain of her club soccer team ... her 1996 and 1999 club teams played for the state cup.

**PERSONAL:** Born March 10, 1981, in Jakarta, Indonesia ... the daughter of Steve and Paula Danekas ... a nursing major.

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**Heather Murray**

**SENIOR, MIDFIELDER**

**ST. CHARLES, MO. (WEST)**

**TRUMAN: 2001**-Murray received first-team all-MIAA honors ... finished fifth in team scoring ... scored game-winning goals against University of Missouri Rolla and Rockhurst. 2000-Murray was fourth in scoring on the team and tied for 15th in scoring in the MIAA (0.53 ppg). 1999-Earned goal of the year honors for the team after scoring the game-winner in a 1-0 win over No. 2-ranked Barry University (Fla.) ... earned MIAA athlete of the week honors Nov. 2, following her performance vs. Barry ... chosen to the Missouri-St. Louis all-tournament team.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** She was a five-sport athlete, lettering four years in soccer, three in basketball and twice in track ... she also participated in volleyball and cross country ... first-team all-conference three seasons, and second-team once ... captain her senior season ... her soccer team was conference champion her final year, and won districts, the conference and sectionals as a junior.

**PERSONAL:** Born Feb. 25, 1981, in St. Louis ... the daughter of Michael and Susan Murray ... a philosophy/religion major.

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**Karla Danekas**

**SENIOR, DEFENDER**

**NAPERVILLE, ILL. (CENTRAL)**

**TRUMAN: 2001**
First-Team All-MIAA

Molly Adams

SENIOR, MIDFIELDER/DEFENDER
OMAHA, NEB.
(MARIAN H.S./U. TULSA)

TRUMAN: 2001-Redshirted with an injury. 2000-Adams tied for 12th in the conference in assists per game (0.16 a/gp) and was 19th in scoring (0.47 pts/gp) ... named first-team all-MIAA ... earned a spot on the MIAA commissioner’s academic honor roll. 2000-An honorable mention all-MIAA pick as a true freshman.

HIGH SCHOOL: Adams was a four-year letterwinner in soccer and softball, and lettered twice in basketball ... first-team all-conference and defensive MVP in soccer ... served as captain of her team during her junior and senior seasons.

PERSONAL: Born Dec. 4, 1979, in Omaha, Neb. ... the daughter of Steve and Darley Adams ... a speech pathology major.

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Beth Wieman

JUNIOR, DEFENDER
DITTMER, MO. (ROSATI-KAIN)

TRUMAN: 2001-Wieman received first-team all-MIAA honors after helping the Truman defense limit its opponents to an NCAA DII leading 0.38 goals per game ... started every game ... also named to the MIAA commissioner’s academic honor roll. 2000-An honorable mention all-MIAA pick as a true freshman.

HIGH SCHOOL: She was a four-year letterwinner in soccer and softball, and lettered twice in basketball ... first-team all-conference and defensive MVP in soccer ... served as captain of her team during her junior and senior seasons.

PERSONAL: Born Dec. 11, 1981, in St. Louis ... the daughter of Steve and Bobbie Wieman ... an exercise science/pre-med major.

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Returning All-MIAA

Molly Adams

SENIOR, MIDFIELDER/DEFENDER
OMAHA, NEB.
(MARIAN H.S./U. TULSA)

TRUMAN: 2001-Redshirted with an injury. 2000-Adams tied for 12th in the conference in assists per game (0.16 a/gp) and was 19th in scoring (0.47 pts/gp) ... named first-team all-MIAA ... earned a spot on the MIAA commissioner’s academic honor roll ... scored game winning goals in against Missouri-St. Louis and in the 7-0 victory over Northwest Missouri.

OTHER SCHOOL: Adams lettered twice as a member of the University of Tulsa women’s soccer team during the 1998 and 1999 seasons ... as a freshman in ’98, she played in 10 games and had one assist ... in ’99, she played in 18 games, making 10 starts and taking two shots.

HIGH SCHOOL: Adams was a four-year letterwinner in soccer, playing two seasons as a sweeper ... she was also a member of the swimming and volleyball teams ... a first-team all-America, all-state, all-metro soccer player ... captain of the soccer team ... her 1995, ’96, ’97 and 1999 club soccer teams were state champions.

PERSONAL: Born Dec. 4, 1979, in Omaha, Neb. ... the daughter of Steve and Darley Adams ... a speech pathology major.
Returning All-MIAA

**Stephanie Cepicky**

**SOPHOMORE**

**MIDFIELDER/FORWARD**

**ST. LOUIS (LINDBERGH)**

**G/GS** | **Sh** | **Gl** | **A** | **Pts**
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2000 | 19/18 | 38 | 7 | 1 | 15
Career | 19/18 | 38 | 7 | 1 | 15

**TRUMAN:** 2001-Redshirted with an injury. 2000-Cepicky earned second-team all-MIAA honors and led the team in goals (7) and game-winning goals (4) as a true freshman ... was fifth in the conference in goals per game (0.37) and eighth in scoring (0.79 ppg) ... named MIAA athlete of the week for Oct. 10 ... voted offensive most valuable player and rookie of the year by her teammates ... notched game winning goals in victories against Northern Colorado, Rockhurst, Southern Indiana and Missouri-Rolla ... also played softball and finished third on the team with a .306 batting average, and led the team with 10-of-15 stolen bases.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** She was a four-year letterwinner in soccer and softball, and also lettered in basketball twice ... she was an all-state, all-metro and all-district soccer player ... captain of the soccer team her last season.

**PERSONAL:** Born Aug. 21, 1982, in St. Louis ... the daughter of Leonard and Kathleen Cepicky ... an accounting major.

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**Ellen Wright**

**SOPHOMORE, FORWARD/MIDFIELDER**

**KIRKWOOD, MO. (KIRKWOOD)**

**G/GS** | **Sh** | **Gl** | **A** | **Pts**
---|---|---|---|---
2001 | 21/3 | 30 | 7 | 3 | 17
Career | 21/3 | 30 | 7 | 3 | 17

**TRUMAN:** 2001-Wright was an honorable mention all-MIAA pick as a true freshman ... finished the season ranked third in team scoring and points and ranked ninth in the conference in points (.81 ppg) and goals (.33 gpg) ... scored first collegiate goal in a 3-2 victory over Minnesota State Univ., Mankato ... scored game winning goal against Central Missouri State University.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** She was a four-year starter and letterwinner in soccer ... named first-team all-conference and MVP during her sophomore, junior and senior seasons ... also named best offensive player as a sophomore and junior ... also lettered three times in basketball as a guard.

**PERSONAL:** Born April 20, 1983, in Kirkwood, Mo. ... daughter of Willard and Kathy Wright ... an exercise science major.

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**Becky Ojile**

**SENIOR, FORWARD/MIDFIELDER**

**ST. LOUIS (NERINX HALL)**

**G/GS** | **Sh** | **Gl** | **A** | **Pts**
---|---|---|---|---
1999 | 4/0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0
2000 | 11/0 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 2
2001 | 20/1 | 16 | 2 | 2 | 6
Career | 35/1 | 23 | 3 | 2 | 8

**TRUMAN:** 2001-Ojile scored goals against conference foes Missouri-Rolla and Northwest Missouri ... was named to the MIAA commissioner’s academic honor roll. 2000- Scored her first collegiate goal in the 5-0 Quincy shutdown ... a member of the MIAA commissioner’s academic honor roll. 1999- Played in four games as a true freshman.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** She was a two-year letterwinner and a three-year starter in soccer and field hockey ... honorable mention all-conference as a junior ... MVP her freshman and sophomore years ... her 1998 team placed fourth in the state.

**PERSONAL:** Born May 22, 1981, in St. Louis ... the daughter of James and Mary Ojile ... a history major.
Returning Letterwinners

**Angie Schuhler**
JUNIOR, DEFENDER
OLATHE, KAN.
(SOUTH)

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TRUMAN: 2001-Schuhler tied for third in team assists ... scored her first collegiate goal in a 4-0 victory over Northwest Missouri State University ... named to the MIAA commissioner’s academic honor roll. 2000-Saw action in seven games. 1999-Redshirted.

HIGH SCHOOL: She earned four letters in soccer and two in volleyball ... also participated in basketball ... soccer team captain ... honorable mention all-league in volleyball.

PERSONAL: Born March 15, 1981, in Indianapolis, Ind. ... the daughter of David and Cynthia Schuhler ... an exercise science major.

**Anna Sonderman**
SOPHOMORE, DEFENDER/MIDFIELDER
MANCHESTER, MO.
(NERINX HALL)

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TRUMAN: 2000-Sonderman scored her first collegiate goal in a 3-0 victory over Rockhurst ... received goal of the year honors from her teammates for the game-winning goal against the University of Northern Colorado in the second round of the NCAA tournament ... finished the season tied for sixth in team points ... voted most improved by her teammates.

HIGH SCHOOL: She was second-team all-district as a senior ... St. Louis Post-Dispatch honorable mention all-conference in 2000 ... St. Louis Post-Dispatch second-team all-conference, second-team all-district ... most improved player in 1999 ... a two-year letterwinner in basketball, setting a record for the most points in a season (439) and finishing as second-highest scorer in school history (892 pts.) ... St. Louis Post-Dispatch South area player of the year as a senior.

PERSONAL: Born Sept. 8, 1983, in Manchester, Mo. ... the daughter of Greg and Marilyn Sonderman ... an exercise science major.

Returning Squadmembers

**Chrissy Colpoys**
FRESHMAN, MIDFIELDER
DALLAS, TEXAS
(LAKE HIGHLANDS)

TRUMAN: 2001-Redshirted.

HIGH SCHOOL: Colpoys participated three years in soccer and one year in track ... named district honorable mention in soccer.

PERSONAL: Born March 8, 1983, in Dallas, Texas ... the daughter of John and Pamela Colpoys ... a political science major.

**Katie Laws**
FRESHMAN, DEFENDER
SPRINGFIELD, MO.
(KICKAPOO)

TRUMAN: 2001-Redshirted.

HIGH SCHOOL: She was a three-year starter in soccer ... first-team all-state as a senior ... first-team all-region her junior and senior seasons ... first-team all-district and first-team academic all-conference as a sophomore, junior and senior ... also selected honorable mention all-state her junior year.

PERSONAL: Born March 23, 1983, in Middletown, Ohio ... the daughter of Terry and Rose Laws ... psychology major.

**Whitney Fancher**
FRESHMAN, FORWARD
SPRINGFIELD, MO.
(KICKAPOO)

TRUMAN: 2001-Redshirted.

HIGH SCHOOL: She was a four-year letterwinner and a three-year starter in soccer ... member of the 1999 and 2000 district championship teams ... captain her senior year ... named to the all-Southwest region team and most valuable offensive player by her teammates as a junior ... chosen to the Ozark conference all-academic first-team as a sophomore and junior.

PERSONAL: Born Feb. 15, 1983, in Detroit, Mich. ... the daughter of Michael and Diane Fancher ... a psychology major.

**Lisa Manns**
SOPHOMORE, DEFENDER
OVERLAND PARK, KAN.
(ST. THOMAS AQUINAS)

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TRUMAN: 2001-Saw limited action in nine games as a true freshman.

HIGH SCHOOL: She was a four-year letterwinner in soccer ... member of the 1999 and 2000 state championship squad ... first-team all-league and second-team all-Sun Country, all-county and academic all-state in 2001.

PERSONAL: Born on June 4, 1983, in Overland Park, Kan. ... the daughter of Jim and Norma Manns ... a business major.
Returning Squadmembers

Jamie Sharp  
FRESHMAN, DEFENDER  
COLUMBIA, MO.  
(ROCK BRIDGE)

TRUMAN: 2001-Redshirted.  
HIGH SCHOOL: Sharp was a four-year starter as a defender in soccer ... was named first-team all-region and all-district her senior year ... named first-team all-conference all four years.  
PERSONAL: Born Jan. 10, 1983, in Austin, Texas ... the daughter of Rick and Linda Sharp ... a psychology major.

Chayil Wiedeman  
FRESHMAN, MIDFIELDER  
SKOKIE, ILL.  
(NILES WEST)

TRUMAN: 2001-Redshirted.  
HIGH SCHOOL: Wiedeman was a three-year starter in soccer ... she was named all-section her junior and senior seasons ... she also lettered in basketball, softball and cross country.  
PERSONAL: Born June 9, 1983, in Fairberry Ill. ... the daughter of Stan and Debbie Wiedeman ... an undeclared major.

Newcomers

Molly Benson  
FRESHMAN  
MIDFIELDER  
ROCKFORD, ILL.  
(JEFFERSON)

Lauren Cepicky  
FRESHMAN  
FORWARD/ MIDFIELDER  
ST. LOUIS  
(LINDBERGH)

Megan Burkett  
FRESHMAN  
DEFENDER  
COLUMBIA, MO.  
(ROCK BRIDGE)

Asdis Finnsdottir  
FRESHMAN  
DEFENDER  
HAFNARFJORDUR, ICELAND  
UNIVERSAL

Maureen Bylina  
FRESHMAN  
MIDFIELDER  
CHICAGO  
(ST. IGNATIUS)

Emily Griffard  
FRESHMAN  
MIDFIELDER  
ST. LOUIS  
(COR JESU)

Rachel McCarville  
FRESHMAN  
FORWARD  
COLUMBIA, MO.  
(ROCK BRIDGE)

Lisa Schmalz  
FRESHMAN  
GOALKEEPER  
CHESTERFIELD, MO.  
(PARKWAY CENTRAL/ KANSAS U.)