

**UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE ATHLETICS DEPARTMENT**  
**Overview for FY 2009**

**Athletic Achievements**

- Eighteen of 20 sports advanced to postseason competition:
  - Women's track won the NCAA indoor Championship and set multiple World, American, and Collegiate records.
  - Men's swimming, men's tennis and women's tennis finished the season ranked in the top 10 in the country.
  - Women's track won the SEC Indoor Championship.
  - Pat Summitt earned her 1000th career victory.

**Academic Achievements**

- During the 2008-2009 school year, 76 current and former Vols and Lady Vols graduated from the University of Tennessee, continuing Tennessee athletics' commitment to excellence in the classroom.
- The graduates include six former Tennessee student-athletes that have returned to the University: Corey Campbell (football), Kelly Edmundson (baseball), Jonathan Heffney (football), Ryan Karl (football), Matt McGlothlin (football), and Jayson Swain (football). These men finished their degree through the Thornton Center's Renewing Academic Commitment program.
- Lady Vol swimmer Christine Magnuson was awarded the female H. Boyd McWhorter Scholar Athlete of the Year Award for the Southeastern Conference.

**Financial**

- For fiscal year 2008-09, UTAD is operating on an \$87.5 million operating budget. Athletics proposed budget for 2009-10 is \$98.1 million. UT Athletics is one of less than 10 departments in the country that receives no funds from state subsidies or taxes. The only non-athletic department generated revenue is a \$1 million contribution to women's athletics department coming from student fees.
- The athletics department is committed to giving back to the University and the community through a variety of ways. For fiscal year 2009, the athletics department contributed more than \$6.26 million in direct cash support to the university:
  - \$1.45 million for Thompson-Boling Arena's operating deficit
  - \$1.375 million in academic scholarships awarded to non-student athletes
  - \$1.125 million in annual debt service on five University parking garages
  - \$1 million for game day parking, staffing & clean up of parking areas
  - \$425,000 for travel and operating expenses for the Pride of the Southland Band
  - \$280,000 for Gibbs Hall operating deficit (in addition to standard housing fees)
  - \$140,000 from Aramark partnership
  - \$107,000 for Turfgrass Research Partnership
  - \$365,500 for miscellaneous University support
- The athletics department also provides indirect benefits to the University of more than \$24.17 million through:
  - \$7.17 million in athletic benefits to University employees and students through free or reduced rate tickets to sporting events, licensing revenue, player of the game scholarships, alumni association tickets, and use of football skyboxes for University purposes.
  - \$17 million for facilities, utilities' costs and maintenance expenses for athletic facilities. These costs are funded centrally for other campus units.
- The athletic department projects to spend \$7.65 million for scholarships for student-athletes in fiscal year 2009.
- In addition, the athletics department projects to pay \$4.2 million in state, city and county taxes in fiscal year 2009.

## **Development/Marketing Report**

- Despite a challenging economic climate, the Volunteer Athletics and Scholarship Fund (VASF) reported that total giving to Tennessee Athletics has exceeded \$32.78 million and the Lady Vol Boost-Her Club has exceeded \$1.1 million as of May 29.
- Marketing reported they have extended the marketing rights agreement with IMG College through 2022. This extension provided additional funding (\$3.5 million) to upgrade the existing video board at Neyland Stadium prior to the 2009 season. The new video board will be installed over the summer and be operational for the 2009

## **Capital Projects**

- UT Athletics is in the process of renovating, expanding or building four different athletic facilities.
  - Neyland-Thompson Sports Complex Addition/Football Training Center – The project has been approved to construct the addition to the south end of the Neyland-Thompson Sports Complex which will include new coaches' offices, meeting rooms, a new weight room, locker room and training room. The addition of this space will allow those the 110 employees currently located in Stokely Athletic Center to be relocated to the Neyland-Thompson Sports Complex. Construction is anticipated to begin in summer/fall 2009 contingent upon funding pledges.
  - Neyland Stadium Master Plan – Phase III of the Neyland Stadium Master Plan began following the 2008 season. Renovations will include the renovation of the west sideline top lower level concourse, removal of the scissor ramps leading to west upper deck, addition of elevators and stairwells on the west side to increase fan accessibility and improve the traffic flow infrastructure of the stadium, improvements to the west tower including sky box and press center updates and construction of the West Club. Additional work for Phase III will take place after the 2009 season and include a brick and wrought iron collegiate gothic façade on the north and west sides of the stadium, creation of the Gate 21 plaza and the addition of the 1,782 seat Tennessee Terrace in the west upper deck. Phase III is projected to be fully completed for the 2010 season.
  - Thompson-Boling Arena - A pedestrian bridge will be added to the G-10 parking garage this year to connect the garage with Thompson-Boling Arena. Construction will also begin on an elevator in the northwest corner of the arena and an upgrade of the arenas electrical capacity. Phase II is projected to be finished for the start of the 2009-10 basketball seasons.
  - Intercollegiate Golf Complex – The construction of three practice holes and a practice green began in May 2008. Construction is scheduled to be completed in fall 2009.

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