

2004 BLUE RAIDER TRACK

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**MIDDLE
 TENNESSEE**
 STATE UNIVERSITY



The Middle Tennessee track program enjoyed a stellar 2003 campaign, capped by Mardy Scales (left and right) winning the 100 meters at the NCAA Outdoor Championships and the 4x400m relay of (L to R) Pedro Holiday, Brad Orr, Scales and DJ Spann earning All-America honors.



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2004 ROSTERS

LADY RAIDERS

Name	Event (s)	Ht.	Cl.	Hometown/High School (Last School)
Jessica Anderson	Hurdles	5-6	JR	Phelan, Calif./Serrano HS (Mt. San Antonio College)
Kerry Barrow	Sprints	5-7	SO	Bon Accord, Tobago/Scarborough Secondary
Contrena Brown	Sprints/Hurdles	5-5	FR	Fort Lauderdale, Fla./Fort Lauderdale HS
Meaghan Byrd	Throws	5-11	SO	Huntley, Ill./Huntley HS
KeKe Deckard	Jumps	5-9	JR	Nacogdoches, Texas/Nacogdoches HS
Letitia Eady	Jumps	5-5	SR	Orlando, Fla./Cypress Creek HS
Kelley Enoch	Throws	5-10	JR	Ooltewah, Tenn./Central (Ark.) HS (Chattanooga State CC)
Laetitia Florimond	Throws	5-10	JR	Gardahne, France/FFS Marseille
Karina Francis	Sprints	5-2	FR	Philadelphia, Pa./William Penn HS
Kishara George	Sprints/Hurdles	5-5	JR	St. David, Grenada/St. David Catholic HS
Lanora Gray	Sprints	5-9	JR	Clarksville, Tenn./Kenwood HS
Rolanda Howard	Jumps	5-3	JR	Elkridge, Md./Long Reach HS
Nicole Marcus	Sprints	5-4	FR	Tallahassee, Fla./Amos P. Godby HS
Jerkita McClorin	Jumps/Hurdles	5-2	SR	West Palm Beach, Fla./Palm Beach Lakes HS
Dara McLean	Throws	6-1	JR	Belmont, Manitoba/Glenboro HS
Katie Mirgliotta	Throws	5-6	SR	Strongsville, Ohio/Strongsville HS (Cuyahoga JC/UT Martin)
Rosemary Okafor	Sprints	5-9	JR	Lagos, Nigeria/Isolo School
Tiffany Owens	Sprints	5-8	FR	Hollywood, Fla./Hallandale HS
Candice Robertson	Hurdles	5-10	SO	Memphis, Tenn./Ridgeway HS
Jennifer Thomas	Throws	5-5	FR	Knox, Ind./Knox Community HS



Junior Kishara George set a school record in the intermediate hurdles in winning the event at the 2003 Sun Belt Outdoor Championships.

BLUE RAIDERS

Name	Event (s)	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Hometown/High School (Last School)
Brian Anderson	High Jump	6-1	170	FR	Del Ray Beach, Fla./Westminster Academy
Tony Carufe	Distance	6-1	165	FR	Hendersonville, Tenn./Beech HS
Xavier Darden	Sprints	5-10	160	SR	Fremont, Ohio/Fremont Ross HS (Toledo)
Wesley Dupar-Scott	Sprints/Jumps	5-7	140	JR	Savannah, Ga./Groves HS
Robert Etheridge	Jumps/Sprints	5-10	165	SR	Alexandria, La./Bolton HS (Northwestern State)
Clyde Gibson	Jumps	6-1	182	SO	Georgetown, Guyana/The Bishops HS
Carlos Gonzales	Distance	5-11	167	SO	Clarksville, Tenn./Northwest HS
Tim Hicks	Sprints	5-10	158	SR	Phenix City, Ala./Central HS (Wallace State CC)
Pedro Holiday	Sprints	6-1	175	SO	Rome, Ga./Pepperell HS (SW Mississippi CC)
David Hughes	Distance	6-0	146	FR	Johnson City, Tenn./Happy Valley HS
Pierre Ingram	High Jump	6-5	200	SO	Stockbridge, Ga./Stockbridge HS
Greg Jones	Jumps	6-0	165	SO	Knoxville, Tenn./Farragut HS
Geoffrey Lagat	Distance	6-0	140	SR	Kapsabet, Kenya/Moi Forces Academy
Jack Lawhorn	Sprints	5-11	185	JR	Jackson, Tenn./Northside HS
Garland Martin	Sprints/Hurdles	5-10	165	SR	Poplar Bluff, Mo./Poplar Bluff HS (Wallace St. CC)
Victor Okorie	Sprints/Hurdles	6-0	175	JR	Lagos, Nigeria/Isolo School
Brandon Parker	Throws	6-7	314	SR	Catoosa, Okla./Catoosa HS (NE Oklahoma A&M)
Willie Parker	Throws	6-1	180	SO	Knoxville, Tenn./Farragut HS
Bobby Payne	Throws	6-4	285	FR	Morrilton, Ark./Morrilton HS
Mardy Scales	Sprints	5-9	160	SR	Franklin, Tenn./Centennial HS
JJ Sturm	Jumps	6-0	145	SO	Fairfax, Va./Franklin (TN) HS
Tarik Thabet	Distance	6-0	158	SO	Devil la Barre, France/Universite Paris-Nord
James Thomas	Throws	5-11	275	FR	Knoxville, Tenn./Farragut HS
Danny Tolbert	Sprints	5-10	170	SO	Okeechobee, Fla./Okeechobee HS (Coffeyville CC)
Sean Waller	Sprints/Jumps	5-10	160	SO	Madison, Tenn./Hunters Lane HS
Zack Wood	Distance	6-5	180	SO	Murfreesboro, Tenn./Oakland HS
Linnie Yarbrough	Hurdles	6-3	181	SO	East St. Louis, Ill./Hunters Lane (TN) HS

2004 NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS PARTICIPANTS



Rosemary Okafor



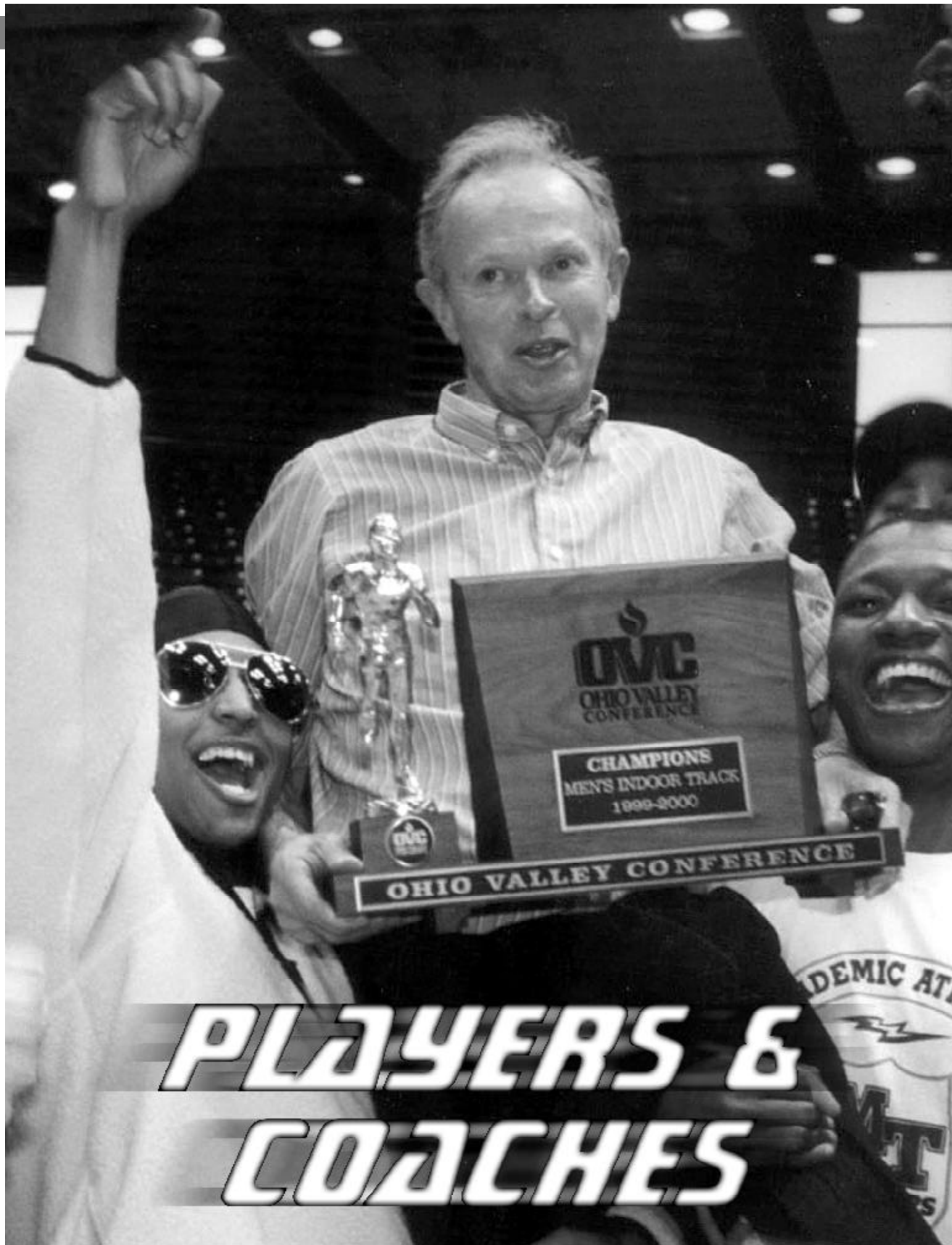
*Pedro Holiday
All-American*



*Victor Okorie
All-American*



*Mardy Scales
All-American*



**PLAYERS &
COACHES**

HEAD COACH DEAN HAYES



Head Coach Dean Hayes has gained great respect since coming to Middle Tennessee 39 years ago.

His men's teams dominated the Ohio Valley Conference

and the women's teams have duplicated that success since Hayes took over the program in 1987. Both squads have continued their successes since joining the Sun Belt Conference, capturing eight of the 14 indoor and outdoor titles for which it has been eligible since joining the league three years ago.

Overall, Hayes has guided the programs to 29 OVC titles, eight Sun Belt championships and 17 NCAA Top 25 finishes, while 35 of his athletes have earned 69 All-American honors, four have become national champions, and a number of them have gone on to compete internationally in the Olympic Games, World University Games and Pan-American Games. There could have been more awards, but Middle Tennessee did not sport a track program from 1987 to 1990.

Hayes has added seven Sun Belt Coach of the Year awards to complement his 15 OVC

Coach of the Year honors, including 10 in a row from 1977 to 1986. He was inducted into the Blue Raider Hall of Fame in 1982 and the Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame in 1994. Hayes became a member of the Illinois Sports Hall of Fame in 1993.

Following the 1981 season, Hayes was voted the NCAA Outdoor Coach of the Year by the Division I Track & Field Coaches Association. Hayes served as president of the Coaches Association in 1982-83.

In his first attempt at a Sun Belt Championship, Hayes delivered, as his Lady Raiders took first place in Miami, Fla., in 2000. For leading the women's team to victory, Hayes earned his first Sun Belt Coach of the Year award.

Since taking its place in the Sun Belt full-time prior to the beginning of the 2000-01 academic year, Hayes has brought Middle Tennessee seven of the 12 league titles in indoor and outdoor track and field. He and his charges were instrumental in capturing the

school's first-ever Vic Bubas Cup, the league's all-sports trophy, in 2001, as the track programs garnered three SBC titles that year.

Hayes has indeed put Middle Tennessee on the world map in terms of collegiate track and field.

However, Hayes' experience is not limited to the collegiate level. In fact, Hayes has coached several teams sponsored by either the United States Olympic Committee or USA Track and Field.

His international experience began at the first Olympic Sports Festival in Colorado Springs, Colo. (1978), and includes: working as the head coach at the World University Games in Kobe, Japan (1985); Goodwill Games in Seattle, Wash. (1990); World Cup in London, England



Coach Dean Hayes and his wife, Jan

HAYES AT A GLANCE

PERSONAL

Birthdate: December 14, 1937
Hometown: Morrison, Ill.
Family: Wife, Jan; daughters, Erin and Kara

EDUCATION

High School: Naperville (Ill.) Central
College: Lake Forest (1959)

HEAD COACH EXPERIENCE (COLLEGE)

Middle Tennessee: 1965 - present

HEAD COACH EXPERIENCE (WORLD)

Goodwill Games: 1998 (New York, N.Y.)
World Championships: 1997 (Athens, Greece)
World Cup: 1994 (London, England)
Goodwill Games: 1990 (Seattle, Wash.)
World University Games: 1985 (Kobe, Japan)

ASSISTANT COACH EXPERIENCE (WORLD)

Olympic Games: 1988 (Seoul, South Korea)
World Championships: 1983 (Helsinki, Finland)
World University Games: 1981 (Bucharest, Romania)
US Olympic Festival: 1978 (Colorado Springs, Colo.)
*Served as referee at 1996 Olympics in Atlanta

NCAA TOP 25 FINISHES (17)

Women's Indoor: 1994 - 8th
Men's Indoor: 1971-22nd; 1972 - 7th; 1973 - 8th; 1974 - 14th; 1979 - 20th; 1980 - 19th; 1981 - 11th; 1982 - 11th; 1993 - 21st
Men's Outdoor: 1971 - 25th; 1972 - 22nd; 1973 - 25th; 1974 - 17th; 1976 - 19th; 2003 - ???
Men's Cross Country: 1966 - 14th

OHIO VALLEY CONFERENCE TITLES (29)

Women's Indoor: 1988, 1991, 1994, 1995, 1996
Men's Indoor: 1979, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1985, 1986, 1991, 1993, 2000
Women's Outdoor: 1991, 1994, 1996
Men's Outdoor: 1977, 1978, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1993, 1994
Men's Cross Country: 1983

SUN BELT CHAMPIONSHIPS (8)

Women's Indoor: 2001, 2002, 2003
Men's Indoor: 2001, 2002, 2003
Women's Outdoor: 2000
Men's Outdoor: 2001

HONORS

Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame: 1994
Blue Raiders Hall of Fame: 1982
OVC Coach of the Year: 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1991, 1994, 1995, 1996, 2000
Sun Belt Coach of the Year: 2000, 2001 (3), 2002 (2), 2003 (1)
NCAA Outdoor Coach of the Year: 1981

HEAD COACH/ASSISTANTS



Coach Hayes (right) accepts one of his eight Sun Belt Coach of the Year awards from SBC commissioner Wright Waters. Hayes has earned 23 Coach of the Year awards and won 37 conference championships during his tenure at Middle Tennessee.

(1994); World Championships in Athens, Greece (1997); and again at the Goodwill Games in New York City (1998).

The Naperville, Ill., native also has served as an assistant at several international events. Aside from the first Olympic Sports Festival, Hayes worked as an assistant at the World University Games in Bucharest, Romania (1981), World Championships in Helsinki, Finland (1983), and the Summer Olympic Games in Seoul, South Korea (1988).

In 1996, Hayes served as a referee at the Summer Olympic Games in Atlanta, Ga.

Because of Hayes' international success, numerous foreign athletes have sought out Middle Tennessee as their college of choice.

However, Hayes' most successful collegiate

athletes at Middle Tennessee have competed in the NCAA triple jump, an event in which Hayes specializes. He has coached NCAA champions Tommy Haynes (1974) and Barry McClure (1972, '73), as well as NCAA high hurdle champion Dionne Rose (1994) and his most recent national champion, current Blue Raider Mardy Scales in the 100 (2003). Hayes also guided Roland McGhee to nine All-American honors, while both McClure and Greg Artis have won All-American honors seven

times.

Hayes earned his B.A. at Lake Forest (Ill.) where he competed in the 800m, the long jump, and triple jump, an event in which he was an NCAA qualifier. After earning his M.A. at Northern Illinois, Hayes began his coaching career at the high school level in Chicago (three years) and Minneapolis (one year) before returning to Lake Forest and then moving on to Middle Tennessee in 1965.

All-Americans Under Hayes

Greg Artis (7)	1979-81
Ron Bramlett (1)	1999
Jacqui Brown (4)	1994
Jasper Demps (1)	2001
John DoDoo (2)	1978-79
Rayfield Dupree (1)	1977
Sheikh Faye (4)	1976-78
Kim Freeman (1)	2001
Tommy Haynes (3)	1974
Godfrey Herring (5)	2000-02
Dwight Johnson (2)	1984-85
Andre Kimes (2)	1980, '83
Eddie Loyd (1)	1982
Barry McClure (7)	1970-73
Roland McGhee (9)	1991-94
Orestes Meeks (1)	1982
Christian Nsiah (2)	1996, '99
Victor Okorie (1)	2003
Brian Oldfield (1)	1965
Micah Otis (1)	1994
Andreja Ribac (1)	2000
Dionne Rose (4)	1994
Mardy Scales (3)	2002-03
Jimmy Washington (1)	1976

1981 Mile Relay (1)

Barry Gambrell, Mike Davidson, Gary Mitchell, Tim Johnson

1982 Mile Relay (1)

Herb Newton, Gary Mitchell, Tim Johnson, Floyd James

1982 Distance Medley (1)

Herb Newton, Joe O'Loughlin, Tim Johnson, John Davis

2003 4x400m Relay (1)

DJ Spann, Mardy Scales, Brad Orr, Pedro Holiday



Thomas Keith has been a valuable member of Dean Hayes' track and field coaching staff since 1976.

Known for his positive attitude and uncanny patience, Keith is considered among the nation's top coaches in terms of dealing with athletes.

Exceedingly versatile, Keith is able to run practices, coach events, handle equipment, as well as work with athletes in a professional manner. Keith transferred to Middle Tennessee in the fall of 1976 and immediately went to work as team manager. He has been with the program ever since.

The Tullahoma, Tenn., native currently teaches at Mitchell-Neilson Elementary School in Murfreesboro.

Keith, who is single and resides in Murfreesboro, has a daughter, Desiree.

His extensive history with Dean Hayes and the Middle Tennessee track and field program makes him an extremely valuable cog in the machinery of Blue Raider success.



Coach Thomas Keith and his daughter, Desiree

ASSISTANTS/SUPPORT STAFF



Roger Kerr possesses more experience than most head coaches around the country.

With him on board as an assistant coach, the Middle Tennessee track program can boast of one of the top coaching staffs

in collegiate track and field.

The former head coach at Arizona State, Illinois State and Evansville is still involved in collegiate track and field competition for one simple reason - the Iowa native enjoys teaching and working with young athletes. In his six previous years with the Blue Raiders, Kerr has focused much of his energy on working with sprinters, hurdlers and weights. Kerr also deals with team equipment and helps with recruiting duties.

Kerr earned his bachelor's and master's in Physical Education at the University of Iowa, where he was a three-year star on the track and field team. By the time Kerr graduated from Iowa in 1963, he held school records in the 600 and 660 as well as a share of the indoor and outdoor one-mile relay. Both the 600 and 660 records stood for more than 20 years.

Upon earning his master's, Kerr became the head coach at the University of Evansville for both men's track and field and cross country before moving on to the University of Purdue. In his six years at Purdue, Kerr served as head coach of the men's cross country team while working as an assistant to the men's track and field program. Kerr also earned his Ph.D. in Educational Administration while at Purdue.

Kerr then had a four-year stint at Illinois State, thanks in part to Dean Hayes. While at

ISU, Kerr also served as an assistant to the athletic director.

A midwestern boy all his life, Kerr uprooted himself and moved to Tempe, Ariz., where he spent eight years as the head women's track and field coach for the Arizona State Sun Devils, as well as assistant coach for the men's program. While in the "Valley of the Sun," Kerr's teams accumulated five national placings, two conference titles, 12 individual Olympians, two gold medalists and one Olympic silver medalist. At that point, Kerr took his 20 years of coaching experience and 26 years of being involved in track and field at the collegiate level and focused his attention on international competition.

Kerr has worked at both the Summer Olympic Games in Los Angeles ('84) and Atlanta ('96). He has also worked the Winter Olympic Games in Calgary, Alberta ('88) and Lillehammer, Norway ('94), as well as the Pan-American Games in Indianapolis, Ind. ('87), and Buenos Aires, Argentina ('95). With his vast experience at the college level, it should come as no surprise that Kerr has worked at the World University Games in Buffalo, N.Y. ('93) and San Francisco, Calif. ('95).

Kerr's experience includes, but is not limited to, athletic ticket coordination, athletic transportation arrangements, and athletic coordination for ABC and BBC television for post-event interviews at the Summer Olympic Games in Los Angeles. He also has carried out tasks in the areas of administrative preparation and arrangements and equipment and clothing distribution.

He also has taken part in the United States Olympic Festival in Baton Rouge, La. (1985), Houston, Texas (1986), and Colorado Springs, Colo. (1995). During the time Kerr worked at various international events, he also worked as an independent commodities and financial broker before returning to the love of his life - college track and field.



KERR AT A GLANCE

PERSONAL

Birthdate: November 2, 1941
Hometown: Wapello, Iowa
Family: Sons - Michael, Richard and James

EDUCATION

High School: Wapello (IA) High School
College: Iowa (1963), B.S., M.A.; Purdue, Ph.D.

HEAD COACH EXPERIENCE (COLLEGE)

Arizona State: 1977 - 85 (Women's T&F/XC)
Illinois State: 1973 - 77 (Men's T&F/XC)
Kerr also served as assistant to ISU AD
Purdue: 1967 - 73 (Men's XC)
Evansville: 1965 - 67 (Men's T&F/XC)

ASST. COACH EXPERIENCE (COLLEGE)

Middle Tennessee: 1997 - present
Arizona State: 1977 - 79 (Men's T&F/XC)
Purdue: 1967 - 73 (Men's T&F)
Evansville: 1965 - 67 (Men's basketball)

WORLD COMPETITION EXPERIENCE

Olympic Games: 1996 (Atlanta, Ga.)
Pan-American Games: 1995 (Buenos Aires, Argentina)
US Olympic Festival: 1995 (Colorado Springs, Colo.)
World University Games: 1995 (San Francisco, Calif.)
Winter Olympic Games: 1994 (Lillehammer, Norway)
World University Games: 1993 (Buffalo, N.Y.)
Winter Olympic Games: 1988 (Calgary, Alberta, Canada)
Pan-American Games: 1987 (Indianapolis, Ind.)
US Olympic Festival: 1986 (Houston, Texas)
US Olympic Festival: 1985 (Baton Rouge, La.)
Olympic Games: 1984 (Los Angeles, Calif.)

HONORS

- University of Iowa Hall of Fame: 1986
- Finkbine Leadership Award: 1963
- Held records for both the 600 and 660 at the University of Iowa for over 20 years



Keith Vroman
Graduate Asst.



Andrew Owusu
Graduate Asst.



Tasha Jenkins
Graduate Asst.



John Jewell
Murphy Complex



Boniface Amuzu
Murphy Complex

2004 PREVIEW

INDOOR

Three-time men's champion. Three-time women's champion. Five Coach of the Year honors. Two Most Outstanding Track Performer awards. Two Most Outstanding Field Performer honors. One Outstanding Meet Performer award.

All of these have been accomplished by Middle Tennessee during its three years in the Sun Belt Conference in indoor track, sweeping conference titles each year by both the Blue Raiders and the Lady Raiders. On top of all that, the SBC Championships return to Murfreesboro this year where the two squads won the 2002 SBC title and have claimed 15 previous conference championships in the Murphy Center.

Coach Dean Hayes and the Blue Raiders return two-time 60-meter All-American Mardy Scales, who claimed both the 55 and 200-meter titles last year and also won the 55-meters in 2002 in Murfreesboro.

Sophomore Sean Waller also returns for the Blue Raiders after winning the 400-meters last year and claiming third in the long jump.

Junior Wesley Dupar-Scott, a three-time All-SBC honoree, placed second in the 200 and third in the 55-meters in 2003, while senior Tim Hicks was third in the 400-meters and sophomore Linnie Yarbrough came in second in the 55-meter hurdles.

The Blue Raiders must replace distance runners Levi Sybert and Geoffrey Lagat. Sybert won the 3000-meters last season, while Lagat, who has only an outdoor season remaining, placed second in the 5000 and third in the 3000-meters in 2003.

Middle Tennessee has increased its winning margin in the three straight conference championships from 2.5 points in 2001 to 25.5 to 57 last year.

For the Lady Raiders, 55 and 200-meter champion Rosemary Okafor returns to pace a squad that lost just two people from last year. Okafor also anchored the winning 4x400-meter relay squad, the Lady Raiders second straight victory in the event.

Junior Kishara George placed third in the 400-meters in 2003, while junior Jerkita McClorin was third in the long jump and senior Letitia Eady came in third in the triple jump.

Middle Tennessee must replace the departed Kim Freeman, who won three consecutive triple jump crowns in the SBC and was twice named Most Outstanding Performer.

The Lady Raiders title runs have gone just the opposite of the men since joining the SBC,

with Middle Tennessee winning by 57 points in 2001, then 14.5 and by a mere nine points last season in Jonesboro, Ark.

Each squad begins their run toward a fourth-straight SBC crown December 7 with the Middle Tennessee Christmas Invitational. The SBC Championships are set for February 28-29 at the Murphy Center in Murfreesboro, Tenn.

OUTDOOR

The Blue Raiders battled Western Kentucky until the final two events at last year's SBC Outdoor Championships in Denton, Texas, despite a lack of depth at many key positions.

Geoffrey Lagat and Dupar-Scott did not participate in the championships, while several other members of the squad battled through the competition despite injuries.

Scales won the 100 and 200-meters and was a member of the winning 4x100-meter relay, Middle Tennessee's fourth straight win in the 4x100.

Sophomore Pedro Holiday, a football player who joined the track team late last season, returns to bolster the sprints as well as the 4x100 relay. Holiday was the anchor on the All-American relay team last season along with Scales and the departed DJ Spann and Brad Orr.

Another football player, Danny Tolbert, should help in the sprints, as well as transfers



Coach Hayes returns 11 all-conference and three All-Americans as the Blue Raiders and Lady Raiders aim for Sun Belt titles in 2004.

Xavier Darden and Robert Etheridge.

Waller is the defending champion in the 400, as a Blue Raider has won the event three straight years. Five-time All-American Godfrey Herring was the winner in 2001 and 2002. Waller was also the anchor on the winning 4x400 relay.

Junior Victor Okorie returns in the intermediate hurdles after winning the event last season. Okorie earned All-America honors in the event at the NCAA Championships. He was also a member of the winning 4x400-meter relay at the SBC Championships, the Blue Raiders second straight victory in the event.

Senior Tim Hicks was also a member of the 4x400 relay and finished sixth in the 400 at the SBC Championships.

Senior Garland Martin and sophomore Linnie Yarbrough should also earn valuable points in the 110-meter hurdles. Yarbrough placed second at last year's SBC Championships.

Lagat has just an outdoor season of eligibility remaining and will look to return to his form of 2001, when the Kapsabet, Kenya, native won both the 5000 and 10000-meter runs at Tad Gormley Stadium in New Orleans, La. Lagat has not participated in the last two SBC Outdoor Championships due to injury.

Okafor swept the 100 and 200, as well, and was also the anchor on the winning 4x400 relay. The junior placed high enough at the NCAA Mideast Regional to earn a slot at the NCAA Outdoor Championships last season in the 400.

George set a school record in the intermediate hurdles last year, winning the conference title. The St David, Grenada., native was also a member of the winning 4x400 relay.

Eady and juniors KeKe Deckard and Rolanda Howard will bolster the team's efforts in the long and triple jump, while sophomore Meaghan Byrd and junior Dara McLean, as well as newcomers Katie Mirgliotta and Laetitia Florimond, give the Lady Raiders a great opportunity to pile up points in the field events.

McClorin is also the defending champion in the heptathlon, a grueling two-day event that includes: 100-meter hurdles, the long and high jump, shot put, 200-meters, javelin and 800-meters.

Both squads will look to add a second SBC Outdoor Championship in May at Fouts Field on the University of North Texas campus.

THE LADY RAIDERS

Jessica Anderson



5-6, JR
Phelan, Calif./
Serrano HS
(Mt. San Antonio
College)
Hurdles
PR: 14.03

Mt. San Antonio College:

Two-year letterwinner for coach Gayle Watkins ... Best times include 12.20 in 100, 26.04 in 200 and 14.03 in hurdles.

High School: Four-year letterwinner at Serrano HS ... Finished third in hurdles in Division III and first in Mojave League ... Broke school record in hurdles and named MVP of Mojave League as senior ... Best time in hurdles was 14.40 ... Also played basketball four years, earning pair of letters, and member of marching band all four years ... Student Body Vice President all four years.

Personal: Jessica Elaine Anderson ... Daughter of Hector and Dolores Anderson ... Born August 22, 1983 ... Majoring in Aerospace.

Kerry Barrow



5-7, SO
Bon Accord, Tobago/
Scarborough
Secondary
Sprints
PR: 11.88/24.45

2003 XC: Participated in five meets, finishing 63rd at UTC

Opener and 41st at WKU Old Timers Classic.

2002-03

XC: Ran in four races, placing in Top 50 in three ... Finished 40th at UTC Opener and 15th at WKU Old Timers Classic ... Ran 27:49.90 at Cardinal Classic and placed 48th at UTC Invitational.

Indoor: Posted second fastest time in Sun Belt in 60m for season ... Tied for fifth in 55m and placed sixth in 200m in first collegiate meet, the Middle Tennessee Invitational ... Finished eighth in 60m and was member of second-place 4x400m relay at Kentucky Invitational ... Placed third in 200m and fourth in 400m at Blue Raider Classic ... Finished seventh in 60m and eighth in 200m at Indiana Invitational ... Came in third in 200m with season-best 24.59 and sixth in 400m at Middle Tennessee Classic ... Finished fourth in 55m with season-best 7.13 at Sun Belt Championships.

Outdoor: Finished sixth in 100m in 12.03 at Alabama Relays ... Placed third in both 200 and 400m and Mississippi State Invitational ... Ran season-best 56.09 in 400m to take seventh at Yellowjacket Invitational ... Ran 12.05 in 100 and 24.83 in 200m at Sea Ray Relays ... Came in fifth in 200 in season-best 24.45



Kerry Barrow

and seventh in 100m at Vanderbilt Invitational ... Also member of winning 4x100m relay that finished in season-best 45.64 at Vandy ... Member of fifth-place 4x100 as well as 4x400m relay at Penn Relays ... Member of winning 4x400 and fourth-place 4x100m relay at Sun Belt Championships, earning All-SBC honors in 4x400 ... Also placed sixth in 100 and seventh in 200 at SBC meet.

High School: Graduated from Scarborough Secondary School, where she ran for coach Steven Stanislaus ... Competed in 2002 Carifta Games Secondary School Championships in the Bahamas.

Personal: Kerry Shelann Barrow ... Daughter of Esterphan Barrow and Martha Cruickshank ... Born May 21, 1984 ... Majoring in Aerospace.

Contrena Brown



5-5, FR
Ft. Lauderdale, Fla./
Ft. Lauderdale HS
Sprints/Hurdles
PR: 56.08/43.14

2003 XC: Finished 40th at WKU Old Timers Classic and 61st at SBC Champion-

ships.

High School: Four-year letterwinner for coach Horace Ruddock at Ft. Lauderdale HS ... All-Broward County in 400, intermediate hurdles and 4x400 relay all four years ... Won state title in hurdles in 43.14 in first year of running the event ... Holds school records in 400, intermediate hurdles and 4x400 relay ... Also lettered in volleyball.

Personal: Contrena Denise Brown ... Daughter of Harold and Ruby Brown ... Born August 31, 1985.

Meaghan Byrd



5-11, SO
Huntley, Ill./
Huntley HS
Throws
PR: 43-6

Middle Tennessee: Played volleyball during 2002 season for the Lady Raiders before concentrating solely on track.

2002-03

Indoor: Finished fifth in shot put and sixth in weight throw at Middle Tennessee Invitational ... Came in seventh in shot put and set school-record in weight throw with mark of 38-7.5 at Kentucky Invitational ... Placed fourth in shot put and tied school record in weight throw at Blue Raider Invitational ... Won shot put with season-best mark of 42-4.75 and bettered own school record in weight throw with mark of 40-8.25 at Blue Raider Classic ... Placed second in shot put and again set school record in weight throw with mark of 45-2 at Middle Tennessee Classic ... Finished eighth in shot put and sixth in weight throw at Sun Belt Championships.

Outdoor: Finished second with personal-best 43-6 in shot put at Mississippi State Invitational ... Also placed seventh in discus at MSU ... Came in third at Boston-Moon Classic and fifth at Vanderbilt Invitational in shot put ... Finished fourth in shot put and eighth in hammer with season-best 106-10 at Murray State Invitational ... Also placed eighth in hammer and had season-best mark with 119-11 in discus at Sun Belt Championships.

High School: Three-year letterwinner in volleyball and basketball and four-year letterwinner in track and field at Huntley HS ... Named All-Area in volleyball in 2000-01 and All-Conference in 2000-01 ... Had 96 blocks and a .350 hitting percentage in 2001 ... Named All-State in track and field in 2001.

Personal: Meaghan Marie Byrd ... Born November 14, 1983 ... Daughter of Larry and Donna Byrd ... Undeclared major.

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KeKe Deckard



5-9, JR
Nacogdoches, Texas/
Nacogdoches HS
Jumps
PR: 19-8/40-6

2002-03

Indoor: Finished sixth in long jump at Blue Raider Invitational ... Placed second in long jump and fifth in triple jump at Blue Raider Classic ... Came in second in long jump (18-6.5) and fourth in triple jump (39-4.5) at Middle Tennessee Classic ... Again had mark of 18-6.5 to place fourth in long jump at Sun Belt Championships.

Outdoor: Placed ninth in triple jump and member of fifth-place 4x100m relay at Alabama Relays ... Posted mark of 38-4.25 in triple jump at Vanderbilt Invitational ... Finished fourth in long jump and tied for sixth in triple jump at Murray State Invitational ... Had season-bests in both long and triple jump at Sun Belt Championships, placing fourth in long jump (39-8) and fifth in triple jump (19-4).

2001-02

Indoor: Jumped 19-0.25 in long jump at MT Christmas Invitational, finishing fourth in first collegiate meet ... Placed third at Kentucky Invitational with leap of 18-10.5 and also third at MT Invitational ... Jumped 38-3 in triple jump at MT Invitational ... Came in fifth at MT Invitational and leaped 38-8.5 to finish fourth at MT Invitational ... Also came in fourth at MT Invitational in long jump with leap of 18-6 ... Took fourth in 55m in 7.46 at MT Invitational ... Came in fifth in both long jump (19-2.75) and triple jump (39-7.75) at Sun Belt Championships.

Outdoor: Finished third in long jump (18-8.5), eighth in triple jump (38-0.75) and was member of third-place 4x100m relay at Auburn Springtime Invitational ... Placed fifth in long and triple jump and seventh in 100m



KeKe Deckard

(12.41) at Bulldog Invitational ... Jumped 38-2.25 in triple jump at Yellowjacket Invitational ... Had mark of 18-8 in long jump at Vanderbilt Invitational ... Jumped 19-0.5 in long jump and finished seventh with leap of 38-6.75 in triple jump at Sun Belt Championships.

Middle Tennessee: Earned Sun Belt Freshman of the Year honors in 2001 in volleyball ... Also named Conference Player of the Week for October 22 and broke the school record for kills in a match with 36 against Arkansas State ... Became the Lady Raiders all-time leader in kills in 2003 with 1,471, breaking a mark that stood for 12 seasons ... Named Sun Belt Second Team All-Conference ... Recorded 23 kills at Sun Belt Championships ... Led team in kills per game (4.34), kills (530) and attack percentage (.222) ... Recorded season-high 28 kills against Appalachian State and season-high 19 digs against Chattanooga.

High School: Holds school records in long jump (19-8), 200m (24.85) and 400m (57.12) ... Named Junior All-American in the triple jump, holding high school record at 40-6 ... Also three-year letterwinner in volleyball, earning First Team All-District and Team MVP honors twice.

Personal: Shakeithia Nicole Deckard ... Born November 13, 1981 ... Daughter of Sherbert Deckard and granddaughter of Curtis Deckard ... Majoring in Family and Consumer Studies.

Letitia Eady



5-5, SR
Orlando, Fla./
Cypress Creek HS
Jumps
PR: 19-11.75/41-6.75

2002-03

Indoor: Posted best mark in Sun Belt in triple jump for season ... Cleared season-best 18-6 to place third in long jump at Middle Tennessee Invitational ... Came in third in triple jump at Kentucky Invitational ... Finished third in long jump and second in triple jump with season-best 40-3 at Blue Raider Classic ... Placed third in triple jump and fourth in long jump at Middle Tennessee Classic ... Placed third in triple jump to earn All-SBC honors at Sun Belt Championships.

Outdoor: Redshirted.

2001-02

Indoor: Leaped 19-9.5 in long jump to win event at MT Christmas Invitational ... Also took third in triple jump (40-10.25) and fourth in 55m (7.26) at same meet ... Won long jump at MT Invitational and jumped 19-0 at MT Invitational ... Finished second in triple jump at Kentucky Invitational with mark of 40-3.25, and also second at MT Invitational and Indiana Relays ... Won long jump (19-11.75) and took second in triple jump (41-5.25) at Sun Belt Championships ... Named Co-Most Outstanding Performer at conference meet along



Letitia Eady

with teammate Kim Freeman ... Finished fifth in triple jump (39-10.75) at Last Chance Meet in Ames, Iowa.

Outdoor: Won triple jump (40-8.25) and finished second in long jump (18-9.25) at Auburn Springtime Invitational ... Named Sun Belt Field Athlete of the Week for March 19 after showings at Auburn ... Came in second in long jump (19-3.25) and sixth in triple jump (40-6.75) at Alabama Relays ... Jumped 19-2.75 in long jump to finish fourth at Vanderbilt Invitational ... Placed 12th in triple jump at Drake Relays ... Took third in triple jump at Sun Belt Championships.

2000-01

Indoor: Primarily a jumper during indoor season ... Had two best efforts in long jump in final two meets of season, jumping 19-1 at MT Valentine Invitational and finishing second with leap of 19-4.25 at Sun Belt Championships ... Conference meet mark was second best in Sun Belt for season ... Also came in third at MT Christmas Invitational ... Finished second at Christmas meet in triple jump ... Best jump of season came at Valentine Invitational, clearing 40-9 for third place ... Mark was second best in conference for season ... Finished fifth at Sun Belt Championships.

Outdoor: Competed in one meet outdoors, jumping 18-7.25 in long jump at Southern Miss Invitational.

High School: Track MVP for four consecutive years at Cypress Creek HS ... State champion in long jump ... Had the second-longest jump in the history of the Florida state meet ... Possesses conference records in both the long jump and triple jump ... Also lettered in cross country and soccer along with track ... Earned two letters in soccer and was named All-County once ... Voted Most Athletic and Athlete of the Year at CCHS ... Also earned Florida Merit Scholarship.

Personal: Letitia Michele Eady ... Born April 22, 1982 ... Daughter of Donald Eady and Martha Eady ... Majoring in Marketing.

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Kelley Enoch



5-10, JR
Ooltewah, Tenn./
Central HS
(Chattanooga State
CC)
Throws
PR: 39-2

2002-03

Outdoor: Late addition to squad who performed well in short period of time ... Finished sixth in shot put at Boston-Moon Classic ... Took eighth in event at Vanderbilt Invitational ... Placed fifth with season-best mark of 39-2 at Murray State Invitational ... Came in eighth at Sun Belt Championships.

Played softball at Chattanooga State CC for two years before enrolling at Middle Tennessee.

High School: Three-year letterwinner at Central HS in Little Rock, Ark. ... State champion indoors and outdoors in shot put as senior ... Also lettered in softball four years, eighth through 11th grade.

Personal: Kelley Michelle Enoch ... Daughter of David and Kim Enoch ... Born June 7, 1982 ... Majoring in Interior Design.

Laetitia Florimond



5-10, JR
Gardahne, France/
FFS Marseille
Throws
PR: 45-11.25

Participated in track and handball for six years ... Javelin winner as sopho-

more, shot put as junior and senior, and discus as senior ... Top distances include 45-11.25 in shot put, 143-10.5 in discus and 144-4 in javelin.

Personal: Laetitia Florimond ... Daughter of Mathieu and Therise Florimond ... Born July 30, 1979 ... Majoring in Physical Education.

Karina Francis



5-2, FR
Philadelphia, Pa./
William Penn HS
Sprints
PR: 11.72

High School: Two-year letterwinner for coach Derek Thompson at William Penn

HS ... Public League 100 and long jump champion ... Ranked No. 1 in nation in 2002 in 55m (6.96) ... Holds state record in 60m (7.46).

Personal: Karina Rochelle Francis ... Daughter of Clyton Francis and Marcia Newell ... Born May 17, 1985.

Kishara George



5-5, JR
St. David, Grenada/
St. David Catholic HS
Sprints/Hurdles
PR: 54.0/59.57

2003 XC: Placed 39th at WKU Old Timers Classic and 62nd at SBC Champi-

onships.

2002-03

XC: Ran in three events, placing 13th at WKU Old Timers Classic and finishing in 25:39.30 at Cardinal Classic ... Did not finish at Sun Belt Championships.

Indoor: Member of second-place mile relay and placed third in 400m at Middle Tennessee Invitational ... Member of second-place 4x400m relay at Kentucky Invitational ... Placed sixth in 400m at Blue Raider Invitational and won event in 56.42 at Blue Raider Classic ... Member of winning 4x400m relay at Indiana Invitational ... Finished second in 400m in 56.09 at Middle



Kishara George

Tennessee Classic ... Member of winning 4x400m relay and placed third in 400m in season-best 56.05 at Sun Belt Championships, earning All-SBC honors in both events.

Outdoor: Posted fastest time in Sun Belt in 400m hurdles ... Won 400m hurdles in first-ever try at the event at Mississippi State Invitational ... Placed second in event in regional qualifying time of 1:00.01 at Yellowjacket Invitational ... Placed sixth in 400m in 56.10 and member of winning 4x100 (45.64) and second-place 4x400m relay at Vanderbilt Invitational ... Member of fifth-place 4x100 as well as 4x400m relay at Penn Relays ... Won 400m hurdles in season-best 59.67 at Sun Belt Championships to earn All-SBC honors ... Also member of winning 4x400m and fourth-place 4x100m relay at SBC meet ... Set school record in 400m hurdles in prelims at NCAA Mideast Regional with time of 59.57 ... Finished seventh in event finals.

2001-02

Indoor: Won 400m at MT Invitational in 57.60 and was member of second-place mile relay (3:52.85) ... Finished fourth in 400m at Indiana Relays in 56.90 and was member of winning 4x400m relay (3:47.08) ... 4x400m relay members named Sun Belt Track Athletes of the Week for February 5 after winning at Indiana Relays ... Came in third in 200m in 25.34 and was member of winning mile relay (3:45.79) at MT Invitational ... Won 400m in 55.87 and member of winning mile relay at Sun Belt Championships ... Member of school-record setting 4x400m relay that finished in 3:38.18 at Last Chance Meet (3/2) in Ames, Iowa.

Outdoor: Finished third in 400m (55.28) and was member of third-place 4x100m relay at Auburn Springtime Invitational ... Member of school-record setting 4x400m relay (3:40.80) at Alabama Relays ... Placed second in 400m in 54.87 and eighth in 200m at Carifta Games (4/1) in the Bahamas for her native Grenada ... Member of school record-setting 4x400m relay that ran 3:39.35 at Texas Relays (4/6) ... Finished fourth in 400m in 55.50 at Sun Belt Championships.

High School: Named Most Outstanding Prep three straight years ... Also voted Sports Woman of the Year and Most Outstanding Student-Athlete ... Personal best times include 54.0 in 400m and 11.7 in 100m.

Personal: Kishara Alana George ... Born September 22, 1983 ... Daughter of Terrance and Anthea George ... Majoring in Physical Education.

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Lanora Gray



5-9, JR
Clarksville, Tenn./
Kenwood HS
Sprints
PR: 55.68

2002-03

Indoor: Placed second in 400m and fifth in 200m at

Blue Raider Classic ... Member of winning 4x400m relay at Indiana Invitational ... Placed fifth in both 400m (57.24) and 200m (25.25) at Middle Tennessee Classic ... Member of winning 4x400m relay at Sun Belt Championships, earning All-SBC honors.

Outdoor: Member of third-place 4x200m relay at Alabama Relays ... Finished fourth in 400m at Mississippi State Invitational ... Ran season-best 57.09 in 400m at Vanderbilt Invitational ... Placed second in 200m at Murray State Invitational ... Member of winning 4x400m relay at Sun Belt Championships, earning All-SBC honors.

2001-02

Indoor: Placed fourth in 400m at MT Christmas Invitational ... Member of second-place 4x400m relay (3:54.26) at Kentucky Invitational ... Finished fourth in 400m and member of second-place mile relay (3:52.85) at MT Invitational ... Member of winning 4x400m relay (3:47.08) at Indiana Relays ... 4x400m relay members named Sun Belt Track Athletes of the Week for February 5 after winning at Indiana Relays ... Placed fourth in 200m (25.38) and member of winning mile relay (3:45.79) at MT Invitational ... Member of winning mile relay at Sun Belt Championships ... Member of school-record setting 4x400m relay that finished in 3:38.18 at Last Chance Meet in Ames, Iowa.

Outdoor: Member of school-record setting 4x400m relay (3:40.80) at Alabama Relays ... Member of 4x200m and school record-setting 4x400m relay that ran 3:39.35 at Texas Relays ... Placed fourth in 200m in 25.18 at Vanderbilt Invitational.

High School: State champ in 400m and placed sixth at nationals ... Named All-State, All-Region and team MVP ... Personal bests include 55.68 in 400m and 24.69 in 200m ... Also competed on 4x100, 4x200 and 4x400m relays ... Three-year letterwinner at Kenwood HS.

Personal: Lanora Claramae Gray ... Born July 2, 1983 ... Daughter of Lynn and Catherine Gray ... Majoring in Nursing.

Rolanda Howard



5-3, JR
Elkridge, Md./
Long Reach HS
Jumps
PR: 19-2.75/39-8

2002-03

Indoor: Finished eighth in both long and triple jump at

Kentucky Invitational ... Took fourth in both events and placed fifth in 55m hurdles at Blue Raider Classic ... Finished sixth in triple jump with season-best 38-0.25 at Indiana Invitational ... Won 55m hurdles in season-best 8.40 and placed sixth in triple jump at Middle Tennessee Classic ... Placed fifth with season-best mark of 18-5.5 in long jump and also came in eighth in triple jump at Sun Belt Championships.

Outdoor: Posted mark of 18-1 in long jump at Yellowjacket Invitational ... Finished fifth in long jump at Vanderbilt Invitational ... Finished third in both long (18-3.25) and triple jump (38-5.5) at Murray State Invitational, with season-bests in both events ... Placed seventh in triple jump with mark of 38-2 at Sun Belt Championships.

2001-02

Indoor: Jumped 18-3 in long jump and 38-6.5 in triple jump at MT Christmas Invitational ... Placed third in long jump (18-10.5) and fourth in triple jump (38-0) at MT Invitational ... Also came in fourth in 55m hurdles (8.51) at same meet ... Finished fifth in long jump (18-4.25) and 60m hurdles (9.05) at Indiana Relays ... Placed fifth in 55m hurdles (8.36) and sixth in triple jump (38-11) at Sun Belt Championships.

Outdoor: Finished fifth in long jump (18-1.75), sixth in triple jump (38-11.75) and seventh in 100m hurdles (15.01) at Auburn Springtime Invit. ... Had mark of 39-0.5 in triple jump at Yellowjacket Invitational ... Jumped 18-7.25 in long jump at Vanderbilt Invitational ... Placed second in long jump and sixth in triple jump at Murray State Invitational ... Set personal bests in both long jump (19-2.75) and triple jump (39-8) at Sun Belt Championships, placing seventh and fifth, respectively.

High School: Named Indoor Athlete of the Year as senior for coach Joe Thomas at Long Reach HS in Columbia, Md. ... Four-time Outdoor All-County and two-time Indoor All-County ... All-Metro as junior and senior ... Four-time state champion in long jump and two-time state winner in triple jump ... Tied county record in 55m hurdles with time of 8.40 ... Personal bests include 19-0 in long jump and 38-10 in triple jump.

Personal: Rolanda Lennair Howard ... Born April 6, 1983 ... Daughter of Roland, Jr., and Terry Howard ... Majoring in University Studies - Liberal Arts.

Nicole Marcus



5-4, FR
Tallahassee, Fla./
Amos P. Godby HS
Sprints
PR: 11.89/24.44

2003 XC: Finished 42nd at WKU Old Timers Classic in only meet of season.

High School: Three-year letterwinner for coach Jesse Forbes at Amos P. Godby HS ... Won state titles in 100 and 200 as senior ... Named Athlete of the Year ... Top time in 200 was 24.6.

Personal: Kristen Nicole Marcus ... Daughter of Ozzie and Gladys Marcus ... Born September 4, 1984.

Jerkita McClorin



5-2, SR
West Palm Beach, Fla./
Palm Beach Lakes HS
Jumps/Hurdles
PR: 13.46/19-4.75

2002-03

Indoor: Posted fastest time

in Sun Belt in both 55 and 60m hurdles ... Came back strong after sitting out 2001-02 season ... Won 55m hurdles in first event back, at Middle Tennessee Invitational ... Finished sixth in 60m hurdles at Kentucky Invitational ... Finished sixth in 55m hurdles at Blue Raider Invitational and first in event at Blue Raider Classic ... Ran season-best 8.20 in 55m hurdle prelims before finishing fourth in finals at Middle Tennessee Classic ... Placed seventh in 55m hurdles and



Jerkita McClorin

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took third in long jump with season-best 18-7.25 at Sun Belt Championships, earning All-SBC honors in long jump.

Outdoor: Posted most points in Sun Belt in heptathlon in winning event at conference championships ... Finished third in javelin with mark of 104-7 at Boston-Moon Classic ... Placed fourth in 100m hurdles in 14.34 and sixth in javelin with mark of 107-4 at Vanderbilt Invitational ... Won heptathlon at Sun Belt Championships with school-record 4774 points, finishing in top three of javelin (1st), 200m (2nd), 100m hurdles (2nd), 800m (3rd) and long jump (3rd) ... Also tied for fifth in high jump and placed eighth in shot put of heptathlon competition ... Jumped season-best 18-3.25 to place ninth in long jump at SBC meet.

2001-02: Did not participate in track.

2000-01

Indoor: Finished first in 55m hurdles and sixth in 55m and long jump at MT Christmas Invitational ... Came in third in 8.66 in 60m hurdles at Rod McCravy Memorial ... Took first in 7.99 in 55m hurdles at MT Invitational ... Finished third in 55m hurdles, fourth in 200m and fifth in high jump at Arkansas State Invitational ... Cleared 19-0 in long jump for third and also finished third in 60m hurdles in 8.56 at Indiana Invitational ... Won 55m hurdles in indoor-best 7.85, tied for first in high jump with indoor-best 5-5, and took third in long jump with mark of 19-3.25 at MT Valentine Invitational ... Jumped team season-best 19-11.5 to win long jump at Sun Belt Championships, best mark in conference for season ... Also won 55m hurdles at conference meet and tied for eighth in high jump.

Outdoor: Won 100m hurdles at Southern Miss Invitational and again at Vanderbilt Invitational ... Ran 13.48 to finish second at Alabama Relays ... Posted time of 13.73 in prelims at Texas Relays ... Ran outdoor and conference season-best 13.46 to finish fourth at Drake Relays ... Came in second at Sun Belt Championships ... Finished second in long jump at Bulldog Invitational with outdoor-best 19-4.75 ... Came in fourth in high jump at Vanderbilt Invite.

High School: Named Athlete of the Year by TV-12 as senior ... Voted Team MVP as junior and senior ... Named All-American in 100m as sophomore, junior and senior ... Personal bests include 13.65 in 100m hurdles, 42.9 in 300m hurdles and 20-2.75 in long jump ... 4x100 and 4x400m relay teams both ranked in Top 10 in nation ... Holds school records in 100m hurdles (13.65), long jump (20-2.75), and as member of 4x100m (46.3) and 4x400m relay (3:44) teams ... Received *Palm Beach Post* Pathfinder Award.

Personal: Jerkita Nicole McClorin ... Born June 16, 1980 ... Daughter of Jimmy and Joanne McClorin ... Majoring in University Studies - Liberal Arts ... Mother of two-year-old son, JeRon Newson.

Dara McLean



**6-1, JR
Belmont, Manitoba/
Glenboro HS
Throws
PR: 130-1**

2002-03

Indoor: Finished seventh in weight throw at Middle

Tennessee Invitational and fourth at Blue Raider Classic ... Came in fifth with season-best mark of 39-3 at Middle Tennessee Classic.

Outdoor: Finished seventh in javelin with mark of 98-9 in only competition of spring at Mississippi State Invitational.

2001-02

Indoor: Threw 32-7.75 in shot put at Sun Belt Championships (2/24).

Outdoor: Finished second in javelin with mark of 112-10 at Bulldog Invitational ... Won javelin with mark of 121-5 at Vanderbilt Invitational ... Finished third in javelin at Murray State Invitational ... Threw 118-1 to take sixth at Sun Belt Championships.

Middle Tennessee: Led team in 2003 in service aces with 46 ... Recorded season-high six service aces against Mississippi State ... Third on team in kills with 280, averaging 2.50 per game ... Had season-high 18 kills against TCU.

High School: Named Manitoba Province High School Athlete of the Year as senior ... Placed first in javelin in provincial championships as senior ... Took second in event as sophomore and third as junior ... Won shot put in provincial championships as junior and second as sophomore ... Participated in Canada Games in summer of 2001 ... Student Council Vice President ... Named team MVP in track, basketball and volleyball ... Provincial all-star in basketball and volleyball ... Volleyball team MVP as sophomore, junior and senior and track MVP all four years.

Personal: Dara Rayelle McLean ... Born August 6, 1983 ... Daughter of Don and Dianne McLean ... Majoring in Criminal Justice Administration.

Katie Mirgliotta



**5-6, SR
Strongsville, Ohio/
Strongsville HS
(Cuyahoga JC/
UT Martin)
Throws
PR: 48-4**

Attended Cuyahoo CC for two years and UT Martin for one year before enrolling at Middle Tennessee ... Participated in NJCAA Championships both indoor and outdoor in discus, hammer and shot put both years at Cuyahoo ... Holds school records at Cuyahoo and UT Martin in weight and hammer throw.

High School: Four-year letterwinner for coach Gail Cobb at Strongsville HS ... Conference champion in discus and shot put.

Personal: Katie Marie Mirgliotta ... Daughter of Tedd and Linda Mirgliotta ... Born January 20, 1982 ... Majoring in Art ... Relative, Edward Shutty, wrestles at Mount Union College.

Rosemary Okafor



**5-9, JR
Lagos, Nigeria/
Isolo School
Sprints
PR: 23.18/51.3**

2002-03

XC: Ran in three events ... Placed 37th at UTC Opener

and 14th at WKU Old Timers Classic ... Finished 63rd at Sun Belt Championships.

Indoor: Posted fastest time in Sun Belt in 55, 200 and 400m for season ... Began record-breaking year by setting school-record and running NCAA provisional mark of 53.66, winning 400m at Kentucky Invitational ... Named SBC Track Performer of the Week after winning at UK ... Won 200m and set personal-best in 55m with 6.96 in finals to finish third at Blue Raider Invitational ... Won 400m in provisional time of 54.53 at Indiana Invitational ... Also member of winning 4x400m relay at IU ... Won 400m in 53.97 and finished second in 200m at Middle Tennessee Classic ... Again named SBC Track Performer of the Week after performances at Middle Tennessee Classic ... Member of winning 4x400m relay at Sun Belt Championships ... Also won 55m in provisional time and personal-best of 6.94, as well as winning 200m in provisional time of 23.85 at SBC Championships, earning All-SBC honors in all three events ... Voted SBC Most Outstanding Track Performer after scoring 30 points at meet and leading Lady Raiders to third straight conference title ... Ran 23.64 in 200m prelims at NCAA Championships.

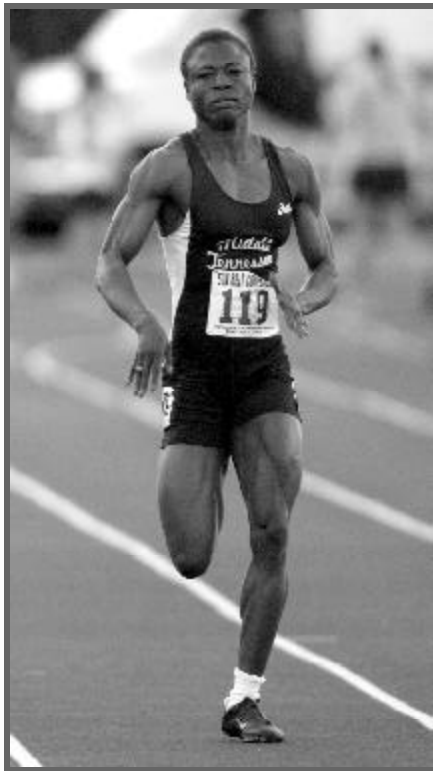
Outdoor: Enjoyed one of the most spectacular sea-

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sons in Lady Raider history, winning nine times and setting one school record ... Set school record in 400m with time of 52.77 to win event at Alabama Relays ... Posted fastest times in Sun Belt in 100, 200 and 400m ... Won both 100 (11.75) and 200m (23.81) with regional qualifying marks at Mississippi State Invitational, earning Sun Belt Athlete of the Week honors ... Finished second in both 100 (11.50) and 200m (23.62) at Yellowjacket Invitational ... Placed second in 400m in 52.86 at Sea Ray Relays ... Won 400 (52.61) and 200m (23.50), as well as member of winning 4x100 (45.64) and second-place 4x200m relay (3:40.15) at Vanderbilt Invitational ... Member of fifth-place 4x100 as well as 4x400m relay at Penn Relays ... Ran season-bests in both 100 (11.34) and 200m (23.18) in prelims at Sun Belt Championships ... Won both events at SBC meet, as well as member of winning 4x400m and fourth-place 4x100m relay ... Placed fifth in 400m in 54.17 at NCAA Mid-east Regional ... Ran 53.51 in 400m prelims at NCAA Championships ... Member of the winning relay at the African Games in Nigeria.

2001-02

Enrolled in January 2002 at Middle Tennessee.
Indoor: Finished third in 200m (24.81) and member of second-place mile relay (3:52.54) at MT Invitational ... Won 200m (24.67), finished third in 55m (7.09) and was member of winning mile relay (3:51.23) at MT Invitational ... Placed second in 200m (24.75) and was member of winning 4x400m relay (3:47.08) at Indiana Relays ... 4x400m relay members named Sun Belt Track Athletes of the Week for February 5 after winning at Indiana Relays ... Won 200m (24.49) and 55m (7.13) and was member of winning mile



Rosemary Okafor

relay (3:45.79) at MT Invitational ... Finished second in 55m (7.07) and 200m (24.05) and member of winning mile relay at Sun Belt Championships ... Member of school-record setting 4x400m relay that finished in 3:38.18 at Last Chance Meet in Ames, Iowa.

Outdoor: Won 400m in NCAA provisional qualifying time of 53.70 and was member of school-record setting 4x400m relay (3:40.80) at Alabama Relays ... Named Sun Belt Track Athlete of the Week for March 26 after winning at Alabama Relays ... Member of 4x200m and school record-setting 4x400m relay that ran 3:39.35 at Texas Relays ... Finished seventh in 400m at Sea Ray Relays ... Finished second in 200m (23.77) at Sun Belt Championships ... Came in sixth in 400m (54.21) at Georgia Tech Invitational.

Personal: Rosemary Nkemjika Okafor ... Born May 22, 1981 ... Daughter of Daniel and Josephine Okafor ... Majoring in Physical Education ... Competed for Nigerian national team in 2000 Sydney Olympics in 4x400m relay ... Personal best times include 11.3 in 100m, 23.2 in 200m and 51.3 in 400m.

Tiffany Owens



**5-8, FR
 Hollywood, Fla./
 Hallandale HS
 Sprints
 PR: 11.75**

2003 XC: Placed 43rd at WKU Old Timers Classic in only meet of season.

High School: Three-year letterwinner for coach John Battle III at Hallandale HS ... Won county, district and region titles as senior in 100, 200 and 4x100 relay ... Ran fastest time in 100 in state of Florida as senior with 11.75 ... Named Broward County Athletic Association Scholar Athlete of the Year ... Also won district and region titles in all three events as junior ... Member of National Honor Society ... Senior Class Secretary and National Congressional Leader of America honoree ... Also cheerleader, band member and member of flag football team member ... Attended South Broward HS in Hollywood, Fla., as freshman and sophomore.

Personal: Tiffany T. Owens ... Daughter of Sammie and Teri Owens ... Born November 19, 1985.

Candice Robertson



**5-10, SO
 Memphis, Tenn./
 Ridgeway HS
 Hurdles
 PR: 14.48**

2002-03

XC: Finished 16th at WKU Old Timers Classic (9/21) and ran 28:50.50 at Cardinal Classic (10/5).

Indoor: Finished third in 55m hurdles and member of third-place 4x400m relay at Middle Tennessee Invitational ... Placed fifth in 55m hurdles at Blue Raider Invitational and third in season-best 8.37 at Blue Raider Classic ... Finished sixth in 55m hurdles at Sun Belt Championships.

Outdoor: Ran 15.03 at Alabama Relays and 14.63 at Yellowjacket Invitational in 100m hurdles ... Continued to get better in both hurdles events as season progressed, finishing in 14.57 in 100 and 1:08.77 in 400m hurdles at Sea Ray Relays ... Placed fifth in 1:04.86 in 400m hurdles at Vanderbilt Invitational ... Won 100m hurdles in 14.72 and came in fourth in 400m hurdles at Murray State Invitational ... Ran season-best 14.48 in prelims and finished sixth in 100m hurdle event finals at Sun Belt Championships.

High School: Four-year letterwinner for coach David Maxwell at Ridgeway HS ... Won state title in 100mH in 15.0 as senior ... Member of two state championship teams ... Named Best of Preps all four years ... Lost only one race as senior ... Personal-best is 14.92 ... Owns RHS records in 100mH (14.92) and 300mH (46.2) ... Member of 4x100, 4x200 and 4x400m relay teams ... Recognized as *Who's Who Among American High School Students* ... Honor Band Officer and also lettered in cheerleading.

Personal: Candice Renae Robertson ... Born May 6, 1984 ... Daughter of James and Linda Robertson ... Majoring in Science.

Jennifer Thomas



**5-5, FR
 Knox, Ind./
 Knox Community HS
 Throws
 PR: 5-3.5**

High School: Four-year letterwinner for coach Tom Trapana at Knox Community HS ... High jump sectional champ as sophomore ... Sectional MVP as sophomore and senior and team MVP as junior ... Also lettered three years in volleyball and two years in basketball.

Personal: Jennifer Ann Thomas ... Daughter of Roger and Patsy Thomas ... Born December 4, 1984.

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Brian Anderson



6-1, 170, FR
Del Ray Beach, Fla./
Westminster
Academy
High Jump
PR: 6-6

High School: Named All-County as junior and senior and All-Region as senior at Westminster Academy ... Winner of the Sunshine State Games and Broward County Elite, clearing 6-6 at the latter ... Also lettered in Football and soccer ... Voted Homecoming King as senior.

Personal: Brian Anderson ... Son of Larry and Mary Ellen Anderson ... Born November 13, 1984 ... Relative, John Anderson, kicked at the University of Washington and is currently injured but on the Chicago Bears roster.

Tony Carufe



6-1, 165, FR
Hendersonville,
Tenn./
Beech HS
Distance
PR: 1:57.47

2003 XC: Placed 54th at UTC Opener and 50th at WKU Old Timers Classic ... Finished 42nd at SBC Championships.

High School: Four-year letterwinner in track and one year in cross country for coach Brice Askren at Beech HS ... Named All-Midstate in 800 ... Placed fourth in 800 and 4x800 relay at state championships as senior ... Holds school records in 400 (50.2), 800 (1:57.47) and as anchor of 4x400 and 4x800 relays ... Top 5K time in HS of 16:49.

Personal: Anthony Peter Carufe ... Son of Tony and Ruth Carufe ... Born February 8, 1985.

Xavier Darden



5-10, 160, SR
Fremont, Ohio/
Fremont Ross HS
(Univ. of Toledo)
Sprints
PR: 10.29/20.91

University of Toledo: Top times included 10.29 in 100, 20.91 in 200, 6.74 in 60 and 46.78 4x400 relay split.

High School: Lettered in both track and football at Fremont HS ... Posted times of 10.89 in 100 and 21.75 in 200 ... Elected class Vice President and member of African American College Club.

Personal: Xavier Rayquintaz Darden ... Son of Annice Darden and the late Ambrose Darden, Jr. ... Born August 31, 1982 ... Majoring in Economics.

Wesley Dupar-Scott



5-7, 140, JR
Savannah, Ga./
Groves HS
Sprints/Jumps
PR: 47.31/23-4.75

2002-03
Indoor: Posted second fastest times in Sun Belt in both

55 and 60m and third fastest in both 200 and 400m for season ... Member of winning 4x400m relay, placed third in 60m and 200m and came in eighth in long jump



Wesley Dupar-Scott

at Kentucky Invitational ... Won 55m in personal-best 6.30 and came in fourth in long jump at Blue Raider Invitational ... Member of winning mile relay and came in second in 400m at Blue Raider Classic ... Member of winning 4x400m relay, placed third and 60m and seventh in long jump at Indiana Invitational ... Won 55m in 6.34 at Middle Tennessee Classic ... Finished second in 200m and third in 55m at Sun Belt Championships, earning All-SBC honors in both events.

Outdoor: Finished third in 400m in regional qualifying time of 47.31 at Alabama Relays ... Won 200 in personal-best 21.34 and placed fourth in 100m in 10.76 at Mississippi State Invitational ... Again came in fourth in 100 and took sixth in 200m at Yellowjacket Invitational, but injured hamstring at meet ... Did not run again for three weeks, winning 200m in return at Murray State Invitational ... Did not qualify for event finals in both 100 and 200m at Sun Belt Championships.

2001-02

Indoor: Finished fifth in long jump (21-6) and sixth in 55m (6.51) at MT Christmas Invitational ... Posted time of 22.42 in 200m and member of second-place 4x400m relay team at Kentucky Invitational ... Won 200m (21.82), finished third in long jump (22-5.75) and was member of winning mile relay team (3:16.14) at MT Invitational ... Took third in 55m in 6.41 at MT Invitational ... Finished second in 60m (6.86), third in 200m (22.29), fifth in long jump (22-10.75) and was member of third-place 4x400m relay team at Indiana Relays ... Missed MT Invitational due to illness ... Finished third in 55m (6.46) and fifth in 200m (21.59) and member of second-place mile relay at Sun Belt Championships.

Outdoor: Won 100m in 10.66 at Auburn Springtime Invitational ... Member of 4x100m and 4x400m relay teams that both finished second at Alabama Relays ... Came in fourth in 100m (10.59) and 200m (21.10) at Bulldog Invitational ... Member of 4x100m relay and third-place 4x200m relay at Texas Relays ... Ran 100m and 200m and was member of 4x100m relay at Sea Ray Relays ... Won 400m in personal best 47.44 at Murray State Invitational ... Finished fourth in 100m (10.73) and was member of winning 4x100m relay at Sun Belt Championships ... Member of school-record setting 4x400m relay (3:06.48) at Georgia Tech Invitational ... Member of 4x100m relay that finished ninth at NCAA Championships ... Ran 10.76 in 100m semifinals at USA Junior Track & Field Championships.

High School: Ran 48.07 in 400 and jumped 22-7.5 in long jump at Groves HS ... Also participated in wrestling ... Did not run most of outdoor track season as senior because of injury.

Personal: Wesley Jason Dupar-Scott ... Born May 21, 1983 ... Son of Tami Willis ... Majoring in Psychology.

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Robert Etheridge



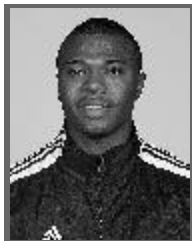
5-10, 165, SR
Alexandria, La./
Bolton HS
(Northwestern St.)
Jumps/Sprints
PR: 25-11/10.41

Attended Northwestern State for three years before enrolling at Middle Tennessee.

High School: Four-year letterwinner for coach Donny Springs at Bolton HS ... Earned All-State honors as junior and senior in 400, long jump and 4x100 relay ... Holds school records in 4x100 (41.27) and 4x200 (1:25.97), as well as regional record in long jump (24-6) ... Also three-year letterwinner in football and basketball.

Personal: Robert Conrad Etheridge ... Son of Anthony Reney and Jennifer Reney ... Born April 3, 1981 ... Majoring in Physical Education.

Clyde Gibson



6-1, 182, SO
Georgetown,
Guyana/
The Bishops HS
Jumps
PR: 24-6/48-8.5

High School: Attended The Bishops High in Georgetown, Guyana ... Played soccer, cricket and basketball and was captain of all three teams as a senior ... Represented Guyana in several international competitions, including the South American Games and the Hampton Games ... Ran track for coach Foster Sampson ... Won the school nationals in the long (23-9) and triple (46-7) jumps ... Holds school records in both events ... Also a top five student academically.

Personal: Clyde Anthony Gibson ... Son of Josh and Joan-Ann Gibson ... Born July 7, 1982.

Carlos Gonzales



5-11, 167, SO
Clarksville, Tenn./
Northwest HS
Distance

2003 XC: Finished 57th at UTC Opener and 53rd at WKU Old Timers Classic ... Placed 59th at SBC Championships.

Attended Tennessee State University for one year before enrolling at Middle Tennessee.

High School: Four-year letterwinner for coach David Robinson at Northwest HS ... Earned All-State honors in track as junior and in cross country as senior ... Named All-Region in cross country as junior and senior ... Top times included 49.3 in 400, 1:57 in 800, 4:23 in 1600, 9:47 in 3200 and 16:21 in 5K ... Named All-Area in football and Defensive Player of the Year in basketball as freshman and sophomore ... Member of National Honor Society and Academic Hall of Fame.

Personal: Carlos Rosendo Gonzales-Santos ... Son of Josue and Carmen Maldonado ... Born April 27, 1982 ... Majoring in Physical Education - Wellness & Exercise Science.

Tim Hicks



5-10, 158, SR
Phenix City, Ala.
Central HS
(Wallace State CC)
Sprints
PR: 47.01

2003 XC: Placed 62nd at UTC Opener and 56th at WKU Old Timers Classic ... Finished 62nd at SBC Championships.

2002-03

Indoor: Member of winning mile relay and placed third in 400m at Middle Tennessee Invitational ... Member of winning 4x400m relay and again took third in 400m at Kentucky Invitational ... Member of second-place mile relay at Blue Raider Invitational ... Member of winning mile relay and placed eighth in 200m at Blue Raider Classic ... Member of winning 4x400m relay at Indiana Invitational ... Placed second in 400m in season-best 47.74 at Middle Tennessee Classic ... Finished third in 400m and member of winning 4x400m relay at Sun Belt Championships, earning All-SBC honors in both events.

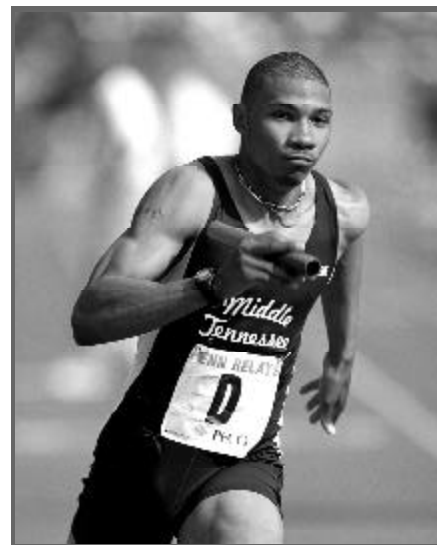
Outdoor: Placed fifth in 400m in 47.74 and member of second-place 4x400m relay at Alabama Relays ... Again took fifth in 400m at Mississippi State Invitational ... Member of winning 4x400m relay and placed fifth in

400m at Yellowjacket Invitational ... Member of second-place 4x400m relay at Penn Relays, earning Sun Belt Athlete of the Week honors ... Member of winning 4x400m relay and placed sixth in 400m in season-best 47.55 at Sun Belt Championships ... Member of fourth-place 4x400m relay at NCAA Mideast Regional.

Wallace State CC: Earned Indoor All-America honors and team finished as national runner-up.

High School: Four-year letterwinner in track at Central HS ... Named All-Bi City and indoor and outdoor All-American in 400m as senior ... Finished runner-up as senior in state 400m ... Recognized as *Who's Who Among American High School Students* ... Personal-bests include 47.01 in 400m, 45.8 and 21.5 on relay.

Personal: Timothy Anterrio Hicks ... Born July 10, 1980 ... Son of Angel Anderson ... Majoring in University Studies - Liberal Arts.



Tim Hicks

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Pedro Holiday



6-1, 175, SO
Rome, Ga./
Pepperell HS
(SW Mississippi CC)
Sprints
PR: 10.39

2002-03

Outdoor: Posted third fastest time in Sun Belt in 100m ... Won 100m in 10.51 in first meet at Murray State Invitational ... Ran regional qualifying time of 10.48 in 100m prelims at Sun Belt Championships ... Finished third in 100m event finals and third in 200m at SBC meet, earning All-SBC honors in both events ... Member of winning 4x100m relay at Georgia Tech Invitational ... Member of second-place 4x100m relay at NCAA Mid-east Regional ... Member of school record-setting third-place 4x100m relay at NCAA Championships, serving as anchor on squad ... Foursome ran record-setting 38.94 in event finals to earn All-America honors, the first relay to do so at Middle Tennessee since 1982.

2003 Football: Sixth on team in receptions with 12 catches for 126 yards and two touchdowns ... Had a long grab of 35 yards.

SW Mississippi JC: Played for coach Dom Green at SMCC ... Voted First Team All-State in 2002 with 15 catches for 235 yards and four touchdowns.

High School: Attended Pepperell HS ... First Team All-State as senior and competed in Georgia-Florida All-Star game ... Registered over 4,000 career all-purpose yards during career ... Received the Herman J. Stegeman Trophy for being a state finalist in track



Pedro Holiday

and field ... Earned the Buddy Fowlkes Stanley Floyd Trophy for winning the 100-meter dash in 2001 (10.39) and also won the 200 meters at the state event ... Lettered in football, basketball and track.

Personal: Son of Jackie and Debra Ware ... Born March 1, 1982 ... Majoring in Physical Education.

David Hughes



6-0, 146, FR
Johnson City, Tenn./
Happy Valley HS
Distance
PR: 9:26.8

2003 **XC:** Finished 25th at UTC Opener in 16:33 ... Came in 22nd at WKU Old

Timers Classic in 26:52.78 ... Placed 11th at SBC Championships in 27:21.59 ... Ran 33:15.12 at NCAA South Regional to finish 87th.

High School: Four-year cross country and track letterwinner for coaches Don and Scotty Verran at Happy Valley HS ... Three-time All-State, four-time regional champion and four-time conference champion in cross country ... Named State Runner of the Year in AA in winning state meet as senior ... Three-time All-State, four-time regional champion and four-time conference champion in 3200 and 1600 ... Won state titles in both events as senior ... Holds school records in cross country (15:29), 1600 (4:25) and 3200 (9:21).

Personal: David Robert Hughes ... Son of David Alon and Debi Hughes ... Born on September 3, 1984.

Pierre Ingram



6-5, 200, SO
Stockbridge, Ga./
Stockbridge HS
High Jump
PR: 6-10

2002-03

Indoor: Tied for first, clearing 6-2 in high jump at Middle Tennessee Invitational ... Cleared 6-6 to finish fifth at Kentucky Invitational ... Won with mark of 6-6 at Blue Raider Classic ... Again cleared 6-6 to finish sixth at Sun Belt Championships.

Outdoor: Redshirted.

2003 Football: Played in six total games ... Did not register a reception ... Blocked an extra point in the first quarter at Clemson and came back the next week at Missouri to block an extra point (tipped another one in the game that eventually went through) ... Broke his foot against New Mexico State and was lost for the year.

High School: Lettered in football, basketball and track at Stockbridge HS ... Registered 32 catches for 678 yards as senior ... Had four touchdowns on kickoff returns, including a 98-yarder against Starrs Mills ... Also registered 86 receiving yards and game-saving interception in win over Starrs Mills ... Won state high jump as senior (6-10) ... Third in state in high jump (6-8) and earned team MVP honors in track as junior ... Earned All-Region AAAAA honors and All-County accolades.

Personal: Pierre LaRue Ingram ... Born May 15, 1984 ... Son of Sabastian and Shelia Ingram ... Redshirted in football for the Blue Raiders in 2002.

Greg Jones



6-0, 165, SO
Knoxville, Tenn./
Farragut HS
Jumps
PR: 47-8

Did not participate in track in 2002-03.

2001-02

Indoor: Finished third at pair of home meets and fifth at Kentucky Invitational ... Won with mark of 47-3.25 at MT Invitational ... Placed fifth at Indiana Relays ... Came in fourth at SBC Championships with mark of 47-8.

Outdoor: Placed eighth in only meet of the season with mark of 46-6.75.

High School: Four-year letterwinner for coach Scott McKenzie at Farragut HS ... Named All-Region ... Leaped 46-6.5 in the triple jump and 22-0 in the long jump.

Personal: Gregory Edward Jones ... Son of Edward and Emma Jones ... Born August 24, 1983 ... Majoring in Chemistry.

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Geoffrey Lagat



6-0, 140, SR
**Kabsabet, Kenya/
 Moi Forces Academy**
Distance
**PR: 14:33.40/
 31:06.42**

Enters 2003 with only an outdoor season of eligibility

remaining.

2003 XC: Finished second at UTC Opener and fifth at WKU Old Timers Classic before an injury sidelined him the remainder of the season.

2002-03

XC: Finished in Top 20 in all four regular season meets ... Placed 20th at UTC Opener and 12th at WKU Old Timers Classic in 26:55.36 ... Came in 14th at Cardinal Classic in 25:46.00 ... Finished second at Sun Belt Championships in 26:22.63, earning All-Sun Belt honors for third straight season ... Ran second for almost entire race at NCAA South Regional before injury did not allow him to complete race.

Indoor: Posted fastest time in Sun Belt in 3000m and second fastest in 5000m for season ... Placed fourth in 3000m at Kentucky Invitational in season-best 8:31.17 and fourth in mile (4:20.50) at Blue Raider Invitational, also a season-best ... Finished fifth in mile at Blue Raider Classic and fifth in 3000m at Indiana Invitational ... Took third in 3000m and second in 5000m at Sun Belt Championships, earning All-SBC honors in both events.

Outdoor: Redshirted.

Became the first recipient of the Joe Black Hayes Scholarship, awarded in honor of the founder of the Blue Raider track program.



Geoffrey Lagat

2001-02

XC: Won Belmont Opener (8/31) in Nashville ... Finished second at 20th Annual Old Timers Classic at Western Kentucky in 25:26.47 ... Again took second at Austin Peay Invitational, finishing in 27:15.88 ... Won second consecutive Sun Belt individual title at conference championships in time of 25:14.63.

Indoor: Member of DMR at Kentucky Invitational that ran 11:23.93 ... Ran 4:20.82 to finish fifth in mile run at MT Invitational ... Finished 3000m in 8:41.42 at Indiana Relays ... Placed third in 3000m at Sun Belt Championships in 8:44.50.

Outdoor: Came in seventh in 1500m in 3:59.68 at Auburn Springtime Invitational ... Member of 4x1500m relay at Alabama Relays and finished third in 1500m at Bulldog Invitational ... Placed 13th in 1500m at Yellowjacket Invitational and 10th in 5000m at Sea Ray Relays ... Unable to run rest of season because of stress fracture.

2000-01

XC: Won four-mile Austin Peay Opener in 21:26 ... Took second at Commodore Classic in 26:01.00 ... Again was second in 26:11.67 at Austin Peay Invitational ... Won the first of his two Sun Belt individual titles at conference championships, winning in 25:07.

Indoor: Finished second in 3000m at MT Christmas Invitational in 8:43.91 ... Ran 8:36.55 in 3000m at Rod McCravy Memorial, taking fourth ... Came in second in mile run at Arkansas State Invitational and MT Valentine Invitational ... Won 5000m at Indiana Invitational in 14:39.99 ... Finished third in 5000m and fourth in 3000m in 8:32.62 at Sun Belt Championships ... 3000m time was fifth best in conference for season.

Outdoor: Finished fifth in 1500m at Southern Miss Invitational and third at Bulldog Invitational ... Ran best 1500m time of season at Alabama Relays, finishing in 3:55.89 ... Took second in 3000m at Vanderbilt Invitational in 8:29.90 ... Came in third in 800m at Murray State Invitational ... Won 5000m (14:41.22) and 10000m in personal best 30:52.70 at Sun Belt Championships.

1999-00

Indoor: Ran 8:54.00 in 3000m in first collegiate race at Spring Invitational ... Finished second in 8:43.0 at MT Valentine Invitational ... Placed second in 5000m (14:45.58) and fifth in 3000m (8:43.15) at OVC Championships.

Outdoor: Came in sixth in 5000m at Florida State Invitational ... Finished ninth in 5000m in personal best 14:33.40 at Alabama Relays (3/26) ... Took sixth in 1500m at Spec Towns Invitational ... Placed eighth in 5000m at Sea Ray Relays ... Finished second in 5000m in 14:56.50 at OVC Championships ... Took third in both 5000m (14:36.90) and 10000m (31:06.42) at Sun Belt Championships.

Personal: Geoffrey Kipchumba Lagat ... Born January 1, 1980 ... Son of Grace Jesang ... Majoring in Information Systems.

Jack Lawhorn



5-11, 185, JR
**Jackson, Tenn./
 Northside HS**
Sprints

High School: Two-year letterwinner for coach Pat Massey at Northside HS ... Also lettered three years in

football, earning Second Team All-Region AAAA honors.

Personal: Jack Walter Lawhorn ... Son of Murrell and Addie Lawhorn ... Born April 7, 1982 ... Brother, Kim Lawhorn, was an All-American defensive end in 1989 and attended UCLA.

Garland Martin



5-10, 165, SR
**Poplar Bluff, Mo./
 Poplar Bluff HS
 (Wallace State CC)**
Sprints/Hurdles
PR: 13.81

2002-03

Indoor: Battled hamstring injuries through most of season ... Recorded DNF in 60m hurdle prelim and ran 23.31 in 200m prelim at Indiana Invitational ... Ran 7.59 in 55m hurdle prelim before recording DNF in finals at Middle Tennessee Classic.

Outdoor: Posted fastest time in Sun Belt in 100m hurdles ... Placed fourth in 110m hurdles in 14.60 and member of winning shuttle hurdle and second-place 4x100m relay at Alabama Relays ... Finished third in 110m hurdles and eighth in 200m at Mississippi State Invitational ... Placed seventh in regional qualifying time of 14.18 in 110m hurdles and member of second-



Garland Martin

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place 4x100m relay at Yellowjacket Invitational ... Member of third-place shuttle hurdle and ran 14.29 in 110m hurdles at Sea Ray Relays ... Finished fourth in hurdles and member of winning 4x400m relay at Vanderbilt Invitational ... Placed fifth in 200m in 22.42 at Murray State Invitational ... Finished eighth in hurdles at Sun Belt Championships, falling at the end of the race ... Posted season-best 13.97 in prelims and won hurdles at Georgia Tech Invitational ... Ran 14.31 in hurdle prelims at NCAA Mideast Regional.

High School: Three-year track letterwinner at Poplar Bluff HS ... Twice earned all-state honors ... Holds school records in 110mH (13.69) and 300mH (36.22) ... Was US World Junior Champion in 13.81 ... Ranked seventh in under-20 age group in 110mH ... Also two-year letterwinner in football, earning all-state recognition once.

Personal: Garland Darnell Martin ... Born March 1, 1981 ... Son of Betty Martin ... Majoring in University Studies - Liberal Arts ... Spent two years at Wallace State CC.

Victor Okorie



6-0, 175, JR
**Lagos, Nigeria/
Isolo School**
Hurdles
PR: 49.19

2002-03

Indoor: Member of third-place 4x400m "B" relay at Kentucky Invitational ... Finished second in 400m at Indiana Invitational ... Won 200m in 21.68 and finished fourth in 400m in 48.57, both season-bests, at Middle Tennessee Classic ... Came in seventh in 400m at Sun Belt Championships.

Outdoor: Posted fastest time in Sun Belt in 400m hurdles and set new conference record in event ... Placed second in 400m (40.54) and member of second-place 4x400m relay (3:10.06), both regional qualifying times, at Alabama Relays ... Also took second in 400m at Mississippi State Invitational ... Came in third in regional qualifying mark of 51.09 in 400m hurdles and member of winning 4x400m relay at Yellowjacket Invitational ... Member of fourth-place 4x400m relay at Sea Ray Relays ... Finished sixth in 100m in 10.70 and third in 400m hurdles at Vanderbilt Invitational ... Member of second-place 4x400m relay at Penn Relays, earning Sun Belt Athlete of the Week honors ... Won 400m hurdles and member of winning 4x400m relay at Sun Belt Championships, earning All-SBC honors in both events ... Placed second in 400m hurdles at NCAA Mideast Regional, running 50.01 in prelims, a Jesse Owens Stadium (The Ohio State University) record ... Also member of fourth-place 4x400m relay at regionals ... Set school record with mark of 49.19 in 400m hurdles in semifinals at NCAA Championships ... Led finals until hitting next-to-last hurdle and finished eighth, earning All-America honors ... Ran 49.77 in

national trials in intermediate hurdles in Abuja, Nigeria ... Posted time of 49.66 in intermediate hurdles at 9th World Track & Field Championships in Paris, France, in August ... Finished second in intermediate hurdles at the African Games in Nigeria.

2001-02

Indoor: Ran with injured hamstring most of year ... Ran 23.15 in 200m at MT Invitational ... Posted time of 50.03 in 400m prelims at Sun Belt Championships.

Outdoor: Placed second in 400m hurdles at Vanderbilt Invitational in 53.34 and again at Murray State Invitational in 54.26 ... Ran 54.36 in prelims at Sun Belt Championships.

Personal: Victor Okereke Okorie ... Born August 10, 1981 ... Son of Pius and Marie Okorie ... Majoring in Physical Education ... Personal best times include 10.2 in 100m, 20.8 in 200m, 46.4 in 400m and 50.2 in 400 intermediate hurdles ... Two-time Nigerian National Sports Festival champion in 1998 and 2000.

Brandon Parker



6-7, 314, SR
Catoosa, Okla./
Catoosa HS
(NE Oklahoma A&M)
Throws
PR: 46-4.25

Did not participate in track in 2002-03.

2001-02

Indoor: Placed third in shot put at MT Invitational (2/9) with throw of 40-11.5 ... Placed fifth at Sun Belt Championships (2/24) in weight throw with distance of 45-9.25.

Outdoor: Threw discus 130-0 and hammer 79-5 at Sun Belt Championships (5/11).

Football: Played in nine games in 2001 and was used mainly in short yardage and goal line situations ... Competed in seven games and earned three starts before suffering a season-ending knee injury against Louisiana-Lafayette in week seven in 2002 ... Competed in all 12 games in 2003, including four as a starter ... On the year he had 352 snaps, 29 knockdowns and a cumulative season grade of 76 percent.

NE Oklahoma A&M: Started on same offensive line at NEOA&M with fellow Blue Raider Bill Brasch, who was also his roommate ... Helped lead NEOA&M to a 9-3 mark in 2000 ... Played for coach Dale Patterson ... Chose MT over Oklahoma State, Tulsa and Colorado.

High School: Played at Catoosa HS where his team went 5-5 his senior year ... Voted All-State as senior and tabbed 5A Lineman of the Year ... Also earned All-Conference and All-District honors ... Played defen-

sive end as well and led team with 12 sacks his senior year ... Played football for coach Pat McGrew ... Lettered in wrestling and track ... Top-ranked heavyweight his senior year ... Finished his career with 135-6 record ... Two-time regular season champion in wrestling and two-time state placer ... Four-time state qualifier in the discus ... Broke school record with throw of 171-6.5.

Personal: Brandon John Parker ... Born October 27, 1980 ... Son of Mark and Libby Thompson ... Majoring in Physical Education.

Bobby Payne



6-4, 285, FR
Morrilton, Ark./
Morrilton HS
Throws

2003 Football: Played in 11 games, including four as a starter ... Ended the year with 13 tackles, 2.5 tackles for loss, two sacks and a forced fumble.

High School: A Super Prep All-American ... An All-State and All-Conference performer for coach Doug Scheel at Morrilton HS ... Rated the No. 4 recruit in the state of Arkansas by *Hootens* Magazine ... Regarded as the No. 43 recruit in the nation by Rivals100.com and the 89th best recruit by Max Emfinger ... Registered 65 tackles as a senior to go along with six sacks, two fumble recoveries, two pass breakups, 11 tackles for loss, and two blocked kicks ... Collected 17 tackles and two sacks against Harrison HS ... Lettered in football, track and basketball ... Was on the 2000 and 2001 state champion track teams and earned All-State honors in the shot put both years.

Personal: Son of Lena Payne ... Born December 18, 1983 ... Majoring in Concrete Industry Management.

Willie Parker



6-1, 180, SO
Knoxville, Tenn./
Farragut HS
Throws
PR: 45-9/132-2

2002-03

Indoor: Finished fifth in both shot put and weight throw at

Middle Tennessee Invitational ... Placed fifth in shot put at Blue Raider Invitational and fourth at Blue Raider Classic ... Again placed fifth in shot put at Middle Tennessee Classic ... Placed eighth in both shot put (43-10) and weight throw (35-5.5) at Sun Belt Championships.

Outdoor: Placed fifth in shot put and eighth in discus

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at Mississippi State Invitational ... Finished third in shot put, fourth in hammer and fifth in discus at Boston-Moon Classic ... Had season-bests marks in shot put (45-9) and hammer (132-2) at Vanderbilt Invitational ... Placed sixth in discus and seventh in both shot put and hammer at Murray State Invitational ... Finished eighth in hammer and posted season-best mark in discus (130-10) at Sun Belt Championships.

High School: Three-year letterwinner for coach Scott McKenzie at Farragut HS ... Earned All-Knoxville Interscholastic and All-Region as senior ... Finished third at state meet in discus as senior ... Personal-bests include 50-8.5 in shot put and 160-10 in discus ... Also earned two letters in basketball ... Set FHS freshman record for most three-pointers in game ... Freshman Class Treasurer.

Personal: Willie Sanders Parker III ... Born September 5, 1984 ... Son of Bill, Jr., and Jane Parker ... Majoring in Entrepreneurship.

Mardy Scales



**5-9, 160, SR
Franklin, Tenn./
Centennial HS
Sprints
PR: 10.21/20.65**

2002-03

Indoor: Earned second straight All-America honor in 60m and held the fastest time in the nation in the event for six weeks ... Won seven times during the season, including pair of Sun Belt titles ... Only Sun Belt athlete to earn All-America honor in 2003 ... Posted fastest times in conference in 55m, 60m and 200m for season ... Won 55m in NCAA provisional time of 6.22 at Middle Tennessee Invitational ... Set school-record and automatically qualified for NCAA Championships in winning 60m in 6.60 at Kentucky Invitational ... Also won 200m at same meet in provisional time of 21.21 ... Named SBC Track Performer of the Week after winning at UK ... Won 55m in 6.26 and placed second in 200m in 21.16 at Blue Raider Classic ... Picked up another victory in 60m in 6.69 at Indiana Invitational ... Won 55m in 6.31 and 200m in 21.16 at Sun Belt Championships, earning All-SBC honors in both events ... Also voted SBC Most Outstanding Track Performer after leading the Blue Raiders to their third straight SBC title.

Outdoor: Posted perhaps the most successful season in Blue Raider sprinting history, earning a pair of All-America honors and winning an individual title at the NCAA Championships ... Posted fastest times in Sun Belt in both 100 and 200m ... Did not run the first month of the outdoor season, nursing an injury from the end of the indoor season ... Won both 100 (10.27) and 200m (20.77), both in regional qualifying times, in his first meet of the season, at Vanderbilt Invitational, earning Sun Belt Athlete of the Week honors ... Also member of second-place 4x100m relay in regional

qualifying time of 40.11 at Vandy ... Member of fifth-place 4x100m relay at Penn Relays ... Tied school record with 10.24 in 100m prelims at Sun Belt Championships ... Won 100 and 200m and member of winning 4x100m relay at SBC meet, earning All-SBC honors in all three ... Member of second-place 4x100m relay at Georgia Tech Invitational ... Ran wind-aided times of 10.21 and 10.02 to win 100m at NCAA Mid-east Regional ... Also member of second-place 4x100m relay at regional ... Won 100m at NCAA Championships in 10.25, becoming first Blue Raider male to win national spring title in school history and earning first outdoor All-America honor after two indoor recognitions ... Also member of school record-setting third-place 4x100m relay at NCAA Championships ... Four-some ran record-setting 38.94 in event finals to earn All-America honors, the first relay to do so at Middle Tennessee since 1982 ... Posted seventh-place finish in 100m at USA Track & Field Championships, the only amateur in the finals ... Won silver medal in 100 at Pan American Games in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic ... Also a member of gold-medal winning 4x100m relay at Pan Am Games.

2001-02

Indoor: Won 55m (6.21) and 200m (21.08) at MT Christmas Invitational ... Ran 6.70 in 60m to finish second at Kentucky Invitational ... Named Sun Belt Track Athlete of the Week for January 15 after showings in first two meets of season ... Again won 55m (6.28) and came in second in 200m (21.38) at MT Invitational ... Set school 55m record in prelims of event, running 6.20 ... Had emergency appendectomy on January 31 ... Won 55m (6.32) and took second in 200m (21.30) at Sun Belt Championships ... Ran 21.56 in 200m prelims at NCAA Championships ... Earned All-America honors in 60m, finishing eighth in 6.90.

Outdoor: Came in sixth in 400m and was member of winning 4x100m relay at Auburn Springtime Invitational ... Came in fourth in 100m (10.69) and member



Mardy Scales celebrates after winning the 100 meters at the 2003 NCAA Outdoor Track & Field Championships.

of provisional qualifying 4x100m relay (39.57) at Alabama Relays ... Member of 4x100m relay and third-place 4x200m relay at Texas Relays ... Pulled a hamstring in 100m at Sea Ray Relays ... Member of 4x100m and 4x200m relays at Penn Relays ... Again pulled hamstring a Sun Belt Championships, finishing seventh in 100m and sixth in 200m, as well as member of winning 4x100m relay.

2000-01

Indoor: Ran 6.92 in 60m prelims and 22.52 in 200m at Rod McCravy Memorial ... Finished fifth in 55m at Arkansas State Invitational ... Took third in 60m and fifth in 200m at Indiana Invitational ... Placed second in 55m and fourth in 200m at MT Valentine Invitational ... Came in seventh in 55m and fourth in 200m at Sun Belt Championships.

Outdoor: Won 100m at Southern Miss Invitational ... Named Sun Belt Track Athlete of the Week for March 18 after winning at USM ... Posted time of 10.28 in prelims at Texas Relays ... Won 100m (10.25) and 200m (20.83) at Vanderbilt, a personal best in 100m ... Again named Sun Belt Track Athlete of the Week, for April 22, after wins at Vandy ... Took second in 100m and first in 200m at Sun Belt Championships, posting personal best mark in 200m (20.65) ... Named Sun Belt Outdoor Track Performer of the Week on March 18.

High School: Named All-State and All-Region in track and football at Centennial HS ... Won state titles in 100m and 200m as senior.

Personal: Marcellus Andrellious Scales ... Born September 10, 1982 ... Son of Melvin and Gail Scales ... Majoring in Physical Education.

JJ Sturm



**6-0, 145, SO
Fairfax, Va./
Franklin (TN) HS
Jumps
PR: 23-9**

2002-03

Indoor: Placed fifth in long jump at Middle Tennessee Invitational, Blue Raider Invitational and Blue Raider Classic ... Finished eighth in long jump and seventh in triple jump with season-best 42-9 at Indiana Invitational ... Also came in eighth in long jump at Middle Tennessee Classic ... Placed sixth with season-best mark of 22-11.5 in long jump at Sun Belt Championships.

Outdoor: Finished seventh in long jump at both Alabama Relays and Mississippi State Invitational ... Placed fifth at Vanderbilt Invitational and won event at Murray State Invitational with mark of 23-8 ... Came in eighth at Sun Belt Championships ... Finished third at Georgia Tech Invitational ... Jumped 23-0.75 at NCAA Mid-east Regional ... Placed fourth with mark of 23-9 at USA Junior Track & Field Championships.

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High School: Four-year letterwinner for coach Jan Sadler at Franklin HS in Nashville ... Earned All-District honors as senior ... Finished seventh in long jump in 2002 and eighth in 2001 at Nike Indoor Classic ... Won long jump at Vanderbilt Great Eight ... Owns FHS long jump record at 22-8 ... Also owns Scott Hartman Meet record at 22-4 ... Member of Honor Roll and graduated with honors ... Also received President's Award ... Lettered one year in wrestling.

Personal: Jonathan James Sturm ... Born January 17, 1984 ... Son of Jim and Beth Sturm ... Majoring in Psychology.

Tarik Thabet



6-0, 158, SO
Devil la Barre, France/
Universite Paris-Nord
Distance
PR: 3:51.2

Attended University of Paris-Nord for two years before enrolling at Middle Tennessee.

Attended Lycee C. Saint Saeus in Devil la Barre, France ... Named All-French in cross country as senior for coach Bernard Fageot ... Qualified for French National Championships as junior ... Placed 113th in cross country and 13th in 1500 in 1997, 99th in XC and seventh in 1500 in 1999, third in 1500 in 2001, and 86th in cross country and 12th in 1500 in 2002 ... Top times include 1:54.46 in 800, 2:30.87 in 1000, 3:57.31 in 1500, and 8:36 in 3000.

Personal: Tarik Thabet ... Son of Mahmoud and Safia Thabet ... Born February 20, 1980.

James Thomas



5-11, 275, FR
Knoxville, Tenn./
Farragut HS
Throws
PR: 58-0/161-0

High School: Football and track letterwinner at Farragut HS ... Named All-KIL as senior ... Finished second in Junior Olympics in shot put in 2002 ... Holds school records in shot put (58-0) and discus (161-0).

Personal: James Arthur Thomas ... Son of Ron and Nancy Allen ... Born September 12, 1983.

Danny Tolbert



5-10, 170, SO
Okeechobee, Fla./
Okeechobee HS
(Coffeyville CC)
Sprints
PR: 10.60

2002-03

Outdoor: Finished second

in 100m in 10.61 at Murray State Invitational ... False-started in 100m prelims at Sun Belt Championships ... Posted time of 10.97 in 100m prelims at Georgia Tech Invitational.

2003 Football: Played in all 12 games and earned nine starts at right corner ... Had 30 tackles on the season, an interception and seven pass breakups.

Coffeyville CC: Voted Second Team NJCAA All-American in 2002 and also earned All-Conference honors ... Helped lead Coffeyville to 9-3 record and win in the inaugural Dalton Defenders Bowl in 2002 ... Led Coffeyville and tied for second in the KJCCC with four interceptions in 2002 while returning one for a touchdown ... Also ranked seventh in the KJCCC in punt returns with a 7.7 yard average and brought one back for a score ... Named second team all-conference as a freshman after registering three interceptions.

High School: Played at Okeechobee HS for coach Cary McKee ... Voted Athlete of the Month three times his senior year ... Named team MVP in 2000 and 2001 ... Tallied six interceptions as senior and had total of 13 during his career ... Registered three touchdowns in a win over Cocoa Beach HS (2 INT and 1 punt return) ... Lettered in football and track.

Personal: Son of Danny and Mary Tolbert ... Born January 3, 1983 ... Majoring in University Studies - Liberal Arts.

Sean Waller



5-10, 160, SO
Madison, Tenn./
Hunters Lane HS
Sprints/Jumps
PR: 46.43/24-6

2002-03

Indoor: Posted fastest time in Sun Belt in 400m and second-best mark in long jump for season ... Won 400m in 47.99, set personal-best in finishing second in long jump with mark of 24-1, and member of winning mile relay at Middle Tennessee Invitational ... Finished sixth in 200m and member of second-place mile relay at Blue Raider Invitational ... Won again in 400m in 47.69 and tied for first with personal-best 24-6 in long jump at Blue Raider Classic ... Also member of winning mile relay ... Picked up another victory in 400m and member of winning 4x400m relay at Indiana Invitational ... Named SBC Track Performer of the Week after winning at IU ... Finished third in long jump at Middle Tennessee Classic ... Won 400m in 47.95, placed third in long jump and member of winning 4x400m relay at Sun Belt Championships, earning All-SBC honors in all three events.

Outdoor: Posted fastest time in Sun Belt in 400m ... Placed fourth in 400m (47.73), sixth in long jump (23-2.75) and member of fifth-place 4x200m relay at Alabama Relays ... Finished second in personal-best and regional qualifying time of 47.03 in 400m and also member of winning 4x400m relay at Yellowjacket Invitational ... Member of fourth-place 4x400m relay at Sea Ray Relays ... Again set personal-best with 46.72 in winning 400m and also member of winning 4x400m relay at Vanderbilt Invitational ... Member of second-place 4x400m relay at Penn Relays, earning Sun Belt



Sean Waller

THE BLUE RAIDERS

Athlete of the Week honors ... Set personal-best again with 46.43 in winning 400m and also member of winning 4x400m relay at Sun Belt Championships ... Placed third in 400m in 46.48 at Georgia Tech Invitational ... Ran 47.23 in 400m prelims and member of 4x400m relay at NCAA Mideast Regional.

High School: Earned All-Midstate and Region 6-5A Offensive Player of the Year honors in 2001 for Hunters Lane HS ... Averaged 10.0 yards per rush over his last two seasons ... Rushed for 1,600 yards on 168 carries (9.5) and 19 touchdowns in leading Hunters Lane to 8-3 mark and berth in state playoffs ... Also tallied 11 receptions for 210 yards and one TD, along with two interceptions on defense ... Guided Warriors to state playoffs his junior year after rushing for 1,847 yards on 178 carries and 17 touchdowns ... Also a gifted track athlete, winning the 100m (10.86), 200m (personal best 21.25), and 400m (47.21) to lead Hunters Lane to 2002 AAA State Championship ... Waller's 52 points in state meet was more than any other team had combined ... Named 2002 *Tennessean* Track Athlete of the Year ... Earned 2001 and 2002 Gatorade Tennessee Athlete of the Year award in track after leading Hunters Lane to state championship ... Won 200m as junior (21.74) while finishing runner-up in 100 and 400 at state meet ... Ranked 13th nationally in 400m with time of 47.04 ... Won 400m as sophomore and holds freshman school records at HLHS in long jump, high jump, 100m, 200m and 400m ... Also holds school record in high jump at 6-4.

Personal: Sean Andre Waller ... Born October 31, 1982 ... Son of Wanvelyn Waller ... Majoring in Mass Communication.

Zack Wood



6-5, 180, SO
Murfreesboro,
Tenn./
Oakland HS
Distance
PR: 4:41.3

2003 XC: Placed 43rd at UTC Opener and 44th at WKU Old Timers Classic ... Finished 36th at SBC Championships.

2002-03

Indoor: Finished between 2:03.13 and 2:05.25 in three meets in 800m ... Member of third-place 4x800m relay at Indiana Invitational and third-place DMR at Sun Belt Championships, earning All-SBC honors in DMR ... Finished 19th in mile at SBC Championships.

Outdoor: Finished second in steeplechase at Boston-Moon Classic ... Placed seventh in time of 9:46.53 at Vanderbilt Invitational ... Won event at Murray State Invitational and finished sixth at Sun Belt Championships ... Placed eighth in season-best time of 9:36.30 at Georgia Tech Invitational ... Placed 14th in time of 9:57.56 at USA Junior Track & Field Championships.

High School: Four-year track and cross country letterwinner for coaches Mark Saltalamachia and Truin Turner at Oakland HS ... Named All-Midstate in cross country as junior ... Member of third-place 4x800 relay as junior ... Team finished second overall at state as junior ... Top times include 2:03 in 800, 4:50 in mile and 17:00 in three-mile ... Member of Homecoming Court as junior and senior and Homecoming King as senior ... Voted Mr. OHS as senior ... Member of All-Midstate choir.

Personal: Zachary Stephen Wood ... Son of Stephen Wood and Glynda Gardner ... Born April 30, 1984 ... Majoring in Psychology.

Linnie Yarbrough



6-3, 181, SO
East St. Louis, Ill./
Hunters Lane (TN) HS
Hurdles
PR: 14.12

2002-03

Indoor: Posted second fastest times in Sun Belt in both 55 and 60m hurdles for season ... Won 60m hurdles and member of third-place 4x400m "B" relay at Kentucky Invitational ... Placed third in 55m hurdles at Blue Raider Invitational and first in same event in season-best 7.41 at Blue Raider Classic ... Came in third in 55m hurdles at Middle Tennessee Classic and second at Sun Belt Championships, earning All-SBC honors.

Outdoor: Placed second in 110m hurdles in 14.25, seventh in 400m hurdles and member of winning shuttle hurdle relay at Alabama Relays ... Again came in second in 110m hurdles at Mississippi State Invitational ... Member of third-place shuttle hurdle relay at Sea Ray Relays ... Finished fifth in 110m hurdles in 14.18 and sixth in 400m hurdles in 54.11 at Vanderbilt Invitational ... Won 100m hurdles and placed second in 400m hurdles at Murray State Invitational ... Ran season-best 14.12 in 110m hurdle prelims before taking second in finals ... Ran 14.15 in 110m hurdle prelims at NCAA Mideast Regional.

High School: Two-year letterwinner for coach Chuck Lewis at Hunters Lane HS in Nashville ... Voted First Team All-State and All-Midstate as senior ... Won state title as senior and finished third as junior in 100mH at state meet ... Named Second Team All-State and All-Midstate as junior ... Broke HLHS record in 110mH with 14.2 as senior ... Ran personal-best 14.10 in 2001 ... Finished fifth at 2001 USA Junior Olympics ... Also four-year letterwinner at quarterback.

Personal: Linnie Earl Yarbrough ... Born September 9, 1982 ... Son of Linnie, Sr., and Mary Yarbrough ... Majoring in Recording Industry Management.



(L To R) Godfrey Herring, Jasper Demps and Tanko Braimah celebrate after winning at the 2001 SBC Outdoor Championships in New Orleans, La. The Blue Raiders will look to add a second outdoor title to their resume this year in Denton, Texas.

LADY RAIDER RECORDS

LADY RAIDER INDOOR RECORDS

EVENT	RECORD HOLDER	RECORD	YEAR
Long Jump	Dionne Rose	20-8.25	1994
Triple Jump	Andreja Ribac	43-7.25	2000
Shot Put	Shelly Johnson	48-7.25	1996
High Jump	Veronica Tipton	5-8	1991
	Mia Florence	5-8	1995
Pole Vault	Jennifer Howard	10-8.25	2003
Weight Throw	Meaghan Byrd	45-2	2003
55 Meters	Dionne Rose	6.89	1994
55M Hurdles	Dionne Rose	7.59	1994
200 Meters	Nadia Graham	23.54	1996
400 Meters	Rosemary Okafor	53.66	2003
800 Meters	Leigh Weathers	2:14.97	1990
Mile Run	Dianne DeOliveira	5:01.73	1991
3000 Meters	Kiya Thomas	10:21.57	1990
5000 Meters	Lea White	18:46.26	1992
4x400M Relay	George, Gray, Okafor, Holmes	3:38.18	2002
Distance Medley Relay	Barnes, McGill, Smith, DeOliveira	12:22.45	1992



Andreja Ribac jumped 43-7.25 in 2000 to set the Lady Raider triple jump mark.

LADY RAIDER OUTDOOR RECORDS

EVENT	RECORD HOLDER	RECORD	YEAR
Long Jump	Dionne Rose	21-9	1994
Triple Jump	Andreja Ribac	43-7.5	2000
High Jump	Veronica Tipton	5-10.5	1992
Shot Put	Rhonda Hall	47-0.5	1995
Discus	Shelly Johnson	168-5	1995
Javelin	Kelley Smith	127-3	2000
Pole Vault	Jennifer Howard	10-0.5	2003
Hammer Throw	Meaghan Byrd	106-10	2003
100 Meters	Natalie Douglas	11.34	1994
	Rosemary Okafor	11.34	2003
200 Meters	Rosemary Okafor	23.18	2003
400 Meters	Rosemary Okafor	52.61	2003
800 Meters	Leigh Weathers	2:13.15	1991
1500 Meters	Dianne DeOliveira	4:35.09	1991
3000 Meters	Sharon Smith	10:21.74	1989
5000 Meters	Joan Becker	18:01.70	1986
10000 Meters	Lea White	37:38.5	1992
100M Hurdles	Dionne Rose	13.14	1994
400M Hurdles	Kishara George	59.57	2003
4X100M Relay	Douglas, Rose, Brown, Watson	44.87	1994
4X200M Relay	Holmes, Jarrett, Heintz, Ansah	1:35.87	2001
4X400M Relay	George, Gray, Okafor, Holmes	3:39.35	2002
4X800M Relay	Smith, Barnes, DeOliveira, Weathers	9:06.63	1992
4X1500M Relay	Barnes, Smith, DeOliveira, Thomas	19:57.23	1991
Sprint Medley Relay	Ralls, Phillips, Hall, Graham	1:44.83	1995
Distance Medley Relay	Barnes, McGill, Smith, DeOliveira	12:07.74	1991
Shuttle Hurdle Relay	Dean, Williams, McGill, Rose	58.53	1994



The Lady Raiders claimed the top six positions in the triple jump at the 2002 SBC Indoor Championships. Standing on the podium (L to R): Jameka Collins, Letitia Eady, winner Kim Freeman, Stephany Reid and KeKe Deckard. Rolanda Howard is in the middle standing on the floor.

NCAA Champions

DIONNE ROSE
1994 NCAA 55m Hurdle Champion

Other Honors

NADIA GRAHAM
1996 OVC Female Athlete of the Year

DIONNE ROSE
1994 OVC Track Woman of the Year

2004 MIDDLE TENNESSEE TRACK AND FIELD

LADY RAIDER HONOR ROLL

EVENT	NAME	RECORD	YEAR	EVENT	NAME	RECORD	YEAR	
Long Jump	1. Dionne Rose	21-9	1994	400 Meters	1. Rosemary Okafor	52.61	2003	
	2. Jacqui Brown	21-3.25	1994		2. Nadia Graham	53.30	1996	
	3. Michelle Welch	20-5	1990		3. Bromeka Holmes	53.59	2001	
	4. Sherrie Bingham	20-2	1987		4. Naomi Ansah	54.22	2000	
	5. Kim Freeman	20-1.5	2002		5. Kishara George	54.87	2002	
Triple Jump	1. Andreja Ribac	43-7.5	2000	800 Meters	1. Kapreia Kirk	2:11.64	2000	
	2. Jacqui Brown	43-1	1994		2. Leigh Weathers	2:13.15	1991	
	3. Kim Freeman	42-4.25	2001		3. Coleen Parker	2:13.42	2002	
	4. Stephany Reid	41-10.25	2002		4. Sabrina Smith	2:13.90	2000	
	5. Letitia Eady	41-5.25	2002		5. Elissa Davis	2:15.67	1990	
High Jump	1. Veronica Tipton	5-10.5	1992	1500 Meters	1. Dianne DeOliveira	4:35.09	1991	
	2. Ursula Langford	5-8.5	1989		2. Sharon Smith	4:43.11	1990	
	3. Mia Florence	5-8	1994		3. Karen Barnes	4:44.90	1992	
	4. Krista Hare	5-6.5	1989		4. Kiya Thomas	4:50.33	1991	
	t5. Koko Rowley	5-6	1992		5. Sharon Johnson	4:50.94	1981	
	t5. Amanda Forrester	5-6	2001-02	3000 Meters	1. Kiya Thomas	10:21.57	1990	
t5. LaToya Brown	5-6	2003	2. Sharon Smith		10:21.74	1989		
Shot Put	1. Shelly Johnson	48-7.25	1996		3. Karen Barnes	10:22.37	1992	
	2. Rhonda Hall	47-0.5	1995		4. Dianne DeOliveira	10:29.06	1991	
	3. Shauntel Jennings	44-9	1999		5. Vicki Wells	10:39.24	1981	
	4. Meaghan Byrd	43-6	2003	5000 Meters	1. Joan Becker	18:01.72	1986	
	5. Tina Rumsey	39-8	1994		2. Lea White	18:27.01	1992	
Discus	1. Shelly Johnson	168-5	1997		3. Lisa Mitchell	18:47.68	1982	
	2. Tina Rumsey	139-6	1993		4. Robin Moses	18:48.34	1981	
	3. Rhonda Hall	133-8	1995		5. Kiya Thomas	18:53.14	1991	
	4. Deidre Mitchell	128-6	1987	10,000 Meters	1. Lea White	37:38.8	1992	
	5. Tracy Edens	126-7	1989		2. Debbie Morrison	38:33.09	1986	
Javelin	1. Kelley Smith	127-3	2000		3. Lisa Mitchell	39:46.32	1982	
	2. Tracy Edens	124-6	1989		4. Robin Moses	40:01.30	1981	
	3. Dara McLean	121-5	2002		Pole Vault	1. Jennifer Howard	10-8.25	2003
	4. Tori Blander	118-1	2002	Heptathlon		1. Jerkita McClorin	4774 pts	2003
	5. Tina Rumsey	114-11	1994			2. Kelley Smith	4675 pts	2002
100M Hurdles	1. Dionne Rose	13.14	1994			3. LaToya Brown	3829 pts	2002
	2. Jerkita McClorin	13.46	2001			4. Ayana Riveiere	3471 pts	2003
	3. Sherrie Bingham	13.90	1987		4X100M Relay	1. Douglas, Rose, Brown, Watson	44.87	1994
	4. Kelley Smith	14.07	2002	2. Cain, Heintz, Davis, Holmes		44.99	2001	
	5. Latonia Jackson	14.15	1992	3. Okafor, George, Barrow, Jarrett		45.64	2003	
400M Hurdles	1. Kishara George	59.57	2003	4. Purham, Heintz, Brent, Davis		45.83	2000	
	2. Tori Blander	59.78	2000	5. Phillips, Douglas, Brown, Watson		45.84	1994	
	3. Alicia Moore	1:01.78	2000	4X400M Relay	1. George, Gray, Okafor, Holmes	3:38.18	2002	
	4. Saran Dunmore	1:02.07	1996		2. Barrow, George, Freeman, Okafor	3:40.15	2003	
	5. Nadrian McGill	1:02.31	1994		3. Gray, Barrow, George, Okafor	3:41.53	2003	
100 Meters	t1. Natalie Douglas	11.34	1994		4. Hall, Parrish, Phillips, Graham	3:42.25	1996	
	t1. Rosemary Okafor	11.34	2003		5. Jarrett, McClorin, Holmes, Ansah	3:43.68	2001	
	3. Willisa Heintz	11.47	2001					
	4. Nadia Graham	11.67	1995					
	5. Kim Watson	11.79	1994					
200 Meters	1. Rosemary Okafor	23.18	2003					
	2. Willisa Heintz	23.35	2001					
	3. Nadia Graham	23.54	1996					
	4. Dionne Rose	24.02	1994					
	5. Kishara George	24.12	2002					

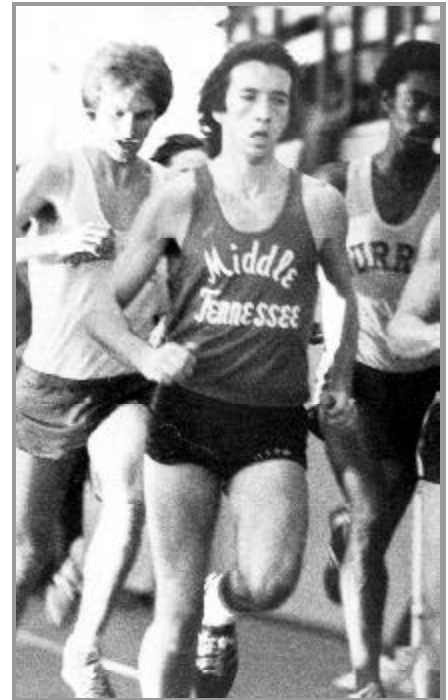
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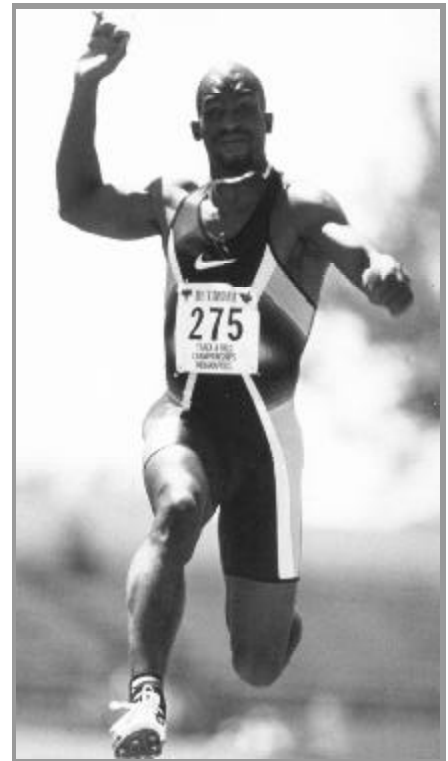
EVENT	RECORD HOLDER	RECORD	YEAR
Long Jump	Roland McGhee	27-0.75	1993
Triple Jump	Tommy Haynes	54-6.5	1974
Shot Put	Brian Oldfield	57-7	1966
Pole Vault	Tom Yelverton	15-8.5	1981
High Jump	Skipper Willbanks	7-0.5	1985
Weight Throw	Brandon Parker	45-9.25	2002
55 Meters	Roland McGhee	6.20	1994
	Keith Watkins	6.20	1995
	Mardy Scales	6.20	2002
55M Hurdles	Micah Otis	7.23	1992
200 Meters	Roland McGhee	20.99	1993
400 Meters	Godfrey Herring	46.41	2002
800 Meters	Dennis Votava	1:51.84	1977
Mile Run	Joe O'Loughlin	4:03.47	1982
3000 Meters	Joe O'Loughlin	8:12.64	1981
5000 Meters	Geoffrey Lagat	15:19.23	2003
Mile Relay	Ellis, Newton, Johnson, Mitchell	3:09.93	1983
Distance Medley Relay	Johnson, Mitchell, Davis, O'Loughlin	9:48.04	1981

BLUE RAIDER OUTDOOR RECORDS

EVENT	RECORD HOLDER	RECORD	YEAR
Long Jump	Roland McGhee	27-6	1993
Triple Jump	Eddie Loyd	55-2	1982
Shot Put	Brian Oldfield	59-2	1966
Discus	Harrison Salami	182-9	1977
Javelin	Jeff Sims	220-11	1984
Pole Vault	Tom Yelverton	16-0	1985
High Jump	Chris Koger	7-1.75	2002
Hammer Throw	Willie Parker	132-2	2003
100 Meters	Roland McGhee	10.24	1994
	Ron Loyd	10.24	1994
	Mardy Scales	10.24	2003
200 Meters	Roland McGhee	20.44	1994
400 Meters	Godfrey Herring	45.35	2001
110M Hurdles	Miguel Williams	13.69	1983
400M Hurdles	Victor Okorie	49.19	2003
800 Meters	Jerry Singleton	1:49.6	1969
1500 Meters	Gary Perry	3:42.9	1977
5000 Meters	Ross Dowland	14:20.84	1981
10000 Meters	Robert Willis	30:51.20	1983
4X100M Relay	Spann, Scales, Orr, Holiday	38.94	2003
4X200M Relay	Lloyd, McGhee, Gupton, Otis	1:21.17	1994
4X400M Relay	Dupar-Scott, Spann, Williams, Herring	3:06.48	2002
4X800M Relay	Yates, Anderson, Bandy, Singleton	7:34.4	1967
4X1500M Relay	Green, Flint, Byrne, Porter	16:13.80	1985
Sprint Medley Relay	Shannon, Mitchell, T. Johnson, Davis	3:20.68	1982
Distance Medley Relay	Lawrence, Farris, Davis, O'Loughlin	9:50.64	1982
Shuttle Hurdle Relay	R. Davis, Kirnes, Nesbitt, Williams	56.73	1983



Joe O'Loughlin holds the Blue Raider indoor records in the mile run and 3000 meters.



Roland McGhee holds three indoor and four outdoor Blue Raider records, including the long jump mark of 27-6.

NCAA Champions

BARRY MCCLURE

1972 and 1973 NCAA Triple Jump Champion
Set Collegiate Records at 52-10.5 and 54-1.75

TOMMY HAYNES

1974 NCAA Triple Jump Champion
Set Collegiate Record at 54-6.75 (1974) and American Record at 56-5.25 (1975)

MARDY SCALES

2003 NCAA Outdoor 100m Champion

Other Honors

BRIAN OLDFIELD

Set Professional Shot Put World Record at 75-0 (1974) and American Record at 72-9.75 (1984)

GREG ARTIS

1981 OVC Athlete of the Year and OVC Indoor/Outdoor Trackman of the Year

ROB JORDAN

1999 OVC Trackman of the Year

2004 MIDDLE TENNESSEE TRACK AND FIELD

BLUE RAIDER HONOR ROLL

EVENT	NAME	RECORD	YEAR	EVENT	NAME	RECORD	YEAR
Long Jump	1. Roland McGhee	27-6	1993	800 Meters	1. Jerry Singleton	1:49.74	1969
	2. Tommy Haynes	26-8.5	1974		2. John Davis	1:49.96	1981
	3. Greg Artis	26-7.5	1981		3. Gary Perry	1:50.34	1977
	4. Dwight Johnson	26-6	1985		4. Dana McCutcheon	1:50.84	1978
	5. Andre' Kirnes	26-3.5	1982		5. Dennis Votava	1:50.94	1977
Triple Jump	1. Eddie Loyd	55-2	1982	1500 Meters	1. Gary Perry	3:42.9	1977
	2. Tommy Haynes	54-6.75	1974		2. Joe O'Loughlin	3:44.8	1982
	3. Barry McClure	54-4.5	1973		3. Dennis Votava	3:46.0	1977
	4. Roland McGhee	54-4	1993		4. Dana McCutcheon	3:52.0	1980
	5. John DoDoo	54-0.5	1979		5. Charles Dahlgren	3:54.5	1967
High Jump	1. Chris Koger	7-1.75	2002	3000 Meter Steeplechase	1. Danny Green	9:08.37	1986
	2. Skipper Willbanks	7-1	1985		2. Levi Sybert	9:10.14	2003
	t3. Roscoe Kidd	7-0	1978		3. Eric Kiauka	9:24.34	1998
	t3. Linwood Harris	7-0	1984		4. Anthony McGary	9:29.97	2002
	t3. Sean Smith	7-0	1985		5. Zack Wood	9:36.30	2003
Pole Vault	1. Tom Yelverton	16-0	1982	5000 Meters	1. Ross Dowland	14:20.84	1981
	2. David Cleveland	15-7	1978		2. Joe O'Loughlin	14:21.80	1981
	t3. Jack Warner	15-6	1976-77		3. Geoffrey Lagat	14:33.40	2000
	t3. Scott Ellis	15-6	1981		4. Jeff Skinner	14:44.24	1982
	5. Mike Stevens	14-9	1967		5. Richard Russo	14:48.44	1972
Shot Put	1. Brian Oldfield	59-2	1966	10000 Meters	1. Robert Willis	30:51.20	1983
	2. Ted Hausauer	56-10.75	1976		2. Geoffrey Lagat	30:52.70	2001
	3. Steve McQuiston	55-7.5	1985		3. Jeff Skinner	31:01.44	1984
	4. Buck Edwards	53-5	1970		4. Jeff Lingwall	31:50.94	1993
	5. James McClellan	53-1	1982		5. Jason Smith	32:57.25	1997
Discus	1. Harrison Salami	182-9	1977	110M Hurdles	1. Miguel Williams	13.69	1983
	2. Steve McQuiston	167-1	1985		2. Ron Bramlett	13.72	1999
	3. Brian Oldfield	166-5	1966		3. Jasper Demps	13.75	2001
	4. Buck Edwards	162-9	1970		4. Micah Otis	13.90	1993
	5. Vince Akridge	156-2	1997		t5. Kenny Nesbitt	13.97	1984
Javelin	1. Jeff Sims	220-11	1984	t5. Garland Martin	13.97	2003	
	2. Harrison Salami	217-0	1976	400M Hurdles	1. Victor Okorie	49.14	2003
	3. Keith Cromartie	198-0	1974		2. Russell Holloway	50.14	1977
	4. Bill Elmer	197-8	1976		3. DJ Spann	50.55	2003
	5. Lindsay Sims	188-1	2001		4. David Wyatt	50.84	1970
			5. Kenny Nesbitt		50.97	1984	
100 Meters	t1. Roland McGhee	10.24	1994	4X100M Relay	1. Spann, Scales, Orr, Holiday	38.94	2003
	t1. Ron Lloyd	10.24	1994		2. Spann, Scales, Braimah, Herring	39.30	2001
	t1. Mardy Scales	10.24	2003		3. Lloyd, McGhee, Gupton, Otis	39.55	1993
	t4. Albert Agyemang	10.36	1999		4. Spann, Scales, Dupar-Scott, Herring	39.57	2002
	t4. Tanko Braimah	10.36	2000		5. Lloyd, McGhee, Primm, Otis	39.62	1994
200 Meters	1. Roland McGhee	20.44	1994	4X400M Relay	1. Dupar-Scott, Spann, Williams, Herring	3:06.48	2002
	t2. Dwight Johnson	20.65	1985		2. Ali, Williams, Jordan, Herring	3:07.03	2002
	t2. Mardy Scales	20.65	2001		3. Okorie, Williams, Hicks, Waller	3:07.25	2003
	t4. Tanko Braimah	20.77	2001		4. Ellis, Nesbitt, T. Johnson, Mitchell	3:07.28	1983
	t4. Godfrey Herring	20.77	2002		5. Paul, Spann, Jordan, Herring	3:07.39	2000
400 Meters	1. Godfrey Herring	45.35	2001				
	2. Kenden Maynard	46.12	1997				
	3. Sean Waller	46.43	2003				
	4. Ed Stegall	46.44	1977				
	5. Tim Johnson	46.78	1983				

TRACK & FIELD HISTORY

The track and field program at Middle Tennessee has been in existence for 48 years and has utilized this time to become the school's most dominant athletic program.

Blue Raider and Lady Raider track has racked up 17 NCAA Top 25 finishes, 37 conference titles and 11 Olympians. During this span, 35 individuals have brought 69 All-American awards back to the Murfreesboro campus.

There have been only two coaches in the history of the program. Joe Black Hayes got the program started in 1955, heading the program for a decade before a new coach was named in 1965.

A young head coach named Dean Hayes, no relation to the previous track and field coach, took over the program during that year. During the 1965 campaign, Middle Tennessee began to garner national attention with Brian Oldfield's second-place finish in the NCAA shot put. Oldfield would go on to set a world record with a throw of 75-0 and compete for the United States in the 1972 Olympics in Munich, Germany.

The Blue Raiders' march toward track and field supremacy continued during the 1970s. Barry McClure became the first Middle Tennessee athlete ever to earn All-American honors at the Division I level in 1970. McClure went on to further greatness in the triple jump by becoming the NCAA champion in the event in 1972 and 1973. He set the NCAA record for the triple jump during this span, also.

Tommy Haynes followed up McClure's success by breaking all of his triple jump records. He earned All-American honors in both the long jump and triple jump in 1974. He went on to set the NCAA and American records in the triple jump before competing for the United States in the 1976 Olympics in Montreal.

The first indoor meet in the Ohio Valley Conference was held in the Murphy Center in 1976, and the event was a watershed

moment for the NCAA. The current qualifying system for the NCAA championships was derived from this event.

The Blue Raiders won their first OVC Outdoor title in 1977 and returned with another outdoor championship in 1978. The squad took home its first OVC Indoor championship in 1979. From there the championships came at a fast and furious pace. The Blue Raiders and Lady Raiders would go on to capture a combined 29 titles in OVC competition.

Greg Artis would become one of the most decorated track and field athletes ever to participate at Middle Tennessee during the early 1980s. Artis became a seven-time All-American in the long jump and triple jump and was named the Ohio Valley Conference Athlete of the Year in 1981.

During this boom period for the track and field program, a very quiet championship was won that has not yet been repeated at Middle Tennessee. The 1983 men's cross country team won its only conference championship that season.

Success in the cross country realm would not again be repeated until Geoffrey Lagat won the first-ever individual title in the sport at the 2000 Sun Belt Conference meet. Lagat repeated as Sun Belt champion in 2001, as well.

The 1988 Olympics in Seoul, South Korea, perhaps shed the best light on the Middle Tennessee program, as Dean Hayes was afforded the privilege of serving the United States Olympic Team as an assistant coach.

The Lady Raiders would burst upon the scene, winning the 1988 women's indoor OVC title following Dean Hayes' ascension to the helm of the

program that year. However, that women's championship would be the only one for the program until 1991. The men's program was discontinued following the 1986 season and was not revived until 1990.

Dionne Rose would become the first female at Middle Tennessee to earn All-American honors with her performances in the long jump and the 55m hurdles in 1994. In fact, she won the NCAA Indoor title in the 55m hurdles. Rose would go on to compete for her native Jamaica in both the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta and the 2000 Games in Sydney, Australia. Rose is one of four female All-Americans in the history of the program.

The 1996 campaign would see yet another outstanding individual performance for the Lady Raiders, as Nadia Graham took home OVC Female Athlete of the Year honors.

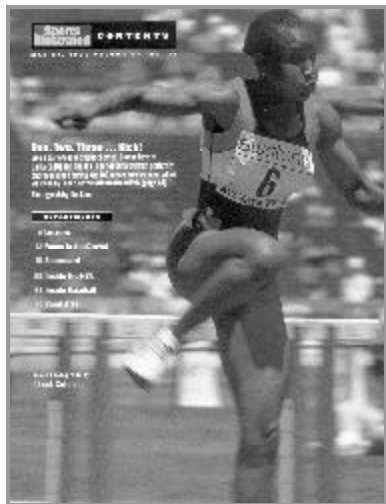
The 1990s proved to be a solid decade for Middle Tennessee track and field. The Blue Raiders and Lady Raiders combined to win 11 OVC titles during this span and saw the men's 4x200m relay team ranked No. 1 in the NCAA in 1994. That year, the 4x200 team captured the title at the prestigious Penn Relays.

The 2000 season would be the last in the OVC for Middle Tennessee and both squads went out in style. Both teams placed well in both the indoor and outdoor meets, with the men taking the indoor title for the first time in seven years. However, the events that followed put the track and field program on the fast track in the school's new league.

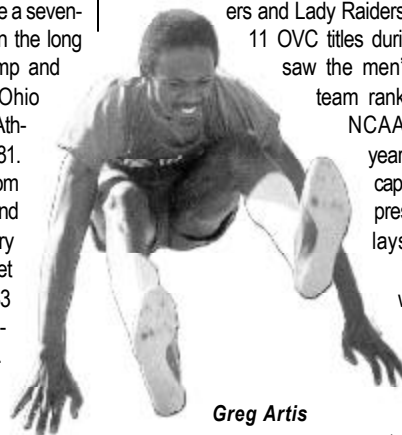
Middle Tennessee announced that it would move into the Sun Belt Conference for the 2000-01 season during the fall of 1999, but the track team got a call that it did not expect as the 2000 track and field season wound down.

Both the men's and women's teams were invited to participate in the 2000 Sun Belt Outdoor Championships in Miami, Fla., and the women's team responded by winning the championship, giving the school its first-ever SBC title.

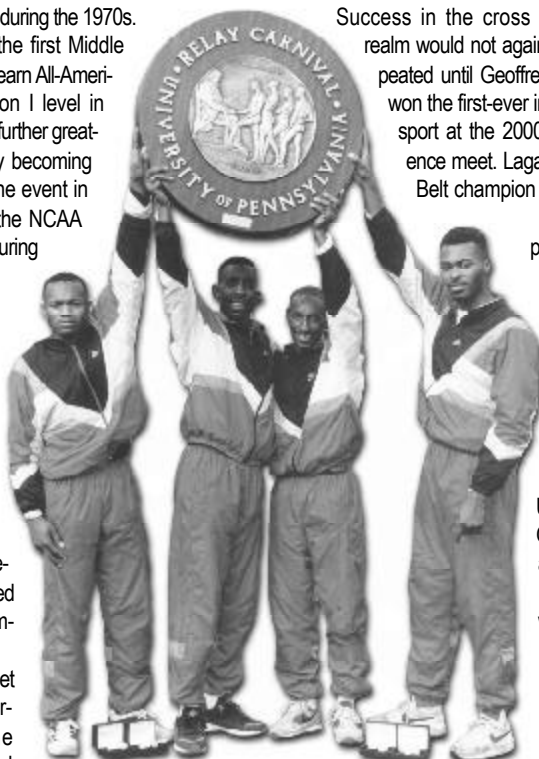
Both squads would continue a reign of supremacy in the Sun Belt by taking both the men's and women's indoor titles and the men's outdoor championship in 2001. At the end of the 2003 track and field season, Middle Tennessee had captured eight of the 14 championships for which it was eligible. Both squads continued to win titles last season, with the men's and women's squads taking the SBC Indoor Championships for the third straight year.



Dionne Rose was featured in this photo in *Sports Illustrated* during the Atlanta Grand Prix just prior to her appearance in the 1996 Olympics.



Greg Artis



The 1994 4x200m relay team won at the Penn Relays.

TRACK & FIELD FACILITIES



Middle Tennessee's Outdoor Track and Field Complex played host to the 2000 Ohio Valley Conference Championships.

Middle Tennessee's track and field teams benefit from some of the finest facilities in the Southeast.

The Blue Raiders and Lady Raiders utilize an outdoor complex that is in only its fifth year of use. The Olympic-size track was recently certified by a United States Track and Field Association official and was the host site of the 2000 Ohio Valley Conference Outdoor Championships. The facility has also been mentioned as a potential site for the Sun Belt Championships in the future.

The running surface features eight lanes measuring 42 inches each, which allows ample



Head Coach Dean Hayes monitors the photo finish area in the Murphy Center Indoor Track.

space for each competitor without feeling closed in by other runners.

Like the running surface, the infield portion of the complex is user-friendly. It features the unique aspect of having two long jump runways, allowing both the men's and women's team to either compete or practice at the same time.

A pole vault runway, javelin runway,

high jump area, and a hammer/discus cage is also located in the infield area.

The infield also doubles as the home of the Blue Raider soccer team, which inaugurated the complex on Oct. 14, 1998, defeating Tennessee Tech, 4-0.

Middle Tennessee's track and field teams consider themselves doubly lucky when considering the Murphy Center Indoor Track and Field facility.

Located on the upper level of the Murphy Athletic Center, the Indoor Track is one of only two such facilities in the Sun Belt Conference.

Murphy Center played host to the 2002 Sun Belt Indoor Track and Field Championships. The Indoor Track is no stranger to championship competition, as it played host to numerous Indoor Championships in the Ohio Valley Conference.

The Indoor Track facility measures a staggering 50,000 square feet and is capable of hosting every track and field event. The six-lane, sixth-of-a-mile long oval features two photographic finish lines.

The Murphy Center, built in 1972, also serves as the home of Middle Tennessee's men's and women's basketball teams along with the Lady Raider volleyball team. The

Monte Hale arena seats 11,520 fans. It is also the location of the athletic department offices, the HPERs department, and the Blue Raider Athletic Association office.

Murphy Center features two auxiliary gyms for team practices or physical education classes, racquetball courts, and two dance studios. It is also home to a newly-renovated Athletic Training Room that features state-of-the-art modalities for the treatment and care of athletic injuries.

Murphy Center has a long and storied history in high school athletics, as well. The facility has long been host to the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association boys and girls state basketball championships, the state volleyball championships, and the state cheerleading finals.

Aside from athletics, the facility has staged countless concerts for some of the world's most renowned artists, including Elvis Presley, Elton John, U2, The Judds, and three consecutive sold-out shows by country music superstar Garth Brooks.

Throughout the year, Murphy Center is also the site for several large conventions and trade shows and is the site for Middle Tennessee's commencement ceremonies three times a year.



The Murphy Center boasts one of only two indoor track facilities in the Sun Belt Conference.

ALL-AMERICANS



Andreja Ribac
Triple Jump
Outdoor 2000

Godfrey Herring
400m
Indoor 2000-02
Outdoor 2001-02



Jimmy Washington
Triple Jump
Outdoor 1976



Sheikh Faye
Long Jump
Outdoor 1976-78
Indoor 1976



Rayfield Dupree
Triple Jump
Indoor 1977



John DoDoo
Triple Jump
Outdoor 1978-79



Greg Artis
Long Jump
Outdoor 1979-81
Indoor 1979-81
Triple Jump
Indoor 1981



Andre Kirnes
Long Jump
Outdoor 1980, '83



Eddie Loyd
Triple Jump
Outdoor 1982



Orestes Meeks
Long Jump
Indoor 1982



Dwight Johnson
Long Jump
Indoor 1984-85



Roland McGhee
Long Jump
Indoor 1991-94
Outdoor 1991-92, '94
55m
Indoor 1993-94



Jacqui Brown
Triple Jump
Indoor 1994
Outdoor 1994
Long Jump
Indoor 1994
Outdoor 1994



Dionne Rose
55m Hurdles
Indoor 1994
Outdoor 1994
Long Jump
Indoor 1994
Outdoor 1994
'94 NCAA LJ Champ



Micah Otis
Long Jump
Indoor 1994



Christian Nsiah
200m
Indoor 1996
60m
Indoor 1999



Ron Bramlett
110m Hurdles
Outdoor 1999

EXCELLENCE

Middle Tennessee Track and Field has long been recognized as one of the nation's elite programs and one glance at the All-American list at the school proves that Middle Tennessee deserves the praise it receives.

Middle Tennessee has produced 35 All-American athletes and 69 All-American awards. Among the All-Americans, several have set American or Collegiate Records in their events and 10 have gone on to compete in the Olympics. In fact, Middle Tennessee has produced one world record holder.

All told, the Blue Raider and Lady Raider tradition of excellence has made the program a household name in the sport across the country and the world.



Kim Freeman
Triple Jump
Indoor 2001



Jasper Demps
60m Hurdles
Indoor 2001



Mardy Scales
60m
Indoor 2002-03
100m
Outdoor 2003
4x100 Relay
Outdoor 2003

'03 NCAA 100 Champ



Victor Okorie
400m Hurdles
Outdoor 2003

ALL-AMERICANS



1981 Mile Relay Team

Barry Gambrell, Mike Davidson, Gary Mitchell, Tim Johnson



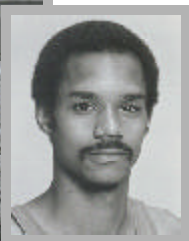
1982 Mile Relay Team

Herb Newton, Gary Mitchell, Tim Johnson, Floyd James



1982 Distance Medley Team

Herb Newton, Joe O'Loughlin, Tim Johnson, John Davis (inset)



Tommy Haynes

Long Jump

Outdoor 1974

Triple Jump

Outdoor 1974

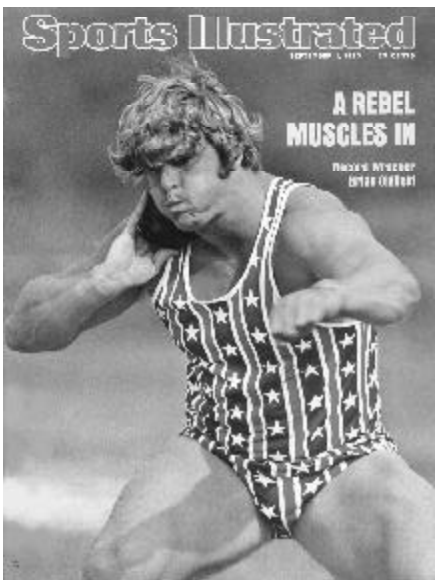
Indoor 1974

Collegiate Record

American Record

Olympic Team 1976

NCAA Champion 1974 - Triple Jump



Brian Oldfield

Shot Put

Outdoor 1965

World Record (ITA) 75-0

Olympic Team 1972

MIDDLETENNESSEE'S OLYMPIANS

Sheikh Faye, Gambia, 1972, 1976

Brian Oldfield, United States, 1976

Tommy Haynes, United States, 1976

Rayfield Dupree, United States, 1976

Dean Hayes, US Assistant Coach, 1988

Albert Agyemang, Ghana, 1996, 2000

Christian Nsiah, Ghana, 1996, 2000

Dionne Rose, Jamaica, 1996, 2000

Tanko Braimah, Ghana, 2000

Andrew Owusu, Ghana, 2000

Rosemary Okafor, Nigeria, 2000



Barry McClure

Triple Jump

Outdoor 1970-73

Indoor 1971-73

Collegiate Record

NCAA Champion 1972-73 - Triple Jump

LADY RAIDER INDOOR RECORDS

Conference Championships

1988, 1991, 1994, 1995, 1996, 2001, 2002, 2003

Dean Hayes - Coach of the Year

1991, 1994, 1995, 1996, 2001, 2002

OVC Athlete of the Year

Dionne Rose, 1994
Mia Florence, 1995
Nadia Graham, 1996

SBC Most Field Outstanding Performer

Kim Freeman, 2001
Kim Freeman/Letitia Eady, 2002

SBC Most Track Outstanding Performer

Rosemary Okafor, 2003

Individual Champions

55 Meters

1996 N. Graham/N. Ralls, MT 7.06
1997 Nekeya Ralls, MT 7.01
1999 Stacy Acklin, MT 7.06
2000 Willisa Heintz, MT 7.02
2001 Willisa Heintz, MT 6.99
2003 Rosemary Okafor, MT 6.94

55 Meter Hurdles

1992 Koko Rowley, MT 8.03
1994 Dionne Rose, MT 7.59
1996 Nekeya Ralls, MT 7.84
1997 Nekeya Ralls, MT 7.82
1998 Nekeya Ralls, MT 8.09
2001 Jerkita McClorin, MT 7.88

200 Meters

1995 Nadia Graham, MT 24.79
1996 Nadia Graham, MT 23.94
2000 Willisa Heintz, MT 24.14
2001 Willisa Heintz, MT 24.03
2003 Rosemary Okafor, MT 23.85

400 Meters

1995 Nadia Graham, MT 56.17
1996 Melanie Hall, MT 56.60
2002 Kishara George, MT 55.87

1000 Yards

1986 Debbie Morrison, MT 2:45.24

OVC RECORDS (Through 2002-03)

Event	Record	Individual	Year
Long Jump	20-5	Michelle Welch, Middle Tennessee	1990
Triple Jump	42-2	Jacqui Brown, Middle Tennessee	1994
55M Hurdles	7.59	Dionne Rose, Middle Tennessee	1994
200 Meters	23.54	Nadia Graham, Middle Tennessee	1996

Retired Events

Two Mile Relay 9:24.28 Middle Tennessee (DeOliveira, Barnes, Weathers, Smith) 1992

SBC RECORDS (Through 2002-03)

Event	Record	Individual	Year
Triple Jump	42-4.25	Kim Freeman, Middle Tennessee	2001
55 Meters	7.88	Jerkita McClorin, Middle Tennessee	2001

Mile Run

1991 Dianne DeOliveira, MT ... 5:01.73

4x400m Relay

1996 Middle Tennessee 3:48.06
2002 Middle Tennessee 3:44.69
2003 Middle Tennessee 3:43.94

Two Mile Relay

1990 Middle Tennessee 9:28.89
1991 Middle Tennessee 9:28.19
1992 Middle Tennessee 9:24.28

Shot Put

1995 Shelly Johnson, MT 46-1
1996 Shelly Johnson, MT 46-10
1997 Shelly Johnson, MT 46-0
1998 Shelly Johnson, MT 45-2.25

Long Jump

1986 Sherrie Bingham, MT 18-8
1988 Sherrie Bingham, MT 20-0.5
1989 Ursula Langford, MT 19-5.5
1990 Michelle Welch, MT 20-5
1991 Jacqui Brown, MT 19-10
1992 Jacqui Brown, MT 19-5.25
1993 Jacqui Brown, MT 20-2.5
1994 Dionne Rose, MT 20-4.5
1995 Mia Florence, MT 18-10
1996 Bianca Conley, MT 19-4.25
1997 Nekeya Ralls, MT 19-8.25
2001 Jerkita McClorin, MT 19-11.5
2002 Letitia Eady, MT 19-11.75
2003 Kim Freeman, MT 18-10

Triple Jump

1985 Sherrie Bingham, MT 36-6
1989 Kyieta Beason, MT 38-9
1992 Jacqui Brown, MT 40-2
1993 Jacqui Brown, MT 39-11
1994 Jacqui Brown, MT 42-2
1995 Mia Florence, MT 38-6.75
1996 Mia Florence, MT 39-3
1999 Andreja Ribac, MT 40-4.75
2000 Andreja Ribac, MT 41-10.75
2001 Kim Freeman, MT 42-4.25
2002 Kim Freeman, MT 41-10.75
2003 Kim Freeman, MT 39-5

High Jump

1986 Ursula Langford, MT 5-6
1988 Ursula Langford, MT 5-5
1991 Veronica Tipton, MT 5-6
1992 Veronica Tipton, MT 5-8
1993 Veronice Tipton, MT 5-8
1994 Mia Florence, MT 5-6
1995 Mia Florence, MT 5-8
2002 Amanda Forrester, MT 5-6

SBC Track Performers of the Week

Willisa Heintz January 16, 2002
Kelley Smith January 22, 2002
4x400m Relay February 5, 2002
Rosemary Okafor January 22, 2003
Rosemary Okafor February 20, 2003

SBC Field Performers of the Week

Stephany Reid January 29, 2002
Kim Freeman February 13, 2002

LADY RAIDER OUTDOOR RECORDS

Conference Championships

1991, 1994, 1996, 2000

Dean Hayes - Coach of the Year

1996, 2000

OVC Athlete of the Year

Nadia Graham, 1996

SBC Most Outstanding Performer

Willisa Heintz, 2001
Stephany Reid, 2002

Individual Champions

100 Meters

1995	Nadia Graham, MT	11.67
1996	Nadia Graham, MT	12.12
1999	Stacy Acklin, MT	11.83
2001	Willisa Heintz, MT	11.47
2003	Rosemary Okafor, MT	11.64

100 Meter High Hurdles

1992	Latonia Jackson, MT	14.51
1993	Nadrian McGill, MT	14.58
1994	Nadrian McGill, MT	14.57
1996	Nekeya Ralls, MT	14.74

200 Meters

1981	Donna Sims, MT	24.56
1996	Nadia Graham, MT	24.17
2000	Willisa Heintz, MT	24.22
2001	Willisa Heintz, MT	23.35
2003	Rosemary Okafor, MT	23.64

400 Meters

1982	Jackie Wilbert, MT	56.71
1996	Melanie Hall, MT	56.62

800 Meters

1991	Leigh Weathers, MT	2:13.15
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10000 Meters

1982	Lisa Mitchell, MT	39:46.8
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400 Meter Intermediate Hurdles

1994	Nadrian McGill, MT	1:02.31
1996	Sarah Dunmore, MT	1:02.07
1999	Tori Blander, MT	1:01.97
2000	Tori Blander, MT	1:00.34
2000	Tori Blander, MT (SBC)	59.78
2003	Kishara George, MT	59.67

OVC RECORDS (Through 2002-03)

Event	Record	Individual	Year
Long Jump	20-6.5	Sherrie Bingham, Middle Tennessee	1988
Triple Jump	43-7.25	Andreja Ribac, Middle Tennessee	2000

SBC RECORDS (Through 2002-03)

Event	Record	Individual	Year
Triple Jump	43-6.50	Andreja Ribac, Middle Tennessee	2000

400 Meter / 440 Yard Relay

1981	Middle Tennessee	47.14
1994	Middle Tennessee	45.70
1995	Middle Tennessee	46.72
1996	Middle Tennessee	46.84
2001	Middle Tennessee	44.99

1600 Meter / 4X440 Yard Relay

1981y	Middle Tennessee	3:58.36
1996	Middle Tennessee	3:50.97
2003	Middle Tennessee	3:41.55

High Jump

1986	Ursula Langford, MT	5-6
1988	Ursula Langford, MT	5-6
1989	Krista Hare, MT	5-6
1991	Veronica Tipton, MT	5-6
1992	Veronica Tipton, MT	5-5
1993	Veronica Tipton, MT	5-6
1994	Mia Florence, MT	5-8
1995	Mia Florence, MT	5-6
1996	Mia Florence, MT	5-4



Stephany Reid accepts her medal after winning the triple jump at the 2002 SBC Outdoor Championships at Tad Gormley Stadium in New Orleans, La.

Long Jump

1985	Sherrie Bingham, MT	19-0
1986	Sherrie Bingham, MT	19-3.25
1988	Sherrie Bingham, MT	20-6.5
1991	Jacqui Brown, MT	19-10.75
1992	Jacqui Brown, MT	19-11.5
1993	Jacqui Brown, MT	20-0.5
1994	Jacqui Brown, MT	20-3
1996	Nekeya Ralls, MT	20-0
2000	Kim Freeman, MT (SBC)	19-4.75

Triple Jump

1991	Jacqui Brown, MT	40-3
1992	Jacqui Brown, MT	40-4.25
1993	Jacqui Brown, MT	40-5
1994	Jacqui Brown, MT	42-5.5
1999	Andreja Ribac, MT	42-5.25
2000	Andreja Ribac, MT	43-7.25
2000	Andreja Ribac, MT (SBC)	42-4
2002	Stephany Reid, MT	41-10.75

Discus

1993	Tina Rumsey, MT	139-6.5
1995	Shelly Johnson, MT	147-5
1996	Shelly Johnson, MT	151-2
1997	Shelly Johnson, MT	147-0
1998	Shelly Johnson, MT	144-4

Javelin

2000	Kelley Smith, MT	125-11
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Shot Put

1995	Shelly Johnson, MT	46-4.5
1996	Shelly Johnson, MT	46-0
1997	Shelly Johnson, MT	44-1.5

Heptathlon

2003	Jerkita McClorin	4774 pts
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SBC Track Performers of the Week

Rosemary Okafor	March 26, 2002
Rosemary Okafor	April 2, 2003

SBC Field Performers of the Week

Letitia Eady	March 19, 2002
Kim Freeman	April 23, 2003

BLUE RAIDER INDOOR RECORDS

Conference Championships

1979, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1985, 1986, 1991, 1993, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003

Dean Hayes

Coch of the Year

1979, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1985, 1986, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003

OVC Athlete of the Year

Greg Artis, 1980-81
Kenny Nesbitt, 1985
Roland McGhee, 1994
Rob Jordan, 2000

SBC Most Track Outstanding Performer

Mardy Scales, 2003

Individual Champions

55 Meters / 60 Yard Dash

1982y	Kenny Shannon, MT	6.33
1984y	Kenny Shannon, MT	6.41
1985y	Mike Pittman, MT	6.42
1986y	Dwight Johnson, MT	6.41
1991m	Walter Dunson, MT	6.35
1992m	Roland McGhee, MT	6.34
1993m	Roland McGhee, MT	6.27
1994m	Roland McGhee, MT	6.25
1995m	Keith Watkins, MT	6.29
1996m	Christian Nsiah, MT	6.39
1998m	Christian Nsiah, MT	6.27
1999m	Christian Nsiah, MT	6.24
2000m	Albert Agyemang, MT	6.31
2002m	Mardy Scales, MT	6.32
2003m	Mardy Scales, MT	6.31

55 Meters / 60 Yard High Hurdles

1979y	Ed Thomas, MT	7.59
1983y	Miguel Williams, MT	7.29
1984y	Ron Davis, MT	7.44
1985y	Kenny Nesbitt, MT	7.30
1991m	Vince Parks, MT	7.44
1992m	Vince Parks, MT	7.60
1993m	Micah Otis, MT	7.30
1994m	Micah Otis, MT	7.34
1995m	Micah Otis, MT	7.47
1996m	Carlos Clardy, MT	7.51
1998m	Haneef Sharif, MT	7.39
1999m	Ron Bramlett, MT	7.28
2000m	Jasper Demps, MT	7.35
2001m	Jasper Demps, MT	7.31

OVC RECORDS (Through 2002-03)

<u>Event</u>	<u>Record</u>	<u>Individual</u>	<u>Year</u>
Long Jump	26-6.5	Greg Artis, Middle Tennessee	1981
Triple Jump	53-0.5	Greg Artis, Middle Tennessee	1981
55 Meters	6.24	Christian Nsiah, Middle Tennessee	1999
55M Hurdles	7.23	Micah Otis, Middle Tennessee	1993
200 Meters	21.00	Roland McGhee, Middle Tennessee	1993
Mile Relay	3:11.86	Middle Tennessee (Ellis, Newton, Johnson, Mitchell)	1983

Retired Events

500 Meters	1:03.21	Perald Ellis, Middle Tennessee	1986
60 Yard Hurdles	7.29	Miguel Williams, Middle Tennessee	1983
300 Yard Dash	30.46	Dwight Johnson, Middle Tennessee	1984

SBC RECORDS (Through 2002-03)

<u>Event</u>	<u>Record</u>	<u>Individual</u>	<u>Year</u>
55 Meters	7.23	Jasper Demps, Middle Tennessee	2001
200 Meters	21.12	Tanko Braimah, Middle Tennessee	2001
400 Meters	46.41	Godfrey Herring, Middle Tennessee	2002

200 Meters / 300 Yard Run

1984y	Dwight Johnson, MT	30.46
1985y	Dwight Johnson, MT	30.82
1986y	Dwight Johnson, MT	30.88
1992m	Roland McGhee, MT	21.15
1993m	Roland McGhee, MT	21.00
1994m	Roland McGhee, MT	21.04
1995m	Micah Otis, MT	21.59
1996m	Christian Nsiah, MT	21.38
1999m	Christian Nsiah, MT	21.79
2000m	Albert Agyemang, MT	21.36
2001m	Tanko Braimah, MT	21.12
2003m	Mardy Scales, MT	21.16

400 Meters / 440 Yard Run

1978y	J.T. Musgrove, MT	48.05
1979y	Ed Stegall, MT	47.4HT
1980m	Ed Stegall, MT	48.08
1983y	Tim Johnson, MT	47.5HT
1984y	Tim Johnson, MT	48.64
1999m	Godfrey Herring, MT	48.28
2000m	Godfrey Herring, MT	46.66
2001m	Godfrey Herring, MT	46.98
2002m	Fred Williams, MT	47.95
2003m	Sean Waller, MT	47.95

3000 Meters / Two Mile Run

1985y	Danny Green, MT	9:12.25
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5000 Meters / Three Mile Run

1993m	Jeff Lingwall, MT	15:19.79
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Distance Medley Relay

1982m	Middle Tennessee	9:48.6HT
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Mile / 1600 Meter Relay

1978y	Middle Tennessee	3:14.3HT
1979y	Middle Tennessee	3:15.0HT
1980m	Middle Tennessee	3:15.9HT
1981m	Middle Tennessee	3:12.1HT
1983m	Middle Tennessee	3:11.86
1984m	Middle Tennessee	3:14.97
1985m	Middle Tennessee	3:15.15
1986m	Middle Tennessee	3:13.98
1996m	Middle Tennessee	3:15.77
2000m	Middle Tennessee	3:13.74
2003m	Middle Tennessee	3:16.42

Shot Put

1976	Ted Hausauer, MT	56-1
1984	Steve McQuiston, MT	52-11.5
1985	Steve McQuiston, MT	52-5
1986	Steve McQuiston, MT	51-10.5
1994	Melvin Stevenson, MT	50-0.5

Pole Vault

1976	Jack Warner, MT	15-6
1980	David Cleveland, MT	15-0

Long Jump

1979	Greg Artis, MT	25-3.25
1980	Greg Artis, MT	26-0.5
1981	Greg Artis, MT	26-6.5
1982	Andre' Kirnes, MT	25-0
1983	Andre' Kirnes, MT	25-6.75

BLUE RAIDER INDOOR RECORDS

1986	Malcolm Branham, MT	25-2.5
1991	Roland McGhee, MT	25-4.25
1992	Roland McGhee, MT	26-2.5
1993	Roland McGhee, MT	26-3.75
1994	Roland McGhee, MT	26-2.75
1997	Boniface Amuzu, MT	24-1.5
1998	Boniface Amuzu, MT	24-10.5
1999	Rob Jordan, MT	24-1.5
2000	Rob Jordan, MT	25-1.25

Triple Jump

1976	Jimmy Washington, MT . .	51-3.25
1977	Rayfield Dupree, MT . . .	51-9.75
1978	John DoDoo, MT	52-0.75
1979	John DoDoo, MT	52-3.75
1981	Greg Artis, MT	53-0.5
1982	Eddie Loyd, MT	52-9.25
1983	Eddie Loyd, MT	52-10.5
1986	William Beasley, MT	50-2
1991	Roland McGhee, MT	49-10
1992	Roland McGhee, MT	49-7.25
1993	Roland McGhee, MT	51-0.75
1994	Roland McGhee, MT	51-6
1997	Jahez Salahuddin, MT . .	49-11.75

High Jump

1984	Linwood Harris, MT	6-11
1986	Sean Smith, MT	6-9
1991	Vince Parks, MT	6-4
1994	Marlin Cobwell, MT	6-4
1995	Torrence Riley, MT	6-8
1997	Jahez Salahuddin, MT	6-8
2001	Chris Koger, MT	6-9.75
2002	Chris Koger, MT	7-0

RETIRED EVENTS

500 Meters

1984	Gary Mitchell, MT	1:04.51
1985	Perald Ellis, MT	1:04.02
1986	Perald Ellis, MT	1:03.21

600 Yards

1979	J.T. Musgrove, MT	1:10.3HT
1983	Herb Newton, MT	1:10.12

1000 Yard / 1000 Meter Run

1985	Billy Porter, MT	2:15.25
1986	Jerry Malone, MT	2:16.15

CROSS COUNTRY RECORDS

Blue Raider Top 10 Conference Championship Finishes

1966 - 4 miles

5.	Michael Haddock, MT	21:45
6.	Charles Dahlgren, MT	21:48

1967 - 4 miles

6.	Charles Dahlgren, MT	20:37
10.	Gary Robinson, MT	21:29

1968 - 4 miles

9.	Charles Dahlgren, MT	19:46
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1971 - 6 miles

6.	Rick Russo, MT	32:22
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1978 - 10K

6.	Gary Perry, MT	31:00
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1979 - 10K

5.	Joe O'Loughlin, MT	31:33
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1980 - 10K

8.	Joe O'Laughlin, MT	35:48
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1982 - 10K

5.	Jeff Skinner, MT	32:16
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1983 - 10K

Conference Champion

2.	Jeff Skinner, MT	32:44
3.	Danny Green, MT	32:51
4.	Robert Willis, MT	33:19

1984 - 5 miles

2.	Robert Willis, MT	25:40
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1992 - 5 Miles

7.	Jeff Lingwall, MT	26:46
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1996 - 8K

8.	Curt Arthur, MT	26:22.8
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1997 - 8K

4.	Dave Milne, MT	26:10
7.	Eric Kiauka, MT	26:27

2000 - 8K

1.	Geoffrey Lagat	25:07
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2001 - 8K

1.	Geoffrey Lagat	25:14.63
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2002 - 8K

2.	Geoffrey Lagat	26:22.63
10.	Levi Sybert	27:13.34

Lady Raider Top 10 Conference Championship Finishes

1981 - 5K

9.	Lisa Mitchell, MT	19:29
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1982 - 5K

4.	Sharon Johnson, MT	19:12
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1988 - 5K

9.	Sharon Smith, MT	19:45
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1989 - 5K

4.	Kiya Thomas, MT	18:40
9.	Karen Barnes, MT	19:40

1990 - 5K

4.	Karen Barnes, MT	18:48
10.	Dianne DeOliveira, MT	19:17

1991 - 5K

2.	Kiya Thomas, MT	18:19
4.	Karen Barnes, MT	18:32

1992 - 3.1 Miles

9.	Dianne DeOliveira, MT	20:14
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SBC Track Performers of the Week

Mardy Scales	January 15, 2002
Mardy Scales	January 22, 2003
Linnie Yarbrough	February 6, 2003
Sean Waller	February 13, 2003
Jasper Demps	February 20, 2003

BLUE RAIDER OUTDOOR RECORDS

Conference Championships

1977, 1978, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1993, 1994, 2001

Dean Hayes - Coach of the Year

1977, 1978, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1993, 1994, 2001

OVC Athlete of the Year

Tommy Haynes, 1974
John DoDoo, 1977
Ed Thomas, 1980
Greg Artis, 1981
Dwight Johnson, 1984-86
Roland McGhee, 1993-94
Micah Otis, 1995
Jahez Salahuddin, 1998
Rob Jordan, 1999

SBC Most Outstanding Performer

Godfrey Herring, 2001-02

Individual Champions

100 Meter / 100 Yard Dash

1958y	Ray Purvis, MT	9.90
1960y	Ray Purvis, MT	9.90
1970y	Charles Wilson, MT	9.60
1980	Andre' Kirnes, MT	10.62
1981	Andre' Kirnes, MT	10.32
1983	Orestes Meeks, MT	11.22
1984	Kenny Shannon, MT	10.42
1985	Dwight Johnson, MT	10.47
1986	Dwight Johnson, MT	10.73
1991	Roland McGhee, MT	10.94
1992	Roland McGhee, MT	10.80
1993	Roland McGhee, MT	10.58
1994	Roland McGhee, MT	10.00
1995	Keith Watkins, MT	10.48
1996	Dave Creary, MT	11.29
1999	Albert Agyemang, MT	10.37
2000	Albert Agyemang, MT	10.33
2003	Mardy Scales, MT	10.35

200 Meter / 220 Yard Dash

1980	David Robinson, MT	21.10
1981	Barry Gambrell, MT	21.10
1982	Mike Farris, MT	21.30
1984	Dwight Johnson, MT	20.90
1985	Dwight Johnson, MT	20.56
1986	Dwight Johnson, MT	21.00
1991	Roland McGhee, MT	21.53
1992	Micah Otis, MT	21.38
1993	Micah Otis, MT	21.24
1994	Roland McGhee, MT	20.40

OVC RECORDS (Through 2002-03)

Event	Record	Individual	Year
Long Jump	26-8.5	Tommy Haynes, Middle Tennessee	1974
Triple Jump	54-0.5	John DoDoo, Middle Tennessee	1979
100 Meters	10.24	Roland McGhee, Middle Tennessee	1994
		Ron Lloyd, Middle Tennessee	1994
110M Hurdles	13.89	Ron Bramlett, Middle Tennessee	1999
200 Meters	20.56	Dwight Johnson, Middle Tennessee	1985
400M Hurdles	50.14	Russell Holloway, Middle Tennessee	1977
4x100M Relay	40.01	Middle Tennessee (Shannon, Gambrell, Artis, Kirnes)	1981

Retired Events

440Y Hurdles	50.0	Russell Holloway, Middle Tennessee	1977
Mile Relay	3:10.5	Middle Tennessee (Bandy, Wyatt, Scott, Singleton)	1969
		Middle Tennessee (Robinson, Cotton, Musgrove, Stegall)	1977

SBC RECORDS (Through 2002-03)

Event	Record	Individual	Year
400 Meters	45.35	Godfrey Herring, Middle Tennessee	2001
4x100M Relay	39.30	Middle Tennessee (Spann, Scales, Braimah, Herring)	2001

1995	Micah Otis, MT	21.36
1997	Kenden Maynard, MT	21.04
1999	Albert Agyemang, MT	20.81
2000	Albert Agyemang, MT	20.90
2001	Mardy Scales, MT	20.65
2002	Godfrey Herring, MT	20.77
2003	Mardy Scales, MT	20.78

400 Meter / 440 Yard Dash

1967y	Jerry Singleton, MT	47.20
1978	Ed Stegall, MT	46.50
1979	Ed Stegall, MT	47.33
1984	Tim Johnson, MT	47.71
1985	Perald Ellis, MT	47.14
1986	Perald Ellis, MT	47.00
1993	Carlos Gupton, MT	46.99
1997	Kenden Maynard, MT	46.12
2001	Godfrey Herring, MT	45.55
2002	Godfrey Herring, MT	45.68
2003	Sean Waller, MT	46.43

800 Meter / 880 Yard Run

1969y	Jerry Singleton, MT	1:53.60
1979	Dana McCutcheon, MT	1:52.73
1980	Dana McCutcheon, MT	1:51.20

1500 Meters / Mile Run

1961y	Tom Cannon, MT	4:25.50
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5000 Meters / Three Mile Run

1985	Danny Green, MT	15:31.60
2001	Geoffrey Lagat, MT	14:41.22

10000 Meters

1984	Jeff Skinner, MT	31:15.85
1985	Robert Willis, MT	31:26.76
1992	Jeff Lingwall, MT	33:47.00
1993	Jeff Lingwall, MT	32:29.00
2001	Geoffrey Lagat, MT	30:52.70

110 Meter / 120 Yard High Hurdles

1961y	Ray Cooper, MT	15.10
1963y	Ray Cooper, MT	15.50
1970y	Lonnell Poole, MT	14.30
1980	Ed Thomas, MT	14.34
1981	Miguel Williams, MT	14.18
1983	Kenny Nesbitt, MT	14.64
1984	Kenny Nesbitt, MT	14.00
1985	Kenny Nesbitt, MT	14.03
1993	Micah Otis, MT	14.24
1994	Micah Otis, MT	14.20
1995	Micah Otis, MT	14.32
1998	Haneef Sharif, MT	14.16
1999	Ron Bramlett, MT	13.94
2000	Haneef Sharif, MT	14.20
2000	Jasper Demps, MT (SBC)	14.06
2001	Jasper Demps, MT	13.97

400 Meter / 440 Yard Intermediate Hurdles

1967y	Don Jones, MT	54.30
1970y	David Wyatt, MT	52.50
1972y	Myles Maillie, MT	52.00
1977	Russell Holloway, MT	50.00
1978	Russell Holloway, MT	51.00
1980	Ed Thomas, MT	51.54
1981	Pete Williams, MT	52.70
1982	Herb Newton, MT	52.09
1983	Kenny Nesbitt, MT	51.95

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1984	Kenny Nesbitt, MT	51.52
1985	Kenny Nesbitt, MT	51.92
1986	Deric Haynes, MT	53.40
1992	Tom Hampton, MT	51.70
1993	Tom Hampton, MT	51.85
1994	Tom Hampton, MT	51.55
1998	Mario Paul, MT	52.02
2000	DJ Spann, MT	51.55
2001	DJ Spann, MT	50.75
2003	Victor Okorie, MT	50.53

400 Meter / 440 Yard Relay

1973y	Middle Tennessee	41.00
1980	Middle Tennessee	40.12
1981	Middle Tennessee	40.01
1982	Middle Tennessee	40.03
1983	Middle Tennessee	40.26
1984	Middle Tennessee	40.65
1985	Middle Tennessee	40.66
1986	Middle Tennessee	40.60
1992	Middle Tennessee	40.68
1993	Middle Tennessee	40.12
1995	Middle Tennessee	40.22
1997	Middle Tennessee	40.65
1999	Middle Tennessee	40.71
2000	Middle Tennessee (SBC)	40.00
2001	Middle Tennessee	39.59
2002	Middle Tennessee	39.76
2003	Middle Tennessee	40.19

1600 Meter / Mile Relay

1969y	Middle Tennessee	3:10.50
1973y	Middle Tennessee	3:12.70
1977y	Middle Tennessee	3:10.50
1978y	Middle Tennessee	3:14.20
1979y	Middle Tennessee	3:15.68
1981y	Middle Tennessee	3:11.64
1983y	Middle Tennessee	3:12.06
1984y	Middle Tennessee	3:12.68
1985	Middle Tennessee	3:14.19
1993	Middle Tennessee	3:09.38
1994	Middle Tennessee	3:09.13
1999	Middle Tennessee	3:12.69
2002	Middle Tennessee	3:09.47
2003	Middle Tennessee	3:09.03

High Jump

1957	Jerry Hurst, MT	6-0
1960	Troy Haydon, MT	6-3
	Frank Halliburton, MT	
1978	Rosco Kidd, MT	6-11
1985	Skipper Willbanks, MT	6-10
1996	Marlin Cobwell, MT	6-8
1997	Torrence Riley, MT	6-9.75
1998	Torrence Riley, MT	6-10
2002	Chris Koger, MT	6-9.75

Long Jump

1959	Ray Purvis, MT	22-11.5
1960	Ray Purvis, MT	22-9.5
1973	Tommy Haynes, MT	23-7
1974	Tommy Haynes, MT	26-8.5
1977	Sheikh Faye, MT	25-6.25
1978	Sheikh Faye, MT	25-25
1979	Greg Artis, MT	25-8.5
1980	Andre Kirnes, MT	24-7.5
1981	Greg Artis, MT	26-2.5
1982	Andre Kirnes, MT	25-6.75
1983	Orestes Meeks, MT	25-7.25
1984	Dwight Johnson, MT	25-5
1985	Malcomb Branham, MT	25-1.25
1986	Malcolm Branham, MT	26-0.5
1991	Roland McGhee, MT	25-8.75
1992	Roland McGhee, MT	25-4.75
1993	Roland McGhee, MT	25-7
1994	Roland McGhee, MT	26-2.25
1995	Micah Otis, MT	24-11.5
1997	Jaz Salahuddin, MT	24-1.75
1998	Jaz Salahuddin, MT	24-6.5
1999	Rob Jordan, MT	25-9.75
2000	Rob Jordan, MT	25-5.5
2003	Rob Jordan, MT	25-2.5

Triple Jump

1971	Barry McClure, MT	50-9.75
1973	Barry McClure, MT	52-6
1974	Tommy Haynes, MT	52-3.5
1976	Jim Washington, MT	52-11.75
1977	John DoDoo, MT	52-2.5
1978	John DoDoo, MT	51-11.25
1979	John DoDoo, MT	54-0.5
1980	Greg Artis, MT	50-11.75
1981	Greg Artis, MT	52-11.25
1982	Eddie Loyd, MT	51-8
1983	Eddie Loyd, MT	52-2
1984	Linwood Harris, MT	50-11.75
1986	Williams Beasley, MT	50-11.75
1991	Roland McGhee, MT	46-11
1993	Roland McGhee, MT	51-3.5
1994	Roland McGhee, MT	51-4.75
1997	Jaz Salahuddin, MT	49-11.25
1998	Jaz Salahuddin, MT	49-6.25
1999	Rob Jordan, MT	51-10
2000	Rob Jordan, MT	51-8.5

Discus

1968	John Edwards, MT	154-11
1974	Harrison Salami, MT	155-3
1976	Harrison Salami, MT	167-2
1977	Harrison Salami, MT	168-3
1986	Steve McQuiston, MT	153-1

Javelin

1983	Jeff Sims, MT	208-1
1984	Jeff Sims, MT	220-11
1985	Jeff Sims, MT	205-11

Pole Vault

1980	David Cleveland, MT	15-0
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Shot Put

1964	Brian Oldfield, MT	53-4
1965	Brian Oldfield, MT	52-3.75
1966	Brian Oldfield, MT	54-5.75
1983	Jim Fitch, MT	49-8.75
1984	Steve McQuiston, MT	52-6.5
1985	Steve McQuiston, MT	53-8
1986	Steve McQuiston, MT	54-2.5
1993	Melvin Stevenson, MT	46-3.25

RETIRED EVENTS

220 Yard Low Hurdles

1957	Ed Carson, MT	25.20
1961	Ray Cooper, MT	25.40

3000 Meters / Two Mile Run

1956y	Milner Carden, MT	10:23.00
1962y	Porter Maxwell, MT	10:15.5

Broad Jump

1960	Ray Purvis, MT	22-11 5/8"
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SBC Track Performers of the Week

Godfrey Herring	April 18, 2000
Mardy Scales	March 18, 2001
Godfrey Herring	March 26, 2001
4x100m Relay	April 8, 2001
Mardy Scales	April 22, 2001
4x100m Relay	April 29, 2001
DJ Spann	March 26, 2002
Godfrey Herring	April 16, 2002
Sean Waller	April 9, 2003
Mardy Scales	April 23, 2003
4x400 Relay	April 30, 2003

SBC Field Performers of the Week

Chris Koger	March 18, 2001
Chris Koger	March 19, 2002

2004 MIDDLE TENNESSEE TRACK AND FIELD

CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

INDOOR RESULTS

Year	Winner - Women	Winner - Men	Site	MT Women	MT Men
1976	—	W. Kentucky, 68	Murfreesboro	—	3rd, 39
1977	—	Morehead St., 60 1/3	Morehead, Ky.	—	5th, 29
1978	—	Austin Peay, 94	Johnson City, Tenn.	—	4th, 82.5
1979	—	MT, 127.5	Murfreesboro	—	1st, 127.5
1980	—	Murray State	Murfreesboro	—	3rd, 104
1981	—	MT, 145.5	Morehead	—	1st, 145.5
1982	—	MT, 162.5	Murfreesboro	—	1st, 162.5
1983	—	MT, 151	Murfreesboro	—	1st, 151
1984	—	E. Kentucky, 181.5	Murfreesboro	—	2nd, 178.5
1985	E. Kentucky, 111	MT, 93	Murfreesboro	4th, 19	1st, 93
1986	E. Kentucky, 137	MT, 84	Murfreesboro	3rd, 38	1st, 84
1987	—	Championships Not Held	—	—	—
1988	MT, 130	—	Murfreesboro	1st, 130	—
1989	Murray State, 81	—	Murfreesboro	3rd, 44	—
1990	Murray State, 75.5	—	Murfreesboro	2nd, 63	—
1991	MT, 81	MT, 68	Murfreesboro	1st, 81	1st, 68
1992	Murray State, 61	Murray State, 98.5	Murfreesboro	2nd, 57	2nd, 73.5
1993	E. Kentucky, 133	MT, 152	Murfreesboro	3rd, 84.5	1st, 152
1994	MT, 112	E. Kentucky, 136	Murfreesboro	1st, 112	2nd, 136
1995	MT, 140	E. Kentucky, 153	Murfreesboro	1st, 140	3rd, 114.5
1996	MT, 146	SE Missouri, 162	Murfreesboro	1st, 146	2nd, 155
1997	SE Missouri, 134	E. Illinois, 174	Charleston, Ill.	3rd, 111	2nd, 104
1998	SE Missouri, 126.5	E. Illinois, 166	Murfreesboro	3rd, 95	2nd, 122.5
1999	E. Kentucky, 109.5	E. Illinois, 176	Charleston, Ill.	5th, 63	2nd, 122
2000	SE Missouri, 103	MT, 146	Murfreesboro	3rd, 86	1st, 146
2001	MT, 102.5	MT, 104	Jonesboro, Ark.	1st, 102.5	1st, 104
2002	MT, 138	MT, 126	Murfreesboro	1st, 138	1st, 126
2003	MT, 108	MT, 157	Jonesboro, Ark.	1st, 108	1st, 157

OUTDOOR RESULTS

Year	Winner - Women	Winner - Men	Site	MT Women	MT Men
1955	—	Morehead St., 64.5	Bowling Green, Ky.	—	6th, 5.5
1956	—	Morehead St., 61	Bowling Green, Ky.	—	6th, 14
1957	—	E. Kentucky, 38.5	Murfreesboro	—	5th, 31.5
1958	—	Murray State, 48.3	Cookeville, Tenn.	—	4th, 33.3
1959	—	Murray State, 68	Murray, Ky.	—	5th, 24
1960	—	Murray State, 66 3/7	Murfreesboro	—	2nd, 48 6/7
1961	—	Murray State, 75	Cookeville, Tenn.	—	2nd, 55
1962	—	Murray State, 101.3	Richmond, Ky.	—	4th, 33.3
1963	—	Murray State, 102	Murray, Ky.	—	4th, 26
1964	—	W. Kentucky, 91	Murfreesboro	—	5th, 24
1965	—	W. Kentucky, 77.5	Morehead, Ky.	—	6th, 17.5
1966	—	W. Kentucky, 82	Richmond, Ky.	—	4th, 34
1967	—	W. Kentucky, 89	Ft. Campbell, Ky.	—	5th, 30
1968	—	W. Kentucky, 96	Johnson City, Tenn.	—	5th, 22
1969	—	W. Kentucky, 102	Bowling Green, Ky.	—	4th, 27
1970	—	W. Kentucky, 71.5	Murfreesboro	—	3rd, 52
1971	—	W. Kentucky, 88	Cookeville, Tenn.	—	5th, 34
1972	—	W. Kentucky, 85.5	Johnson City, Tenn.	—	4th, 39
1973	—	W. Kentucky, 90	Morehead, Ky.	—	2nd, 58
1974	—	W. Kentucky, 166	Murray, Ky.	—	2nd, 107
1975	—	W. Kentucky, 171	Richmond, Ky.	—	4th, 42
1976	—	Austin Peay, 119	Clarksville, Tenn.	—	2nd, 87
1977	—	MT, 113	Bowling Green, Ky.	—	1st, 113
1978	—	MT, 119	Murfreesboro	—	1st, 119
1979	E. Kentucky, 216	W. Kentucky, 166	Cookeville, Tenn.	6th, 14	2nd, 105.5
1980	E. Kentucky, 188	MT, 155	Morehead, Ky.	5th, 18	1st, 155
1981	Murray State, 179	MT, 162	Murray, Ky.	4th, 107	1st, 162
1982	Murray State, 100	MT, 153	Richmond, Ky.	4th, 28	1st, 153
1983	E. Kentucky, 177	MT, 203	Murfreesboro	4th, 18	1st, 203
1984	E. Kentucky, 184	MT, 233.5	Murray, Ky.	5th, 12	1st, 233.5
1985	E. Kentucky, 140	MT, 120	Akron, Ohio	4th, 14	1st, 120
1986	E. Kentucky, 152	MT, 84	Clarksville, Tenn.	4th, 40.3	1st, 84
1987	—	Championships Not Held	—	—	—
1988	E. Kentucky, 199.5	—	Richmond, Ky.	3rd, 102	—
1989	Murray State, 125	—	Murray, Ky.	3rd, 56	—
1990	E. Kentucky, 64.5	—	Richmond, Ky.	3rd, 34	—
1991	MT/Murray State, 88	Murray State, 164	Murray, Ky.	1st, 88	2nd, 45
1992	EKU, Murray St., 74	Murray State, 108	Richmond, Ky.	3rd, 64	2nd, 59
1993	E. Kentucky, 178	MT, 165	Cape Girardeau, Mo.	3rd, 110	1st, 165
1994	MT, 133	MT, 159	Murray, Ky.	1st, 133	1st, 159
1995	SE Missouri, 193.5	SE Missouri, 178	Cape Girardeau, Mo.	2nd, 149.5	3rd, 128
1996	MT, 180	SE Missouri, 190.5	Cookeville, Tenn.	1st, 180	2nd, 169
1997	SE Missouri, 201	E. Illinois, 203	Charleston, Ill.	3rd, 89	2nd, 147
1998	SE Missouri, 157	E. Illinois, 205	Clarksville, Tenn.	5th, 66.5	2nd, 114
1999	E. Kentucky, 142	E. Illinois, 206	Richmond, Ky.	5th, 70	2nd, 144
2000	SE Missouri, 136	E. Illinois, 222	Murfreesboro	2nd, 111	2nd, 153.5
2000	MT, 103	North Texas, 122	Miami, Fla.	1st, 103	3rd, 112
2001	Arkansas St., 124	MT, 154	New Orleans, La.	3rd, 99	1st, 154
2002	N. Mexico St., 138	North Texas, 148.25	New Orleans, La.	2nd, 119	4th, 116.5
2003	W. Kentucky, 171	North Texas, 179.67	Denton, Texas	5th, 95	2nd, 163



The Blue Raiders and Lady Raiders both won their third straight Sun Belt Indoor Championship in 2003. The Blue Raiders won their fourth straight indoor title, dating to Middle Tennessee's last season of competition in the OVC.



UNIVERSITY

THE UNIVERSITY

Founded on September 11, 1911, Middle Tennessee State University is the oldest, largest and fastest-growing public university in central Tennessee. For the past seven years, Middle Tennessee has been the number one college choice of midstate high school valedictorians and salutatorians in an independent survey.

The University has a long history of and commitment to educating middle Tennesseans. With a current enrollment of over 21,000 students, Middle Tennessee educates more people in this region than any other school. More than 90 percent of students are Tennessee residents, and the majority remain in middle Tennessee after graduation. Of almost 70,000 alumni, approximately 77 percent live in Tennessee.

Since its establishment, the University has changed considerably, growing from a 100-acre campus with 125 students and 19 faculty members to a 500-acre campus with more than 750 faculty members.

A comprehensive university, Middle Tennessee offers more than 140 undergraduate programs in its five academic colleges—Basic and Applied Sciences, Business, Education and Behavioral Science, Liberal Arts, and Mass Communication — and some 65 graduate programs, including doctoral degrees.

Middle Tennessee State University has revised its comprehensive, institution-wide Academic Master Plan to achieve three primary objectives: attainment of notable academic quality, development of a student-centered learning environment, and establishment of partnerships with institutions and businesses.

Over \$200 million in construction projects have been completed on campus during the past 10 years. The newest endeavor, the Paul W. Martin, Sr., Honors Building opened in January 2004.

A teachers college in its earliest days, Middle Tennessee continues to educate more teachers than any other school in Tennessee. The University also has one of the largest recording industry programs in the nation; strong programs in business, aerospace and agriscience; and a nationally recognized graduate program in public history. Among Middle Tennessee's graduates are a Nobel Laureate; a National Teacher of the Year; a



The James E. Walker Library has nearly 2 million volumes and 250,000 square feet of space.

U.S. Senator; U.S. Congress members; state legislators; scientists; artists; engineers; and Grammy, Emmy, and Peabody award winners. A May 2000 music graduate, Alysa Cannon, holds the distinction of being the first Middle Tennessee student to participate in the Fulbright Scholar Program; she completed a year of research and study in Spain. Biology major Eric Freundt recently became the first Middle Tennessee graduate to be admitted to the graduate program at the University of Oxford.

Academic programs are enriched through the establishment of chairs dedicated to the support of particular disciplines. Funded by gifts to the University Foundation, the Martin Chair of Insurance and the Weatherford Chair of Finance are administered through the Economics and Finance Department. Middle Tennessee houses nine Chairs of Excellence, established with a combination of private, University and state funds, including: the Jennings A. Jones Chair in Free Enterprise, the Jennings and Rebecca Jones Chair in Urban and Regional Planning, the John Seigenthaler Chair in First Amendment Studies, the Dr. Carl Adams Chair in Health Care Services, the National HealthCare Chair in Nursing, the Robert E. and Georgiana West Russell Chair in Manufacturing Excellence, the Katherine Davis Murfree Chair in Dyslexic Studies, the John C. Miller Chair in Equine Reproductive Physiology, and the Mary E. Miller Chair in Equine Health.

MTSU is also the site of two Centers of Excellence established by the Tennessee General Assembly—the Center for Historic Preservation and the Center for Popular Music. Another boon to scholars is the Albert Gore Research Center, a repository of manuscripts and other materials.



ACADEMIC CENTER



Director
Jeanne Massaquoi



Asst. Director
Wynnifred Counts

The Student-Athlete Enhancement Center at Middle Tennessee houses the academic support system and the Blue Raider Athlete Skills for Success (B.R.A.S.S.) Life Skills Program for all 17 Division I-A sports. The center is housed at Johnny "Red" Floyd Football Stadium on Raider Drive.

The facility opened its doors on January 4, 1999, to the delight of student-athletes, coaches and administrators.

Blue Raider student-athletes can take advantage of the library-like atmosphere as they report for their required study hall hours under the watchful eyes of the director, Jeanne Massaquoi, and the assistant director and coordinator of B.R.A.S.S., Wynnifred Counts.

The center consists of administrative offices, fully equipped individual and group tutoring rooms, a computer center, and spacious study carrels equipped with task lighting. Services provided by the center include help with registration and pre-registration, help with study skills, and updates on NCAA legislation.

In an effort to accommodate student-athletes' busy schedules, the center is open from

7 a.m. until 10:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday and from 7 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Friday. The center uses an innovative time-clock system activated by the student's ID card for daily and weekly reports. Tutors in various subjects are scheduled in the tutoring rooms throughout all hours of operation, and all tutoring takes place only at the center.

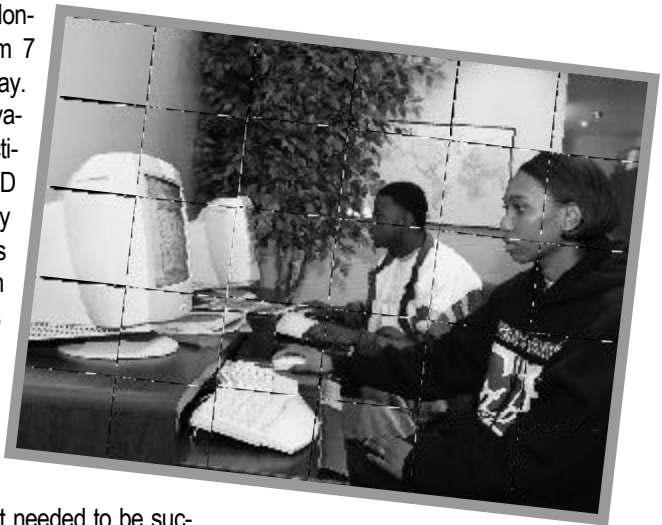
In addition to providing the academic support needed to be successful in the classroom, the center is committed to meeting the needs of student-athletes in life skills development through the very popular B.R.A.S.S. Program.

As B.R.A.S.S. coordinator, Mrs. Counts is dedicated to helping prepare student-athletes for life after college. Blue Raiders volunteer, when possible, to help teachers and students at elementary and middle schools throughout Rutherford County during the academic year.

In the spring of each year, Special Olympics at Middle Tennessee uses Blue Raider student-athletes to run each event. Career night and substance and alcohol abuse seminars are yearly, well-attended events. Social events such as the Fall Welcome Back Picnic and the Spring Student-Athlete Ball are eagerly anticipated as the only times during the year when all student-athletes can be together.

"We are very grateful for the cooperation we receive from our supervising office, Academic Affairs, from the Athletic Department, and from the faculty and staff throughout the Middle Tennessee community," said Massaquoi. "The success of the center depends on this cooperation, and we have been very fortunate to experience an outpouring of support in our efforts."

The mission of the center remains to help



student-athletes utilize skills learned on the field and turn them into positive preparation for life after college. The center is also committed to meeting the changing needs of student-athletes. It continues to promote partnerships between the University, the NCAA, and the Murfreesboro community to help achieve its goals.

The Student-Athlete Enhancement Center is just one way that Middle Tennessee is helping to prepare student-athletes for life after college. Programs such as B.R.A.S.S. help student-athletes learn to take personal responsibility for their lives after college and help them become self-sufficient. By taking advantage of these opportunities, student-athletes can get far ahead of their competitors in the game of life.



REPORT CARD

Semester	Honor Roll	Dean's List
Spring 2000	122	43
Fall 2000	125	37
Spring 2001	121	35
Fall 2001	133	48
Spring 2002	128	55
Fall 2002	156	63

Note: The fall 2002 honor roll and dean's list totals are records for the athletic department. The department also had 13 student-athletes who scored perfect 4.0 averages in the fall of 2001, which was also a new record.

UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT



Sidney A. McPhee became the tenth president of Middle Tennessee State University on August 1, 2001. His formal inauguration and investiture was held April 19, 2002.

McPhee served as executive vice chancellor of the Tennessee Board of Regents (TBR) from April 2000 until he accepted his current appointment. He was interim chancellor from January to April 2000 and prior to that was vice chancellor for academic affairs and strategic planning. Before joining the TBR staff in 1999, McPhee spent five years at the University of Memphis, first as vice provost for academic affairs, then as senior vice provost.

Before the move to Tennessee, McPhee was at the University of Louisville where he was associate provost for academic programs, assistant university provost, and director of the preparatory division. Earlier in his academic career, he was at Oklahoma State University where he served as director of the Division of Freshman Programs and Services and head of the University Academic Assessment Center, coordinator of advisement services and senior academic counselor, and asst. adjunct professor.

McPhee holds a B.A. degree (Summa Cum Laude) from Prairie View A&M University in Texas, an M.S. from the University of Miami, and a doctorate from Oklahoma State University. He grew up in Nassau, Bahamas.

Upon accepting his post, McPhee said, "To MTSU faculty, staff, students, alumni, and friends, I want you to know that I am totally committed to building on the excellent tradition of the institution. I will provide strong leadership in helping MTSU reach the status of a major, top-rate, comprehensive university in this region and the nation. We will continue to focus on improving the quality of our academic programs and students. We will continue our efforts to recruit and retain quality faculty and staff. My priority will be on working together as a team to achieve common goals of the University such as strengthening partnerships with the community, business, industry, and the public school system."

The president has led the effort in developing the University's new Academic Master Plan. The plan focuses on three primary goals for the University: enhance academic quality, create and nurture a student-centered learning environ-

ment, and establish mutually beneficial partnerships with businesses, industries and communities.

In 2003, McPhee was appointed to the 18-member NCAA Division I Board of Directors, a group that establishes policies, conducts reviews, and votes on NCAA legislation. He is the first representative of the Sun Belt Conference to occupy a place on the NCAA board.

Nominated by President Bush in 2003, McPhee is a member of the National Council on the Humanities, the advisory board for the National Endowment for the Humanities. His extensive professional involvement also includes service on a national advisory panel for development of a video-based advisor-training program and work as a book reviewer for Prentice-Hall Publishing Company.

He also serves on the Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce Executive Board and is vice president of the Membership Committee for the Chamber. He is a member of the SunTrust Bank Board of Directors (Nashville); SunTrust Regional Bank Board of Directors (Murfreesboro); the Governor's Commission of Workforce Development; the Adventure Science Museum Board; Murfreesboro Noon Rotary; and the Middle Tennessee Council Boy Scouts of America Executive Board. He is the co-chair of the Tennessee Legislative Retreat Task Force on Higher Education and president of the Rutherford County American Heart Association Board. He has served as a member of the American

Educational Research Association; the National Academic Advising Association; the Tenn. Commission on the Holocaust; and Phi Delta Kappa. He is an honorary member of the Golden Key Honor Society and was co-chair of the 2003 Rutherford County American Heart Association Gala.

McPhee's current research interests include traditional counseling approaches and their relevance to cross-cultural practices; academic advising; and attitudes of college students toward issues of diversity. He is one of three authors of *Understanding the Campus Culture: An Introduction to College*, published in 1991. He has authored numerous articles in scholarly journals, chapters in books, and grant publications. Examples include "Advising Multicultural Students" in *Academic Advising: A Comprehensive Handbook*; "Assessing Cultural Adaptation: Psychometric Properties of the Cultural Adaptation Pain Scale," in *Journal of Multicultural Counseling and Development*; and "Promoting Student Development through Intentionally Structured Groups," in *College Student Affairs Journal*.

Dr. McPhee has visited and made several international academic presentations in locations including Beijing, China; Penang, Malaysia; Tokyo and Osaka, Japan; Jerusalem and Tel Aviv, Israel; Antwerp, Belgium; Montreal, Canada; Oxford, England; and Nassau, Bahamas.

McPhee and his wife, Elizabeth, have a son and daughter: Sidney-Anthony, 20, and Seneca, 17. His hobbies include collecting CDs and listening to music of all types.



President Sidney A. McPhee, right, listens while John Gauch, vice president of sales and marketing for Diamond Aircraft, explains some of the many features of a DA40 Diamond Star airplane identical to 11 of 20 planes Middle Tennessee purchased from the company.

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR



With perhaps the most recognized name in Middle Tennessee athletic history, it was only fitting that Boots Donnelly was named to head the athletic department that he has spent so many years of his life trying to improve.

Donnelly, 59, has indeed put in a life's work on the Murfreesboro campus. He was a player on the MT football team in the early '60s, became the school's head football coach in 1979, and held that position for 20 years. Donnelly then moved into an administrative role as the athletic department's Director of Community Relations for two years. After former athletic director Lee Fowler left in 2000, Donnelly was thrust into the role of interim AD for 14 months before being named to the permanent post on January 15, 2002.

After Donnelly took the reins of the department, it didn't take long before he began putting his stamp on the program.

During his interim period, Donnelly guided MT to its first Vic Bubas Trophy, the Sun Belt's All-Sports Award, in the school's first year in the league. He also steered the renovation of the Blue Raider Tennis Complex during this period.

Since becoming the permanent AD, Donnelly has secured a \$1 million pledge to construct a Blue Raider Hall of Fame and successfully contracted football games against Alabama and Tennessee that created combined

revenue of \$1 million. He also oversaw the renovation of the Alumni Gym, creating a top-flight volleyball arena and basketball practice court for use by the Middle Tennessee teams. Donnelly continues to look for ways to improve Blue Raider facilities on a daily basis and is involved in efforts to improve the softball, soccer, and baseball venues.

In terms of personnel, Donnelly has continued to strengthen the department by bringing in quality people to continue to advance the Blue Raider mission. Since taking over the helm of the program, Donnelly has hired a new men's basketball coach, who went on to be honored as the Sun Belt Coach of the Year in his first season; a women's golf coach who produced a tournament medalist in her first season; and new softball and soccer coaches. He also landed a new fundraiser to head the Blue Raider Athletic Association while implementing a coordinator of athletic development to secure funds in the Nashville area.

In his 20 years on the Blue Raider sidelines, Donnelly amassed an overall record of 140-87-1, ranking him the eighth most successful coach in Division I-AA history. However, a glance inside his record makes it all the more impressive. When Donnelly took over as the school's football coach, the Blue Raiders had not compiled a winning record in six seasons and had not won an Ohio Valley Conference championship in 13 years. In just three years, he tallied a winning record, and from that point history speaks for itself.

During his career, Donnelly won four OVC titles and finished in the national Top 25 on 10 occasions, and the Blue Raiders made seven I-AA playoff appearances.

That's not all. Donnelly coached 14 players who went on to NFL careers, nine First Team All-Americans, and 12 OVC Players of the Year. The Nashville native also collected three OVC Coach of the Year honors and was twice named

Regional Coach of the Year. He won the National Football Foundation "Contribution to Football" award in 1989 and was named the Tennessee Sports Writers Association Coach of the Year in 1988 and 1994.

A member of the Blue Raider Hall of Fame, Donnelly was inducted into the Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame in 1997.

His coaching career began at Nashville's Father Ryan High School, where he had been an outstanding all-around athlete. He took the reins of the Father Ryan team in 1974 and led his team to a 21-1 record over two seasons, including a perfect 13-0 mark and the Tennessee class AAA title in '74.

Donnelly had been the Nashville Interscholastic League's Player of the Year in 1960 before enrolling at MT, where he played defensive back for three seasons under legendary Blue



Raider head coach Charles M. "Bubber" Murphy. During his career, the Blue Raiders put together an impressive 22-8-1 mark. He passed up his final year of eligibility in 1965 to complete his degree and later added a master's degree from MT in 1966.

Married to the former Carole Holzappel, the couple has three daughters – Bunny, Helen, and Lauren – along with two grandsons and one granddaughter.

BOOTS' HONORS

- 1960 Nashville Interscholastic League Player of the Year
- 1977 OVC Coach of the Year (Austin Peay) 1977 OVC Champions
- 1983 OVC Co-Coach of the Year (MT)
- 1984 NCAA Region 3 Coach of the Year (MT)
- 1985 OVC Coach of the Year (MT) 1985 NCAA Region 3 Coach of the Year (MT) 1985 OVC Champions
- 1988 TSWA Coach of the Year (MT)
- 1989 OVC Coach of the Year (MT) 1989 National Football Foundation "Contribution to Football" Award 1989 OVC Champions
- 1990 OVC Co-Champions
- 1992 OVC Champions
- 1993 Induction to Blue Raider Sports Hall of Fame
- 1994 TSWA Coach of the Year
- 1997 Induction into Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame

STRENGTH & CONDITIONING



One of the biggest changes in college athletics over the past few years has been the attitude toward strength and conditioning. Performing in the weight room has become just as important as on-the-field competition, and Middle Tennessee has one of the very best staffs in the nation and is committed to making student-athletes the best they can be.

It all happens in the Blue Raiders' 10,000-plus square foot weight room facility located adjacent to the north end zone of Floyd Stadium and designed for use by all Middle Tennessee student-athletes. It is a strength training area that rivals any in the country. The weight room has been described by many as better than any in the immediate area, including those at SEC and Conference USA schools.

The facility, which opened in January of 1999, greets student-athletes with over 20,000 pounds of plates and dumbbells, but the sheer volume of weights is not the most impressive aspect of the room. It is equipped with nine full power racks, nine elevated platforms, and nine half-racks. Hammer strength equipment rounds out the room with five ground-base jammers, a dead lift, a leg press, a leg curl, and a leg extension. Other Hammer strength equipment in the facility includes a bench press, a military press, a rowing machine, neck machine, pull-up, and pull-over.

An impressive array of dumbbells is also provided for the student-athletes' use. Two sets

each of dumbbells ranging from five to 150 pounds are kept on racks around the room. Mirrors ring the walls of the room to help student-athletes ensure that they are using proper form throughout their workouts. Cardiovascular equipment, such as treadmills and stationary bikes, is also available.

Fringe benefits may also be found in the weight room. A television with cable and a state-of-the-art sound system has been installed for the enjoyment of the student-athletes. Three offices for the strength coaches are located in the facility, along with restrooms and a small hospitality area. The weight room also provides direct access to the football stadium, gameday room, and individual meeting rooms. The gameday room is used not only by the Blue Raider football team on game days and for film breakdown, but also for press conferences, HPERs classes, and other functions. The meeting room is fully equipped with high-tech audio/visual equipment to enhance learning.

The weight room is supervised by head strength and conditioning coach Matt Riley, football strength coach Robb Rogers, and assistants Darren Edgington and Cedric Walthaw.

Riley, a former Middle Tennessee football player, oversees the entire operation and was responsible for the design and layout of the facility. Following his graduation from Middle Tennessee in 1988, Riley was the head strength and conditioning coach at Tennessee Tech in 1989 and 1990 before taking over the same role at Southern Miss in 1991 and 1992.

Rogers, the National Strength Coach of the Year in 1996, is in his fifth season with the Blue Raiders. The coordinator for all football strength and conditioning programs, Rogers came to Middle Tennessee after serving as the head strength trainer for the St. Louis Blues of the NHL.

Along with strength training, Rogers is widely known for speed development and injury prevention.

Every member of the staff is highly respected and very knowledgeable in the field, which is a big reason Middle Tennessee athletes are in better shape today than in years past.



TRAINING ROOM



**Head Trainer
Joe-Joe Petrone**



**Assistant Trainer
Lucas Calcari**



**Assistant Trainer
Alison Thompson**

Health care is one of the most important aspects of a student-athlete's life, and no university is more committed to keeping athletes on the field than Middle Tennessee. The athletic training room facility underwent a \$1 million renovation before the 2001-02 school year, giving Middle Tennessee student-athletes one of the finest athletic training facilities in the nation.

"This state-of-the-art facility makes it easy to get our student-athletes back out on the field or the court," said head athletic trainer Joe-Joe Petrone. "Along with the excellent facility and equipment at our disposal, we also have outstanding people here in the training room taking care of our student-athletes. We're all committed to helping players stay as healthy as possible during their stay at Middle Tennessee."

According to Petrone, the athletic training room staff has set liberal hours to make sure each student-athlete has his or her needs met. The athletic training room opens at 6 a.m. each morning and doesn't close until the last athlete has been treated.

The new athletic training room is triple the size of the old facility and was a project that vastly improved health care for each Blue Raider and Lady Raider program. The athletic training room contains a complete injury rehabilitation center, new rehab equipment, two full-size whirlpools, two extremity tanks (hot and cold), a dressing area for athletes, and a private office for the team physicians.

There is no waiting in the athletic training room since there are nine taping stations, five

state-of-the-art modalities, and a brand-new rehabilitation area. All of the equipment in the facility is top of the line. Athletes can use a full-stride treadmill and exercise bike during their rehabilitation. One of the most recent additions to the equipment in the athletic training room is a Cybex muscle performance-testing machine, which allows the staff to accurately monitor the progress of a student-athlete's rehabilitation.

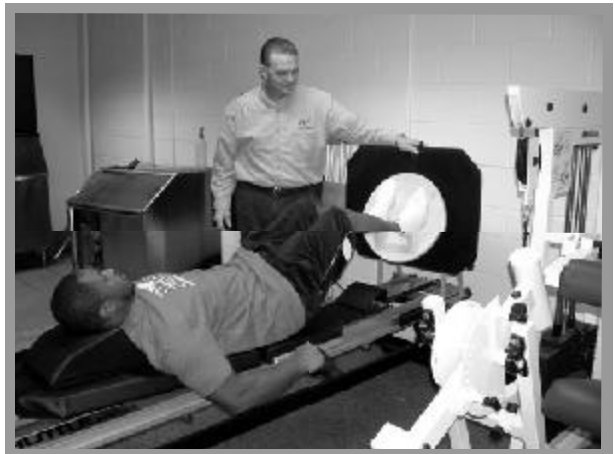
The latest piece of equipment that aids the athletic training staff is a new state-of-the-art computer system that tracks injuries, rehab protocols, medications, and surgeries. The new computer system allows each athletic trainer to keep student-athlete rehabilitation programs moving forward at as rapid a pace as possible.

The facility also contains a fully stocked physician's examination room for the resolution of any minor issues that an athlete may encounter without having to take more time-consuming measures.

Petrone and his assistants each have an office in the athletic training room, and there is work space for the graduate assistants. Each office is self-contained, allowing for private consultations with injured student-athletes.

"What these new facilities show," says Middle Tennessee Athletics Director Boots Donnelly, "is a commitment by Middle Tennessee to its student-athletes. We want our athletes to have a good experience here, and quality health care is a big component of that experience. We hope most athletes won't have to spend time in the training room. However, when they are injured, we want them to have every possible advantage."

Petrone oversees a staff of two full-time



assistants along with five graduate assistants and a host of student trainers in the Athletic Training program.

SUN BELT CONFERENCE



**Commissioner
Wright Waters**



**Assistant
Commissioner
Judy Willson**



**Assistant
Commissioner
Chris Jackson**



**Director of
Media Relations
Rob Broussard**

As it closes in on three decades of proven excellence in its academic achievements and athletic endeavors, the Sun Belt Conference continues to set tremendous standards for its future as a Division I-A organization.

The Sun Belt Conference embarks on its 28th season of competition in 2003-04, and does so as one of only 11 I-A conferences, as the league began sponsorship of football for the first time in 2001. The league has made strides to guarantee continued success in NCAA I-A football with the recent announcements that the University of Idaho, Utah State University and Troy State University will be joining the league as all-sports members by July 1, 2005. Idaho currently competes in the Sun Belt as a football-only member, while Utah State competed for the first time as a football-only member in the 2003 season. Troy State will be added to the conference schedule for football in 2004.

Current Sun Belt member institutions include the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, Arkansas State University, the University of Denver, Florida International University, the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, Middle Tennessee State University, New Mexico State University, the University of New Orleans, the University of North Texas, the University of South Alabama and Western Kentucky University. The University of Louisiana at Monroe has an affiliate membership in football and women's swimming & diving.

The Sun Belt Conference football cham-

pion plays annually in the New Orleans Bowl against an opponent from Conference USA. The New Orleans Bowl, the first contest of the 2003-04 bowl season, was played December 16 at the Louisiana Superdome and televised live nationally on ESPN2. The league's first regular season football game was televised nationally this season on ESPN2.

The addition of Sun Belt football also coincided with the league's commitment to providing increased athletic opportunities for its member institutions and their student-athletes in other sports. In recent years, the Conference has also added softball, women's soccer and women's swimming and diving to its list of sponsored championships. In fact, the Sun Belt Conference has increased women's participation by 69.3 percent over a two-year span from 1999-2001.

The Sun Belt Conference sponsors 18 sports, eight for men and 10 for women. The men's sports include baseball, basketball, cross country, football, golf, tennis, indoor track and field, and outdoor track and field. The women's sports are basketball, cross country, golf, soccer, softball, swimming and diving, tennis, indoor track and field, outdoor track and field, and volleyball.

Since its formation in 1976, the Sun Belt Conference has been innovative and progressive in its thinking. In a move unprecedented in the annals of NCAA Division I, the Sun Belt merged with the American South Conference in 1991, producing one of the nation's largest Division I leagues.

The SBC boasts a rich tradition in the sport of men's basketball throughout its history. Not only did the Sun Belt send a team to the NCAA Final Four in its first year of play, UNC Charlotte in 1977, the league became known as an innovator in its early stages, pioneering the shot clock and three-point field goal, standards which are followed throughout college basketball today.

Furthermore, the Sun Belt was the first conference to sign a long-term contract with ESPN in 1979, and has the longest running broadcast relationship with the network of any conference, 25 consecutive years. Since ESPN's inception, the network has televised every Sun Belt Men's Basketball Tournament final since 1980, and that relationship will continue as the league inked an extension with ESPN through 2005-06.

Sun Belt members have also made tremendous strides in women's basketball as well. Western Kentucky has a longstanding history of

NCAA Tournament appearances, making three trips to the Women's Final Four (1985, 1986, 1992), and finishing as the national runner-up in 1992.

Florida International has become an NCAA Tournament regular in recent years, including advancing to the second round in 2002, and Denver made its first-ever NCAA appearance in 2001. New Orleans and Arkansas State have excelled as well, winning the National Women's Invitational Tournament in 1983 and 1993, respectively.

In baseball, the Sun Belt annually ranks among the nation's Top 10 conferences, and in 2002, the league placed four teams in the NCAA Tournament: South Alabama, Louisiana-Lafayette, New Mexico State and Florida International. In the first four years of the new NCAA Baseball Tournament format, Sun Belt teams have won three NCAA Regionals to advance to the Super Regional round. In 2000, when five current Sun Belt teams advanced to the national tournament, Louisiana-Lafayette made it to the NCAA College World Series, where the Ragin' Cajuns finished third.

In recent years, the Sun Belt has consistently ranked among the Top 10 leagues according to the NCAA Ratings Percentage Index, and rated as high as third in 1997 and fifth in 2002. New Orleans advanced to the 1984 NCAA College World Series, and, all told, current Sun Belt teams sport 60 NCAA Division I postseason appearances in baseball.

In addition to its athletic accomplishments, the Sun Belt Conference aggressively promotes academics and sportsmanship. The Postgraduate Scholarship, Conference Medallion, Academic Honor Roll and Commissioner's All-Academic List honor outstanding work in the classroom by the league's student-athletes. The Conference also awards a Male and Female Student-Athlete of the Year honor and numerous Sportsmanship Awards to the league's student-athletes who exemplify outstanding character and community service.

The Sun Belt Conference is led by Commissioner Wright Waters, now in his fifth full year as commissioner. He is the fourth Sun Belt commissioner, following Vic Bubas (1976-90), Jim Lessig (1990-91) and Craig Thompson (1991-98). The Sun Belt all-sports award, the Vic Bubas Cup, is named after the founding commissioner of the league.

MURFREESBORO



In the heart of Tennessee lies Murfreesboro, one of the fastest growing cities in the state and the country. Murfreesboro is not only the home of Middle Tennessee State University but is also located at the exact geographic center of the state of Tennessee. Murfreesboro has a storied past and an extremely bright future.

Founded in 1811, Murfreesboro was formerly known as Cannonsburgh. The name was changed to Murfreesboro after only 33 days in honor of Revolutionary War Colonel Hardy Murfree. Today, Cannonsburgh historical site, which includes a gristmill, one-room schoolhouse, town hall, log home and church, is one of the most visited historical sites in the midstate.

From 1817 to 1822, Murfreesboro served as the state's capital. However, the capital was moved to Nashville because of its larger economic base and easy access to the Cumberland River. Murfreesboro has remained a major economic center since the city's founding because of its geographic location: just 30 miles southeast of Nashville and about 90 miles from Chattanooga. Murfreesboro has also seen tremendous growth because



of its proximity to interstate highways.

The population of Murfreesboro, approximately 68,816, allows citizens to live in a relatively large city with a small-town atmosphere.

Rutherford County has more than 194,000 residents. The county is the fastest growing in the state and the fifth fastest growing in the South.

Economic growth has boomed almost as fast as the population. The Murfreesboro/Rutherford County area has attracted major manufacturing companies such as Nissan, Bridgestone/ Firestone, Georgia Pacific, Hewlett-Packard, Dell Computers, and Aladdin. Shopping centers have doubled in number in the past 10 years, and Murfreesboro is one of the largest cities in the country in terms of restaurant-to-people ratio.

For the history buff, there are several sites in and around the Murfreesboro area to visit. The 584-acre Stones River National Battlefield was the site of one of the bloodiest battles of the Civil War and can be visited year-round. Oaklands historic site, the Sam Davis home, Fortress Rosecrans, and Cannonsburgh Village are open to the public and recreate the rich history of the area.

Parks and recreation are top-notch in the area. Murfreesboro alone boasts four golf courses: Old Fort, Indian Hills, the VA golf course, and Stones River Country Club. In addition, the area also has several other courses, including Smyrna Municipal, Cedar Crest, Champions Run, and Blackberry Ridge. McKnight Park is the home of SportsCom, softball fields, baseball

fields, and soccer fields. Oaklands Park includes a 25-acre historical site, picnic areas and baseball fields. Old Fort Park includes picnic areas for relaxation, baseball fields, tennis courts, and a golf course. In addition to all the parks in the area, the Stones River Greenway is a great way to enjoy a walk, jog, bike ride, or skate on a beautiful scenic trail parallel to the Stones River.

If rest and relax-

10 FUN THINGS to do in Rutherford Co.

- 1** Brush up on Civil War history with a tour of Stones River National Battlefield, Fortress Rosecrans, the Oaklands Historic House Museum, and the Sam Davis Home.
- 2** Lace up your skates and take a spin at the in-line hockey rink at Veterans Memorial Park in La Vergne.
- 3** Cheer on the Blue Raiders of Middle Tennessee, one of the top overall collegiate athletic programs in the region.
- 4** Get fit and enjoy the great outdoors at Stones River Greenway - a scenic, three-mile walking and bicycling trail.
- 5** Round up the family and head over to the International Grand Championship Walking Horse Show, held annually at the Miller Coliseum.
- 6** March to the beat of a different drummer at the Drum Corps International's annual competition in Murfreesboro.
- 7** Step back in time at Cannonsburgh Village, a unique re-creation of Southern pioneer living.
- 8** Take in a culturally enriching show at the Rutherford County Center for the Arts.
- 9** Expand your knowledge of the automotive industry by touring the Nissan plant in Smyrna.
- 10** Stop by Miller's Grocery in Christiana and enjoy down-home cooking and great bluegrass music.

ation is not what you are looking for, there are several exciting entertainment options in Murfreesboro. Jazz Fest, the Uncle Dave Macon Days Festival, and the International Grand Championship Tennessee Walking Horse Show are just a few annual events that attract thousands of visitors to the area. The Nashville Superspeedway is located just off the Rutherford County line and is the host of several races, including a NASCAR Busch Series race.

Expanding population and increasing growth have made Murfreesboro a vibrant community. However, growth has not left behind the core values that have made Murfreesboro one of the area's most preferred cities in which to live. With all indications pointing toward a continuation of the area's growth, Murfreesboro will maintain its place among the state's most outstanding and livable cities.

SCARLETT COMMONS

Many of Middle Tennessee's hard working student-athletes call the newest housing development on campus their home away from home. Scarlett Commons, one of the premier living arrangements at any university in the region, was opened to students in the fall of 1999 and provides apartment-style living with the convenience of staying on-campus.

Nine three-story buildings with 12 apartments each and a useful clubhouse make up the Scarlett complex. Each apartment contains four private bedrooms connected by two private bathrooms, a full kitchen, and a comfortable living room.

Each apartment is fully furnished. The kitchen includes a table and four chairs, microwave, refrigerator, stove, and oven. The living area includes a sofa, lounge chair, and television stand. Each bedroom is furnished with a bed, dresser, closet, nightstand, and desk with a hutch. Scarlett Commons even provides the mini-blinds for the windows. Each apartment also includes cable and phone lines in the living room and data lines with access to the Internet for personal computers in each bedroom.

The Scarlett Commons clubhouse creates a real sense of community with its recreation/meeting rooms, fireplace, big screen TV, and laundry room. Any maintenance issues are a mere phone call away to the 24-hour reception and service desk located in the clubhouse.

Residents also enjoy the ease of using the Raider Xpress, the University's shuttle buses, to make every class on time. The Red shuttle makes stops in front of the clubhouse every 15-20 min-



utes and is a comfortable way to ride to the door of every major building on campus.

"Living at Scarlett has been a lot of fun; the apartments are nearly brand new and I love having my own room," said senior Katie Mirgliotta.

"It was really easy to move in because all the furniture was already provided. My parents really loved that aspect."

Students living in Scarlett Commons have their own restricted parking lot so its easy to find parking in front of their buildings 24 hours a day.

Each building has an assigned resident assistant on the first floor. These are student staff members who have the responsibility of helping

residents with any difficulties they might have, as well as helping to get all the residents involved in activities across campus.

"We strive to make living at Scarlett Commons an experience where students learn about living on their own and the social skills needed to interact with diverse people in their personal and professional lives," said Eric Light, area coordinator.

For more information on Scarlett Commons and other on-campus housing, please access www.mtsu.edu/~housing.



"I enjoy apartment-style living with the convenience of being right in the heart of campus," said Josh Willoughby. "It is also very nice to have your very own parking spot."

TRADITIONS

LEGEND OF LIGHTNING

In Greek mythology, the winged horse possessed superior cunning and speed. The thundering horse of the gods was entrusted to carry awesome lightning bolts and could only be harnessed by a noble being with a pure heart. Character, talent and strength were required to mount and ride the fabled winged horse.

Today, this winged horse is a fitting symbol of a university that has earned its wings and excels in many academic arenas, including historic preservation, teacher training, aerospace, political science, horse science, and recording industry. But the winged horse is more than a symbol of physical accomplishment; it is also a symbol of character and the responsible wielding of power.



The challenge of all great universities and university athletic departments is to help student-athletes build character as well as strength. This winged horse, Lightning, is a symbol to Middle Tennessee students, athletes and alumni of the soaring school spirit they experience at sporting events.

For its nobility and character, the winged horse was immortalized in the stars. Now, with breathtaking speed and thundering, unbridled power, Lightning strikes, forevermore, fear in the hearts of Blue Raider opponents and leads Middle Tennessee to victory!

BLUE RAIDER NICKNAME

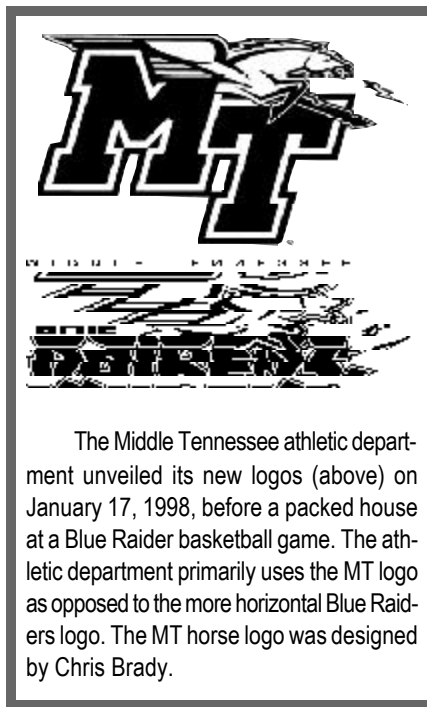
In the early days of athletics at Middle Tennessee State University, the teams were known by several nicknames. Among these were Teach-

ers, Normalites and Pedagogues.

In 1934, it was decided that the school needed a specific nickname. During football season that year, the Murfreesboro *Daily News Journal* held a contest to name the team.

The late Charles Sarver, then a Middle Tennessee football player and later principal at White County High School in Sparta, Tenn., won the \$5 prize for his entry of "Blue Raiders." Sarver later indicated he had "borrowed" the nickname of the Colgate Red Raiders, but substituted Middle Tennessee Blue for Colgate Red. Ever since then, Middle Tennessee athletic teams have been known as the Blue Raiders.

The symbol of Confederate General Nathan Bedford Forrest on a horse was first used about 1945, when then-University President Q.M. Smith instructed Public Relations Di-



The Middle Tennessee athletic department unveiled its new logos (above) on January 17, 1998, before a packed house at a Blue Raider basketball game. The athletic department primarily uses the MT logo as opposed to the more horizontal Blue Raiders logo. The MT horse logo was designed by Chris Brady.

rector Gene Sloan to use the figure in conjunction with the nickname.

In 1965, the Associated Student Body established strict specifications regarding the size of the student who would emulate Forrest. It is believed that this was done because there was only one uniform available and a "good fit" was desired. Later, in sensitivity to the African-American community, the figure of General Forrest was abandoned.

For a time, the "unofficial" mascot for the Blue Raiders was a costumed, cartoon-like dog. A reasonable facsimile of a bluetick hound, the affable character was dubbed "Ole Blue."

On January 17, 1998, the current mascot, "Lightning," was born. The mascot was unveiled, along with an attractive eye-catching logo, at a basketball game in Murphy Center. The introduction of Lightning gave a new identity to the nickname Blue Raiders.



FIGHT SONG

Blue Raiders ride on to vic-t'ry
Never failing in the fight
Upholding honor and tradition
Of the name's that's held most high

M-T-S-U marching onward
This will be our battle cry
For the one, true pride of the Blue
M-T-S-U Raiders Ride!

ALMA MATER

We sing thy praises,
faithful guide of youth,
Through all the ages
affirmed and strong in truth.
Alma Mater, Middle Tennessee
We proudly offer
our hearts in loyalty.



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Scales Wins National Title, Relay Takes Third

MT Media Relations

MURFREESBORO, Tenn. - Junior Marcy Scales blistered the competition late Friday night to take home the 100-meter national title, while the men's 4x100-meter relay finished third with one of the fastest times in the world this year, as Middle Tennessee completed action at the NCAA Outdoor Track & Field Championships in Sacramento, Calif.

Scales ran 10.25 at Hornet Stadium on the Cal State Sacramento campus, defeating second-place Pierre Brown of Mississippi State by 0.09 seconds to take the title. Middle Tennessee's first individual title since Dianne Rose won the 60-meter hurdles in 1994. The title also marks the first men's sprint championship in Middle Tennessee history, as three other men's national titles have come in the triple jump, two by Barry McClure and one from Tommy Haynes.

Scales also earned his third All America honor Friday night and first outdoors after two straight indoor honors in the 60-meters.

"Nardy has been very good all year long and he has taken it to another level in the last month," Blue Raider head coach Dean Hayes said. "First at the Sun Belt Championships, then the NCAA Regionals and now at the NCAA Championships, he continued to get better and better as the competition toughened."

The men's 4x100-meter relay eclipsed its own school-record by running 38.94 to earn third place earlier Friday evening. The foursome of senior DJ Spann, Scales, senior Brad Orr and sophomore Pedro Holiday ran one of the fastest times in the world this year, with only LSU and Tennessee finishing in front of the Blue Raider group.

The relay earned All-America honors, the first relay to do so at Middle Tennessee since 1992.

"The relay guys all did a great job. They all ran terrific races and that has to be one of the fastest times in the world this year."

Sophomore Victor Okoro also garnered his first All-America honor Friday night, albeit with a disappointing eighth-place finish in the 400-meter hurdles in a time of 2:09.96.

"Victor ran a good race and probably would have finished third, somewhere in the low 45's again, but he fell over the eighth (out of 10) hurdle. To fall over the eighth hurdle, those last two look like monsters, but he got up and finished the race and that's a credit to him."



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GoBlueRaiders.com, which currently averages over 1.5 million hits per month, was launched in May of 1999 and was hosted by Total Sports for two full years.

In May of 2001, GoBlueRaiders.com moved to a total in-house operation showcasing a new design and format. The athletic media relations office manages the site and is responsible for all content, designs, services and updates. Bradley Lambert provides technical support for the site, along with various other Web-related tasks.

Thanks to members of the media relations staff, pregame releases, game stories, features, and up-to-date statistics and results for all 17 Blue Raider sports are posted to the site, providing the most complete source of Middle Tennessee athletics anywhere.

The site also carries press conferences, provides photo galleries of various events and games, has complete bios on coaches and players, contains radio broadcasts of football, men's and women's basketball, and baseball games, and brings fans all the breaking news stories related to Blue Raider athletics.