

University Quick Facts

Accreditation: The University of Memphis is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award bachelor's, first professional, master's, educational specialist's and doctoral degrees.

Campus Size: 1,160 acres and nearly 200 buildings at four sites.

Operating Budget: \$220 million

Local Economic Impact: More than \$1 billion

University Focus: Opened in 1912 as a teacher training college, The University of Memphis has grown into one of the largest comprehensive universities in the southeast United States. Still offering the teaching, research and service functions it was founded to provide, The University of Memphis has established five destination areas: information technology, international studies, performing arts, public health and undergraduate education.

Campus Location: Located in a suburban, residential section of Memphis - the 18th largest U.S. city - our beautifully landscaped campus is easily accessible to shopping, recreation and entertainment. The University also has teaching sites throughout Shelby County and West Tennessee.

Major Divisions of the University: College of Arts and Sciences, Fogelman College of Business and Economics, College of Communication and Fine Arts, College of Education, Herff College of Engineering, University College, Loewenberg School of Nursing, School of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology, Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law and the Graduate School.

Degrees: The University of Memphis offers 15 bachelor's degrees in more than 50 majors and 70 concentrations, master's degrees in 46 subjects and doctoral degrees in 21 disciplines in addition to the Juris Doctor (law) and a specialist degree in education. More than 3,000 degrees are awarded annually.



U of M MISSION STATEMENT

The primary mission of the Department of Athletics is to provide a successful athletic program at the highest level of competition. Characterized by academic, athletic and moral excellence in a diverse collegiate environment, the program will abide by the spirit of the rules governing students and intercollegiate athletics and will be known for its good sportsmanship and integrity. The University of Memphis is a comprehensive urban university committed to the scholarly accomplishments of our students and faculty and to the enhancement of our community, state and the nation through principles of academic integrity, sound management and equal opportunity.



UNIVERSITY OF MEMPHIS RIFLE MEDIA GUIDE



The 2002-03 University of Memphis Rifle Squad: (front row, l-r) Johnny Newbill, J.C. Faircloth, J.B. Vaughan. (back row, l-r) Bobby LeBlanc, Charity Koone, Beth Tidmore, Justin Cabaniss.

2002-03 Schedule

September			
28	TCU	Memphis, Tenn.	9 a.m.
October			
3-6	Tiger Open	Memphis, Tenn.	TBA
4	Ole Miss Open	Oxford, Miss.	2 p.m.
12	TCU Open	Ft. Worth, Texas	8 a.m.
November			
2	Tennessee Tech Open	Cookeville, Tenn.	2 p.m.
23	Birmingham So. Open	Birmingham, Ala.	2 p.m.
24	Gamecock Open	Jacksonville, Ala.	8 a.m.
January			
22	Skyhawk Open	Martin, Tenn.	9 a.m.
23	Mercer & UAB	Memphis, Tenn.	4 p.m.
24	Withrow Open	Murray, Ky.	3 p.m.
February			
7	Sectionals	Murray, Ky.	3 p.m.

2002-03 Roster

Name	Class	Letters	Hometown
Justin Cabaniss	FR	-	Huntsville, Ala.
J.C. Faircloth	SO	1	Memphis, Tenn.
Charity Koone	FR	-	Pine Mountain, Ga.
Bobby LeBlanc	JR	2	Bartlett, Tenn.
Johnny Newbill	FR	-	Nashville, Tenn.
Beth Tidmore	FR	-	Decatur, Ga.
J.B. Vaughan	SO	1	Somerville, Tenn.

Head Coach: L.W. "Butch" Woolbright

Assistant Coach: Dr. John C. Dowdy

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Head Coach Butch Woolbright



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Butch Woolbright is entering his eleventh year as head coach of The University of Memphis Rifle Team. In U of M's first year of competition in NCAA Rifle, 1993, Woolbright was voted Great Midwest Conference Coach of the Year. In 1998 he was named the Conference-USA Rifle Coach of the Year, when his squad won the C-USA Rifle Championship held in St. Louis.

Woolbright is classified as a master in small bore rifle and high power rifle. He holds the Distinguished Rifleman Award for excellence in service rifle competition and is a member of the Marine Corps Distinguished Shooters Association. Woolbright also made the President's 100 at the U.S. National Championships in 1987, placing 11th among civilians and 48th overall out of 1,542 civilian and military competitors. Woolbright has won nine other medals in competition at the U.S. National Matches at Camp Perry, Ohio.

Retired after 23 years with Ford Motor Company, Butch and his wife Tonya have two sons, Jason and Jeremy and two grandchildren, Jessica and Jacob.

Assistant Coach John Dowdy, Ph.D.



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John Dowdy is in his eleventh season as the assistant rifle coach for The University of Memphis Rifle team. A graduate of the U of M Department of Microbiology and Molecular Sciences, Dr. Dowdy operates a Biological Research and Laboratory Management Consulting practice. As a competitive rifleman, Dowdy has expert classifications in small bore and high power rifle.

Dowdy is also a former high school rifle team member and team captain at East High School in Memphis, Tenn. Dowdy and his wife, Pamela, have two sons, Jack and Sean.



Justin Cabaniss
FR
Huntsville, Alabama

- **2002** - First place average NARL...High match score NARL...Second place finish at Alabama state championships.
- **2001** - Second place finish at Alabama state championships...Invited to Olympic trials.
- **2000** - Third-place average in NARL...High match score NARL...Second place finish at Alabama state championships...Invited to Olympic trials.
- **1999** - Invited to Olympic trials
- **Academics** - Member of Who's Who Among America's High School Students for three years...Nominated to Presidential Academic Achievement List.



J.C. Faircloth
FR
Memphis, Tennessee

- **Ridgeway High School** - Member of the RHS tennis team from 1996-2001...MIAA Regional Tennis Champion 1998-2001...MIAA District Tennis Champion 1999-2001...MIAA Doubles Tennis Champion 1998-2001...TSSAA Regional Tennis Champion 1998-2001...District Tennis Champion 1999-2001...Also competed in football (1996-97), baseball (1996-98) and Wrestling (1999-2001) at RHS...Intends to pursue a career in commercial aviation.



Bobby LeBlanc
JR
Bartlett, Tennessee

Has been a member of the U of M Rifle Team since Fall 2001...Is majoring in business...Has been a Shelby County Sheriff's Office Explorer from Nov. 2000 - Aug. 2002...Is a member of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee...Career goal is to be a commercial pilot.



Charity Koone
FR
Pine Mountain, Georgia

- **2002** - Presidents 100 Pin (4P '02 & 3P '01) and Certificate - NRA Jr. Indoor Championship (smallbore)...1st - 3-P Air, Gary Anderson Classic...1st Place - Smallbore 3-P at NRA Sectional Match - Ft. Benning...2nd place team - Smallbore, Montgomery Bell...8th - Air Standing - Montgomery Bell...Junior Olympics 3-P Air, U. S. Nationals...Competed in Junior Olympics in Air Rifle & Smallbore.
- **2001** - 1st - Smallbore, Georgia Jr. Olympics Qualifications Trials...Competed in Junior Olympics in Air Rifle & Smallbore.
- **2000** - Placed 6th in the Wolf Creek 600.
- **1999** - 1st - Georgia State Games - Air Rifle...2nd place team - Gary Anderson Classic, Air Rifle Standing.
- **1997-98** - District and State Champion Georgia 4-H BB Team.
- **Academics** - Has achieved much success in art, including the Silver Award in clay sculpture at the Georgia Scholastic Art competition, a 1st place award in metal sculpture and Best of Show at the Columbus St. Univ. Area Art Show, Merit Award for 11th/12th grades at the Georgia National Fair...Has also been active in the Harris Co. 4-H Club, Harris Co. High Art Club and VICA...Recently earned Master 4-H status, and has contributed 931 hours of community service hours to 2,877 youth and adults...Has taught gun safety education, craft-making classes, leadership training and was BB Team Teen Leader...Recipient of the Georgia Propane Gas Scholarship.



J.B. Vaughan
SO
Somerville, Tennessee

- **Shooting Experience** - Did not begin shooting competitively until 2001.
- **Academics** - Graduated from Fayette Academy in 2002 with Honors...Attending UofM on Academic Excellence Scholarship...Named to the Collegiate Rifle Coaches Association All-Academic Team for 2001-2002...Member of the University Honors Program...Cabinet Officer in the Fraternity of Phi Gamma Delta.



Johnny Newbill
FR
Nashville, Tennessee

- **Hillsboro High School** - Hillsboro High School NJROTC Rifle Team Commander (1997-2001) & team high shooter...First place (individual) in East Tennessee High School Rifle Match in 1999...Captain of the HHS Rugby Team during his senior year...Varsity Lacrosse Team member during freshman and sophomore years.
- **JROTC** - Public Affairs Officer...Exhibition Drill Team Commander...Color Guard Commander...Orienteering Team Commander...Training & Advancement Officer...Executive Officer...NS1 Advisor...NS1/ANSI Liaison...Armory Officer...Asst. Supply Officer...Command Senior Chief...Platoon Commander("Cadre") during NJROTC Leadership Academy...Redstone Arsenal Alabama...Lance Corporal (E-3)...United States Marine Corps Reserves.



Beth Tidmore
FR
Decatur, Georgia

U of M Team Captain

- **2002** - Woodward Academy Rifle Team Captain...GHSA All Area... CMP Excellence-in-Competition Awards silver and bronze GHSA State Championship—individual bronze in 3P air, gold and Team State Champions...Junior Olympic National Championship—silver in 3P air team...State JR Olympic National Championship—gold in 3P air team...NRA Sectionals—gold in Int'l air.
- **2001** - GHSA All Area...GHSA State Championship—individual bronze in 3P air...ISSF World Cup Atlanta Grand Prix —1st place Int'l air...Gary Anderson Invitational—3 gold in 3P Air Team, Int'l Air Team, and Int'l Air individual...USA Shooting State JR Olympics—bronze in Int'l air...Georgia Games— gold in 3P air, Int'l air, 3P smallbore; bronze in smallbore, 60 prone...Georgia 4H State Championship—1st place Int'l air team...Montgomery Bell Academy Classic—1st place in Int'l air.
- **Academics** - Member of the University Honors Program...Served three years as Varsity football manager...Member of several academic clubs, including the science club, the Spanish club, the French club, the Key service club and the Interact service club...Served three years as newspaper photographer...Received the 2001 Special Olympics Georgia Distinguished Service Award for Outstanding Youth Volunteer of the Year...Was an AID Atlanta peer educator.

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 Barnard 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 their 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.

SCHOOL COLORS

The University of Memphis' official school colors of Royal 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



Keep up with the Memphis Rifle team at www.gotigersgo.com