



# 2009 The BRAA Report

## BRAA NEWSLETTER - JANUARY 12, 2009

### 2009 Upcoming Events

- Jan. 21st:** W. Basketball vs. Ark. St  
(MC, 7:00pm)
- Jan. 22nd:** M. Basketball vs. Ark. St  
(MC, 7:00pm)
- Jan. 28th:** W. Basketball vs. Lafayette  
(MC, 7:00pm)
- Jan. 29th:** M. Basketball vs. Lafayette  
(MC, 7:00pm)
- Jan. 31st:** Basketball DH vs. Monroe  
(MC, 5, 7pm)
- Feb. 2nd:** Groundhog Day Luncheon  
(MC, 11:30am)
- Feb. 15th:** W. Basketball vs. N. Texas  
(Pink Zone, MC, 1:00pm)
- Feb. 20th:** Baseball opening night  
(Reese Smith Field 7:00pm)
- April 13th** BRAA Annual Membership  
**May 29th:** Campaign Drive

MC- Murphy Center  
DH- Doubleheader  
All times Central and subject to change

### BRAA Staff

**Alan Farley:**  
Associate Athletic Director/Fundraising

**Roy Mewbourne:**  
Coordinator of Athletic Development

**John Pointer:**  
Assistant Director

**Linda Watson:**  
Executive Aide

**Peggy Schroer:**  
Administrative Assistant

**Clint Marks:**  
Graduate Assistant

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### Happy New Year

Everyone at MTSU and the Blue Raider Athletic Association would like to wish you and your family a Happy New Year.

### Groundhog Day Luncheon

The annual Groundhog Day Luncheon is finally here! It will be held on Monday, February 2nd at Murphy Center. Doors will open at 11:30am and tickets are only \$20. Advance ticket sales are at the BRAA office and the ticket office at Floyd Stadium. Please purchase your tickets by Monday, January 26th.

The luncheon initiates the opening of baseball season every year and is a great way to bring Blue Raider Baseball fans together and get everyone excited about the season. The Groundhog Day Luncheon is co-sponsored by the Blue Raider Baseball Team and the BRAA. The menu for the event will consist of white beans, ham hocks, tomato salad, green onions, corn bread, chocolate cake and ice cream. Coach Pete promises a heart warming interpretation of the groundhog's dream. We hope to see you at the event supporting Coach Pete and Blue Raider Baseball.

### Membership Campaign Drive

This is an exciting and critical time for MTSU athletics as we hit the new year running. We have many goals we are planning to reach in the near future. Our annual membership campaign drive is ahead of us and will be more important this year than ever. With the help of BRAA members; scholarships, enhanced academic resources and facilities improvements allow our athletic programs to compete on a world wide stage with some of the best competition in the country. Not only does the BRAA work with funding the athletic needs, it also helps with enhancing academic resources. With a state of the art athletic enhancement center and academic tutors, our athletes' academic needs and developing career employment skills are obviously a top priority. If you are truly interested about getting involved with the campaign, please contact us at (615) 898-2210.

### Basketball Update

Going into the season both our men and women's basketball programs were picked to win their respected conferences. So far their hard work and dedication has paid off. Both programs have lived up to expectations by being on top of their conferences as they approach mid-season. Addition to that, our men's team won the Basketball Travelers Tip-Off Tournament championship with a 63-51 win against Missouri State.

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### WBCA Pink Zone

Once again our Lady Raiders are participating in the "WBCA Pink Zone." WBCA Pink Zone initiative is a global, unified effort for the Women's Basketball Coaches Association's nation of coaches to assist in raising breast cancer awareness on the court, across campuses, in communities and beyond. Formerly known as "Think Pink" had over 1,200 teams participating in 2008 and raised over \$930,000. Our Lady Raiders will be wearing pink uniforms and hosting North Texas on February, 15th at 1:00pm. Come dressed in pink and support breast cancer awareness and our Lady Raiders.



### Tune In

Tune in every month for the BRAA Report. With more information about upcoming events and opening night at our new baseball stadium.

### Did You Know?

- 1) Did you know the BRAA helped fund our new state of the art baseball stadium at a cost of \$6.5 million and it will be the flagship facility for the Sun Belt Conference?
- 2) Did you know the BRAA funded the new PowerBlade Synthetic field turf?
- 3) Did you know the BRAA has 87 members who are 20+ years' consecutive donors?
- 4) Did you know the BRAA is starting to recognize members for consecutive giving?
- 5) Did you know the BRAA provides scholarship opportunities for over 200 student-athletes?
- 6) Did you know you can purchase courtside seats through the BRAA?

### 2008-09 Officers

Don Witherspoon – President  
Mary Esther Reed – 1st Vice President  
Richard Lewis – 2nd Vice President  
Brian Kidd – Treasurer

### At-large board of directors

Ray Mack  
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