

2006 TIGER COACHES & STAFF



Carrie Yerty

**Head Coach • 11th Season
(Washington State, 1992)**



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The longest tenured coach in Memphis volleyball history, Carrie Yerty enters her 11th season at the helm of the volleyball program with her eyes set on continuing a winning tradition that seen her guide the Tigers to five consecutive seasons of .500 or better finishes. In her 10 previous seasons, Yerty has rebuilt the program into one of the most successful ones in Conference USA. Under Yerty, Memphis has won 73 matches over the last three seasons, including a school-record 30-6 finish in 2003. The 73 wins over a three-year span is the most since 1989-91 when Memphis won a combined 76 contests.

A proven winner, Yerty has led Memphis to 183 wins (18 wins per season)—second-most wins by a Tiger volleyball coach.

Just 30 wins shy of becoming the most successful coach in Memphis volleyball history, Yerty has led Memphis to the most winning seasons (seven) of any Tiger volleyball coach.

Yerty began her Tiger career on July 15, 1996, when she was hired to replace former head coach Penny Lucas-White less than six weeks before the start of the season. She inherited a squad that finished 13-20 the previous year and featured just five returning players. In her first year, the Tigers finished 8-27 overall and 1-13 in Conference USA, but Yerty did not let that one season spoil her dreams of developing and guiding the Division I program into the national spotlight.

She hit the recruiting trails and her hard work has resulted in two Academic All-America honorees, four All-Conference USA honorees, two C-USA All-Freshman Team honorees, one C-USA Defensive Player of the Year and one AVCA All-Region honorable mention player. Yerty's squads have also earned academic individual and team honors from the AVCA, and since the 1996-97 school year, 21 of 23 players that have completed their eligibility have received their college diplomas.

In just her second season at the helm, Yerty made one of the biggest turnarounds in the program's history. Never had a Tiger squad won less than 10 matches one year and finished well above .500 the next. Yerty's second-year squad did it.

She guided the 1997 Tigers to a 19-14 overall record, including a school-best 7-0 start. Not included in the overall record that season was a victory over the Australian National Team at the Montana State Tournament. The team also made a huge jump in the conference rankings with a 6-10 record that year.

The Tigers were again gaining respect from their C-USA foes. After finishing dead last in the league in 1996, the Tigers improved to a fourth-place showing in the National Division the following season. Yerty's Tigers also made strides in the C-USA postseason tournament, winning their first-round meeting with UAB and advancing to the second round, where they dropped a 3-1 decision to top-seeded and eventual NCAA participant Houston.

That would not be the last time that Memphis put up a fight with the Cougars. In 1998, Yerty led her troops to their first win in school

Yerty's Career Highlights

- Second all-time with 183 wins
- 73 wins over the last three seasons
- Six winning seasons
- Four consecutive winning campaigns
- Longest head coaching stint in Memphis volleyball history
- Best single-season winning percentage in 2003 (30-6, .833)
- First-ever appearance in Conference USA Championship final in 2003
- C-USA Setter of the Year (Heather Watts, 2004)
- Heather Watts becomes Tiger Volleyball's first All-American
- C-USA Defensive Player of the Year (Amie Hamilton, 1999)





The Yerty Account

Hometown.....Boring, Oregon
 High School..... Sam Barlow High School
Reebok First Team All-American
 Alma Mater Washington State, 1992
(Secondary Education)
 University of Memphis, Dec. 2004
 MS - Sport and Leisure Commerce

Playing Experience

Washington State - 1988-91
 USA Olympic Developmental Team - 1992
Collegiate Playing Honors
 All-American nominee
 Two-time Pac-10 All-Conference
 Pac-10 Honor Roll
 WSU record solo blocks & assisted blocks

Coaching Background

Univ. of Memphis - Head Coach
 (1996-present)
 Chaired AVCA Policy and Procedures Committee
 Served on NCAA Gender Equity Committee in
 2003-04
 Currently a member of the
 Fellowship of Christian Athletes Coaches' Board
Arizona - Assistant Coach (1995)
Eastern Washington - Asst. Coach (1992-94)

Coaching Accomplishments

100th career win
 vs. Yale (Sept. 15, 2002)
First 30-win season since 1990 (2003)
Best Single Season Winning Percentage
 30-6, .833 (2003)
First-ever appearance in C-USA Finals
 (2003)
Coached two Academic All-America honorees
 April Harriman, 2001
 Heather Watts, 2003, 2004
Coached AVCA Honorable Mention All-American
 Heather Watts, 2004
Coached four All-Conference USA Honorees
 Amie Hamilton (Second Team, 2001)
 Brittany Barnett (Second Team, 2003)
 Tiara Gilkey
 (Third Team, 2003; Second Team 2004)
 Heather Watts
 (Third Team, 2003; First Team, 2004)
Coached C-USA Defensive Player of the Year
 Amie Hamilton (1999)
Coached C-USA Setter of the Year
 Heather Watts (2004)
Coached C-USA Volleyball Scholar Athlete of the Year
 Heather Watts (2004)

history over the University of Houston, and for the second-straight season, Memphis advanced to the second round of the C-USA Tournament. Yerty's Tigers finished the season with an 18-14 overall record and a 6-10 record in conference. It was the first time since 1994 that a Tiger volleyball team had recorded back-to-back winning seasons.

Yerty saw her commitment to long-term success move forward in 2003 when she guided the Tigers to a 30-6 mark and its first-ever appearance in the Conference USA Championship match. That team was just the second team in C-USA history to hit the 30-win mark. The Tigers' .833 winning percentage was the best single-season mark in school history.

Yerty led Memphis to its second-consecutive 25-win season in 2004, as the Tigers advanced to the semifinals of the Conference USA Tournament for the second-straight year. Memphis' 27-10 mark in 2004 marked the third time since 1990 that the Tigers won 27 matches in a single season. The .730 winning percentage is the second-highest since 1994.

Memphis had its second All-Conference USA honoree in 2001 when senior Amie Hamilton earned second team accolades, the first Tiger to earn an all-conference honor under Yerty and the first to do so since 1995.

But it would not be as long a wait for the Tigers' next All-Conference USA honor, as Memphis had three student-athletes named to the Conference USA All-Conference teams in 2003. Senior Brittany Barnett, who finished her career ranked third in school history with 1,349 kills, was named to the second team, while Heather Watts and Tiara Gilkey both earned third team honors. That trio of players obliterated the Tiger record book during a banner season.

Watts, who set a single-season school record with 1,792 assists in 2003, raised the standard even higher in 2004 with 1,830 assists. For her stellar senior campaign, she garnered C-USA



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Setter of the Year and first team honors. Gilkey posted 521 kills en route to earning second team all-conference accolades. Five Tigers have surpassed the 1,000-career-kill mark under Yerty, including both Barnett and Gilkey during the 2003 season. Nancy Nellans is the latest to eclipse the 1,000-kill mark, reaching the milestone in 2004.

Yerty continues to stress academic excellence as well as athletic achievement.

Heather Watts earned her third-straight Academic All-District first team honor in 2004. Watts became the program's second Academic All-America recipient, earning third team honors in 2003 and first team in 2004. Watts joined former Tiger April Harriman, who earned second team honors in 2000, as the program's Academic All-America honorees. Watts also earned *ESPN the Magazine* Academic All-American second team honors in 2004, before receiving an NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship.

In addition to individual student-athlete academic honors, Yerty-led teams have been



recognized five times by the AVCA for their team GPAs. Most recently, the 2005 squad was tabbed as one of 51 Division teams to win the Game Plan/AVCA Team Academic Award. The 2004 Tiger team had a 3.4 GPA during the fall and a 3.2 during the spring and earned recognition from the governing body during the spring of 2004.

Prior to becoming the Tigers' head coach, Yerty was an assistant coach at the University of Arizona during the 1995 season where, among her on-court coaching duties, she also served as the recruiting coordinator. One of her recruiting classes at the University of Arizona was ranked in the top five in the nation by recruiting magazines. On the court, she worked closely with the squad's middle blockers as she helped lead the Wildcats to a 14-14 overall record. She also supervised the academic study table and assisted with scheduling and travel, as well as working closely with camps and clinics.

Yerty broke into the collegiate coaching ranks in 1992 when she accepted an assistant coaching position at Eastern Washington in Cheney, Wash. Yerty served under head coach Pamela Parks at EWU for three years, working closely with the middle blockers and serving as the recruiting coordinator. A strong believer in publicizing her programs, Yerty coordinated several game-day activities, including theme nights and an adopt-a-player program. She also participated in university fund-raising programs and assisted with various camps and clinics.

Yerty's coaching background goes much deeper than the collegiate level. She, along with her husband, Lee, founded the Northwest All-Star Volleyball Touring Camp in 1991, in which they managed and conducted in excess of 25 customized instructional clinics

and camps for junior high and high school athletes and coaches. Two years later, Yerty founded and coached the New Balance Volleyball Club team in Spokane, Wash., for girls 16 and under. She directed that squad from 1993-95, and then served as the head coach for one year of the Club Cactus Juniors Volleyball Club in Tucson, Ariz., for the 18-Elite age group.

A seasoned club team coach, Yerty was selected as a representative on the Junior Olympic National Team selection committee, evaluating and selecting players for the elite squad at the Southern California tryout.

Yerty is heavily involved in the community. Yerty is currently on the Board of Directors for the Memphis Junior Volleyball Club Program, and has held numerous free clinics and camps for church groups and elementary schools. She was also instrumental in bringing the USA and Russian Volleyball teams to the Elma Roane Fieldhouse for a widely-attended exhibition match in 1998.

Yerty has given her time and dedication freely to such groups as the American Cancer Society, The Ronald McDonald House and the Girl Scouts of America. She is also serving a three-year term on the AVCA Coaches' Committee and is chairing the Policy and Procedures Committee with the AVCA.

Formerly Carrie Couturier, Yerty was a four-year standout as a middle blocker during her collegiate days at Washington State University. She earned Pac-10 All-Freshman honors following the 1988 season when she set a school record with 69 solo blocks. Yerty continued to lead her squad and develop her skills through the next two years, and in her senior season, people starting taking notice. In 1991, she earned first team All-Pac-10 honors in her final collegiate season after helping the Cougars to a 23-12 finish and a school-best fourth-place showing in the Pac-10. As a senior, she led the Pac-10 in hitting percentage (.333) and in service aces (55). She was third in the league in kills with 432 and ranked fourth with an average of 3.8 kills per game. An All-West Regional and All-America nominee, Yerty received an invitation to participate on the U.S. Olympic Developmental Team in San Diego in 1992.

Not likely to be forgotten at WSU or even in the Pac-10, Yerty is cur-



rently second in school history in career kills (1,548), while holding the school marks in solo blocks (196) and block assists (431). In the Pac-10, Yerty was the league's all-time leading blocker with 617 total blocks, while also ranking first in all-time solo blocks (196). She was also fourth in career hitting percentage (.270) and fifth in all-time block assists with 431. Most recently, Yerty was named to the Pac-10 All-Decade Team, as well as the Washington State All-Decade Team.

At 6-2, Yerty's volleyball success began at an early age. A standout at Sam Bartow High School in Boring, Ore., she was named to the Reebok All-America team and was Oregon's Female Athlete of the Year in 1988. Yerty also played on the Portland Volleyball Club while in high school. Her squad is still the only club outside of California to ever win the Davis Volleyball Festival, which continues to rate as the largest women's athletic event in the world.

A 1992 graduate of Washington State, Yerty earned her degree in Secondary Education. She then completed her graduate studies to earn her master's degree in Sport and Leisure Commerce from the University of Memphis in December of 2004. Born March 4, 1970, she is married to Lee Yerty, who is an assistant strength and conditioning coach at the University of Memphis. The couple and their two sons, WesLee and Jace, live in Cordova, Tenn.





April Jauregui

**Assistant Coach • Second Season
(Memphis, 2001)**



April Jauregui begins her second campaign as assistant coach at Memphis. However, Jauregui is no stranger to head coach Carrie Yerty and the Memphis volleyball program.

The former April Harriman, Jauregui was a standout outside hitter for the Tigers from 1997-2000. She garnered several honors on the volleyball court, including 2000 Academic All-District first team and 2000 second team Verizon Academic All-American accolades. Jauregui led the team with 494 kills as a senior, a mark that still ranks ninth on the program's single-season kills list. She received the Elma Roane Award as Memphis' top female athlete in 2000.

The Orange County, Calif., native ranks 15th all-time in Memphis history with 1,017 kills. She is just one of four U of M volleyball players ever to record 30 kills in a match, slamming 30 kills in a match against Christian Brothers in 2000. She posted six 20-plus kill performances in her final campaign as a Tiger.

As assistant coach, Jauregui will work with the Tiger outside hitters with a dual focus on both offense and defense. Off the court, she will assume the responsibilities of recruiting coordinator.

Jauregui brings four years of college coaching experience to the program, after spending the 2003 and 2004 seasons as an assistant coach for former Tiger assistant Fiona Simmons at Lamar University.

Prior to her two-year stint at Lamar, Jauregui spent two seasons at Ohio University working on her master's degree. She served as the Bobcats' volunteer assistant in 2001 before taking on full-time responsibilities the following season.

Jauregui also has four years of experience at the club level, coaching the Memphis Jr.'s while playing at Memphis, and coaching for Spike Volleyball Club in Nashville, Tenn. She has also served as an instructor at several university camps.

A standout on the court and in the classroom, Jauregui was an eight-time Dean's List student and also earned 2000 Female Student-Athlete of the Year honors at Memphis. Jauregui was also a four-time recipient of the Conference USA Commissioner's Medal.

Jauregui graduated from the University of Memphis Summa Cum Laude in 2001 with degrees in Communications and Political Science. She completed her master's degree in Organizational Communication at Ohio University in the spring of 2002.

Jauregui is married to Gabriel Jauregui. The couple were wed on January 15, 2006. Gabe is a special education teacher at Millington Middle School.



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The Jauregui Account

Hometown.....Orange County, Calif.
 High School.....Brethren Christian
 Alma MaterUniv. of Memphis, 2001
(Communications & Political Science)
Ohio University, Spring 2002
MS- Organizational Communications

Coaching Background

Memphis - Asst. Coach (2005-present)
Lamar Univ. - Asst. Coach (2003-04)
Ohio Univ. - Asst. Coach (2002)
Ohio Univ. - Volunteer Asst. (2001)

Playing Experience

Univ. of Memphis - 1997-2000

Collegiate Playing Honors

15th all-time in Memphis history
 with 1,017 kills
 2000 Female Student-Athlete of the Year
 2000 Elma Roane Award
 2000 CoSIDA Academic All-American
 2000 CoSIDA Academic First Team All-District



Gabriel and April Jauregui





Travis Filar

**Assistant Coach • Second Season
(Furman University, 2000)**



Travis Filar enters his second season as an assistant at Memphis. Filar's responsibilities include working with and training the Tiger middle hitters and focusing on defensive strategies. Off the court, Filar serves as the Director of Volleyball Operations. In that capacity, he is the volleyball camp coordinator, as well as a recruiting assistant. He is also responsible for video tape exchange and video analysis.

Filar, who helped Memphis improve its team blocking by 20 blocks last year, came to the Tiger program in the summer of 2005 after spending two seasons at the University of Kentucky. At UK, he served as a volunteer assistant during the 2003 and 2004 seasons. He took over as the camp coordinator for the Wildcat program in summer of 2004.

During his time at Kentucky, Filar also worked full-time as a physical education instructor and boys and girls basketball coach at Trinity Christian Academy in Lexington, Ky.

Prior to his two-year stint at UK, Filar was the first assistant coach and assistant camp director at Furman University from 2001-02.

Filar broke into the coaching ranks in 1998 at Greenville High (Greenville, S.C.), where he assisted the boys soccer squad. He then moved on to serve as the head junior varsity coach for volleyball and boys basketball at Eastside High School in Taylors, S.C.

The Davidson, N.C., native has worked as the assistant volleyball clinician at the Fellowship of Christian Athletes Girls Sports Camp at Gardner-Webb University, as well as serving as a court coach at volleyball camps at Charlotte and Davidson.

Before beginning a career in coaching, Filar played two seasons of club volleyball at Furman, seeing action as a middle hitter.

Filar comes from an athletic background. His father, John, was a successful high school basketball, volleyball and tennis coach in Louisville, Ky., and Charlotte, N.C. He was selected to resurrect the women's basketball program at Davidson College that was discontinued after the 1985-86 season. He served as the head coach at Davidson from 1991-2001, racking up 102 wins. He then spent the 2002-03 season at the University of Nebraska.

His mother, Kay, played collegiate volleyball at Westminster College.

Travis has one brother, Jesse (25), and a sister, Kaitlyn (22). Kaitlyn played two years of volleyball at the University of Georgia, before transferring to play a single-season at UAB.

Filar earned his B.A. degree in Health and Exercise Science from Furman University in 2000.

He is married to the former Natalie Muro. The couple resides in Memphis. Natalie was a four-year letterwinner in women's soccer at Furman University. A former midfielder, she received her B.A. degree in Health and Exercise Science from Furman in 2002 and continued her education at the University of Kentucky, where she earned her master's degree in Physical Therapy.



The Filar Account

Hometown..... Davidson, N.C.
 High School..... North Mecklenburg High
 Alma Mater..... Furman University, 2000
 B.A. - Health and Exercise Science
 South Carolina Physical Education
 Teaching License (K-12th grade)

Coaching Background

Memphis - Asst. Coach (2005-present)
Kentucky - Volunteer Asst. (2003-04)
Kentucky - Camps coordinator (Summer 2004)
Furman - Asst. coach (2001-03)
Furman - Asst. Volleyball Camp Director (2001-02)
Eastside High School (Taylors, S.C.) Head Coach JV volleyball (2000)
Eastside High School (Taylors, S.C.) Head Coach JV Boys basketball (2001)
Greenville (S.C.) High School Volunteer Asst. Boys soccer (1998)
Gardner-Webb University Asst. volleyball clinician at the Fellowship of Christian Athletes Girls Sports Camps (Summer 2002-03)
Charlotte Volleyball camps Court Coach (2000, 2002-03)
Davidson Volleyball camps Court Coach (1998-2001)



Travis and Natalie Filar





Anne Côté

**Volunteer Assistant Coach • First Season
(University of Saskatchewan, 1983)**

Anne Côté begins her first season as a volunteer coach with the University of Memphis. However, she is familiar with the program, having watched her daughter and former pupil, Laura, set for the Tigers in 2005, as well Sarah Bury, who also played for Côté.

Côté is not your ordinary volunteer assistant. She brings a wealth of volleyball knowledge as well as 28 years of coaching and player evaluation experience to Carrie Yerty's staff.

A decorated instructor, Côté earned her first recognition in 1984 when she was tabbed Saskatchewan Volleyball Association (SVA) Female Coach of the Year. She again garnered the honor in 1985 and has since earned SVA High Performance Coach of the Year (1994, 2005) and SVA Development Coach of the Year (2000-01, 2003) accolades. She was most recently honored as Volleyball Canada's Female Coach of the Year in June, 2006. Côté was also awarded the LIFE Membership Award for the SVA in 2006.

Côté became active in the Canadian club and provincial volleyball scene following her collegiate playing career. She got her career started in 1978 as the head club coach of the U18 Kindersley/Saskatoon A&A Juveniles. As the head coach, her teams won six-straight provincial crowns and marched to a National Silver medal finish in 1984, a Silver medal in 1987 and a Bronze medal in 1994. She led the U18 Saskatoon Black Widows to a fifth-place showing in the 1997 Canadian National tournament and guided the U18 JCVC Red Juveniles to four top-15 national finishes from 2002-06.

As a provincial head coach, Côté claimed a pair of championship with the U18 Can-Am

Juveniles (1984) and the U17 Zone 6 Winter Games team (1986). Her U20 provincial teams competed in the Canada Games three times, taking home fifth-place twice--in 1987 and 2005.

In her coaching career, Côté has guided 17 teams to provincial titles or Canadian National medal finishes. In addition, she has sent over 30 players on to National team programs and/or European professional competition. Several others have gone on to play at Canadian or American universities.

Côté comes to Memphis after spending the last five years as the head volleyball coach at Aden Bowman Collegiate Institute. While there, she led ABCI to four-consecutive City championships and three-straight Saskatchewan 5A Gold Medal crowns.

As a player, Côté was a four-year setter at the University of Saskatchewan, where she led the Huskiettes to a CIAU Silver medal finish en route to being tabbed a second-team all-star setter. Following her collegiate playing days, Côté won a gold and silver medal playing for Saskatchewan and Alberta, respectively. The Alberta native has since played 15 years in the Senior Women's ranks, playing for Kindersley A & A and Saskatoon Soar. Most recently, she competed in the World Masters Volleyball in 2005.

Côté has also been instrumental in other aspects of teaching the game of volleyball, serving as an instructor in the Saskatchewan Teachers Federation.

In addition, Côté has been a Canadian National official for 21 years and has served as the executive of the Saskatoon Volleyball Officials Organization.

A graduate of the University of Saskatchewan, Côté earned bachelor's degrees in Physical Education, in 1983 and Education in 1984.

Côté is married to Keith Côté, and the couple has two daughters, Tara (20) and Laura (18), and a son, Andrew (15). Tara is a setter at Louisiana-Lafayette.

The Côté Account

Hometown.....Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada
Alma MaterUniversity of Saskatchewan, 1983
.....(Physical Education)
.....University of Saskatchewan, 1984
.....(Education)

Playing Experience

University of Saskatchewan -1974-76, 1981
Alberta - Western Canada Games - 1977
Saskatchewan - Western Canada Games - 1979
Kindersley A & A and Saskatoon Soar - 1978-1980
Kindersley A & A - 1982-1989
World Masters Volleyball - 2005

Coaching Background

CLUB VOLLEYBALL TEAMS:

RCVC (U14) - Head Coach
(1998-99)
JCVC Red Midgets (U16) - Head Coach
(2000-01)
Kindersley A&A/Saskatoon (U16/U18) - Head Coach
(1978-83, 79, 80, 85, 86, 94)
Saskatoon Black Widows (U18) - Head Coach
(1997)
JCVC Red Juveniles (U18) - Head Coach
(2002-06)
Saskatoon A&A Juniors (U20) - Head Coach
(1987, 1994, 2004-05)

PROVINCIAL VOLLEYBALL TEAMS

SVA Midget Team (U16) - Head Coach
(1991-93, 2000-01)
Can-Am Juveniles (U18) - Head Coach
(1982-84)
Canada Games (U20) - Head Coach
(1983, 1987)
Zone 6 Winter Games (U17) - Head Coach
(1986, 2002)

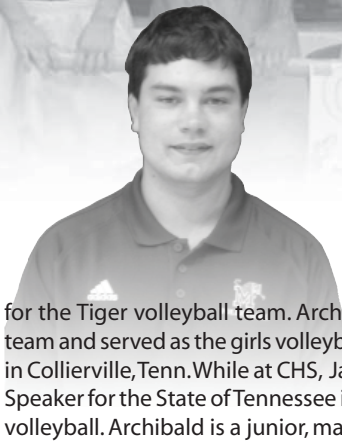
HIGH SCHOOL

Aden Bowman Collegiate Institute - Head Coach
(2002-05)

Coaching Accomplishments

1984-85 - SVA Female Coach of the Year
1994, 2005 - SVA High Performance Coach of the Year
2000-03 - SVA Development Coach of the Year
2002 - SVA Community Service Award in Volleyball
2005 - Sask-Sport Saskatchewan Provincial Volunteer Recognition Award
2006 - SVA LIFE Membership award
2006 - Volleyball Canada Female Coach of the Year Award





James Archibald

Student Manager

James Archibald returns for his third season as a student manager for the Tiger volleyball team. Archibald was a member of the wrestling team and served as the girls volleyball manager at Collierville High School in Collierville, Tenn. While at CHS, James earned the 2003 title of Superior Speaker for the State of Tennessee in debate. His father, Richard, also plays volleyball. Archibald is a junior, majoring in Marketing Management.



Sam L. Chambers

Student Manager

Sam Chambers enters his fourth year as a student manager for the Tiger volleyball program. Chambers graduated Summa Cum Laude from the University of Memphis in May, 2006 with a degree in History with a minor in Judaic Studies. Chambers is the son of former Tiger setter Becky Harden, who played from 1977-80, and the brother of Tiger freshman Sarah Chambers. A native of Munford, Tenn., he is currently pursuing his master's degree from Memphis in Education.

A member of the National Honor Society and the American Technological Honor Society at Munford High, Chambers received several academic honors, including the Early Scholars and Knowledge Bowl Scholarships.



Jason Martin

Assistant Marketing Director

Jason Martin enters his first year as the Assistant Marketing Director at the University of Memphis.

Martin, a 2003 graduate of the University of Buffalo, joins the Tiger marketing staff after spending 2005 as a sport marketing and special events assistant at East Carolina University.

Prior to his time at ECU, Martin worked in Athletic Development, as well as serving as the basketball promotions coordinator at Buffalo. In this capacity, the Sarasota Springs, New York native coordinated and implemented fundraisers.

Martin earned his master's degree in Sport Administration from Canisius College in 2005.



Ray Mullins

Public Address Announcer

Ray Mullins begins his ninth year as the public address announcer for the Tiger volleyball team. Mullins, who splits public address duties with Chuck Roberts, is also the voice for the Tiger marching band, a post he has held for 17 years.

Mullins graduated from the University of Memphis (then-Memphis State) in 1970 with a bachelor's degree in Radio, Television and Film Production.

Mullins works as a service leader at Wachovia Bank, overseeing the operation of all Memphis and Southaven branches. He and his wife, Carolyn, have been married for 35 years and have three daughters, Kim (32), Amy (28) and Emily (26).



Lynn Parkes

Associate AD • SWA

Lynn Parkes is in her 23rd year as the Senior Women's Administrator at the University of Memphis. In her role, she oversees seven intercollegiate sports, including women's basketball, volleyball, men's and women's track and field, men's and women's tennis and the newly constructed softball program, which played its inaugural season in the spring of 2006. Parkes also oversees the areas of compliance and student-athlete services.

Prior to devoting full-time leadership to her associate athletics director role, Parkes spent 11 years as the head women's golf coach at Memphis.

A native of Lawrenceburg, Tenn., Parkes is a 1973 graduate of the University of Alabama, where she was a member of the Crimson Tide women's golf team. An exceptional golfer, Parkes was a participant in the National Collegiate Championship Tournament in each of her final three years of college.

Following graduation, she taught for two years at Loretta (Tenn.) High School as a physical education instructor. Parkes came to the University of Memphis in 1975 to complete her graduate degree in Physical Education and, at the same time, started the women's golf program.

In addition to her administration of the women's sports programs, Parkes serves as compliance coordinator for the University of Memphis Athletic Department. As such, she is the liaison to Conference USA and the NCAA in adherence to the rules and regulations of the two organizations. She also served on the NCAA Task Force, which designed the recently approved restructure of the NCAA.

A former member of the LPGA, Parkes served as chair of the NCAA Women's Golf Committee. She served as tournament director of the 1995





NCAA East Golf Regional and the 2000 NCAA Women's Basketball Midwest Regional Tournament, both hosted by Memphis.

In 2004 Parkes chaired the NCAA Women's Basketball Committee, whose charge is the selection and conduct of the NCAA National Championship.



Natasha Platt

Athletic Trainer

Natasha Platt, MS, ATC, LAT, enters her second season as an assistant athletic trainer at Memphis. Platt returned to the

U of M training program in January of 2005 after spending 2004 as an assistant athletic trainer at Alabama State University, where she assisted in the daily operations of the athletic training office and also oversaw the student trainers. Platt, who graduated from Memphis in 2000, handles day-to-day duties with Tiger volleyball squad and the Lady Tiger basketball team.

Prior to joining the staff at Alabama State, Platt spent two years as a graduate assistant trainer at Southern Miss, where she completed her master's degree in Sports Administration in 2003.

Platt has spent extensive time in the Memphis area, working in the athletic training field. She was a student athletic trainer under current Assistant Athletic Director for Support Services Eddie Cantler from 1998-2000, before interning with Dr. David Sisk at Baptist Sports Medicine in the spring of 2000. She also served as a physical therapy technician with Ellen Curry at Physiotherapy Associates in the spring of 2001.

A native of Houston, Texas, Platt also spent a year as a personal trainer at the Desoto Athletic Club in Olive Branch, Miss., before returning to graduate school for her master's degree. At Southern Miss, Platt was the athletic trainer for the women's soccer program.



Chuck Roberts

Public Address Announcer

Chuck Roberts, a native of Memphis, is beginning his 10th year as public address announcer for the Tiger volleyball team. Roberts, who is also the public address voice for the Tiger football and men's and women's basketball teams, graduated from Christian Brothers University in 1989 with a bachelor's degree in Business Administration and with an M.B.A. in Finance in 1991.

Roberts owns Chuck Roberts Commercial Real Estate, which specializes in the sales and leasing of commercial and industrial property, and Timbeaux's on the Square, a fine dining steak and seafood restaurant on the Historic Square in Hernando, Miss. He and his wife, Mitzi, have two children: a daughter, Haleigh (4) and a son, Chase (2).



Lesley Tschume

Athletic Trainer

Lesley Tschume, ATC, enters her third season as an athletic trainer for the volleyball team and eighth season in the Memphis Athletic Training program. Tschume has assisted for three years with the football and women's soccer programs, while working with the baseball program for two years.

Tschume graduated Summa Cum Laude from Memphis in December 2003 with a degree in Exercise and Sport Science. A native of Memphis, she will receive her Master's degree in Exercise and Sport Science in December 2006.

Tschume will travel with the volleyball team and assist in its day-to-day responsibilities.

She is a member of the National Athletic Trainers Association (NATA), American College of Sports Medicine (ACSM), National Strength and Conditioning Association (NSCA) and Southeastern Athletic Trainers Association (SEATA).



Lee Yerty

Strength & Conditioning

Lee Yerty begins his eighth season as a strength and conditioning coach and his seventh season as the Tiger volleyball strength coach.

Yerty served a year as the administrative assistant for women's athletics before he was appointed to his new position. While in the administrative assistant position, Yerty was responsible for game management of the Tiger volleyball and Lady Tiger basketball squads.

Before coming to Memphis, Yerty served as the assistant strength coach at Washington State from 1985-90. He then accepted the job as marketing director at Eastern Washington in 1991. Yerty was then elevated to assistant athletic director in 1993 before becoming the recruiting coordinator for volleyball in 1995.

A native of Naches, Wash., Yerty is the husband of head coach Carrie Yerty. The two have two sons, WesLee and Jace, and reside in Cordova, Tenn.

Support Staff

