For almost a century the University of Memphis has been a catalyst for progress in the city of Memphis, the state of Tennessee and the surrounding Mid-South region. From its inception as a normal school dedicated to the education of public school teachers, to its role today as an educator of technologically-savvy graduates who face a complex world, the University of Memphis has always fulfilled its current mission while looking forward to and planning for its future.

Exceptional students from Tennessee, from every other state in the nation and from almost 100 countries around the world choose to attend the University of Memphis. They come here on the recommendation of their major professors at European universities; they come here to study subjects that are offered nowhere else; they come to study alongside men and women who are recognized and respected throughout the academic and scientific communities as foremost in their fields.

Ever forward-looking, the University of Memphis is poised to enter one of its most historic and productive periods. From the faculty and staff we have in place to our alumni and benefactors, our “people assets” have never been more willing, able and generous in their efforts to build an academic environment that makes a life-long impact on the young minds at the U of M.

NAME CHANGES

1994 The University of Memphis
1957 Memphis State University
1941 Memphis State College
1925 West Tennessee State Teachers College
1912 West Tennessee State Normal School

FACTS AT A GLANCE

President
Dr. Shirley C. Raines

Founded
1912 as West Tennessee State Normal School

Campus Size
1,160 acres and 202 buildings at eight sites

Operating Budget
$344 million

Local Economic Impact
$1.43 billion

Enrollment (for Fall 2006)
Total ........................... 20,562
Undergraduate .................. 15,984
Graduate .......................... 4,578
Law School ........................ 409
Full-time .......................... 67%
Part-time .......................... 33%

Workforce
Approximately 2,400 employees, including 870 full-time faculty

Colleges & Schools
• Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law
• College of Arts & Sciences
• College of Communication and Fine Arts
• College of Education
• Fogelman College of Business and Economics
• Graduate School
• Herff College of Engineering
• Loewenberg School of Nursing
• School of Audiology and Speech Language Pathology
• University College

Degrees
• 15 bachelor’s degrees in more than 50 majors and 70 concentrations
• Master’s degrees in over 45 subjects
• Doctoral degrees in 21 disciplines
• Specialist degree in education
• Juris Doctor (law degree)
• Online degree program

The Memphis campus is the safest university in a metropolitan area in the state of Tennessee.

University of Memphis students can choose to study abroad at 165 institutions in 45 countries.

All academic buildings on the main University of Memphis campus have wireless Internet access.
Fogelman College of Business and Economics is ranked by Princeton Review as one of the 143 Best Business Schools of 2006.

Our graduate program in discrete mathematics and combinatorics was ranked one of the top 15 programs nationally by U.S. News and World Report in 2006.

Loewenberg School of Nursing students had over a 97 percent passage rate on the December 2005 state licensure exam.

Our audiology program is ranked 8th and speech-language pathology is ranked 13th in the nation by U.S. News and World Report.

For more than a decade, the pass rate on the bar exam for graduates of the Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law has exceeded state averages.

Our Center for Earthquake Research and Information (CERI) is among the leading earthquake research organizations in the United States.

The U of M has 24 Chairs of Excellence, more than any other university in Tennessee. A Chair of Excellence is a state-designated, definitive authority in his or her field of study.

Researchers from the Institute for Egyptian Art and Archaeology unearthed a tomb in Egypt’s Valley of the Kings in December 2005, the first discovery in the area since King Tutankhamen’s tomb in 1922.

The University of Memphis has raised more than $700,000 for St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital since the Up ‘til Dawn fund-raising program was implemented in 1999, making the U of M the largest collegiate contributor to St. Jude ever.

The Institute of Egyptian Art and Archaeology is home to the largest public collection of Egyptian antiquities in the South.

The Rudi E. Scheidt School of Music is the only doctoral degree granting music school in the state of Tennessee and within a 300-mile radius of the city of Memphis.

Researchers in the U of M’s Institute for Intelligent Systems are developing intelligent computer tutors that are currently helping students learn physics and reading strategies.

More than 50 judges in the State of Tennessee are graduates of the Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law.

Memphis boasts an 18:1 student-teacher ratio.

Tiger Pride

Martin S. Belz (1972) .............................................. President of Belz Enterprises
Isaac Bruce (1997) .............................................. NFL Football Player
Dixie Carter (1963) ................................................ Actress
Kellye Cash (1987) ............................................... Miss America 1987
Robert N. Clement (1968) ...................................... Former U.S. Congressman
Eric Jerome Dickey (1983) ...................................... Best-Selling Author
Bernice Donald (1974) ........................................... Judge, Federal District Court
William B. Dunavant Jr. (1954) .............................. Chairman of Dunavant Enterprises
John Dye (1996) ...................................................... Actor
Larry Finch (1973) ................................................. Former Memphis Basketball Head Coach
Anfernee Hardaway (1993) ...................................... NBA Basketball Player
Dr. W.W. Herenton (1966) ...................................... Mayor, City of Memphis
Barbara Walker Hummel (1947) .............................. Miss America 1947
Craig Leake (1969) ................................................ Television Producer
R. Brad Martin (1976) .......................................... Chairman of the Board/CEO, SAKS Inc.
Wink Martindale (1957) ........................................... Television Personality
Elliot Perry (1991) ................................................. Former NBA Basketball Player
William Sanderson (1968) ...................................... Actor
Lynda Mead Shea (1968) ....................................... Miss America 1960
Charles C. Thompson (1964) ................................... Author and TV Producer
Fred Thompson (1964) .......................................... Actor and Former U.S. Senator
Pat Kerr Tigrett (1963) ........................................... International Fashion Designer
Tamika Whitmore (1999) ........................................... WNBA (2006 All-Star)
Lorenzen Wright (1996) .......................................... NBA Basketball Player
Dan Uggla (2001) .................................................. MLB (2006 All-Star)

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Dr. Shirley C. Raines became the 11th president of the University of Memphis on July 1, 2001. She is the first woman to hold the presidency of the University, which was founded in 1912.

Before her appointment at the University of Memphis, Dr. Raines was Vice Chancellor for Academic Services and Dean of the College of Education at the University of Kentucky. While at George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia, she received the Distinguished Faculty Member award and has received two research awards from the Eastern Educational Research Association. She is the author of 14 books and numerous journal articles, and is widely regarded as an expert in teacher education and early childhood education.

Dr. Shirley C. Raines
University President

During the years of Dr. Raines’ tenure at the University of Memphis, the following building projects have been completed: the FedEx Institute of Technology, the Kemmons Wilson School of Hospitality and Resort Management, the Student Activities Plaza and fountain, the clock tower, University Services Building with new bookstore, the Athletic Training Facility, additions to the Carpenter Student Housing Complex, and the renovation of Wilder Tower, which is devoted to student services. New construction ventures underway include renovation of the former Millington Naval Hospital to classrooms for the University’s Millington Campus, a new student center and the relocation of the Law School to a historic downtown location on the Mississippi river.

Described in The Memphis Commercial Appeal as “powerful, prepared and personable,” she has become known for her effective work in building productive partnerships on and off the campus. Some of the most visible partnerships include those with FedEx Corporation, Methodist LeBonheur Healthcare, First Tennessee and Baptist Memorial Health Care. Major focus areas of her work with students include expanding the University’s Honors program and creating internships and co-op experiences in many majors.

Dr. Raines is one of 12 college presidents on the board for the NCAA and chairs the Presidential Task Force Oversight and Monitoring Group and continues with the C-USA board. While Chair of the Board of Directors of C-USA, Dr. Raines led the conference through realignment. As a community leader, she serves as the past chair of the Memphis Regional Chamber of Commerce and on the board of directors of several non-profit organizations, including Memphis Tomorrow, local PBS station WKNO, and the Higher Education Division of United Way. The April 2007 issue of Business TN included her on the magazine’s list of the 100 most powerful people in Tennessee.

Dr. Raines earned her Doctorate in Education and her Master of Science degree from the University of Tennessee in Knoxville. Her Bachelor of Science degree is from the University of Tennessee at Martin. She also completed the Management Development Program from the Harvard Graduate School of Education.

A native of Bells, Tenn., she is married to retired professor, Dr. Robert J. Canady. In his retirement, he is a stained glass artist and a private pilot. Bob and Shirley are the parents of four adult children and three grandchildren.
R.C. Johnson, who has worked for 33 years in athletic administration and previously served as athletic director at Temple University, was named the Director of Athletics at the University of Memphis on December 29, 1995.

R.C. JOHNSON
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR
IOWA, 1965

Johnson came aboard in February of 1996 and immediately set forth in bringing University of Memphis Tiger athletics into national prominence. Over the last 11-plus years, the dynamic administrator has structured one of the most successful coaching staffs in the history of Tiger athletics and continues to strive for athletic and academic excellence while recognizing the importance of building strong university and community ties.

Since his arrival, Johnson has hired such high-profile coaches as former Clemson head football coach Tommy West and former New Jersey Nets and UMass head basketball coach John Calipari. In addition, several of his most recent hires have garnered success in just a short period of time. Daron Schoenrock led the Tiger baseball team to the 2007 NCAA Regional Tournament for the first time in 13 years this past season, while women’s golf coach Jenny Bruun and track coach Kevin Robinson both earned C-USA Coach of the Year honors in 2007. Bruun’s Lady Tigers won the C-USA title this season, and Stacy Tate earned a berth in the NCAA Championships.

Robinson, a former Tiger assistant who Johnson promoted to head coach over both track programs, led his squad to the 2007 C-USA men’s track championship and qualified Gail Lee and Stefan Nerdal for the NCAA championship event.

Johnson is currently spearheading his second major capital campaign which will benefit nearly every area of the Tiger Athletic Department. Included in the $12.9 million project is a new addition to the Athletic Office Building, the newly-completed softball complex, an approaching redesign of the Tiger baseball stadium, a golf practice facility, a renovation of the Finch Center men’s basketball practice facility and a Hall of Fame to honor Tiger athletes. Johnson’s first capital campaign was previously the largest fund-raising effort in the history of Memphis athletics. The $8 million campaign included a new 8,000-square-foot football and basketball office complex addition, a new basketball practice facility which is still considered one of the best in the country, and a complete renovation of the Murphy Athletic Complex.

During his tenure, Johnson has created the Athletic Director’s Honor Roll, the Tiger Scholarship Fund Board of Directors and the Athletic Director’s Ambassador’s Club. The Ambassador’s Club, which started with two members in 1997, has reached an all-time high of 24 members under Johnson. A significant revenue source for Tiger Athletics, members of the Ambassador’s Club pledge to commit $500,000.

In June 2007, Johnson inked a lucrative long-term contract extension with Learfield Sports, which would enable Tiger Sports Properties to retain the multimedia rights for Memphis Athletics through 2017. In addition, the terms of the new agreement allow for options to continue through the 2021-22 academic year. The Tigers signed on with Learfield Sports in 2001, granting the partner radio and television rights, athletic venue signage, game day promotions and sponsorships, as well as the official athletic department website. Terms for the contract call for the Tigers to receive a financial guarantee each year of the agreement and to participate in annual revenue sharing.

A believer in academic excellence as well as athletic success and national prominence, Johnson leads a department that ranks in the top 30 percent according to the latest APR announced in May 2007. For the most recent academic year, which includes fall 2006 and spring 2007, 295 student-athletes earned at least a 3.0 grade point average and 26 students excelled with a 4.0 grade point average. Just this past spring, 10 teams logged a semester GPA of 3.0 or higher and the athletic department as a whole is represented by a 2.8 GPA. In May 2007, 39 athletes earned their degrees, marking the largest group for one ceremony since 2002 when the athletic academic services department began keeping record. And, under Johnson’s guidance, Memphis boasts an 89 percent graduation rate of all student-athletes who complete their eligibility at the U of M.

Before taking over Tiger Athletics, Johnson was responsible for directing a Temple program with more than 500 student-athletes in 20 men’s and women’s intercollegiate sports, including nationally-visible programs in men’s basketball and football. He was named Temple’s director of athletics on May 9, 1994, after serving nearly six years as director of athletics at Miami (Ohio) University. He had also previously led the department at Eastern Illinois from 1980-89, and was the associate athletic director at Northern Iowa from 1974-80.

A former football coach himself, Johnson served as an assistant at Mankato State University from 1968-74. He coached at Youngstown State University during the 1967 and 1968 seasons after serving as an assistant coach at Northern Iowa (1965-67) and the University of Iowa (1963-65).

An Ottawa, Ill., native, Johnson holds his bachelor’s degree in sociology from the University of Iowa in 1965 and earned his master’s degree in physical education from the University of Northern Iowa in 1967.

Johnson is a member of the National Association of College Directors of Athletics and serves on the NCAA Management Council. A veteran administrator in Conference USA, Johnson sits on both the C-USA Board Committee and the league’s Finance Committee.

His involvement in the Memphis community includes serving on the Memphis and Shelby County Sports Authority, and he most recently was invited to serve on the Mayor’s Stadium Committee which is charged with evaluating the feasibility of a new football stadium. In addition, he is a member of the University of Memphis President’s Council.

Johnson and his wife, Melba, have three children and five grandchildren.
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TIGER SCHOLARSHIP FUND BOARD
ATHLETIC COMPLEX
HIGHLIGHTS

The University of Memphis Murphy Athletic Complex is located approximately one mile south of the institution’s main campus and serves as the home and training facility for many of the Tiger athletic teams. Facilities Director Murray Armstrong is responsible for overseeing the facility.

Opened in 1971, the Murphy Complex, the first of its kind in the Southeast, offers the Tiger football team the ability to practice outdoors on four 100-yard grass fields. If weather conditions are less than favorable, the team can move indoors to the turf room and workouts can continue.

A spacious locker room for the football team includes such amenities as steam and sauna rooms as well as in-house television and stereo systems. Large equipment rooms, training rooms and weight rooms are available for all Tiger teams that work out at the Murphy Complex.

The Murphy Complex underwent some major changes and renovations in 2003. The renovations were part of a $6 million facelift given to the Murphy Complex, giving Tiger student-athletes a state-of-the-art training facility.

The renovation of the Murphy Complex includes numerous new areas for team use. The 25,000-square-foot addition houses a new locker room for the football squad. It also includes a theater-style football team meeting room, offensive and defensive meeting rooms and individual meeting rooms for position coaches.

The renovated training room has examination rooms for team doctors, rehabilitation and taping areas and an in-ground aquatic pool for rehabilitating injuries.

The equipment room has been renovated with an additional laundry room to ease the burden of taking care of the equipment needs of the football, track, baseball, softball and soccer teams.

Additional locker rooms have been added for the football staff, women’s soccer team and visiting teams competing at the track and field and baseball facilities. A media interview room, video room and storage room were also a part of the renovation project.

The renovation of the Billy J. Murphy Training Complex was completed in the spring of 2003.

BILLY J. MURPHY
ATHLETIC COMPLEX
ATHLETIC FACILITIES

Liberty Bowl Memorial Stadium

Tiger Softball Complex

Elma Roane Fieldhouse

Mike Rose Soccer Complex

FedExForum

Murphy Track

Nat Buring Stadium

Liberty Bowl Memorial Stadium
The University of Memphis athletic training staff is second-to-none when it comes to ensuring that U of M student-athletes receive quality care in the areas of athletic injury, rehabilitation and preventative care.

With the renovation of the Murphy Athletic Complex training facility along with the Larry O. Finch Center training room, Memphis student-athletes can be assured of receiving the best medical attention and rehabilitation available.

The Murphy Athletic Complex training room was redesigned and reconstructed as part of the $6 million renovation of the Park Avenue Campus in 2003.

The new training facility, which more than doubles the size of the old training room, contains an in-ground aquatic rehabilitation pool, allowing trainers to work on rehabilitating injuries without having the student-athlete support his/her own body weight.

The training room also contains new doctor examination rooms, storage areas and the latest in rehabilitation equipment.

The athletic training staff uses a comprehensive approach to the injury care and wellness of student-athletes by utilizing state-of-the-art diagnostic and treatment equipment with the latest methods in the care and prevention of injuries.

Dr. Barry Phillips is one of four doctors directly responsible for the orthopedic needs of the Tiger football team.

The Tiger training room at the Murphy Complex is equipped with a state-of-the-art aquatic rehabilitation pool.

Amos Mansfield is in his third year as head athletic trainer. Mansfield spent four years at Southern Miss as an assistant trainer and was the primary trainer for men's basketball, while also assisting with football. He has two full-time certified athletic trainers, two graduate assistants and 18 student trainers.

Chris Simmons is entering his second year as the trainer for men's basketball. He makes a return to the university where he earned his bachelor's degree in exercise and sport science in 2002. Simmons came to Memphis after working as the head trainer for the Arkansas RimRockers of the NBDL.

Natasha Platt enters her fourth year as an assistant trainer for women's athletics. Platt was a student trainer at Memphis from 1998-2000 and earned her degree from the university in 2000.

The athletic training staff is surrounded by many qualified and generous team doctors who are available to the many student-athletes at the University of Memphis.

Dr. Barney Freeman, Dr. Fred Azar, Dr. Jeffrey Dlabach and Dr. Barry Phillips of The Campbell Clinic are directly responsible for the orthopedic needs of the Tiger football team, while Dr. Thomas Meriwether and Dr. Arthur Franklin serve as the team physicians. Dr. Allen Sills serves as the team's neurosurgeon.

Tiger student-athletes are fortunate to have the two largest privately-owned hospital systems in the world located in Memphis. Baptist Hospital and Methodist Hospital offer the finest in healthcare to area residents and handle the care of Memphis student-athletes.

The athletic training staff is one support group that the athletic teams cannot do without. They are responsible for staffing all practices and games as well as handling the day-to-day rehabilitation of injured or post-surgery student-athletes.

The goal of the sports medicine department is not only to care for the injuries, but also to assist the student-athletes in preventing injuries from occurring.
The University of Memphis athletic equipment staff is responsible for the care and maintenance of all athletic gear used by U of M athletic teams, as well as ensuring the proper fitting of all football equipment for the safety of all of the Tiger players.

The 2003 renovation of the Murphy Athletic Complex increased the size and space of the Memphis equipment room and offers the equipment staff the ability to clean, catalog, store and distribute equipment in a much more rapid and efficient manner.

The redesign of the Murphy Athletic Complex equipment room was part of the $6 million renovation of the Tigers’ training facility for athletics.

The Tiger equipment staff is responsible for maintaining uniforms and practice equipment for the Tiger football, baseball, track and soccer teams, which use the Murphy Complex for their daily workouts.

Murphy Athletic Complex

EQUIPMENT ROOM

Head equipment manager Marc Hohorst, who is in his seventh year at the University of Memphis, supervises the Tigers’ sports equipment staff. Hohorst, who came to the Tigers from Arkansas State University, is assisted by one graduate assistant manager and a staff of 10 student managers.

In addition to supervising his student staff, Hohorst is responsible for ordering the uniforms and equipment for most of the Tiger athletic teams.

Equipment Room Highlights

- Equipped with two complete laundry rooms to handle the cleaning of uniforms for the football, baseball, track and soccer teams.
- The equipment room at the Murphy Complex is set up so each football player has his own locker and practice gear can be sorted quickly for easy distribution.
- The new area was constructed with more than double the amount of work counter tops and cabinets.
- Two vault-like areas within the equipment room allow more storage space for the safe keeping of Tiger uniforms and supplies.
- Storage space on-field was more than tripled in size. The old equipment shed, located south of the main building, was removed to make way for the renovation, and a new two-bay equipment storage building was constructed south of the Tiger weight room.
- The new building allows the equipment staff to store on-field equipment such as sleds, golf carts and blocking bags in a more secure and protective area.
- The equipment staff, with the assistance of Armstrong Relocation, transports all the equipment, cooling fans, blackboards, film and video equipment, and even John Deere carts to the Tigers’ next road game. The staff leaves a day before the team and has the locker room, stadium and hotel set up prior to the arrival of the team.
Head Strength and Conditioning Coach Mike Stark oversees all workouts at the Park Avenue Campus. He is aided by graduate assistants Jason Hartman, Chad Smith, Josh Medlin and volunteer assistant Ken Roach. The Tiger football, men’s soccer, baseball and track teams work out with Stark and his staff.

A former U of M football player, Stark has worked with over 40 NFL players, including the Carolina Panthers’ DeAngelo Williams, the New England Patriots’ Stephen Gostkowski, the New York Giants’ Marcus Bell and Michael Stone, the Detroit Lions’ Idrees Bashir and the St. Louis Rams’ All-Pro receiver Isaac Bruce.

In addition to the Park Avenue Campus weight room, there is a weight facility in the Elma Roane Fieldhouse that was refurbished in the spring of 2005. That weight room benefits women’s basketball, volleyball, men’s tennis, women’s tennis, cross country, women’s golf, softball and women’s soccer. Assistant Strength Coach Lee Yerty is responsible for all workouts in the Fieldhouse. He is assisted by graduate assistant Jake Fitts.

The men’s basketball team utilizes a weight room that is located in its practice facility, the Larry O. Finch Center. Assistant Strength Coach Richard Hogans is charged with the workouts of Tiger basketball, as well as the men’s tennis and men’s golf teams.

With three state-of-the-art facilities located around campus, the U of M Strength and Conditioning staff is well-equipped to handle the training needs of Tiger Athletes.

The Tigers’ Park Avenue Campus Strength and Conditioning facility is located next to the remodeled indoor turf room in the Billy J. Murphy Athletic Complex. Opened in January 1993, the facility serves each of the University’s intercollegiate sports programs.

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**WEIGHT ROOM HIGHLIGHTS**

- The 10,500-square-foot varsity weight room is equipped with rugged, versatile hardware so that groups of up to 75 student-athletes can train concurrently with optimal effectiveness and efficiency.
- Workouts are designed and supervised by one or more of the Strength and Conditioning staff’s certified specialists, and each student-athlete’s individual progress is projected via a computerized database.
- The Tiger Power philosophy couples functional, multi-joint movements with fundamental principles: exercise techniques are simplified and performed on an alternating heavy/explosive basis in order to maximize training effects while minimizing teaching and training time (as well as fatigue). Performance based fitness and work quality are the bottom-line objective.
- The weight room’s equipment upgrade plan reflects this philosophy and includes: 10 self-contained Olympic platforms and power racks; a plyometric/medicine ball area; a complete dumbbell line; and a variety of hip sleds, glute/ham stations, cable stations and other supplemental pieces allowing student-athletes to perform an unlimited variety of exercises and movements.
- Coach Mike Stark developed the Iron Tiger program at Memphis, which tests power, speed and strength. This season Stark devised a team championship rather than an individual championship. The top four teams, made up of 10 football players each, earned Iron Tiger status.
- In planning the long-range Tiger Power programs, student-athletes are assigned to respective developmental levels based on individual ability and training history. For example, newcomers begin with an extensive volume of “foundational” or generalized movements and progress toward more intensive and specialized exercises with each successive phase.
- The actual workout menu may remain fairly constant over a student-athlete’s four- or five-year sport career; however, broad variations in workload combine the program’s simplicity with a measure of sophistication.
Stephan Gostkowski, K
New England Patriots
Second NFL Season

Derrick Ballard, LB
Amsterdam Admirals (NFFEL)

Michael Stone, DB
New York Giants - Seventh NFL Season

Tim Goodwell, LB
Berlin Thunder (NFFEL)

DeAngelo Williams, RB
Carolina Panthers
Second NFL Season

Mike McKenzie, DB
New Orleans Saints
Ninth NFL Season

Stephen Gostkowski, K
New England Patriots
Second NFL Season

Wade Smith, OT
New York Jets - Fourth NFL Season

Michael Stone, DB
New York Giants - Seventh NFL Season
The University of Memphis’ Center for Athletic Academic Services (CAAS) is dedicated to the academic and personal development of all Tiger student-athletes. Its mission is to provide support services to ensure that U of M student-athletes succeed in the classroom and obtain undergraduate degrees.

The services include orientation programs, tutoring, mentoring, academic counseling, study hall and academic advising.

In March 2002, vast improvements were beginning to take place in the CAAS. At that time, Dr. Joe Luckey took over the staff after spending the previous 10 years at Austin Peay State. Dr. Luckey, who was nationally recognized for his outstanding leadership in 1999, came to Memphis with a vision. In just one short year, Dr. Luckey recruited six new staff members, instituted new academic programs, designed and inspired two special sections of ACAD 1100 for student-athletes and transitioned the office from the basement of the Elma Roane Fieldhouse to the newly-renovated Wilder Tower.

Dr. Luckey heads a full-time staff of eight, while also utilizing 20-30 tutors, an academic intern, graduate assistants and student workers. CAAS has a unique responsibility as an office as it provides academic services to all student-athletes and conducts all necessary paperwork for NCAA academic compliance.

Assistant director Kelley Bickham, who was hired May 2007, was brought in specifically to handle NCAA, conference and institutional compliance matters associated with prospective and current student-athletes. The five academic counselors are assigned to specific sports working closely with those student-athletes and coaching staffs.

Dr. Luckey has continued to challenge the Center’s staff, the coaching staffs and the student-athletes to collaboratively enhance the academic performance of U of M student-athletes. As the following highlights indicate, the group effort has resulted in positive results for the university.

During the last five academic years, 14 teams have posted their highest-ever semester GPAs, a record number of student-athletes made the C-USA Commissioner’s Honor Roll and the Tiger 3.0 Club and several individual student-athletes have been recognized for prestigious academic awards, such as the NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship and Academic All-America.

The CAAS received a new home during the summer of 2003 with the completion of the Wilder Tower. The Wilder Tower also houses admissions, the bursar, financial aid, the registrar, student development and academic advising. A total of 8,000 square feet, encompassing the entire sixth and seventh floors of the tower, have been designated for the CAAS. The area supports 21 student computer stations, 17 offices and numerous study tables.

Inspired by Dr. Luckey, two special sections of ACAD 1100, Introduction to the University, were offered to student-athletes only. The class was so well received that a third section was offered in 2003 so that all freshman student-athletes could be included in the course. Students who participated in the class earned an average of 15.2 credit hours and an average GPA of 3.25.

Three academic awards are sponsored by the CAAS as a means of honoring the top student-athletes. The Tiger 3.0 Club recognizes student-athletes who earned grade-point averages of 3.0 during the fall/spring semesters, while the Tiger Academic Thirty is dedicated to the 30 student-athletes with the best grade-point average on each team and then the next best group of student-athletes, totaling 30. The final honor, the TEAM GPA Award, is presented to the male and female team with the best grade point average for the semester.

In the last three graduation ceremonies, 21 football players have earned their degrees. Pictured L-R are Derek Clenin, Jermaine Chambers, Cato Mott, Andy Smith and Blake Butler who were among the graduates this past December.
WHY TIGERS?
When the University of Memphis first fielded a football team in the fall of 1912, no one had selected a nickname for the squad.

Early references to the football team tabbed them only as the Blue and Gray Warriors of West Tennessee Normal School.

After the final game of the 1914 season, there was a student parade. During this event, several Normal students shouted, “We fight like Tigers.” The nickname was born.

More and more the nickname “Tigers” was used, particularly in campus publications. But it did not catch on with the newspapers downtown. They continued to use “Normals” or the “Blue and Gray” when referring to the University.

Under Coach Lester Bamard in 1922, Normal’s football team gave a ring of truth to that old student yell about Tigers. The team adopted a motto – “Every Man a Tiger” – and went on to score 174 points while allowing its opponents just 29 points.

In the late 1920s, student publications and downtown newspapers began referring to the football team as the “Teachers” or “Tutors.” The Tiger nickname would return, but not until 1939 was it finally adopted as the official nickname for the University of Memphis.

A Proud History

TIGER TRADITIONS

A BENGAL FOR A MASCOT

For over 30 years, the sideline mascot for The University of Memphis has been the Bengal Tiger. TOM II, the current Tiger mascot, attends all Tiger football home games, and he can also be found at many other University events throughout the year as a powerful and majestic symbol of Tigers Athletics. TOM II travels in style in a custom-designed, climate-controlled trailer, always with police escort.

The first Tiger, TOM, was procured by the Highland Hundred Football Boosters in 1972 and served the U of M faithfully for nearly 20 years until passing away in February of 1992.

TOM came to the university on November 9, 1972, when the tiger cub was placed in a dog kennel in Michigan City, Ind., and put on a Memphis-bound flight via Chicago’s O’Hare International Airport. He arrived in Memphis at 3:00 a.m., and C. Cleveland Drennon, President of the Highland Hundred, approved a check for $1,500 to purchase the animal. That morning, TOM was taken to Athletic Director Billy Murphy’s office for a press conference. The Highland Hundred officially presented TOM to the University in a ceremony at Liberty Bowl Memorial Stadium on November 11, 1972, during a football game against the University of Cincinnati.

TOM had initially been named ‘Shane’ at the suggestion of the breeder’s daughter. Once in Memphis, though, a contest was held to name the mascot. More than 2,500 entries were submitted to a committee chaired by Judge Harry Pierotti, including colorful monikers like Spook, Sampson, Goliath, Bengo, Sultan, Sahib, Big Cat, Pthal, Touchdown, Sonny Shiloh, and even Bengie Wougie Bengal Boy from Tennessee. The list was ultimately reduced to two choices, Shane and TOM, which stands for Tigers Of Memphis. TOM won.

During his first few months in Memphis, TOM was housed by Highland Hundred member Bill Proctor in his garage, which the Club had redecorated, and was closely guarded by Proctor’s hound dog.

As TOM grew older, the decision was made by the Highland Hundred to keep the Tiger Tradition alive by securing a new Tiger to be raised as TOM II. In the fall of 1991, Highland Hundred President Ray Daniels and President-Elect Bobby Wharton received TOM II as a gift from Tom and Carolyn Atchison of Florence, Alabama.

In 2006, TOM II moved to a new habitat in a rural area just south of Memphis on land offered by longtime Tiger fans Jeff and Mary Kuntz. The new facility was designed as a virtual copy of the original facility in Collierville, but includes many upgrades that improve TOM’s comfort and safety.

As one of only two universities in America with a live Tiger mascot, the University of Memphis is unique in its Tiger Tradition.

SCHOOL COLORS

The University of Memphis’ official school colors of Blue and Gray were selected in the early 1900s.

The colors were chosen in an effort to show unity in a nation that was still recovering from the effects of the Civil War. The student body thought that by picking the colors of the North and the South, the school would show a togetherness among all students.

THE LOGO

The University of Memphis’ official logo was redesigned by Craig Thompson, from Disciple Design in Memphis, Tenn.

The original logo was an MSU with a leaping tiger coming out from behind the letters. The new logo is an “M” with a leaping Tiger coming up over the center of the “M.”
Memphis, named after the capital of ancient Egypt, boasts all the amenities you would expect in a city with over 1 million residents, while retaining the charm and down-to-earth feel of a small town.

Downtown Memphis is in the midst of a building boom valued at $2.3 billion which is transforming the heart of the city. One of the most visible projects has been the construction of AutoZone Park, the downtown ballpark which is the home of the Memphis Redbirds, the St. Louis Cardinals’ Triple-A club. The 14,320-seat stadium includes 1,500 club seats, 48 luxury suites and is located at the corner of Third Street and Union Avenue across from the world-famous Peabody Hotel.

The city’s newest downtown project is FedExForum, an entertainment arena that houses both the Memphis Grizzlies of the National Basketball Association and the University of Memphis men’s basketball team. The $250 million state-of-the-art arena features a 35,000-square-foot outdoor plaza where fans of all ages can gather before an event. The arena has over 100 points of sale for concession stands and four full-service restaurants. FedExForum is located one block south of Beale Street.

Memphis’ musical roots can be traced to band leader W.C. Handy, who wrote the first blues song here in 1909, a campaign theme for Memphis mayor “Boss” Crump called “Boss Crump Blues” and later published as the “Memphis Blues.” The sound soon caught on and blues bands filled the clubs along Beale. Young musicians who have performed along Beale include Muddy Waters, Furry Lewis, Albert King, Bobby “Blue” Bland and B.B. King.

Beale Street has rapidly become the entertainment center of Memphis and visitors and locals alike enjoy the food and music offered in the various nightclubs. From B.B. King’s to the Daisy Theatre, from Silky O’Sullivan’s to the Hard Rock Café, from Pat O’Brien’s to the Rum Boogie Café, Beale Street has something to offer for everyone.

Where Beale Street meets the Mississippi River is Tom Lee Park, site of the annual Beale Street Music Festival. The weekend-long event is just a part of the month-long Memphis in May International Festival which also includes the World Championship Barbecue Cooking Contest and the Sunset Symphony.

Located just off Beale Street is the Peabody Place Retail and Entertainment Center which opened in 2002. The 300,000-square-foot retail complex offers visitors a one-stop-shop for fun and excitement with a unique mix of entertainment, dining and shopping options unlike anything else in the region.

Also located within a block of Beale is Gibson Guitar Memphis, which includes factory tours and cultural exhibits. Across the street is the Smithsonian’s Rock ‘n’ Soul Museum located at the FedExForum, which includes artifacts documenting music’s past.
Memphis’ musical roots also include Stax and Hi-Records as well as Sun Records recording studio. Stax became known for “sweet soul music” through such artists as the MarKeys, Booker T. and the MGs, Otis Redding, Wilson Pickett, Sam and Dave and Isaac Hayes. The Stax Museum reopened on its original location at McLemore and Crump in the summer of 2003 and offers visitors a complete history of “Soulsville USA.”

One of Hi-Records’ premier artists was Al Green. Sun Records’ most famous recording artist was Elvis Presley and also boasted Jerry Lee Lewis, Carl Perkins and Johnny Cash among its recording artists.

Elvis Presley’s Graceland is one of the five most visited home tours in America and is the most famous home in the United States after the White House. In 1991, Graceland was placed on the National Register of Historical Places. Over 600,000 visitors tour Graceland each year. Also located downtown is the beautiful Orpheum Theater which serves as a venue for performances by Ballet Memphis, the Memphis Symphony Orchestra and traveling Broadway shows, as well as the Orpheum Classic Movies series and other concerts.

The city’s location makes Memphis a major distribution hub with two interstate highways intersecting the city. Memphis is also home of FedEx, the nation’s largest package carrier which makes Memphis International Airport the world’s busiest cargo airport. Over 500 commercial passenger flights originate from Memphis International each day.
Standing on the sidelines rain or shine are the cheerleading and pom pon squads that truly create excitement for the fans. The groups can be seen early every Saturday before the game riding on the trailer above TOM II, the Tiger mascot. The pride that these groups show each game shines through from the kickoff to the final seconds of the game clock. Memphis fields both a varsity and junior varsity co-ed cheer squad, as well as an all-girls competitive cheerleading team that made its debut for the 2001-02 athletic season. The co-ed squad has ranked in the top four at the USA National Collegiate Championships for the past three years. The all-women squad won the national crown in 2004 and were the runner-up in 2003 and 2005. One of the most talented dance teams in the South, the Memphis pom squad has amassed 11 National Championships over the years, including its most recent title, which was in the 2007 IA Hip Hop competition.

Also part of the cheerleading squad, Pouncer can be seen energizing the crowds from the playing field and through the stands. Saturdays would not be complete without spotting Pouncer down on the field heckling the opponent’s mascot, or mugging for photos with the youngest Tiger fans.

Another energetic group are the Tigerettes, which recently competed in the Intercollegiate Championship of Baton Twirling. They won a gold medal in the competition for their first-ever national collegiate championship.

Not far from the sidelines, but obviously one of the easily recognizable spirit groups in the stands, the U of M band works hard each and every game to provide entertainment for the fans and to give the team that extra boost of energy after each score. The Mighty Sound of the South, as the band is known, consists of just over 200 members who practice many hours each fall to learn the routines they will perform before each game and during each halftime.

Though the presence of the various spirit groups on campus may not determine whether the Tigers win or lose a game, they are all uniquely important in creating a fan-friendly atmosphere and in representing their University and their Tigers.
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