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Murphy Athletic Center



Built in 1973, the Charles M. Murphy Athletic Center serves as home of the Lady Raiders basketball team, the Blue Raiders basketball team and the Lady Raiders volleyball team, who play their home games in the 11,520 seat Monte Hale Arena. It is also the location of the athletic department offices, HPER's department and the Blue Raiders Athletic Association office.

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Aside from several auxiliary gyms, dance studios, racquetball courts, weight rooms and locker rooms, Murphy Center also sports a top of the line training room. The program allows students an opportunity to receive hands-on experience. The upper level also features an indoor track and field center, which has served as host site of several Sun Belt Conference Indoor Track and Field Championships.

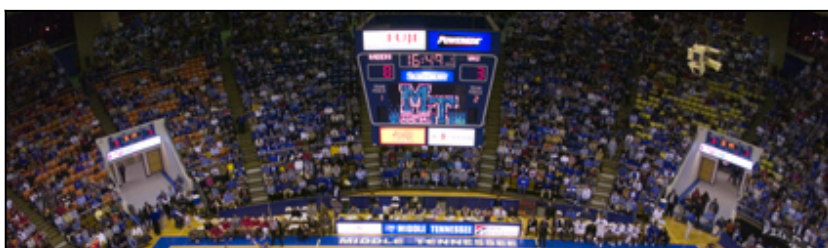
In recent years, both the men's and women's basketball locker rooms have been renovated. The two facilities are now equipped to include new maple lockers and a lounge area with a stereo system and cable television. The men's tennis locker room, which also doubles as the locker room for visiting basketball teams, has also undergone a complete renovation.

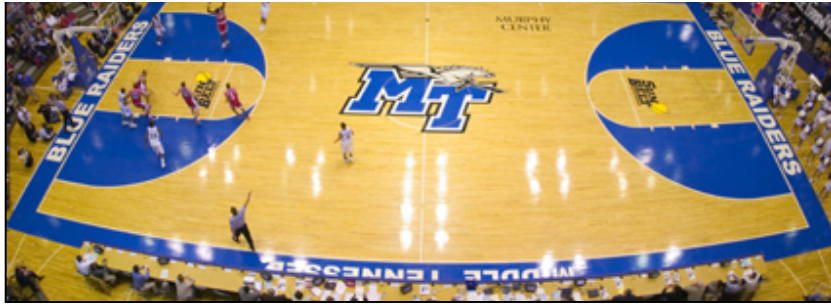
Related Facilities:

- MBB: [Lynn Davis Squad Room](#)
- WBB: [Player Lounge and Locker Room](#)
- [Strength and Conditioning Center](#)

During its 30-year existence, Murphy Center has staged countless concerts for some of the world's most renowned artists, including Elvis Presley, Elton John, Kiss and three consecutive sold-out performances by multi-platinum country music sensation Garth Brooks.

In addition, Murphy Center has hosted the TSSAA state boys' and girls' basketball tournament for the past several years.





A view from the top of the Murphy Center during Middle Tennessee's record crowd of 11,807 in 2004.

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