

# 2000 Track and Field



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## Quick Facts

### University Information

Location	Murfreesboro, TN
Enrollment	18,993
Colors	Blue and White
Nickname	Blue Raiders
Conference	Ohio Valley
President	Dr. James Walker
Athletic Director	Lee Fowler
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### Team Information

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Office Phone	615-898-2450
OVC Titles	27 (19 men, 8 women)
NCAA All-Americans	31 athletes/65 certificates

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# Dean Hayes

## The 'DEAN' of Track & Field

### Personal

Birthdate: 12-14-37

Hometown: Morrison, Illinois

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, New York)

World Championships: 1997 (Athens, Greece)

World Cup: 1994 (London, England)

Goodwill Games: 1990 (Seattle, Washington)

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, Colorado)

### Note

Hayes also served as a referee at the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta, Georgia.

### NCAA Top 25 Finishes ( 16 )

Women's Indoor: 1994, 8th

Men's Indoor: 1993, 21st; 1982, 11th; 1981, 11th; 1980, 19th; 1979, 20th; 1974, 14th; 1973, 8th; 1972, 7th; 1971, 22nd

Men's Outdoor: 1976, 19th; 1974, 17th; 1973, 25th; 1972, 22nd; 1971, 25th

Men's Cross Country: 1966, 14th

### Ohio Valley Conference Titles ( 27 )

Women's Indoor: 1996, 1995, 1994, 1991 and 1988

Men's Indoor: 1993, 1991, 1986, 1985, 1983, 1982, 1981 and 1979

Women's Outdoor: 1996, 1994 and 1991

Men's Outdoor: 1994, 1993, 1986, 1985, 1984, 1983, 1982, 1981, 1980, 1978 and 1977

### Honors

Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame: 1994

Blue Raiders Hall of Fame: 1982

OVC Coach of the Year: 1996, 1995, 1994, 1991, 1986, 1985, 1984, 1983, 1982, 1981, 1980, 1979, 1978 and 1977

A nationally recognized team and one of the most highly regarded coaches in the country characterize the award-winning Middle Tennessee track and field program.

Head coach Dean Hayes has gained a great amount of respect since coming to Middle Tennessee 35 years ago.

His men's teams have dominated the Ohio Valley Conference and the women's program has duplicated that success since Hayes took over the program in 1987.

Overall, Hayes has guided the program to 27 OVC titles, 16 NCAA Top 25 finishes, while 31 of his athletes have earned 65 All-American honors, three 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 and field program from 1987-91.

Hayes has garnered 14 OVC coach of the year honors, including 10 in a row from 1977-1986. He was inducted into the Blue Raiders Hall of Fame in 1982 and the Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame in 1994. Following the 1981 season, Hayes was voted the NCAA outdoor coach of the year by the Division I Coaches Association, a group he served as president from 1982-83.

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 (1978) and includes working as the head coach at the World

University Games in Kobe, Japan (1985), Goodwill Games in Seattle (1990), World Cup in London, England (1994), World Championships in Athens, Greece (1997) and again at the Goodwill Games in New York City (1998).

The Naperville, Ill., native has also 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.

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

However, Hayes' most successful collegiate athletes at Middle Tennessee would have to be NCAA triple jump -- a event Hayes specializes in -- champions Tommy Haynes (1974) and Barry McClure (1972 and 1973) as well as NCAA high hurdle champion Dionne Rose (1994). Hayes also guided Roland McGheeton nine All-American honors while both McClure and Greg Artish have won All-American honors seven times.

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



Dean Hayes attended his induction into the Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame with his wife Jan in 1994. Hayes is one of the most respected track and field coaches in the world.

# Roger Kerr and Thomas Keith

Though he is only beginning his third year as assistant coach in the Middle Tennessee track and field program, Roger Kerr possesses more experience than most head coaches around the country. Theoretic head coach at Arizona State, Illinois State and Evansville, is still involved in collegiate track and field competition for one simple reason--the Iowanative enjoys teaching and working with young athletes. In his two 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 head coach Dean Hayes with recruiting duties.

Kerr earned his B.S. and M.A. 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 the test of time for more than 20 years.

Upon earning his M.A., 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 Illinois State, Kerr also served as an assistant to the athletic director.

Amidst a west coast life, Kerr uprooted himself and moved to Tempe, AZ, 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 (1984) and Atlanta (1996). The 58-year-old has also worked the Winter Olympic Games in Calgary, Alberta, Canada (1988) and Lillehammer, Norway (1994) as well as the Pan-American Games in Indianapolis (1987) and Buenos Aires, Argentina (1995). 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 (1993) and San Francisco (1995).

Kerr's experience includes, but is not limited to, athletic ticket coordination, athletic transportation arrangements, and athletic coordination for ABC television (USA) and BBC television (UK) 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 (1985), Houston (1986) and Colorado Springs (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.



Roger Kerr assists with coaching duties during an indoor event last December at Murphy Center

## Where In The World Is 'ROGER'

### Personal

Birth date: 11-2-41  
Hometown: Wapello, Iowa  
Family: Sons, Michael, Richard and James

### Education

High School: Wapello (IA) High School  
College: Iowa (1963)

### Head Coach Experience ( College )

Arizona State: 1977-85 (Women's track & field/cross country)  
Illinois State: 1973-77 (Men's track & field/cross country)  
*Note: during this time Kerr also served as assistant to the Illinois State University athletic director*  
Purdue: 1967-73 (Men's cross country)  
Evansville: 1965-67 (Men's track & field/cross country)

### Assistant Coach Experience ( College )

Middle Tennessee: 1997-present  
Arizona State: 1977-79 (Men's track & field/cross country)  
Purdue: 1967-73 (Men's track & field)  
Evansville: 1965-67 (Men's basketball)

### Assistant Coach Experience ( World )

Olympic Games: 1996 (Atlanta, Georgia)  
Pan-American Games: 1995 (Buenos Aires, Argentina)  
US Olympic Festival: 1995 (Colorado Springs, Colorado)  
World University Games: 1995 (San Francisco, Calif.)  
Winter Olympic Games: 1994 (Lillehammer, Norway)  
World University Games: 1993 (Buffalo, New York)  
Winter Olympic Games: 1988 (Calgary, AL, Canada)  
Pan-American Games: 1987 (Indianapolis, Indiana)  
US Olympic Festival: 1986 (Houston, Texas)  
US Olympic Festival: 1985 (Baton Rouge, Louisiana)  
Olympic Games: 1984 (Los Angeles, California)

### 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



Thomas Keith  
Assistant Coach

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

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

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 the Blue Raiders success.

# Rosters and Schedule

## 2000 WOMEN'S ROSTER

NAME	EVENT(S)	HT	WT	YR	DOB	HOMETOWN
Naomi Anisah	Sprints	54	115	Jr	11-13-78	Accra, Ghana
Tori Blander	Hurdles	52	135	So.	8-6-80	Romliac, MI
Bethany Brent	Sprints	56	123	Sr	9-1-78	Chicago, IL
Jareka Collins	Sprints/Jumps	56	120	So.	3-31-80	Virginia Beach, VA
Doreisha Davis	Sprints	57	135	So.	1-28-79	Rochester, NY
Aranda Forrester	Jumps	58	128	Fr	12-13-80	LaRillette, TN
Kim Freeman	Sprints/Jumps	57	140	Fr	8-19-80	Mobile, AL
Willisa Heirtz	Sprints	55	123	Fr	3-28-81	Richardson, TX
Nicolette Jannett	Sprints/Jumps	5-11	150	Fr	8-19-80	Irkster, MI
Shauntel Jamings	Shot Put	59	197	Sr	10-21-78	Nashville, TN
Lashon Kennedy	Jumps	58	139	So.	9-21-80	Evanston, IL
Kapreia Kirk	Distances	56	120	Jr	7-9-78	Danville, IL
Jekita McClarin	Hurdles/Jumps	52	114	Fr	6-16-80	West Palm Beach, FL
Lavonda Miller	Distances	52	120	So.	4-25-80	Nashville, TN
Alicia Moore	Hurdles	5-7	127	Jr	9-28-78	Murfreesboro, TN
Tiffany Rudran	Sprints/Jumps	52	108	Fr	1-26-81	Virginia Beach, VA
Stephany Reid	Jumps	62	170	Fr	4-13-80	Riverview, NE
Andreja Ribac	Jumps	5-9	135	Sr	1-14-76	Maribor, Slovenia
Kelley Smith	Hurdles	53	135	Jr	8-21-79	Chattanooga, TN
Sabrina Smith	Distances	53	123	So.	3-24-80	W. Hempstead, NY

## 2000 MEN'S ROSTER

NAME	EVENT(S)	HT	WT	YR	DOB	HOMETOWN
Albert Agyerang	Sprints	5-8	178	Sr	10-4-77	Kumasi, Ghana
Boniface Anuzu	Jumps	64	190	Sr	6-16-76	Kumasi, Ghana
Kareem Bland	Jumps/Hurdles	60	178	So.	3-6-80	Conley, GA
Tanko Braimah	Sprints	5-11	185	Jr	8-12-79	Takoradi, Ghana
Kyle Brown	Distances	60	160	Sr	4-10-78	Nashville, TN
Josh Carroll	Distances	65	185	Fr	11-3-80	Murfreesboro, TN
John Cheek	Distances	60	140	So.	7-9-79	Murfreesboro, TN
Josh Cromier	Distances	5-10	150	Fr	9-24-79	Payetteville, TN
Jasper Damps	Hurdles	64	190	So.	10-22-79	West Palm Beach, FL
John Everett	Distances	61	165	Fr	12-20-80	Martin, TN
Godfrey Henning	Sprints	60	150	Jr	5-18-78	Romliac, MI
Rob Jordan	Jumps	60	165	So.	7-29-80	Ocala, FL
Mike Krisle	Distances	60	145	Fr	6-18-81	Murfreesboro, TN
Godfrey Lagat	Distances	60	140	Fr	1-1-80	Kapsabet, Kenya
Odango Moanda	Distances	5-11	140	Fr	12-12-78	Kapsabet, Kenya
Kareem Manley	Distances	5-10	155	So.	8-16-79	Romliac, MI
Mario Paul	Hurdles	5-11	168	Sr	1-26-76	Nashville, TN
Bryan Picklesimer	Distances	5-10	160	Fr	6-24-80	Nashville, TN
Steve Reid	Jumps	62	165	Sr	1-27-75	Santa Cruz, Jamaica
Haneef Sharif	Hurdles	60	160	Jr	5-1-79	Gates, NY
William Smith	Sprints	60	160	Jr	2-23-78	Antioch, TN
Jason Smith	Distances	57	127	Sr	12-18-72	Corvallis, MT
De'Jun Spann	Sprints	60	151	Fr	11-11-80	Augusta, GA



## 2000 Indoor Track and Field Schedule

December 4

BlueRaider Invitational I; Murphy Center

January 15

Kentucky Invitational; Lexington, KY

January 22

BlueRaider Invitational II; Murphy Center

January 28 and 29

IKON Invitational; Johnson City, TN

February 4 and 5

Indiana Invitational; Bloomington, IN

February 12

BlueRaider Invitational III; Murphy Center

February 27 and 28

OVC Championships; Murphy Center

March 4

Last Chance Meet; Ames, IA

March 11 and 12

NCAA Championships; Indianapolis, IN

## 2000 Outdoor Track and Field Schedule

March 17 and 18

Florida State Invitational; Tallahassee, FL

March 25 and 26

Alabama Relays; Tuscaloosa, AL

April 11

SPECTownes Invitational; Athens, GA

April 7 and 8

Texas Relays; Austin, TX and SEMotion Relays; Cape Girardeau, MO

April 14 and 15

SeaRay Relays; Knoxville, TN

April 15

Arkansas State Invitational; Jonesboro, AR

April 22

JasLaCoste Invitational; Starkville, MS

April 27-29

Penn Relays; Philadelphia, PA

May 5 and 6

OVC Championships; Murfreesboro, TN

May 13

Billy Hayes; Bloomington, IN

May 20

Georgia Tech; Atlanta, GA

May 31 thru June 3

NCAA Championships; Durham, NC



# Women's Outlook

Along with the beginning of a new millennium, Lady Raider head coach Dean Hayes is hoping to usher in an era at Middle Tennessee in women's track and field.

Since it will be Middle Tennessee's last season in the OVC, going out with a title would be a fitting exit. For that type of success to occur, the Lady Raiders will need to score big in their events. While the team does have equality, it is limited in its events.

"As usual, sprints, hurdles and jumps will determine our success," Hayes said. "It should make it an interesting year, because we've had a lot of relay meets."

Sprints and jumps should be the strongest areas for the Lady Raiders this season -- especially with a multitude of returners and a solid recruiting class.

Andreja Ribac, an NCAA qualifier and 1999 OVC triple jump champion, leads the way in 2000.

On an event-by-event basis, the triple will be the strongest for the Lady Raiders. Along with Ribac is Kim Freeman, who jumped 40-11 in the Junior Olympics; Stephany Reid, a transfer from the University of Nebraska and a former Canadian junior champion; Jareka Collins, who made the national list in high school; Tiffany Purham and Lashon Kennedy, who set out last year.

This same group should also have solid credentials in the long jump. The best asset of this particular group of Lady Raiders, however, is that each one of them can also help in the events.

"Whatever events we have," Hayes said, "we have a lot of people in those events. So everyone should be able to give it 100 percent."

Purham is a Virginia state champion in the 55 meter dash, Kennedy ran on relay teams at Evanston Township (IL) High School, which won state championships, and Collins and Freeman can both hurdle and run the 400, making all of them versatile to the needs of this year's team.

As far as jumps are concerned, Hayes also has 'high' expectations for freshman Amanda Forrester, who in high school was a Tennessee state high jump champion. Forrester has already

had jumps measuring as high as 5-8.

Another strong area for the Lady Raiders will be sprints and leading the way will be newcomer Willis Heintz.

"Willis has the potential to win the sprint title in the OVC and break school records," Hayes said.

Heintz comes to Middle Tennessee after what could easily be termed a stellar high school career. Her high school, Richardson (TX) High School, was picked for All-American honors in the 4x100 and 4x200 relay.

Hayes considers Heintz one of the best sprinters to ever be recruited to the Lady Raider program. Aside from relays, Heintz is very solid in the 100 and

event for this year's Lady Raiders.

Considering the Lady Raiders return OVC intermediate hurdles champion Tori Blander, one can expect even more great things in terms of hurdles.

As they say, it's easier to learn and build from success. Alicia Moore adds depth to the hurdles, as does Kelly Smith, who has not only improved her times in the hurdles but also added the javelin.

Coming off a solid cross country season, the 800 will feature junior Kapreia Kirk and Sabrina Smith, who turned in some good performances a year ago.

Hayes' goal for the season is to win an OVC title because this is the last year in the conference.

The Lady Raiders also hope for a solid season in the relays, which helps in terms of team spirit and morale.

This could be the year the Lady Raiders sport some NCAA qualifiers and have some All-Americans.

"Because this team is so new," Hayes said, "it is a solid base for the future and a lot to look forward to."

"We should be an exciting, young team to watch for the next several years."

With the type of team Hayes has assembled this year and the potential it has, the foundation is now in place to quite possibly reach the level of constant success that the Lady Raiders counterparts -- the Blue Raiders -- have had for the last four decades.



200 -- having placed in the junior Olympics in the 100.

"The entire new class is solid," Hayes said. "The future of the sprints and hurdles is seemingly good."

"All of them have made the track and field list at one time or another. They're really tough."

Heintz will receive strong support from Doreisha Davis in both sprints, while Purham and senior Bethany Bant solidify the sprints.

The 400 has Naomi Ansah, who missed last season because of injuries. Collins is expected to be strong while Freeman and Kennedy should add strength to what could turn out to be a much improved

Pictured above from left to right: Doreisha Davis and Willis Heintz. Both are expected to make an immediate impact in the sprints for the Lady Raiders track and field program this year. Davis is a one-time New York high school state champion in the 200, while Heintz is a two-time high school All-American and the 1999 female track athlete of the year. Davis and Heintz will also compete in the relays.

# Women's Profiles



## NAOMI ANSAH

5-4 ♦ 115 ♦ Jr. ♦ Accra, Ghana  
Sprints ♦ Personal bests: 54.20

Is an excellent sprinter with good range ... Can help out with relays ... **1999:** Injured most of the season ... Best finish was at the Blue Raiders Indoor Invitational, where she finished first in

the 200 and 400 ... Finished first in the 400 at the FSU Invitational ... Was a mid-season transfer from McKendree College in Lebanon, IL ... **High School:** Was named the 1992 outstanding athlete of the year in her hometown of Accra ... **Personal:** Plans to pursue a career as an athletic trainer ... Majoring in business administration.



## TORI BLANDER

5-2 ♦ 135 ♦ So. ♦ Pontiac, MI  
Hurdles ♦ Personal bests: 1:01.97

One of the best hurdlers in the nation ... Competitive ... Willing to run any event needed ... **1999:** Finished first in the 400-intermediate hurdles at the OVC Outdoor

Championships ... Third in the 400 hurdles at the Spec Towns Invitational ... **High School:** Won the state championship in the 300 hurdles two consecutive years ... Two-time all-state selection ... Holds the Pontiac Northern High School records in both the 200 and 300 hurdles ... Three-sport star lettering in track, basketball and volleyball ... **Personal:** Majoring in computer information systems.



## BETHANY BRENT

5-6 ♦ 123 ♦ Sr. ♦ Chicago, IL  
Sprints ♦ Personal bests: 25.02

Has learned to run the 400 ... Should help out relays ... Competitiveness is her biggest asset ... **1999:** Placed in the OVC sprints ... **High School:** Member of the Illinois state champi-

onship team her senior year ... **Personal:** Majoring in elementary education.



## JAMEKA COLLINS

5-6 ♦ 120 ♦ So. ♦ Virginia Beach, VA  
Sprints/Jumps ♦ Personal bests: 40-1/55.04

Capable in several events from the triple jump to the 400 ... **1999:** Competed for Hampton (VA) University ... **High School:** Finished fourth nationally in the triple jump in 1998,

while attending Salena High School ... Ran the first leg of the 4x100, placing second in the state championships in 1998 ... Was an honor roll student ... **Personal:** Plans to pursue a career in the fashion industry as a buyer ... Majoring in fashion merchandise.



## DOREISHA DAVIS

5-7 ♦ 135 ♦ So. ♦ Rochester, NY  
Sprints ♦ Personal bests: 11.84/24.29

Solid sprinter ... Will really help the relay teams ... **1999:** Competed for Arizona State University ... **High School:** New York state champion in the 200 ... Section V champion in the 100, 200, 4x100 and long jump ... **Personal:** Undeclared major.



## AMANDA FORRESTER

5-8 ♦ 128 ♦ Fr. ♦ LaFollette, TN  
Jumps ♦ Personal bests: 5-8

Can really help out in what has been a weak event for the Lady Raiders ... **High School:** Two-time state high jump champion in 1999 and 1998 ... Two-time invitational girls field

MVP in 1999 and 1998 ... Two-time Knoxville News-Sentinel Relays high jump champion in 1999 and 1997 ... Holds Campbell County High School high jump record at 5'8" ... Four-year letterman in track and field ... Named to the Who's Who three years ... Member of student council in 1999 and a Teen Board presentee in 1997 ... **Personal:** Undeclared major.



## KIM FREEMAN

5-7 ♦ 140 ♦ Fr. ♦ Mobile, AL  
Sprints/Jumps ♦ Personal bests: 40-11/18-10

Competed in a lot of events in high school, concentrating on a few should make her better in college ... **High School:** Earned high school All-American honors ... All-county

selection 1999 ... All-metro selection in 1999 ... Holds the Williamson (AL) High School triple jump record of 39'2" ... Three-sport star lettering in track, volleyball and basketball ... **Personal:** Majoring in athletic training.



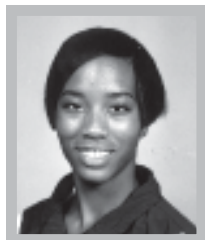
## WILLISA HEINTZ

5-5 ♦ 123 ♦ Fr. ♦ Richardson, TX  
Sprints ♦ Personal bests: 11.4/23.9

One of the best sprinters ever recruited to Middle Tennessee ... Very competitive ... Member of high school 4x100 and 4x200 relay teams ranked as No. 2 and 3 in the

country by *Track and Field News* ... **High School:** Two-time high school All-American ... 1999 female track athlete of the year ... Three-time all-state ... Three-time all-region ... Three-time all-district ... Four-time team MVP ... Two-sport letterwinner in track and volleyball ... **Personal:** Undeclared major.

# Women's Profiles



## LASHON KENNEDY

5-8 ♦ 139 ♦ So. ♦ Evanston, IL

Jumps ♦ Personal bests: 39-2/56.10

Knows how to win ... Versatile jumper who is also capable of running a leg on the relay teams ... **1999:** Did not compete ... **High School:** Recorded a personal best 18'9" in

the long jump and 38'5" in the triple jump while attending Evanston (IL) Township High School ... Team won Illinois state championship in 1998 ... **Personal:** Hopes to work in the recreation field ... Majoring in recreation program management.



## KAPREIA KIRK

5-6 ♦ 129 ♦ Jr. ♦ Danville, IL

Distances ♦ Personal bests: 2:12.8 (HS)

Thought of as very competitive ... Ability to run distance and 4x400 ... Had a good cross country season, which should be the building block for a good 800 this season ... **1999:**

Best finish was sixth place in the 800 at the Spec Towns Invitational in Athens, GA ... **1998:** Best race of the season was at the Alabama Relays where, as a freshman, she finished third in the 800 ... **High School:** Illinois state champion in the 800 with a time of 2:12.8 ... **Personal:** Majoring in recreation program management.



## JERKITA McCLORIN

5-2 ♦ 114 ♦ Fr. ♦ W. Palm Beach, FL

Hurdles/Jumps ♦ Personal bests: 20-1/2/13.65

Hard worker, competitive and very tough ...

Good speed to go with the hurdles ... **High School:** Three-time high school All-American in the 100 hurdles in 1999, 1998 and 1997 ...

Two-time Palm Beach female MVP in 1999 and 1998 ... TV 12 athlete of the year in 1999 ... Holds the Palm Beach Lakes record in the long jump, 100-intermediate hurdles, 4x100 and 4x400, finishing in the top 10 in the nation ... Recipient of the Palm Beach Post Pathfinder Award ... **Personal:** Majoring in social work.



## TIFFANY PURHAM

5-2 ♦ 108 ♦ Fr. ♦ Virginia Beach, VA

Sprints/Jumps ♦ Personal bests: 11.8/19-3

Solid in the sprints and jumps ... Very hard

worker ... **High School:** Two-time state

champion in the 55 in 1998 and 1997 ... Two-

time regional triple jump champion and also

won a regional long jump title ... Hampton Roads (VA) athlete of the year ... Was an honor roll student ... **Personal:** Plans to enter medical school ... Majoring in biology.



## STEPHANY REID

6-2 ♦ 170 ♦ Fr. ♦ Riverview, N.B., Canada

Jumps ♦ Personal bests: 19-10/41-10

Great potential ... Hard worker ... Already possesses good jump technique ... Transferred from the University of Nebraska ...

**High School:** Two-time female athlete of the

year in 1998 and 1997 ... Three-time team MVP ... Holds the Canadian Junior National record in the triple jump at 12.75 ... Holds 32 provincial records in 100, 200, long jump and triple jump ... Honor roll student ... **Personal:** Undeclared major.



## ANDREJA RIBAC

5-9 ♦ 135 ♦ Sr. ♦ Maribor, Slovenia

Jumps ♦ Personal bests: 43-3

Described as hard working, competitive and dependable ... Places well in big meets ...

**1999:** NCAA qualifier and OVC outdoor triple jump champion by more than two feet

with a jump of 42-5.25 ... First place finish in the triple jump at the Spec Towns Invitational ... Third in the triple jump at the Alabama Relays ... **1998:** Finished second at the OVC Outdoor Championship in the triple jump ... **High School:** Junior National record holder and champion in the triple jump at 43' ... **Personal:** Majoring in business management.



## KELLEY SMITH

5-3 ♦ 135 ♦ Jr. ♦ Chattanooga, TN

Hurdles ♦ Personal bests: 14.52/117-11

Improved last year and appears to have improved again this season ... Added the

javelin last season ... **1999:** Finished first in the 100 hurdles and second in the long jump

at the Arkansas State Track Classic ... Fourth in the 100 hurdles at the OVC Outdoor Championships ... Best indoor finish was second place in the 55 at the Blue Raiders Indoor Invitational ... **1998:** Took a red-shirt ... **High School:** Earned 11 varsity letters, including four in track, four in basketball and three in volleyball at Tyner (TN) High School ... **Personal:** Majoring in physical education.



## SABRINA SMITH

5-3 ♦ 123 ♦ So. ♦ W. Hampstead, NY

Distances ♦ Personal bests: 2:14.97

Great ability when she is willing to work and use it ... Very fluid and pretty to watch ... Also a member of the cross country team ... **1999:** Best finish of the year was first place in the 800

at the Blue Raiders Indoor Invitational ... Finished third in the 800 at the Jace Lacoste Invitational ... Finished fourth in the 800 at the Spec Towns Invitational and fifth at the Arkansas State Track Classic ... **High School:** State champion in the 800 in 1997 ... **Personal:** Majoring in computer information systems.

# Women's Event Records

## Lady Raider Indoor Records

EVENT	RECORD HOLDER	RECORD	YEAR
LONG JUMP	Dionne Rose	20-8 1/4	1994
TRIPLE JUMP	Jacqui Brown	42-7	1994
HIGH JUMP	Veronica Tipton	5-8	1991
	Mia Florence	5-8	1995
SHOT PUT	Shelly Johnson	48-7 1/4	1996
55 METER DASH	Dionne Rose	:06.89	1994
200 METERS DASH	Nadia Graham	:23.54	1996
400 METER DASH	Nadia Graham	:55.56	1996
800 METER RUN	Leigh Weathers	2:14.97	1990
ONE MILE RUN	Dianne DeOliveira	5:01.73	1991
3000 METER RUN	Kiya Thomas	10:21.57	1990
5000 METER RUN	Lea White	18:46.26	1992
55 METER HURDLES	Dionne Rose	:07.59	1994
ONE MILE RELAY	Hall, Parrish, Phillips, Graham	3:42.78	1996
DISTANCE MEDLEY RELAY	Barnes, McGill, Smith, DeOliveira	12:22.45	1992



Tori Blander



Jacqui Brown



Mia Florence



Nadia Graham

## Lady Raider Outdoor Records

EVENT	RECORD HOLDER	RECORD	YEAR
LONG JUMP	Dionne Rose	21-9	1994
TRIPLE JUMP	Jacqui Brown	43-1	1994
HIGH JUMP	Veronica Tipton	5-10 1/2	1992
SHOT PUT	Rhonda Hall	47-01/2	1995
DISCUS	Shelly Johnson	168-5	1995
JAVELIN	Tracy Edens	124-6	1989
100 METERS	Natalie Douglas	:11.34	1994
200 METERS	Nadia Graham	:24.02	1996
400 METERS	Nadia Graham	:53.30	1996
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
100 METER HURDLES	Dionne Rose	:13.14	1994
<b>400 METER HURDLES</b>	<b>Tori Blander</b>	<b>1:01.97</b>	<b>1999</b>
4 X 100 METER RELAY	Douglas, Rose, Brown, Watson	:44.87	1994
4 X 200 METER RELAY	Phillips, Douglas, Brown, Watson	1:38.17	1994
4 X 400 METER RELAY	Hall, Parrish, Phillips, Graham	3:42.25	1996
4 X 800 METER RELAY	Smith, Barnes, DeOliveira, Weathers	9:06.63	1992
4 X 1500 METER RELAY	Barnes, Smith, DeOliveira, Thomas	19:57.23	1991
SPRINT MEDLEY RELAY	Palls, 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



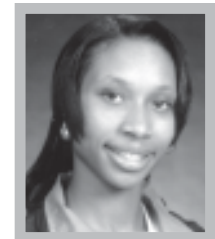
Rhonda Hall



Shelly Johnson



Rachel Parrish



Tyjuana Phillips



Dionne Rose



Kim Watson

## Lady Raider Acknowledgements

### Dionne Rose

1994 NCAA High Hurdle Champion and 1994 OVC Track Woman of the Year

### Nadia Graham

1996 OVC Female Athlete of the Year

# Women's Honor Roll

Event	Name	Record	Year
Long Jump	1 Dionne Rose	21-9	1994
	2 Jacqui Brown	21-31/4	1994
	3 Michelle Welch	20-5	1990
	4 Sherrie Bingham	20-2	1987
	5 Ursula Langford	20-11/4	1988
Triple Jump	1 Jacqui Brown	43-1	1994
	2. Andreja Ribac	41-5	1999
	3 Michelle Welch	39-111/2	1991
	4 Mia Florence	39-11	1995
	5 Kyieta Beason	39-10	1990
High Jump	1 Veronica Tipton	5-101/2	1992
	2 Ursula Langford	5-81/2	1989
	3 Mia Florence	5-8	1994
	4 Krista Hare	5-61/2	1989
	5 Koko Rowley	5-6	1992
Shot Put	1 Shelly Johnson	48-71/4	1996
	2 Rhonda Hall	47-01/2	1995
	3. Shauntel Jennings	44-9	1999
	4 Tina Rumsey	39-8	1994
	5. Holly Hoover	39-6	1982
Discus	1 Shelly Johnson	168-5	1997
	2 Tina Rumsey	139-6	1993
	3 Rhonda Hall	133-8	1995
	4 Deidre Mitchell	128-6	1987
	5. Tracy Edens	126-7	1989
Javelin	1 Tracy Edens	124-6	1989
	2. Kelley Smith	117-4	1999
	3 Tina Rumsey	114-11	1994
	4 Angie Venable	109-11	1997
	5 Nadrian McGill	109-9	1991
100-Meter Hurdles	1 Dionne Rose	:13.14	1994
	2 Sherrie Bingham	:13.90	1987
	3 Latoria Jackson	:14.15	1992
	4 Koko Rowley	:14.16	1992
	5 Nekeya Ralls	:14.22	1995
400-Meter Hurdles	1. Tori Blander	1:01.97	1999
	2 Saran Dunmore	1:02.07	1996
	3 Nadrian McGill	1:02.31	1994
	4 Latoria Jackson	1:02.78	1991
	5 Marsha Cleveland	1:03.34	1989
100Meters	1 Natalie Douglas	:11.34	1994
	2 Nadia Graham	:11.67	1995
	3 Kim Watson	:11.79	1994
	4 Stacy Aklin	:11.83	1999
	5 Michelle Welch	:11.91	1989
200Meters	1 Nadia Graham	:23.54	1996
	2 Dionne Rose	:24.02	1994
	3 Natalie Douglas	:24.14	1994
	4 Donna Sims	:24.21	1981
	5 Jacqui Brown	:24.44	1994

Event	Name	Record	Year
400 Meters	1 Nadia Graham	:53.30	1996
	2. Naomi Anisah	:54.78	1999
	3 Melanie Hall	:55.37	1995
	4 Tyjuna Phillips	:55.88	1997
	5 Argie Allison	:56.03	1986
800Meters	1 Leigh Weathers	2:13.15	1991
	2. Kapreia Kirk	2:14.03	1998
	3. Sabrina Smith	2:14.97	1999
	4 Elissa Davis	2:15.67	1990
	5 Dianne DeOliveira	2:16.66	1991
1,500Meters	1 Dianne DeOliveira	4:35.09	1991
	2 Sharon Smith	4:43.11	1990
	3 Karen Barnes	4:44.90	1992
	4 Kiya Thomas	4:50.33	1991
	5 Sharon Johnson	4:50.94	1981
3,000Meters	1 Kiya Thomas	10:21.57	1990
	2 Sharon Smith	10:21.74	1989
	3 Karen Barnes	10:22.37	1992
	4 Dianne DeOliveira	10:29.06	1991
	5 Vicki Wells	10:39.24	1981
5,000Meters	1 Joan Becker	18:01.72	1986
	2 Lea White	18:27.01	1992
	3 Lisa Mitchell	18:47.68	1982
	4 Robin Moses	18:48.34	1981
	5 Kiya Thomas	18:53.14	1991
10,000Meters	1 Lea White	37:38.8	1992
	2 Debbie Morrison	38:33.09	1986
	3 Lisa Mitchell	39:46.32	1982
	4 Robin Moses	40:01.30	1981
4X100-Meter Relay	1 Douglas, Rose, Brown, Watson	:44.87	1994
	2 Phillips, Douglas, Brown, Watson	:45.84	1994
	3 Jackson, Cody, Wells, Welch	:46.28	1991
	4 Weddington, Brent, Jones, Aklin	:46.54	1999
	5. Ralls, Graham, Hall, Watson	:46.55	1996
4X400-Meter Relay	1 Hall, Parrish, Phillips, Graham	3:42.25	1996
	2 Hall, Henderson, Phillips, Graham	3:45.56	1995
	3 Weathers, Brewer, Brown, Welch	3:49.00	1991
	4 Weathers, McGill, Brown, Welch	3:50.20	1991
	4 Weathers, Brewer, Brown, Matthews	3:50.20	1992

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# Men's Outlook

Over the past several years, the men's track and field team at Middle Tennessee has established itself as a solid contender in the Ohio Valley Conference. The Blue Raiders finished second in the OVC for the past four years with the last title won in 1995.

With the move to the Sun Belt Conference next year, this will be the Blue Raiders' last chance to capture another OVC title under the direction of long time head coach Dean Hayes. The men's program has earned a combined 20 indoor and outdoor conference titles during Hayes' tenure. The Blue Raiders' departure from the OVC will end a 35-year association between Hayes and the conference.

"We've won a number of titles and had a lot of champions in what is a very solid league," Hayes said.

This year's Blue Raider team will once again be relying on the strength of the sprints, hurdles, and jumps.

Leading the team is Rob Jordan, the OVC's indoor season high scorer and OVC track athlete of the year. Jordan won the long jump at the Junior National this past summer. Returning as a sophomore this year, he should be able to defend his OVC titles - indoor and outdoor long jump and triple jump. The Orlando, FL, native has a chance at becoming one of the Blue Raiders' all-time greats.

Steve Reid, the 1998 OVC triple jump champion, is a strong threat in the triple jump and is capable of a good season in the long jump. The Santa Cruz, Jamaica, native can also compete in hurdles. Boniface Amuzu, who won the OVC long jump title in 1998, returns and can sprint as well. Amuzu is set to return to action after sitting out last season with an injury. The Blue Raiders should also receive some strong performances both indoor and outdoor from triple jumpers Kareem Bland and De'Jun Spann and high jumper Haneef Sharif.

Sharif, the 1998 OVC champion, should also be able to help strengthen the hurdles as well. The Gates, NY, native was listed as having recorded the fifth best time in the world for the junior hurdles in 1998. Newcomer Jasper Demps, who recorded

some outstanding high school times, will also add some depth to the hurdles.

Another of Middle Tennessee's strongest areas will be in the sprints - especially with the return of Albert Agyemang, the OVC's champion in both the 100 and 200. Agyemang, one of several Blue Raiders from Kumasi, Ghana, was a semi-finalist at the 1996 Summer Olympics in Atlanta. His high level of experience should help the Blue Raiders. Newcomer Tanko Brainmah is solid in the sprints and is capable of running a good

relay. The 400 will be another tough event for the team with the return of school record holder Godfrey Herring. Herring is able to compete for the Blue Raiders in anything from the 100 to the 800. Last year, Herring won the 400 at the OVC Outdoor Championships and recorded the league's best time in the indoor at 46.70.

Spann, a freshman, enters the season coming off a year where he recorded one of the nation's leading times in the 300 intermediate hurdles. The Augusta, GA, native has what Hayes terms, "surprising speed." Mario Paul won the OVC intermediate hurdle title in 1998, and along with Spann, is able to run the 400 and 800 plus the relay. Paul and Herring look to round out what should be a competitive 800 relay team.

Odongo Mwangi, from Kenya, will add excellent strength to the 3,000, 5,000 and 10,000. This will be some much needed help as far as distances are concerned for the Blue Raiders track and field program.

The distances will be led by cross country runners Jason Smith and John Cheek. Cheek improved throughout his freshman season last year to wind up placing in the 1,500. Josh Carroll, a freshman from

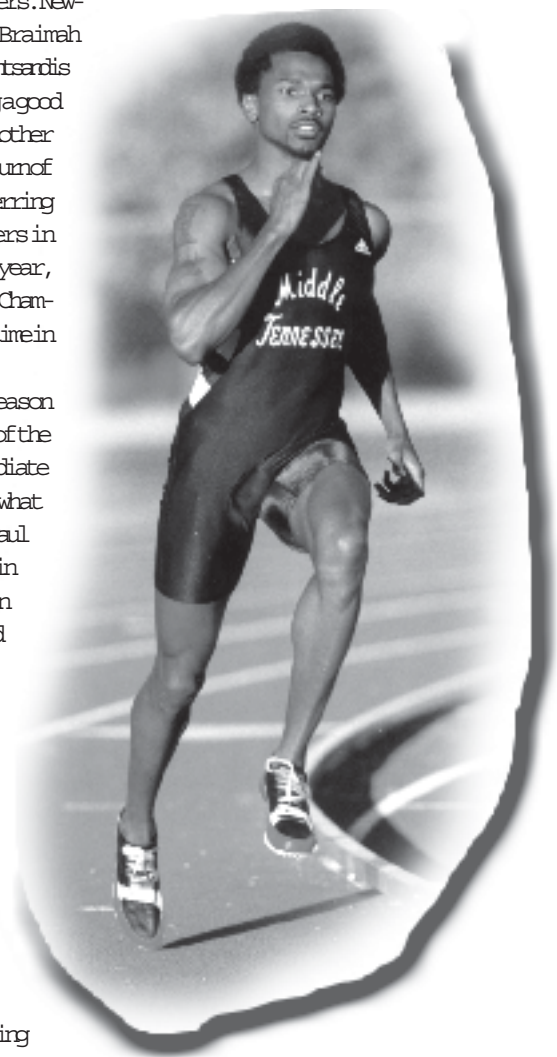
Murfreesboro, should also be able to help out the distances after having what Hayes termed "a good cross country season."

All in all, the Blue Raiders are more than capable of running solid relays and hope to have multiple NCAA qualifiers in the end.

"Everyone must do their best," Hayes said, "and we hope to score some distance points."

As is always the case at Middle Tennessee, the Blue Raiders aim to finish at the top of the conference. While they certainly are stronger than last year's team, Hayes would like nothing more than to exit the OVC with one final title for the program - in what would be a fitting way to say "hello" to the Sun Belt.

Pictured are Rob Jordan, left, and Godfrey Herring, bottom. Jordan returns to the Blue Raiders to defend his three OVC titles and his crown as OVC male athlete of the year. Meanwhile, Herring looks to add to his OVC title in the 400. Both have the experience and capability of earning All-American honors by season's end.



# Men's Profiles



## ALBERT AGYEMANG

5-8 ♦ 178 ♦ Sr. ♦ Kumasi, Ghana

**Sprints ♦ Personal bests:** 10.34/20.64

Was a semifinalist at the 1996 Atlanta Olympics ... One of the strongest third legs in school history in the 4x100 ... Can pass and receive a baton ... **1999:** OVC outdoor champion in

both the 100 and 200 ... Recorded the best time in the OVC in each event with a time of 10.36 and 20.64 respectively ... Finished second at the OVC Indoor Championships in the 55 ... **1998:** Injured ... **1997:** Competed for Southern University ... **Personal:** Plans to attend graduate school ... Majoring in economics.



## BONIFACE AMUZU

6-4 ♦ 190 ♦ Sr. ♦ Kumasi, Ghana

**Jumps ♦ Personal bests:** 24-10 1/2

A very competitive long jumper who has developed into a quality runner in the 400 and strong relay runner as well ... **1999:** injured ... Given medical red-shirt by NCAA ...

**1998:** OVC indoor long jump champion ... Also learned to run the 400 ... **1996:** Attended the University of Science and Technology in Kumasi ... **High School:** Was named all-Ashanti schools athlete of the year ... **Personal:** Majoring in marketing.



## KAREEM BLAND

6-0 ♦ 178 ♦ So. ♦ Conley, GA

**Hurdles/Jumps ♦ Personal bests:** 38.43 (HS)

Excellent potential in hurdles and triple jump ... runs a solid 400 ... Also a member of the football team ... **1999:** Ran first leg of the 4x400 relays, which captured the OVC

Outdoor Championship ... Injured much of season ... **High School:** State champion in both the 400 and 300-intermediate hurdles ... Runner up in 4x400 state championship ... All-county third team in 1998 ... High point trophy winner at state meet in 1998 ... Earned four letters in track and three in football ... **Personal:** Plans to own a business or become a teacher ... Majoring in business administration.



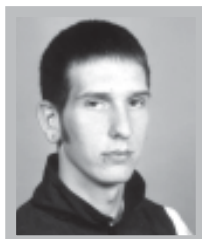
## TANKO BRAIMAH

5-11 ♦ 185 ♦ Jr. ♦ Takoradi, Ghana

**Sprints ♦ Personal bests:** 10.34/20.62

Excellent in the 200 and will definitely help the relays ... An added bonus to this year's team ... **1998:** Attended the University of Science and Technology in Kumasi ... **Personal:**

Majoring in economics.



## JOSH CARROLL

6-5 ♦ 185 ♦ Fr. ♦ Murfreesboro, TN

**Distances ♦ Personal bests:** 4:48.83

Also a member of the cross country team ...

**High School:** Qualified for the state track meet in 1999 and 1998 ... Qualified for the state cross country meet in 1998 ... Named to

Who's Who as a senior and junior ... Earned three letters in track and one in cross country ... **Personal:** Plans to coach high school athletics ... Majoring in marketing education.



## JOHN CHEEK

6-0 ♦ 140 ♦ So. ♦ Murfreesboro, TN

**Distances ♦ Personal bests:** 4:04.34

Could be a big help to this year's team ...

Scored in the 1,500 and will learn the steeplechase ... Also a member of the cross country team ... **1999:** Finished fourth in the

800 at the Blue Raider Indoor Invitational II ... **High School:** Two-time all-state selection ... Two-time all-midstate selection and regional runner of the year in cross country ... Named to Who's Who ... Earned letters in track and cross country ... **Personal:** Undecided major.



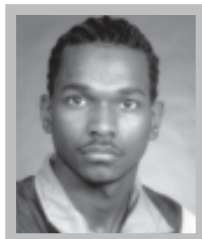
## JASPER DEMPS

6-4 ♦ 190 ♦ So. ♦ W. Palm Beach, FL

**Hurdles ♦ Personal bests:** 13.74 (HS)

Exceptional size and wants to do well ... Can score in both hurdles ... **1999:** Attended Troy State ... **High School:** Five-time all-state selection ... Seven-time all-region selection ...

Ranked seventh nationally in 110-high hurdles in 1998 ... Holds school records in the 110 high hurdles and 300 intermediate hurdles ... Earned letters in track, football and basketball ... **Personal:** Plans to pursue a career in law enforcement ... Majoring in criminal justice.



## GODFREY HERRING

6-0 ♦ 150 ♦ Jr. ♦ Pontiac, MI

**Sprints ♦ Personal bests:** 45.96

Can run anything from the 100 through the 800 ... Strong relays with a love for chasing down opposing runners ... **1999:** Won the 400 at the OVC Indoor Championships ... Re-

corded the best indoor time in the OVC in the 400 at 46.70 ... Won the 400 at the Wildcat Track and Field Classic ... Recorded the best outdoor time in the 400 at 45.96 ... **1998:** Sat out year ... **High School:** Won three Michigan state high school titles, winning the 100, 200 and 400 ... **Personal:** Majoring in health education.

# Men's Profiles



## ROB JORDAN

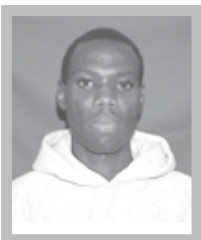
6-0 ♦ 165 ♦ So. ♦ Orlando, FL

Jumps ♦ Personal bests: 25-10/51-10

Won junior national long jump championship this past summer ... **1999:** OVC male athlete of the year ... Finished first at the OVC Indoor Championship in the long jump ... Finished first

at the OVC Outdoor Championship in both the long jump and triple jump ... Finished 16th in the long jump at the NCAA Championship ...

**High School:** Four-time all-region selection ... No. 1 junior in the nation in the long jump at 25'8" ... Holds school records in the long jump, triple jump and 400 ... **Personal:** Plans to pursue a career in music business ... Majoring in recording industry management.



## GEOFFREY LAGAT

6-0 ♦ 140 ♦ Fr. ♦ Kapsabet, Kenya

Distance ♦ Personal bests: 14:45/8:30

Will really help the distances ... A great addition along with Odongo Mbanda ... mid semester addition to track team ... Attended Moi Forces Academy ... Enjoys basketball,

table tennis and lawn tennis ... **Personal:** Major undecided.



## ODONGO MBANDA

5-11 ♦ 140 ♦ Fr. ♦ Kapsabet, Kenya

Distance ♦ Personal bests: 14:18/8:10

A big help in what has been a weak area for the Blue Raiders ... He is a hard worker and tough competitor ... A very welcome second-semester addition to the program ... Attended

St. Mary's School Yala ... Played badminton, rugby, track and soccer in high school ... **Personal:** Majoring in business administration.



## MARIO PAUL

5-11 ♦ 168 ♦ Sr. ♦ Nashville, TN

Hurdles ♦ Personal bests: 51.49

A very competitive and smart runner capable of excellent times and scores when, according to Hayes, he doesn't try to do it all himself ... **1999:** Recorded the OVC's second best

outdoor time in the 400-intermediate hurdles ... Finished third at the OVC Indoor Championship in the 800 ... **1998:** OVC champion in the 400-intermediate hurdles with a time of 51.49 ... **Personal:** Majoring in sociology.



## STEVE REID

6-2 ♦ 165 ♦ Sr. ♦ Santa Cruz, Jamaica

Jumps ♦ Personal bests: 53-8

Thought of as a hard competitor ... Capable of competing in both jumps and hurdles ... Has a lot of talent, but needs to just use what he practices and not think his way out of a good

performance ... **1999:** Recorded the second best indoor and outdoor distances in the triple jump, second to only teammate Rob Jordan ...

Finished second in the triple jump at the Blue Raider Indoor Invitational II ... **1997:** Competed for Findlay University ... Advanced to the NAIA championships ... **Personal:** Majoring in industrial studies.



## HANEEF SHARIF

6-0 ♦ 160 ♦ Jr. ♦ Gates, NY

Hurdles ♦ Personal bests: 14.01/6-6

Listed as the fifth best in the world for the junior hurdles in 1998 ... Can also run relays ...

**1999:** His 14.16 rated as the OVC's third best outdoor time in the 110-high hurdles ...

Finished third at the OVC Indoor Championship in the 55 ... **1998:**

OVC 110-high hurdles champion ... **Personal:** Majoring in education.



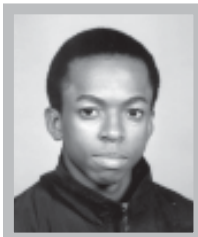
## JASON SMITH

5-7 ♦ 127 ♦ Sr. ♦ Corvallis, MT

Distances ♦ Personal bests: 15:48.8

Described as a hard worker and a team leader who leads by example ... Very interested in track ... **1999:** Contributed to the distance races ... **1998:** Placed in the 10,000

at the OVC Outdoor Champion ... **High School:** Led high school team to a second place finish at the Montana cross country championship as a senior ... **Personal:** Majoring in political science.



## De' JUN SPANN

6-0 ♦ 151 ♦ Fr. ♦ Augusta, GA

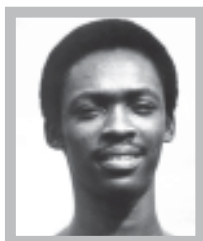
Sprints ♦ Personal bests: 10.5/52.96

Tough competitor capable of scoring big his first year ... **High School:** Two-time all-state selection in 1999 and 1998 ... Holds school records in the 100, 300-intermediate hurdles,

triple jump and as a member of the 4x100 relay team ... Finished second in the AAU Nationals in the 400-intermediate hurdles in 1999 and fourth in 1998 ... **Personal:** Simply known by teammates as DJ ... Plans to pursue a career in athletic training ... Majoring in athletic training.

# Men's Event Records

## Blue Raider Indoor Records

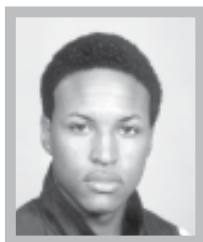


**Greg Artis**



**Carlos Gupton**

EVENT	RECORD HOLDER	RECORD	YEAR
LONG JUMP	Roland McGhee	27-03/4	1993
TRIPLE JUMP	Tommy Haynes	54-61/2	1974
HIGH JUMP	Skipper Willbanks	7-01/2	1985
SHOT PUT	Brian Oldfield	57-7	1966
POLE VAULT	Tom Yelverton	15-81/2	1981
55 METER DASH	Roland McGhee	:06.20	1994
	Keith Watkins	:06.20	1995
200 METERS DASH	Roland McGhee	:20.99	1993
<b>400 METER DASH</b>	<b>Godfrey Herring</b>	<b>:46.70</b>	<b>1999</b>
800 METER RUN	Dennis Votava	1:51.84	1977
ONE MILE RUN	Joe O'Loughlin	4:03.47	1982
3000 METER RUN	Joe O'Loughlin	8:12.64	1981
5000 METER RUN	Jeff Lingwall	15:19.64	1993
55 METER HURDLES	Micah Otis	:07.23	1992
ONE MILE RELAY	Ellis, Newton, Johnson, Mitchell	3:09.93	1983
DISTANCE MEDLEY RELAY	Johnson, Mitchell, Davis, O'Loughlin	9:48.04	1981



**Rob Jordan**

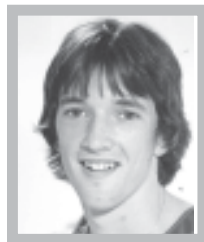


**Jeff Lingwall**

## Blue Raider Outdoor Records



**Roland McGhee**

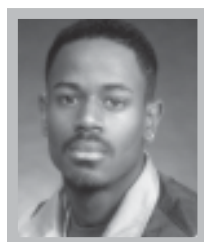


**Joe O'Loughlin**

EVENT	RECORD HOLDER	RECORD	YEAR
LONG JUMP	Roland McGhee	27-6	1993
TRIPLE JUMP	Eddie Loyd	55-2	1982
HIGH JUMP	Skipper Willbanks	7-1	1985
POLE VAULT	Tom Yelverton	16-0	1985
SHOT PUT	Brian Oldfield	59-2	1966
DISCUS	Harrison Salami	182-9	1977
JAVELIN	Jeff Sims	220-11	1984
100 METERS	Roland McGhee	:10.24	1994
	Ron Lloyd	:10.24	1994
200 METERS	Roland McGhee	:20.44	1994
<b>400 METERS</b>	<b>Godfrey Herring</b>	<b>:45.96</b>	<b>1999</b>
800 METERS	Jeny 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
110 METER HURDLES	Miguel Williams	:13.69	1983
400 METER HURDLES	Russell Holloway	:50.14	1977
4 X 100 METER RELAY	Lloyd, McGhee, Gupton, Otis	:39.55	1993
4 X 200 METER RELAY	Lloyd, McGhee, Gupton, Otis	1:21.17	1994
4 X 400 METER RELAY	Ellis, Nitt, Johnson, Mitchell	3:07.28	1983
4 X 800 METER RELAY	Yates, Anderson, Bandy, Singleton	7:34.4	1967
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, Kimes, Nesbitt, Williams	:56.73	1983



**Micah Otis**



**Keith Watkins**

## Blue Raider Acknowledgements

**Tommy Haynes**

1974 NCAA Triple Jump Champion

Set Collegiate Record at 54-63/4 (1974) and American Record at 56-51/4 (1975)

**Greg Artis**

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

**Barry McClure**

1972 and 1973 NCAA Triple Jump Champion

Set Collegiate Records at 52-101/2 and 54-13/4

**Brian Oldfield**

Set Professional Shot Put World Record at 75-0 (1974) and American Record at 72-93/4 (1984)

# Men's 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	26-81/2	1974		2. John Davis	1:49.96	1981
	3 Greg Artis	26-71/2	1981		3. Gary Perry	1:50.34	1977
	4 Dwight Johnson	26-6	1985		4. Dana McCutcheon	1:50.84	1978
	5 Andre' Kimes	26-31/2	1982		5. Dennis Votava	1:50.94	1977
Triple Jump	1 Eddie Loyd	55-2	1982	1,500 Meters	1. Gary Perry	3:42.9	1977
	2 Tommy Haynes	54-63/4	1974		2. Joe O' Loughlin	3:44.8	1982
	3 Barry McClure	54-41/2	1973		3. Dennis Votava	3:46.0	1977
	4 Roland McGhee	54-4	1993		4. Dana McCutcheon	3:52.0	1980
	5 John DoDoo	54-01/2	1979		5. Charles Dahlgren	3:54.5	1967
High Jump	1 Skipper Willbanks	7-1	1985	3,000 -Meter Steeplechase	1. Danny Green	9:08.37	1986
	2 Roscoe Kidd	7-0	1978		2. Eric Kiauka	9:24.34	1998
	Linwood Harris	7-0	1984		3. Curt Arthur	9:37.95	1995
	Sean Smith	7-0	1985	4. Kyle Brown	10:38.83	1999	
	5 Sammy Crump	6-10	1979	5,000 Meters	1. Ross Dowland	14.20.84	1981
	Greg Smith	6-10	1982-83		2. Joe O' Loughlin	14:21.80	1981
Torrance Riley	6-10	1998	3. Jeff Skinner		14:44.24	1982	
Pole Vault	1 Tom Yelverton	16-0	1982		4. Richard Russo	14:48.44	1972
	2 David Cleveland	15-7	1978		5. Gary Perry	14:49.14	1977
	3 Jack Warner	15-6	1976-77	10,000 Meters	1. Robert Willis	30:51.20	1983
	Scott Ellis	15-6	1981		2. Jeff Skinner	31:01.44	1984
	5 Mike Stevens	14-9	1967		3. Jeff Ingwall	31:50.94	1993
Shot Put	1 Brian Oldfield	59-2	1966	110-Meter Hurdles	1. Miguel Williams	:13.69	1983
	2 Ted Hausauer	56-103/4	1976		2. Ron Bramlett	:13.72	1999
	3 Steve McQuiston	55-71/2	1985		3. Micah Otis	:13.90	1993
	4 Buck Edwards	53-5	1970		4. Kenny Nesbitt	:13.97	1984
	5 James McClellan	53-1	1982		5. Haneef Sharif	:14.02	1998
Discus	1 Harrison Salami	182-9	1977	400-Meter Hurdles	1. Russell Holloway	:50.14	1977
	2 Steve McQuiston	167-1	1985		2. David Wyatt	:50.84	1970
	3 Brian Oldfield	166-5	1966		3. Kenny Nesbitt	:50.97	1984
	4 Buck Edwards	162-9	1970		4. Ed Thomas	:50.99	1980
	5 Vince Akridge	156-2	1997		5. Tom Hampton	:51.25	1993
Javelin	1 Jeff Sims	220-11	1984	4 X 100-Meter Relay	1. Lloyd, McGhee, Gupton, Otis	:39.55	1993
	2 Harrison Salami	217-0	1976		2. Lloyd, McGhee, Primm, Otis	:39.62	1994
	3 Keith Crumatie	198-0	1974		3. Shannon, Kimes, Farris, Mitchell	:39.64	1982
	4 Bill Elmer	197-8	1976		4. Nsiah, Maynard, Watkins, Amuzu	:39.83	1997
	5 Stan Summerall	183-5	1971		5. Lloyd, McGhee, Gupton, Otis	:39.88	1994
100 Meters	1 Roland McGhee	:10.24	1994	4 X 400-Meter Relay	1. Ellis, Nesbitt, T. Johnson, Mitchell	3:07.28	1983
	Ron Lloyd	:10.24	1994		2. Ellis, Newton, T. Johnson, Nesbitt	3:07.55	1983
	3 Albert Agyemang	:10.36	1999		3. Mitchell, Nesbitt, T. Johnson, Ellis	3:07.56	1984
	4 Kenny Shannon	:10.42	1984		4. James, Mitchell, Newton, T. Johnson	3:07.61	1982
	5 Christian Nsiah	:10.45	1996		5. Gambrell, Robinson, Washpon, Stegall	3:07.85	1980
200 Meters	1 Roland McGhee	:20.44	1994				
	2 Dwight Johnson	:20.65	1985				
	3 Albert Agyemang	:20.88	1999				
	3 Christian Nsiah	:20.90	1996				
	4 Dwaine Copeland	:21.04	1973				
Kenden Maynard	:21.04	1997					
400 Meters	1 Godfrey Herring	:45.96	1999				
	2 Kenden Maynard	:46.12	1997				
	3 Ed Stegall	:46.44	1977				
	4 Tim Johnson	:46.78	1983				
	5 Carlos Gupton	:46.99	1993				

# All-Americans



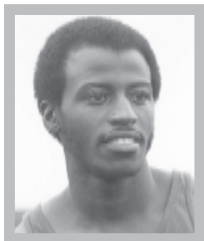
**Brian Oldfield**  
Shot Put 1965  
World Record (ITA) 75' 0"  
Olympic Team 1972



**Barry McClure**  
Triple Jump 1970-71-72-73  
Collegiate Record



**Tommy Haynes**  
Long Jump 1974  
Triple Jump 1974  
Collegiate & American  
Record Holder  
Olympic Team 1976



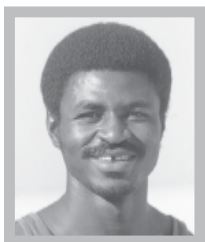
**Jimmy Washington**  
Triple Jump 1976



**Sheik Faye**  
Long Jump 1976-77-78



**Rayfield Dupree**  
Triple Jump 1977  
Olympic Team 1976



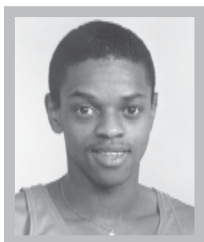
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Triple Jump 1978-79



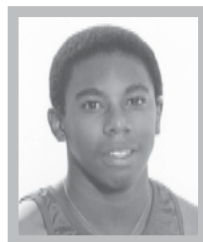
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Long Jump 1979-80-81  
Triple Jump 1981



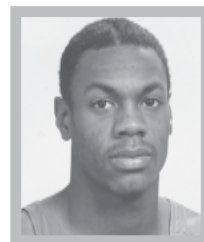
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Long Jump 1980-83



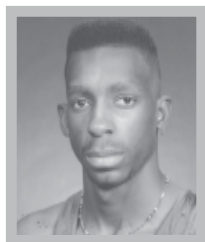
**Eddie Loyd**  
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**Orestes Meeks**  
Long Jump 1982



**Dwight Johnson**  
Long Jump 1984



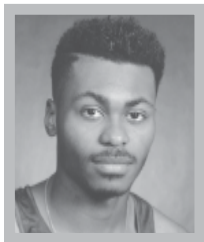
**Roland McGhee**  
Long Jump  
1991-92-93-94  
55 Meters 1993-94



**Jacqui Brown**  
Triple Jump 1994  
Long Jump 1994



**Dionne Rose**  
Hurdles 1994  
Long Jump 1994



**Micah Otis**  
Long Jump 1994



**Christian Nsiah**  
200 Meters 1996  
60 Meters 1999



**Ron Bramlett**  
110 Meter Hurdles 1999



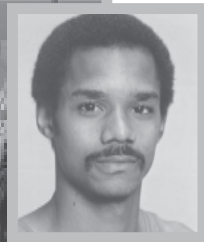
**1981 Mile Relay Team:** Barry Garibrell, Mike Davidson, Gary Mitchell, Tim Johnson.



**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.



## Tradition Of Excellence

# Facilities

## OUTDOOR TRACK & FIELD

In keeping with the development found throughout the Middle Tennessee athletic department and the university as a whole, the Blue Raider track and field team will benefit from a brand new outdoor facility this season.

The Olympic size track was recently certified by a USTFA official and will be the host site of the 2000 Ohio Valley Conference Outdoor Championship.

Considered one of the best facilities in the Southeast, the running surface features eight lanes measuring 42 inches each, which allows ample run for each participant without feeling closed in by other runners.

Like the running surface, the infield portion is as user friendly as they come. It features the unique aspect of having two long jump runways, allowing both the men's and women's team to either practice or compete 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 portion of the facility also doubles as the home of the Lady Raider soccer team, which inaugurated the complex October 14, 1998 when they defeated Tennessee Tech 4-0.

## MURPHY CENTER

The upper level of Murphy Center features an indoor track and field center, which has served as the site of several Ohio Valley Conference Indoor Championships -- including the 1999 championship -- and numerous Blue Raider Invitationals.

Both the men's and women's track and field teams have benefitted from the fact that the Murphy Center is the only indoor facility in the entire OVC, giving Middle Tennessee student-athletes a sure advantage of running on its home surface year in and year out.

The indoor facility, which measures a staggering 50,000 square feet, is capable of hosting every track and field event except for the

javelin and discus throws. The six-lane, sixth-of-a-mile long oval features two photographic finish lines.

Built in 1973, Murphy Center also serves as home of the Lady Raiders basketball team,

ment offices, HPER's department and the Blue Raiders Athletic Association office.

Aside from several auxiliary gyms, dance studios, racquetball courts and locker rooms, Murphy Center sports a top of the line training room, which is run by the new athletic training program. The program allows students majoring in athletic training an opportunity to receive hands-on experience.

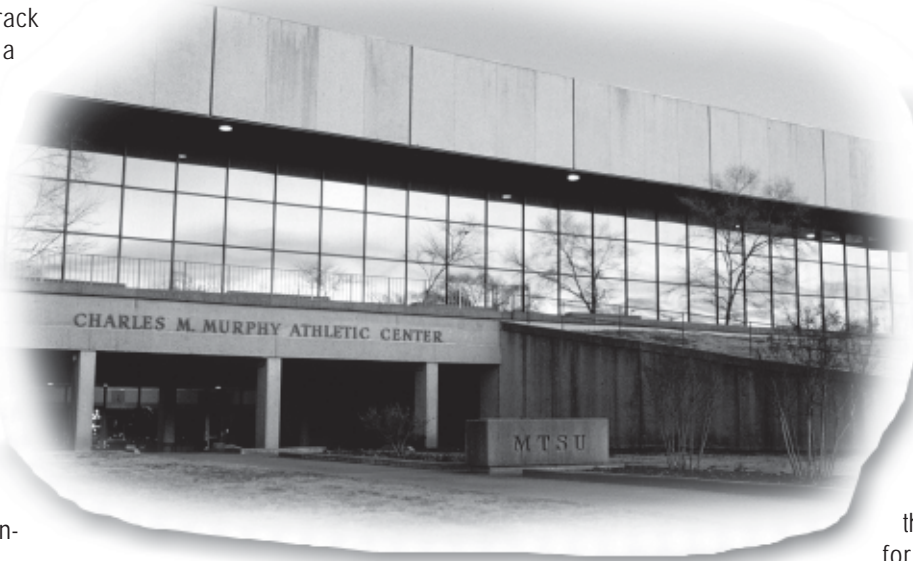
Murphy Center has also served as the host site of the TSSAA state boy's and girl's basketball tournament for the past decade.

During its 27-year existence, Murphy Center has staged countless concerts for some of the world's most renowned artists, including Elvis Presley, Elton John, Kiss, and three consecutive sold-out performances by multi-platinum country music sensation Garth Brooks.


Most recently, however, Murphy Center was the site of a GooGoo Dolls concert in the fall of 1999.

the Blue Raiders basketball team and the Lady Raiders volleyball team, who all play their home games in the 11,520-seat Monte Hale Arena.

It is also the location of the athletic depart-



## RAIDER AIR



Middle Tennessee is one of just a handful of universities in the country with its own fleet of planes. The University has a total of 17 planes, including eight Cessna 152's, three Cessna 172's, two Cessna 172 RG's, two Beechcraft Duchess planes, one Cessna 150 Tail Wheel, and one Cessna 404. The Cessna 404 will seat up to ten occupants. All other planes in the fleet will seat up to four.

Housed at Murfreesboro Airport, the planes are just minutes from the campus so that coaches, players, and athletic department personnel can fly in and out of middle Tennessee on a moments notice. The fleet is used for flying small teams at Middle Tennessee to events and tournaments that otherwise would have been too far to attend without disrupting academic pursuits.

# Weight Room



racks, nine Wynmor platforms, and nine York half-racks. The equipment list continues to grow from there. 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 row 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 are also available for use in the facility.

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. Two

offices for the strength coaches are located in the room, along with restrooms and a small hospitality area. The weight room also provides direct access to the football stadium and a large meeting room. The meeting room is used not only by the Blue Raider foot-

<b>Location:</b>	Behind North Stands of Floyd Stadium
<b>Size:</b>	Over 10,000 square feet
<b>Date Opened:</b>	May 14, 1999
<b>Weight of Plates and Dumbbells:</b>	20,714.5 pounds
<b>Builder:</b>	Turner Construction
<b>Coordinator:</b>	Matt Riley Strength Coach

It is often said that the path to athletic greatness leads through the weight room. This certainly rings true at Middle Tennessee, and Blue Raider teams have a decided advantage over most of their opponents.

The addition to Johnny "Red" Floyd Stadium also allowed for a 10,000-plus square foot weight room facility adjacent to the north end zone for use by all Middle Tennessee student-athletes and the end result is a strength training area that rivals any in the country. The weight room has been lauded by many people as better than any in the immediate area, including SEC and Conference USA schools.

An astounding 20,714½ pounds of plates and dumbbells greet student-athletes upon their entrance into the facility, but the sheer volume of weights is not the most impressive aspect of the room. It is equipped with nine Wynmor power



ball team on game days and for film breakdown, but press conferences, HPERs classes, and other functions are held in this space. The meeting room is fully equipped with high tech audiovisual equipment to enhance the learning of students using the space.

This newest addition to the Blue Raider athletic facilities is the crown jewel for all Middle Tennessee athletes. Each team began taking full advantage of the weight room in the fall of 1999, and the resulting championships should not be far behind.

**NO PAIN,  
NO GAIN!**

# Academic Enhancement

The student-athletes at Middle Tennessee State received a welcomed New Year's gift when they returned to campus for the 1999 Spring semester. The new Student-Athlete Enhancement Center opened its doors on January 4, 1999 to the delight of all student-athletes, coaches and administrators.



Jeanne Massaquoi

"We are very grateful that Larry Counts—director of athletic relations—saw our need for an academic center for the student-athletes and sacrificed the proposed Blue Raider Room for MT boosters for our cause," said Jeanne Massaquoi, director. "The Center became a joint effort between athletics and academics when Dr. Barbara Faskew, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, provided the funds to furnish the building. We have always appreciated the support we receive from both areas in helping our student-athletes progress toward their degrees and this Center is a perfect example of that collaborative effort."



Wynnifred Counts

The Center, which is located in the newly renovated Johnny "Red" Floyd football stadium, houses the academic support system and the B.R.A.S.S. (Blue Raider Athlete's Skills for Success) Life Skills Program for all NCAA Division I student-athletes at the University.

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, Mrs. Massaquoi and the assistant director and B.R.A.S.S. coordinator, Mrs. Wynnifred Counts. The Center consists of two administrative offices, eight fully-equipped individual and group tutor rooms, a computer area, restrooms and 80 spacious study carrels equipped with task lighting. Other services provided by the Center include registration, pre-registration, study skills, and career planning. The Center will also make information regarding the NCAA rules and regulations available to student-athletes.

In an effort to accommodate the student-athletes' busy schedules, the center is open from 7:00 a.m. until 11:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. on



The new Academic Enhancement Center gives Blue Raider athletes a library-like atmosphere in order to study, work on the computer or be tutored for class work. For the past two years, Jeanne Massaquoi and Wynnifred Counts have also arranged seminars and one-on-one interviews with a professional job placement company for student-athletes. The Academic Enhancement Center not only supplies Middle Tennessee student-athletes with the best possible learning environment, but also a strong base to build from when they enter the post-collegiate phase of their lives.

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. Plans for expanding the computer area to accommodate twenty additional computers are already underway.

Despite the new and upgraded facility, the mission of the Center remains to help student-athletes utilize skills like teamwork that were 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. The Center also 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.

## Reading Raiders Program

The Reading Raiders Program began in the summer of 1993 and was designed to allow MT athletes the opportunity to give back to the community by getting involved in the lives of the community's children. Within this program, Middle Tennessee athletes serve as role models and motivators in encouraging the importance of reading and proper study skills to students in the Murfreesboro City Extended Schools Program.

## B.R.A.S.S.

The B.R.A.S.S. Program is another vehicle that encourages student-athletes to become involved in service activities. The MT athletic department, through the B.R.A.S.S. program, became the state's first to take an active role in the Special Olympics. This relationship is strengthened every year, as the student-athletes begin to look as forward to working with the Special Olympians as much as the Olympians look forward to interacting with college athletes.

# University Life

Founded on September 11, 1911, MISU is the oldest, largest, and fastest-growing public university in middle Tennessee. MISU for the past two years has been ranked as the number one college choice of midstate high



school valedictorians and salutatorians in an independent survey.

The University has a long-time history and commitment to educating middle Tennesseans and with an enrollment of nearly 19,000 students, educates more people in this region than any other school. Of the almost 60,000 total alumni, approximately 90 percent were born in Tennessee, and the vast majority remain in middle Tennessee after graduation.

Over Middle Tennessee's existence the past 88 years, the University has seen remarkable growth. MISU has grown from a 100-acre campus with 125 students and 19 faculty members to a 500-acre campus with over 750 faculty.

A comprehensive university, MISU offers over 140 undergraduate programs in its five colleges--Basic and Applied Sciences, Business, Education and Behavioral Science, Liberal Arts, and Mass Communication--and over 55 graduate programs, including doctoral degrees.

MISU is the only area institution that has developed a comprehensive Academic Master Plan that will implement 20-plus strategies that has taken the University into the 21st century. An important component of the Academic Master Plan was the establishment of an Honors College - a proposal which was approved by the Board of Regents and became a reality in Fall 1998.

The University's progress and forward momentum is clearly evident by the ongoing list of capital projects on the MISU campus. The new four-story University Library opened for student use in January 1999. A new approach to on-campus living, Scarlett Commons, opened this past fall. The Greek Row Project was completed at the beginning of the Spring 2000 semester.

In all, there has been over \$200 million in construction projects this past decade that have been completed or are under way.

In its earliest day, MISU was a teachers college and still educates more teachers than any school in Tennessee. It also has one of the largest Recording Industry programs in the nation and strong programs in business, aerospace, and agriscience.

Academic programs are enriched through the establishment of chairs dedicated to the support of a particular discipline. Two chairs, funded by gifts to the University Foundation, are admin-

istered through the Economics and Finance Department. The chairs are the Martin Chair of Insurance and the Weatherford Chair of Finance.

MISU houses nine Chairs of Excellence, established with a combination of private, university and state funds. They are The Jennings 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 Health Corporation 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 of Excellence in Equine Reproductive Physiology, and The Mary E. Miller Chair of Excellence in Equine Health.

MISU is also the site of two Centers of Excellence established by the Tennessee General Assembly. The Centers of Excellence include The Center for Historic Preservation and The Center for Popular Music.



# Murfreesboro/Nashville

## The 'Boro

Located at the geographic center of the state, Murfreesboro is the home of Middle Tennessee. Located just 32 miles southeast of Nashville, Murfreesboro is one of the fastest growing communities in Tennessee.

The city was founded in 1811, but was originally known as Cannonsburgh. The name was changed to Murfreesboro after only 33 days in honor of Revolutionary War Col. Hardy Murfree, who was one of the early settlers in the town.

Geographically, Murfreesboro has thrived due to its proximity to three major interstate routes in the state of Tennessee and its central location between Nashville and Chattanooga. Also, the middle Tennessee area is located at the demographic center of 70% of the population of the United States. Atlanta, Birmingham (AL), Knoxville, Memphis, and Louisville (KY) are all within a three-hour drive of Murfreesboro. These factors combine to generate considerable growth in the Murfreesboro area.

Industry has become an important cornerstone of the economy of Murfreesboro during this time. Manufacturers such as Aladdin, Nissan, Bridgestone/Firestone, and Georgia Pacific have located to the Murfreesboro/Rutherford County area. Dell Computers also recently relocated to the area as well. Several shopping centers, restaurants, and other attractions have helped Murfreesboro become one of the most sought-after communities in the midstate region.

Murfreesboro is the largest city in Rutherford County with an estimated population of 52,000. The county, as a whole, is home to approximately 150,000 residents. Rutherford County has seen unprecedented growth over the past few years. A study showed that the population in the county increased 25 percent from 1990 to 1995.

Although Murfreesboro is growing by leaps and bounds, it still has managed to retain most of the small town charm that made it so appealing years ago. Even though the town has gone through massive change in recent times, there are still some things that stay the same. It remains a quality place to raise children, work, and carry on day-to-day activities. Qualities such those are what will keep Murfreesboro growing in a positive way.

## Music City

Located just thirty minutes away is the capital of the state of Tennessee. Much like Rutherford County, the Nashville area has seen a boom in growth over the past few years. Nashville boasts some of the states most well-known attractions.

Music Row, the Ryman Auditorium, and the Opryland Hotel, which is the largest hotel and convention center in the United States are just a few of Nashville's attractions. Presently under construction is the Opryland Mills entertainment and shopping complex, which will be one of the largest mall/entertainment centers in the country.

Nicknamed "Music City" Nashville is a hot bed of rising musicians and song writers. Along Broadway and Second Avenue, a multitude of clubs and an array of live musical venues can be found.

Nashville's growth and development has also lured the professional sports world into middle Tennessee. The world-class Gaylord Entertainment Center was completed in 1996 and is now home to a number of professional sports organizations. The Nashville Kats of the Arena Football League recently completed their second year of competition and the NHL's Nashville Predators began prowling the ice in the fall of 1998. In addition, the arena has state-of-the-art lighting and acoustic capabilities to draw major music, entertainment and sporting events. The arena also is home to the Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame.

The NFL's Tennessee Titans recently completed its second season in Nashville and first as the Titans after carrying the Oilers name. Recently built Adelphia Coliseum is the new home for the Titans. Located on the east bank of the Cumberland River overlooking downtown Nashville the facility is the brand new 67,000-seat home of the Titans.

