

# GARY PINKEL

• Head Coach

## 5th Year at Mizzou

Hometown: Akron, Ohio

Alma Mater: Kent State ('75)

Head Coach Gary Pinkel begins his fifth season directing the fortunes of the Mizzou Football program in 2005. After making steady progress in each of his first three seasons, culminating with eight regular-season wins and an appearance in the 2003 Independence Bowl, the 2004 season saw Mizzou take a slight misstep, as the Tigers went 5-6 overall.

But a stirring overtime 17-14 upset win in the 2004 regular-season finale at Iowa State gave the program renewed hope for the future, and provided Mizzou some momentum on which to build in the off-season. The win, which came on a regional ABC Sports telecast, prevented the favored Cyclones from winning their first outright league championship since 1912, and also kept them from playing in the Big 12 Championship game.

The win also likely played an important role in Mizzou's recruiting success, as Pinkel and his staff were able to sign a class considered to be among the nation's top-35 in 2005, even despite the sub-.500 season.

Mizzou's recruiting success, which included the signing of the national high school player of the year (quarterback Chase Daniel out of Southlake [Texas] Carroll High School), combined with the return of many key contributors from a year ago, and the positive end to last season, all point to the Tigers returning to the winners circle in 2005.

Long considered a "sleeping giant" of a program, Mizzou had a memorable 2003 season under Pinkel's guidance, as he showed that Tiger Nation can indeed roar again.

After taking over a program that had fallen on hard times in 2001, Pinkel had increased success in his first three seasons, improving from four wins in 2001 to five wins in 2002, to the 2003 squad which went 8-5 and made the school's third bowl appearance since 1983.

The list of accomplishments turned in by the 2003 team was quite impressive. Consider just a few of the following feats turned in by Mizzou that season:

>> The eight regular-season wins marked the first time since 1980 – and only the 4th time since 1960 – that MU had amassed that many wins in the regular season. The team became only the 9th in MU's history to accomplish the feat...

>> MU went a perfect 6-0 at Faurot Field, with the win total marking a school record for one season at home.

Mizzou had never won more than five games at Faurot, which opened as Memorial Stadium in 1926. It also marked MU's first unblemished home season since the 1974 team went 5-0...



since 1981 that any Tiger team had won its first four games to begin a season...

>> Mizzou led the Big 12 Conference, and ranked 6th in the NCAA, in rushing, with an average of 237.46 yards per game. That marked the first time since 1960 that Mizzou has won a conference rushing team title...

>> Interest in the program is growing at a high rate, as evidenced by increased attendance, and the fact that MU's bowl game represented a record 9th time that Mizzou was shown on television. The previous school record for television appearances in a season was seven (1984). Additionally, the 2004 season saw Mizzou televised eight more times.

The 31st head coach in the program's history, Pinkel was hired on Nov. 30, 2000, and in his short time on board, he has proven to his colleagues, alumni, fans and student-athletes that Tiger Football is on the upswing.

After a rebuilding year in 2001, Pinkel had Mizzou much improved in his 2nd campaign — and playing for bowl eligibility entering the Tigers' final game of the season. Tough losses to 3rd-ranked Oklahoma (on a late fourth quarter fake field goal), to 18th-ranked Colorado (in overtime) and a last-second loss at 22nd-ranked Iowa State were all that kept Mizzou out of a bowl game.

Pinkel opened the 2002 campaign by leading MU to one of the program's most impressive season-opening wins in recent history when Mizzou dismantled Illinois — the defending Big Ten Conference champions and a 2001 BCS Bowl team — 33-20 in St. Louis, Mo. He later defeated Mizzou's heated rival, the Kansas Jayhawks, as MU downed Kansas 36-12 to give him a 2-0 record vs. KU — making him only the third coach in school history to win his first two encounters against Kansas.

Recognized as one of the top disciplinarians in the game of college football, Pinkel is 22-25 in his tenure at Missouri. His 14-year head coaching record of 95-62-3 (60.3%) ranks among the top-30 of active Division I-A coaches.

Pinkel came to Missouri after spending 10 very successful years as head coach at Toledo, where he amassed an impressive 73-37-3 record (65.9%).

>> Mizzou's 41-24 win over #10 Nebraska on Oct. 11th was one for the history books, as it broke a 24-game losing streak to the Huskers for MU, making Pinkel the first Tiger coach to beat Nebraska since Warren Powers in 1978...

>> The Nebraska win also marked MU's first win over a top-10 opponent since 1981, breaking a string of 45 straight losses to top-10 foes for the school...

>> MU's 4-0 start to the 2003 season marked the first time

The school's all-time winningest coach, Pinkel's last six teams there went a combined 50-18-1 overall. Three of those teams advanced to play in the post-season, capturing one Mid-American Conference championship and three MAC West Division titles. Three of his last five teams at Toledo were ranked in the nation's top 25. His 1995 squad went 11-0-1, and was one of just two schools (national champ Nebraska was the other) to finish the season without a loss.



Prior to becoming a head coach, Pinkel learned the trade from one of the alltime great coaches, the legendary Don James. For 12 years as an assistant under James at Washington (1979-90), Pinkel helped guide the Huskies to a combined record of 104-37-2 (73.4%) and three Pac-10 Conference titles. He served as UW's offensive coordinator for seven seasons (1984-90), and helped mold one of the nation's most potent offensive attacks.

Pinkel, 53, played under James at Kent State University, where he was an all-conference and honorable mention All-American tight end. He graduated in 1973.

## A NEW ERA AT MIZZOU

There were seven points of emphasis that Mizzou's Director of Athletics Mike Alden was looking for when he set out to find a new head football coach following the 2000 season, and on Nov. 30, 2000, there was absolutely no doubt in his mind that Pinkel was the best man for the job.

Alden's points of emphasis included:

- A "Recruiting Machine";
- The ability to build relationships;
- Organization and discipline;
- Player development;
- Commitment to academics;
- A passion for the game;
- A proven winner.

In his short time at Mizzou, Pinkel and his program have already met all seven of Alden's points of emphasis.

## A "RECRUITING MACHINE"

Everyone knows that recruiting is the lifeblood of a program, and Pinkel and his staff have been quite successful in attracting top-notch student-athletes to the University of Missouri. The coaches have worked diligently to build relationships, and the results have been five straight impressive recruiting classes.

February of 2005 saw the Tigers announce a class of 23 standouts that was rated among the nation's top-35. Rivals.com had Mizzou's crop of talented student-athletes as the nation's 33rd-best, and it held up quite well when compared to other nationally-recognized programs. The Tigers' 2005 class rated ahead of 30 bowl teams from the 2004 season, just a few of which included Colorado, Oklahoma State, Utah, Iowa State, Georgia Tech, Syracuse, Minnesota, Boston College, Louisville, Southern Mississippi, Oregon State, and Pittsburgh, among others.

The recruiting class of 2005 also brought one of the nation's marquee players to Mizzou, as the Tigers signed the 2004 EA Sports National High School Player of the Year, in Southlake (Texas) Carroll's Chase Daniel.

Prior to that, the previous two recruiting classes for MU received high marks, as they were ranked 25th in 2004 and 27th in 2003.



When Pinkel and his staff arrived at Mizzou in November of 2000, they were behind the eight ball, so to speak, because they had just two months to put together their first recruiting class at Missouri. Undaunted by the difficult task, they worked hard and landed a group of recruits that many tabbed as the best collection of talent at MU in many years. The new staff attacked the state of Missouri and signed nine of the state's top players, including six of the best players out of the St. Louis area.

Missouri also landed several of the top names out of the states of Oklahoma, Texas, Michigan, Ohio, Kentucky and Pennsylvania. Included in Pinkel's first recruiting class was a largely unheralded quarterback from Youngstown, Ohio, named Brad Smith.

In 2002, Pinkel and his staff assembled what Rivals.com rated the 28th best recruiting class in the nation. The Tigers landed six of the top 10 projected players out the state of Missouri, including four of the top five. That recruiting class was rated better than 17 bowl teams, including three that were part of the Bowl Championship Series.



## BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS

It did not take long for Pinkel to develop relationships in Missouri, not only within Columbia, but all over the state, including the areas of St. Louis and Kansas City. Pinkel has renewed relationships in both key cities, and earned the trust of coaches, alumni and fans in both major cities.

"It has been over 15 years since I have been a part of the Tigers' program, and I am proud to say that I am back, mainly because of the things that Coach Pinkel stands for," said Demetrious Johnson, a former player at Mizzou and a community leader in St. Louis. "Coach Pinkel understands that it takes a collective effort in all communities to make the Tigers better."

## ORGANIZATION AND DISCIPLINE

Gary Pinkel is one of the most organized head football coaches in the country. He and his staff have developed a plan that encompasses 12 months and 365 days of the year. The discipline that Pinkel has instilled in his program has garnered national attention. In the fall of 2001, Pinkel and the Missouri program were the centerpiece of an article written in Sports Illustrated titled "Lords of Discipline."

"He's the type of guy I wish I'd had in my life growing up," said Jamonte Robinson, a senior captain in 2001. "Not a day goes by I don't wish I were a freshman in his (Pinkel) system. I told Coach Pinkel that."

Not only has the discipline in Pinkel's program been evident off the field, it has carried onto the field, as it should. NCAA statistics show that since Pinkel arrived at MU, the Tigers have committed the fewest turnovers in the nation, with just 59 from 2001 to the present. The next fewest in the nation in that same amount of time is 63, by Northern Illinois. The next fewest in the Big 12 during that stretch is Oklahoma's 75 turnovers, which ranks them 11th-best in the nation during that stretch.

In 2003, Mizzou led the nation in fewest turnovers committed, with just 13 giveaways in 13 games, one year after MU led the nation in 2002 in the same category (12 turnovers in 12 games, despite a redshirt freshman starting at quarterback).

In 2001, the Tigers were ranked No. 1 in the Big 12 Conference in fewest penalties and gave up the fewest quarterback sacks in the league (6), a number that ranked in the top five in the country. The Tigers also valued the football, as Missouri ranked third in the Big 12, turning the ball over just 16 times.

## PLAYER DEVELOPMENT

The improved athletic and personal development of the student-athletes in the Missouri football program is obvious. Pinkel's player development program is a system that works. As one of his first personnel moves when he got to MU, Pinkel hired Jeff Fish as his new strength and conditioning coach from the Kansas City Chiefs staff, and with the blessing of Alden, purchased \$250,000 worth of brand new, state-of-the-art weight room equipment. Every scholarship player on the team voluntarily stayed in Columbia over the summer and trained in the Tigers' voluntary summer workout program.

The Missouri Tigers are in the best shapes of their lives. Many players have used the player development program to drop body fat, while other players dropped excessive weight to maximize their athletic potential.

Perhaps no player reaped the benefits of the Tigers' player development program more than tailback Zack Abbron. The St. Louis, Mo. native dropped some 20 pounds before the 2001 campaign and became a rising star in the Big 12 Conference, as he rushed for close to 800 yards and rushed for 100-plus yards five times. After averaging under 4.0 yards per carry in 2000, Abbron averaged 5.0 yards per rush in 2001 and was voted third team All-Big 12 by the Big 12 coaches. He earned similar honors in 2002, after rushing for just under 800 yards and scoring 17 touchdowns, and was named 2nd-Team All-Big 12 in 2003 after gaining a career-best 1,155 yards. Abbron's physical development no doubt played a key role in the fact that he left holding MU career records in rushing (3,198 yds.), touchdowns (42) and scoring (252 pts.).

Nine Missouri players were voted All-Big 12 in 2004 by league coaches and media. That upped the four-year total under Pinkel to 45 players who have earned at least honorable mention all-league status, including 23 receiving either first, second or third-team status. Only two MU players were recognized as first, second or third-team All-Big 12 performers in 2000.

Pinkel's player development program has been effective off the field as well. Pinkel established several player committees, including the leadership council, a group that meets once a week during the season. Pinkel also meets with his team captains once a week during the season. Once elected, his captains go through leadership training up to the start of the new campaign.

Player development and player relationships are a trademark of Pinkel's program. Close to 20 of Pinkel's former players have gone on to play in the National Football League, several of whom have gone on to long careers.

Pinkel prodigies include: Chris Chandler, Mark Brunell, Dan Williams, Andy McCollum, Brian Habib, Billy Joe Hobert, Lincoln Kennedy, Greg Lewis, Hugh Millen, Steve Pelleur, Aaron Pierce, Kevin Gogan, Ed Cunningham and MU's own Justin Gage, who is making a splash as a wideout for the NFL's Chicago Bears.



"The kids that I talked to that have played for him and are now in the NFL, I knew that this was a guy that built relationships with kids and that his kids cared about him in addition to being a great football coach, he was someone they could respect and that was important to us," said Alden. "There is no question that it is great to be able to have people who can identify folks that have talents to be able to go to the NFL, of which Gary Pinkel has done so. But beyond that, his ability to focus his kids academically and socially and what we need to do to be able to develop ourselves into young men and productive men in society was critically important."

## COMMITMENT TO ACADEMICS

Academically, the football Tigers have achieved great things in four years under the direction of Pinkel. Mizzou had 12 players earn Academic All-Big 12 distinction in 2004, after 10 Tigers won those honors in 2003. The 2002 season saw 13 MU players garner academic all-league honors, including a school-record 10 first-teamers.

In the last four years, Mizzou has been represented on the District VII All-Academic first team four times, including three times by offensive

lineman Rob Droege (2001, 2002, 2003) and once by quarterback Kirk Farmer (2001). Mizzou had not had a player voted onto the prestigious list since 1998.

Droege also stepped into the national stage in 2003, as he was named a 1st-Team Academic All-American and earned the prestigious National Football Foundation Scholar-Athlete Award, which carries along with it an \$18,000 post-graduate scholarship.

## A PASSION FOR THE GAME

It was evident on the day that Gary Pinkel was hired at Missouri that he had a passion for the game of football. Not only a passion for the game, but a passion for winning.

"I hate to lose" is a phrase that Pinkel has used over and over again. Pinkel has instilled that same fiery brand of intensity into his coaching staff, his players, and Tiger fans.

Pinkel has also forced the notion that losing is not acceptable into his players. Center A.J. Ricker, voted the Rigman Outstanding Underclassman Leadership Award winner in 2001, displayed that the players quickly took Pinkel's beliefs to heart in his first year on board at MU.

"No one should be happy we lost," said Ricker following a close loss to No. 6 Texas in 2001. "No one should be like, 'OK, we hung with Texas.' It's not like that anymore, man. We've gotta win."

## A PROVEN WINNER

Pinkel spent 10 seasons as the head coach at the University of Toledo. Pinkel, who is Toledo's all-time winningest coach, recorded an impressive record of 73-37-3 there. During his last six seasons, Pinkel's Rockets went 50-18-1 overall. Three of those teams advanced to play in the post-season, capturing one MAC Championship and three MAC West Division titles. Three of his last five teams at Toledo were ranked in the nation's top 25.

Pinkel came to Missouri after establishing himself as a coaching legend in the Mid-American Conference. Here is a sample of Pinkel's accomplishments over his 10 seasons at Toledo:

- Pinkel's teams recorded more overall victories (73) and more MAC wins (54) than any other Mid-American Conference school;
- In 10 seasons, Pinkel's teams finished in the top three in the MAC or MAC West Division eight times, including three first-place finishes.
- From 1995-2000, Toledo went 50-18-1 in regular-season games, the 11th-best mark in NCAA Division I. During that span, Toledo's record in MAC regular-season games was 38-9-1. The Rockets' record at home during that period was 23-2.
- Pinkel ranks fourth in career wins (73) among coaches in the history of the MAC, ahead of such coaching luminaries as Don James, Bo Schembechler, Woody Hayes, Don Nehlen and Ara Parseghian.
- In 1995, Pinkel guided the Rockets to an undefeated 11-0-1 record. Toledo was one of two schools (along with national champion Nebraska) to finish the season without a blemish on its' record.

- Toledo was nationally-ranked three times from 1995-2000 under Pinkel. Toledo was ranked No. 24 in both the Associated Press and CNN/USA Today season-ending polls following the 1995 season, and ranked No. 25 in the country in the ESPN/USA Today Coaches Poll in 2000. In 1997, the Rockets were ranked as high as No. 18 in the country when they got off to an 8-0 start.

Pinkel's display of winning goes back even further than Toledo. For 12 seasons, he worked under coaching legend Don James at the University of Washington, serving as his offensive coordinator for six of those seasons (1984-90). While at Washington, the Huskies were 104-37-3, including a 63-27-2 record in Pac-10 games and three Pac-10 titles.

## BOWL EXPERIENCE

Between the Toledo, Washington and Missouri, Pinkel has 12 years of bowl experience. In bowl games that Pinkel has been involved in, his teams are 8-4.

He helped guide the Tigers to the 2003 MainStay Independence Bowl, which represented just the third bowl game for MU since 1983. Everyone associated with the Tiger program expects bowl games to be commonplace around MU for years to come under Pinkel's guidance.

In 1995, Pinkel guided his club to a 40-37 overtime victory over Nevada in the fourth Las Vegas Bowl. The win capped off an undefeated season for the Rockets. It was also an historical event, as it marked the first-ever overtime game in NCAA Division I-A history.

In 10 bowl games at Washington, the Huskies were 7-3. Washington was 2-1 in the Rose Bowl, 1-0 in the Orange Bowl, 1-1 in the Aloha Bowl, 2-0 in the Freedom Bowl, 1-1 in the Sun Bowl and 1-0 in the Independence Bowl.

## ALL-AMERICAN TIGHT END

A graduate of Kent State University, Pinkel earned All-Conference honors at tight end in 1972 and 1973 and was an Associated Press honorable mention All-American selection in 1973. Pinkel, who played at Kent with former Pittsburgh Steelers great Jack Lambert, was voted team captain and most valuable player his senior campaign (1973) and had a professional tryout with the Steelers.

Pinkel played under Don James at Kent and was hired by him as a graduate assistant at Washington (1976) after two years as a graduate assistant at Kent (1974-75).

After one year working with the tight ends at UW, Pinkel was hired by former Bowling Green head coach Denny Stoltz as wide receivers coach and worked at BGSU from 1977-78 before accepting James' call back to Washington. Pinkel returned to the Husky program in 1979 as wide receivers coach, and five seasons later was named offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach.

Pinkel, 53, graduated from Kenmore High School in Akron, Ohio, and received his bachelor of science degree in education from Kent in 1973. He did post-graduate studies at Kent and Bowling Green, and in 1997 was inducted into the Kent Athletic Hall of Fame. He was born April 27, 1952.

Pinkel and his wife, Vicki, have a daughter, Erin, and sons Geoff and Blake.



Left: Josh and Erin Hendershott  
Right: Geoff and Jenny Pinkel  
Back: Blake Pinkel  
Middle: Gary and Vicki Pinkel



## PINKEL COACHING RECORD (14 years, 95-62-3, .603)

### At Toledo

| Year           | Overall        | Pct.        | MAC (Place)      | Pct.        |
|----------------|----------------|-------------|------------------|-------------|
| 1991           | 5-5-1          | .500        | 4-3-1 (T-3rd)    | .563        |
| 1992           | 8-3            | .727        | 5-3 (T-3rd)      | .625        |
| 1993           | 4-7            | .364        | 3-5 (T-7th)      | .375        |
| 1994           | 6-4-1          | .591        | 4-3-1 (6th)      | .563        |
| 1995           | 11-0-1         | .958        | 7-0-1 (1st)      | .938        |
| 1996           | 7-4            | .636        | 6-2 (T-2nd)      | .750        |
| 1997           | 9-3            | .750        | 7-1 (1st/West)   | .875        |
| 1998           | 7-5            | .583        | 6-2 (1st/West)   | .750        |
| 1999           | 6-5            | .545        | 5-3 (T-2nd/West) | .625        |
| 2000           | 10-1           | .909        | 6-1 (1st/West)   | .857        |
| <b>10 yrs.</b> | <b>73-37-3</b> | <b>.646</b> | <b>53-23-3</b>   | <b>.689</b> |

### At Missouri

| Year           | Overall      | Pct.        | Big 12 (Place) | Pct.        |
|----------------|--------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|
| 2001           | 4-7          | .363        | 3-5 (5th)      | .375        |
| 2002           | 5-7          | .417        | 2-6 (5th)      | .250        |
| 2003           | 8-5          | .750        | 4-4 (3rd)      | .500        |
| 2004           | 5-6          | .455        | 3-5 (3rd)      | .375        |
| <b>4 years</b> | <b>22-25</b> | <b>.468</b> | <b>12-18</b>   | <b>.400</b> |

# DAVE CHRISTENSEN

- Assistant Head Coach
- Offensive Coordinator
- Offensive Line

## 5th Year at Mizzou

**Hometown:** Everett, Wash.

**Alma Mater:** Western Washington ('85)

## COACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2001-Present Asst. Head Coach/Offensive Coordinator/  
Offensive Line, Missouri
- 1997-00 Off. Coordinator/Offensive Line, Toledo
- 1992-96 Offensive Line, Toledo
- 1990-91 OL/TE/RB, Idaho State
- 1989-90 Offensive Line, Washington
- 1988 Spokane Falls CC
- 1986-87 Offensive/Defensive Line, Eastern Washington
- 1985 Offensive/Defensive Line, Everett (WA) H.S.
- 1984 Offensive/Defensive Line, Sehome (WA) H.S.
- 1983 Running Backs, Western Washington
- Playing Experience: Washington (1980-82)
- Recruiting Areas: Southwest Missouri, Oklahoma, Arkansas,  
Arizona Junior Colleges

## Christensen's All-Big 12 Performers

- Aaron Crittendon, OL – 2nd Team (2001)
- A.J. Ricker, OL – 3rd Team (2001), 2nd Team (2002), 1st Team (2003)
- Justin Bland, OL – Hon. Men. (2001)
- Mike Hayes, OL – Hon. Men. (2001)
- Rob Droege, OL – 1st Team (2002, 2003)
- Tony Palmer, OL – Hon. Men. (2003), 2nd Team (2004)

Dave Christensen is one of the top offensive coaches in the nation, and has coached under Gary Pinkel since 1992. He has been Pinkel's offensive coordinator since 1997, and has coached the offensive line the past 13 seasons. Christensen, a 2002 and 2003 nominee for the Frank Broyles Assistant Coach of the Year Award, is in his fifth season as Assistant Head Coach at Missouri.

Christensen was the driver of a Mizzou offensive attack in 2003 that set the school single-season record for points, with 399. That broke the previous mark of 368 set by the 1997 squad.

The Tiger rushing attack also proved to be one of the most potent in the nation in 2003, as MU led



Ricker and Droege both signed free agent contracts in the spring of 2004 with the Chicago Bears of the National Football League. Scott Paffrath signed a free agent deal with the Washington Redskins following the 2005 NFL Draft.

The future appears bright for Christensen's line to lead the way for the Tiger offense, as three linemen who received various honors in 2004 return for 2005. Veteran all-league guard Tony Palmer will be back for his senior year, after earning 2nd-Team All-Big 12 honors in 2004. Also shaping the nucleus in the trenches for years to come will be sophomores Adam Spieker (center) and Tyler Luellen (tackle). Spieker, who started all 11 games in 2004, was named a 2nd-Team freshman All-American by one outlet, and a 1st-Team freshman All-Big 12 performer by another, while Luellen, who started three times in 2004, was selected to the 1st-Team freshman All-Big 12 squad.

Mizzou continues to play disciplined football in Christensen's attack. A focus on the fundamentals of ball security and not making mistakes has led to MU committing the fewest turnovers in the nation since the time Christensen and crew took over. From 2001 to the present, Mizzou has committed an NCAA-low 59 turnovers, with the next fewest being 63 by Northern Illinois during that same time period. The Tigers committed an NCAA-low 13 turnovers in 13 games in 2003, a year after leading the nation with 12 in 2002.

Under Christensen's guidance, Mizzou featured one of the most potent attacks in school history in 2002. The Tigers averaged 30.0 points per game, and the 360 points scored were the third-most in MU history at the time. Christensen's balanced run-pass attack turned redshirt freshman quarterback Brad Smith into one of the nation's most talked about players, as he became just the second player in NCAA Division I-A history to pass for 2,000 yards and rush for 1,000 yards in a season.

Mizzou's emphasis on a disciplined attack also produced an offense that led the nation in fewest turnovers, with just 11 offensive giveaways in 12 games.

Three of Christensen's linemen earned honors in 2002, including juniors

the Big 12 Conference, and ranked 6th nationally with an average of 237.46 yards per game. That marked the first time since 1960 that MU won a conference rushing championship, when the Tigers led the old Big Eight with a mark of 249.3 yards per game. Its 3,087 rushing yards for the season ranked as second-best in school season history. Senior center A.J. Ricker and senior tackle Rob Droege each earned 1st-Team All-Big 12 honors for their play in 2003, while sophomore guard Tony Palmer earned Honorable Mention All-Big 12 status.

Rob Droege (1st-Team All-Big 12) and A.J. Ricker (2nd-Team All-Big 12) and redshirt freshman Tony Palmer (4th-Team Freshman All-American).

In his final seven seasons at the University of Toledo, the Rockets' offense set or reset some 75 school records. During that period, the Rockets had an undefeated and MAC championship season (11-0 in 1995) and three MAC West titles (1997 and 1998).

Christensen's linemen won all-conference honors 12 times during his tenure at Toledo while seven of the top 20 single-season rushing performances at Toledo occurred under Christensen. In 1999, his offensive line allowed just eight quarterback sacks while allowing just three in 2000.

Christensen came to Toledo from Idaho State University where he coached the offensive line, tight ends and running backs for two years. Prior to his stint at Idaho State, he served two years as an assistant coach under Don James at the University of Washington. He also played football for the Huskies from 1980-82.

Christensen coached Andy McCollum, the center for the St. Louis Rams while at Toledo. Another lineman, Colin Westerich, made the Sporting News All-America Team in 1999.

Christensen earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in sociology from Western Washington in 1985 and a Master of Science degree in college instruction/sports science from Eastern Washington University in 1988.

He and his wife Susie, are the parents of Katie (16), D.J. (14) and Emily (10).



## MATT EBERFLUS

- Defensive Coordinator
- Safeties

### 5th Year at Mizzou

Hometown: Toledo, Ohio

Alma Mater: Toledo ('93)

### COACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2004-Present Defensive Coordinator, Safeties, Missouri
  - 2001-2003 Defensive Coordinator, Secondary, Missouri
  - 1999-00 Defensive Backs, Toledo
  - 1994-98 Outside Safeties, Toledo
  - 1994-95 Recruiting Coordinator, Toledo
  - 1993 Graduate Assistant, Toledo
  - 1992 Student Assistant, Toledo
- Playing Experience: Toledo (1988-91)
- Recruiting Areas: Eastern Missouri, Illinois, Ohio, Indiana, California Junior Colleges

### Eberflus' All-Big 12 Performers

- Michael Harden, CB – Hon. Men. (2003)
- Nino Williams II, S – Hon. Men. (2003)
- Jason Simpson, S – 2nd Team (2004)

In his fifth year as defensive coordinator at Mizzou is Matt Eberflus. The 2005 season will mark Eberflus' 14th season under Gary Pinkel, and his seventh campaign coaching defensive backs. Eberflus, who is also one of Missouri's top in-state recruiters, began working with the Tiger safeties in 2004, after overseeing the broader secondary in his first three years at Mizzou.

Eberflus was the architect behind Mizzou's stellar defensive performance in 2004, which saw the Tigers become one of the most improved units in the country, and one of the best in the Big 12 Conference. Mizzou ended the season ranked 2nd in the league in total defense, and 14th in the NCAA rankings, allowing an average of 301.36 yards per game.

Mizzou's pass defense led the Big 12 in 2004, and ranked 3rd nationally, allowing an average of just 149.27 yards per game.

Eberflus' troops also ranked among the nation's top-25 in two other categories last season – pass efficiency defense (12th – 104.28) and scoring defense (23rd – 19.55 ppg) – meaning the Tigers were among the nation's



made a difference in MU surging to an 8-5 record and post-season play.

A look at the numbers show that Eberflus' defense has made great strides in the last two years. After ranking 107th nationally in total defense in 2002 (450.33 ypg), MU allowed nearly 150 less in 2004, as noted above, and ranked 14th in the NCAA (301.35 ypg). Mizzou's pass defense has made the most strides, making an amazing jump to 3rd in the nation in 2004 (149.27 ypg), just two years after it ranked 113th nationally with an average allowance of 282.58 yards in 2002.

Two of Eberflus' secondary proteges, senior cornerback Michael Harden and junior safety Nino Williams II, earned Honorable Mention All-Big 12 honors for their play in 2003. Harden went on to sign a free agent contract with the Seattle Seahawks following the 2004 NFL Draft. Safety Jason Simpson blossomed under Eberflus in 2004 into an all-league performer, as he was named 2nd-Team All-Big 12 in what was a breakout season for the 2005 senior-to-be.

Eberflus led a defensive unit that showed signs of improvement in 2002, as Mizzou held eight of its 12 foes under their season scoring average, including Oklahoma, Kansas State, Nebraska, Texas A&M, Illinois, Kansas, Ball State and Troy State. The Tiger defense also made good on plans to improve in making big plays in 2002, as MU scored three defensive touchdowns (compared to one in 2001), forced 24 turnovers (up from 19 in 2001) and turned in 23 sacks (up from 20 in 2001).

Two of Eberflus' defenders – tackle Keith Wright and rover Taurus Ferguson – signed with NFL teams in 2003, as Wright was a 6th-round selection of the Houston Texans in the 2003 draft, while Ferguson signed a free agent contract with the Oakland Raiders following the draft.

Eberflus was in charge of coaching a young, inexperienced defense in 2001. The Missouri defense played hard and made marked improvement throughout the campaign. Six defensive starters were playing new positions, including two that were playing on the defensive side of the football for the first time in their careers. Five members of the defensive unit earned postseason accolades, including defensive tackle

25 best in four categories for the season.

In 2004, the Tiger defense was top-notch in many other categories, and just a few of those include fewest opponents first downs allowed (1st in the Big 12) and fourth-down defense (1st). Mizzou also ranked second in the Big 12 last season in third-down defense, allowing opponents to convert on only 29.4 percent of their tries.

Eberflus did a masterful job in 2003 of molding together a relatively green defense into a steadily improving unit that clearly

Keith Wright (2nd-Team All-Big 12), defensive end Antwaun Bynum (honorable mention All-Big 12) and Taurus Ferguson (honorable mention All-Big 12). All three players played new positions in 2001.

Known as a top-notch recruiter, Eberflus has landed several impact players in his short time at Mizzou, including All-American quarterback Brad Smith (Youngstown, Ohio) and wide receiver Sean Coffey (East Cleveland, Ohio) among many others. Eberflus is also credited with leading the recruiting efforts of two of the top high school players in the state of Missouri in the 2002 recruiting class, as he was instrumental in landing national recruits Dedrick Harrington and Joel Clinger. He's also helped sign recent newcomers Merrill Humphrey, William Moore, Jimmy Jackson, Kyle Riggs and Matt Russell.

Eberflus' secondary played a huge role in helping the University of Toledo become one of the top defensive teams in the country in 2000. The UT defense led the nation in turnover margin (+2.0), recording 15 interceptions and 16 fumble recoveries. The Toledo secondary ranked 19th in the country in pass defense (187.45 yards per game) and was part of a defense that was ranked third in the nation in total defense, giving up just 269 yards per game.

Eberflus was a four-year letterwinner and a three-year starter at linebacker for Toledo, earning first team All-Conference honors his junior and senior seasons. Eberflus was Toledo's captain during his senior campaign. He led Toledo in tackles his last two seasons, making 89 stops in 1990 and 138 in 1991. He received the Nicholson Trophy as a senior for contributing the most toward the success of the team. He was inducted in February, 2004 into the Toledo Athletic Hall of Fame.

Eberflus earned a bachelor of education degree in 1993. Matt and his wife Kelly have a daughter, Grace Carolyn (5).



# CORNELL FORD

## • Cornerbacks

### 5th Year at Mizzou

**Hometown:** Gary, Ind.

**Alma Mater:** Toledo ('91)

### COACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2004 Cornerbacks, Missouri
  - 2001-2003 Outside Safeties, Missouri
  - 1996-00 Receivers, Toledo
  - 1996 Recruiting Coordinator, Toledo
  - 1993-95 QB/RB/WR, Marietta College
  - 1991-92 Graduate Assistant, Toledo
  - 1988-90 Freshman Coach, Maumee (OH) H.S.
- Recruiting Areas: St. Louis

### Ford's All-Big 12 Performers

- Tauras Ferguson, OS – Hon. Men. (2001)
- Shirdonya Mitchell, CB – Hon. Men. (2004)

Cornell Ford is in his 10th season as a valuable member of Coach Gary Pinkel's staff, including his fifth working with the Tiger secondary. Beginning with the 2004 season, Ford has coached the Tiger cornerbacks, after he focused on MU's outside safeties the previous three years. Ford is also the Tigers' chief recruiter in St. Louis, where he has signed some of the very best players in the state.

Just about every one of Ford's cornerbacks had career years under his coaching in 2004, and that performance was instrumental in Mizzou's substantial improvement in defense. Thanks in large part to his cornerbacks, Mizzou led the Big 12 Conference, and ranked 3rd nationally in pass defense in 2004, allowing an average of just 149.27 yards per game. His corners grabbed 8 of MU's 15 interceptions in 2004, which was a nice team improvement from a total of 9 in 2003 (including 3 from cornerbacks that year).

Senior Shirdonya Mitchell blossomed into a high-level cornerback in 2004 under Ford's direction, as he ranked 5th in the Big 12 Conference, and 33rd nationally, with his 4 interceptions. Mitchell earned honorable mention All-Big 12 honors for his play, in only his second year playing defense, and signed a two-year free agent deal with the Miami Dolphins following the 2005 NFL Draft. Juniors Marcus King and A.J. Kincade also had big years, as King tied for the team lead with four turnovers gained (2 interceptions and 2 fumbles) and led the team with 7 pass break ups, while



Kincade had a career-high 2 interceptions, including a game-winning pickoff in overtime of the season finale at Iowa State.

In 2003, Ford's safeties were a key reason why the Tiger defense showed steady improvement. Redshirt freshman Dedrick Harrington made his much-anticipated Tiger debut in 2003, and he didn't disappoint, as his production was enough to earn him Big 12 All-Freshman Team honors by The Sporting News. Not to be outdone, sophomore rover Quincy Wade, despite his diminutive 5-foot-9 frame, continually made

enough big hits to eventually be named the team's outside safety of the year.

Sophomore whip Jason Simpson provided big-play capabilities throughout the season, as he ranked 4th on the squad with 81 tackles, and 6th on the team with two quarterback sacks. Redshirt freshman David Overstreet (who switched to defense from quarterback in the spring of 2003) also made great strides, as he amassed 44 tackles and started the last three games of the year, despite never having played defense before.

Ford coached a group of outside safeties that flashed big-play potential in 2002, despite an overall lack of playing experience. Senior Tauras Ferguson, in just his second year on the defensive side, had a solid season by registering 65 tackles, including eight for losses and two sacks. He also grabbed two interceptions from his safety spot, including one that he returned for a touchdown against 18th-ranked Colorado that helped swing the momentum back to the Tigers. Ferguson's development under Ford led to a free agent contract with the Oakland Raiders just following the 2003 NFL Draft.

In addition to his coaching duties, Ford has worked hard to earn a reputation as one of the most well-trusted recruiting presences in his area of St. Louis. His hard work and straightforward approach has paid off recently, as he pulled a coup by landing three standouts from the Eureka High School team as part of MU's 2003 recruiting class. Ford was also successful in getting Missouri's foot in the door in other St. Louis schools where there hadn't been much Tiger success in recent years. He was instrumental in getting Hazelwood East's Lareno Seymour and St. Louis University High's Phinney Troy to join the program.

As outside safeties coach, Ford coached Tauras Ferguson, who had never played on the defensive side of the football in his career, to honorable mention All-Big 12 honors in 2001 after totaling 71 tackles, two quarterback sacks and two recovered fumbles.

Ford spent five seasons at Toledo coaching the wide receivers.

He has earned the reputation for developing young talent as he

has proven in his time at Missouri.

As coach of the wide-outs, the Rockets' receivers excelled each season. Toledo graduate Mel Long pulled in 175 receptions in his four-year career, 21 of those for touchdowns. He also held the longest active streak in NCAA Division I for consecutive games with a reception. Under Ford, Long became Toledo's all-time leading receiver.

Ford did a fantastic job creating depth at the wide receiver position while at Toledo. In 1998, depth was a key for the UT receivers as four Rockets caught at least 27 passes. The same foursome caught 30 or more passes in 1997 when Toledo broke 10 school passing records. Two of those players were named All-MAC receivers.

Before Toledo, Ford coached at Marietta College where he coached the quarterbacks, running backs and receivers, while also serving as the team's strength and conditioning coach. Marietta led the conference in rushing offense in 1994 and 1995 and owned the league's top running back both seasons.

Prior to joining the Marietta staff, Ford served two seasons as a graduate assistant at Toledo. He helped with the offensive line in 1992 and the secondary in 1991.

Ford served as an assistant coach at Maumee (OH) High School for two years, coaching both freshman and varsity football. He is a 1984 graduate of Maumee High, where he was a standout athlete, earning letters in football, wrestling, basketball and track.

Ford holds a bachelor's degree (1991) in physical education and a master's degree (1993) in sports administration from Toledo.

He and his wife, Dawn, are the parents of a son, Devin, 15, and a daughter, Taylor, 13.



## ANDY HILL

### • Wide Receivers

#### 10th Year at Mizzou

Hometown: Trenton, Mo.

Alma Mater: Missouri ('85)

#### COACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2001-Present Wide Receivers, Missouri
  - 2000 Co-Offensive Coord./Wide Receivers, Missouri
  - 1996-99 Wide Receivers, Missouri
  - 1994-95 Head Coach, Hutchinson CC
  - 1992-1993 Assistant Coach, Hutchinson CC
  - Spring 1992 Volunteer Graduate Assistant, SMU
- Playing Experience: Missouri (1980-84)  
Recruiting Area: Northwest Missouri, Kansas City, Kansas, Iowa, Colorado, Kansas Junior Colleges

#### Hill's All-Big 12 Performers

- Kent Layman, WR – Hon. Men. (1998)
- Justin Gage, WR – Hon. Men. (2000), 1st Team (2001, 2002)
- Sean Coffey, WR – Hon. Men. (2004)

Andy Hill is in his fifth season under Gary Pinkel and his 10th season at the University of Missouri, making him the longest tenured coach on the Tiger football staff. Hill coaches the Mizzou wide receivers as he has since joining the Missouri staff in 1996. Hill has helped mold several young receivers into key components of the Missouri offense, including such players as Kent Layman, John Dausman, Justin Gage, and most recently, Sean Coffey.

Under Hill's tutelage, Coffey blossomed in 2004, as he caught 39 passes for 648 yards and an MU single-season record 10 touchdowns. The junior earned honorable mention All-Big 12 honors for his efforts, marking the third receiver under Hill that has won all-league distinction. Senior Thomson Omboga also ended his career in strong fashion, as he hauled in 39 catches to give him 127 for his career, which ranks him 4th alltime at Mizzou. Omboga signed a free agent deal with the NFL's Minnesota Vikings following the 2005 NFL Draft.

Hill helped develop Gage into one of the top receivers in the Big 12 Conference and one of the premier wide-outs in the country.



a dependable wideout in 2002 – Darius Outlaw. Outlaw switched to receiver during fall camp, despite never having played the position before, and turned into a legitimate threat throughout the course of the season. Outlaw ended up as MU's second-leading receiver thanks to Hill's tutelage, with 46 catches for 552 yards and three touchdowns.

While the Tiger passing attack undoubtedly missed Gage's abilities in 2003, Hill's wideouts still played a key role in MU's offense that broke the school single-season record for points, with 399 (breaking the old mark of 368 in 1997).

Six different wideouts caught passes in 2003, a group which was led by junior Thomson Omboga. Omboga developed into MU's leading pass catcher last year, with 52 catches for 466 yards and a touchdown, while senior Darius Outlaw (41 catches, 417 yards) had the most receiving scores on the season, with four. Outlaw caught one of the more important touchdowns on the season when he got open in the back of the end-zone in the final minutes for a TD that gave MU a 22-15 comeback win in the 2003 opener versus Illinois.

But the impact of MU's receiving corps isn't told just by passing statistics – they also play a key role in the Tiger rushing attack. There is no question that their downfield blocking contributed to MU's 2003 rushing attack which amassed 3,087 yards, 38 rushing TDs and which led the Big 12 Conference and ranked 6th nationally with an average of 237.46 yards per game in 2003.

Three of Hill's receivers are among 12 Tigers all-time to accumulate over 160 receiving yards in a single-game, with Gage holding the school record of 236 yards (accomplished twice). Missouri has had 10 different receivers go over 100 yards in a single game during Hill's tenure. Previous to Missouri, Hill was the head football coach at Hutchinson (Kan.) Junior College. Hutchinson went 18-6 under Hill, including a 10-2 record in 1995 when it won its first Jayhawk Conference title since 1969 and ranked ninth in the final NJCAA national poll. He was named the

After converting from quarterback in the spring of 2000, Gage caught 200 passes for 2,704 yards and 18 touchdowns in three seasons – all MU career receiving records. Gage left after 2002 holding virtually every game, season and career receiving mark on the Mizzou books, and is now making an impact professionally, after he became a 5th-round selection of the Chicago Bears in the 2003 NFL Draft.

Perhaps even more impressive was the astonishingly quick transition Hill helped another converted quarterback make to

conference Coach of the Year as his team ranked second in the nation in total offense (446 yards per game) and had three first-team All-America selections. Hill was the offensive coordinator at Hutchinson in 1992 and 1993 after serving as a graduate assistant at SMU in the spring of 1992.

Hill is a Mizzou grad who walked on the Tiger football team in 1980 and eventually earned a scholarship. He lettered in 1980, '81, '83 and '84 and played on Missouri teams that earned trips to the Liberty, Tangerine and Holiday Bowls. In his career, Hill caught 51 passes for 946 yards and scored seven touchdowns. Probably the most notable of his touchdown receptions was a 20-yard TD catch in a 10-0 victory over Oklahoma in 1983. As a senior, he caught 25 passes for 445 yards and three scores. Following his playing days at Missouri, he spent time in the training camps of the Kansas City Chiefs and Calgary Stampeders in 1985 and '86.

Andy and his wife Sarah are the parents of a daughter, Patricia Ryan (9), who was born the Wednesday before his Missouri coaching debut in 1996. He earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in economics from MU in 1985. He worked for the athletic department as MU's group sales coordinator in 1988-89, and also worked at American Bank in his hometown of Trenton, Mo., and as an investment representative for Edwards D. Jones Co. in Brookfield.



# BRIAN JONES

• Running Backs

**5th Year at Mizzou**

**Hometown: Falmouth, Jamaica**

**Alma Mater: Connecticut ('80)**

## COACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2001-Present Running Backs, Missouri
- 1995-00 Running Backs, Toledo
- 1992-94 Receivers, Toledo
- 1991 Receivers, Lafayette College
- 1988-91 Receivers/OLB, Massachusetts
- 1984-87 Outside Linebackers, Villanova
- 1983-84 Offensive Line, Rensselaer Poly Tech
- Playing Experience: Connecticut (1979)
- Recruiting Area: Houston, Southern Texas

## Jones' All-Big 12 Performers

- Zack Abbron, TB – 3rd Team (2001), Hon. Men. (2002), 2nd Team (2003)

Brian Jones has been a member of Gary Pinkel's coaching staff since 1992. After coaching wide receivers from 1992-94, he has guided an excellent running game for the last nine seasons.

Missouri's rushing attack has become one of the best in the Big 12 Conference the last few seasons, thanks in large part to the work Jones has done with his backs.

Jones' backs rushed for over 1,200 yards and had 9 of MU's 13 rushing TDs on the season in 2004. They were led by junior Damien Nash, who had 792 yards and 7 TDs, and redshirt freshman Marcus Woods, who had 428 yards and 2 scores. Woods was named 1st-Team Freshman All-Big 12 for his efforts in 2004, and his return in 2005, along with talented young backs such as Tony Temple, Jimmy Jackson and Earl Goldsmith, mean a bright future is in store for the Tiger tailbacks. Nash was a 5th-round draft pick by the Tennessee Titans in the 2005 NFL Draft.

Mizzou had one of the nation's most potent rushing attacks in 2003, as the Tigers pounded their way to 3,087 yards, good for a per-game average of 237.46 yards that ranked MU 1st in the Big 12 Conference and 6th in the NCAA statistics. It marked the first time since 1960 that MU won a conference rushing championship, when the Tigers led the old Big Eight with a mark of 249.3 yards per game. Missouri rushed for 38 touchdowns on the year, on the way to scoring a school single-season record 399 points.



develop himself into a pass-catching threat out of the backfield. After catching a total of 8 passes for 56 yards in his first three seasons combined, Abbron caught 26 balls in 2003 for 172 yards. Abbron was named 2nd-Team All-Big 12 in 2003 for his work, and went on to sign a free agent contract with the NFL's Atlanta Falcons following the 2004 Draft.

Mizzou ranked fifth in the league in rushing in 2001 and 2002, and improved from a per-game average of 167.4 yards per game in 2001 to an average of 183.7 per game in 2002. Tailback Zack Abbron bulled his way to 758 yards and was a force near the goal line as he scored 17 total touchdowns in 2002 (15 rushing, 2 receiving), which put him just one shy of the MU single-season record. One of the most sure-handed backs in the league, Abbron was an honorable mention All-Big 12 selection in 2002.

Under Jones' guidance, Abbron became the Tigers' leading rusher in 2001 and was one of the most improved running backs in the Big 12. He rushed for 783 yards and averaged 5.0 yards per carry en route to being named third team All-Big 12. Abbron rushed for over 100 yards five times on the season, including 100-plus games against Texas and Kansas State, two of the top rush defenses in the nation.

During Jones' last two seasons at Toledo, UT's running attack was ranked in the top-10 in the country. In 2000, the Rockets' running game ranked ninth in the country, racking up 253.8 yards per game. UT compiled 2,792 yards on the ground and averaged 5.43 yards per carry. In 1999, Toledo ranked 10th in the country in rushing, compiling 239.2 yards per outing and ranked No. 1 in the nation in yards per attempt (5.35). Jones' protégé Chester Taylor racked up 1,176 yards and ranked 20th in the country, while his rushing average of 6.5 yards per carry ranked second-best in the nation. Three of the best four rushing seasons in school history occurred under Jones.

In 1995, Toledo led the league and ranked fifth in the nation in rushing, averaging 244.5 yards per game. The Rockets' starting tailback that season, Wasean Tait, broke 16 school records, including yards in a season (1,905) and touchdowns (20). Tait was the named the MAC Player of the

Jones' workhorse from 2001-03 was tailback Zack Abbron. Abbron thrived under Jones' coaching and turned himself into one of the top backs in the Big 12 Conference. Abbron rushed for a career-best 1,155 yards in 2003, making him only the 7th 1,000-yard rusher in MU history.

Abbron set numerous career records in 2003, as he holds the standard in rushing yards (3,198), touchdowns (42) and points (252). He improved his average yards per rush from 3.6 as a freshman in 2000 to a healthy 5.3 in 2003, and also worked with Jones to

Year and garnered second team All-America honors ranking second in the nation in rushing and third in both scoring and all-purpose yards.

Jones came to Toledo from Lafayette College where he served as the wide receivers coach for one season. Prior to that, Jones served three years each as an assistant coach with the University of Massachusetts (1988-91) and Villanova University (1984-87).

He also had coaching stints at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (1983-84), Norwich (VT) University (1982-83) and the New York Institute of Technology (1981-82).

Jones was an offensive lineman at the University of Connecticut, where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in marketing in 1980. He also holds a Master of Science degree in administration and physical education from Norwich (1983). Jones was born in Jamaica and raised in New York City. He and his wife, Mary Kay, are the parents of sons Grant, 10, Brandon, 7, and daughter Audrey, 3.



## CRAIG KULIGOWSKI

• Defensive Line

**5th Year at Mizzou**  
**Hometown: Southgate, Mich.**  
**Alma Mater: Toledo ('91)**

### COACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2001-Present Defensive Line, Missouri
  - 1996-00 Defensive Line, Toledo
  - 1994-95 Tight Ends/Asst. Offensive Line, Toledo
  - 1993-94 Tight Ends, Toledo
  - 1992-93 Recruiting Coordinator, Toledo
- Playing Experience: Toledo (1987-90)  
Recruiting Area: Houston, Southern Texas

### Kuligowski's All-Big 12 Performers

- Keith Wright, DL – 2nd Team (2001, 2002)
- Antwaun Bynum, DE – Hon. Men. (2001), 3rd Team (2002)
- Atiyah Ellison, DL – 3rd Team (2003), 1st Team (2004)
- C.J. Mosley, DL – 2nd Team (2003), 1st Team (2004)
- Brian Smith, DE – Hon. Men. (2003, 2004), Freshman All-American (2003)

One of the veteran coaches on Gary Pinkel's staff, Craig Kuligowski is in his 15th season alongside Pinkel, including his 10th season coaching the defensive line. Kuligowski joined Toledo's staff in 1992 as the tight ends coach after serving the 1991 season as a graduate assistant with the Rockets. In 1994, he assumed the added responsibility of assisting with the offensive line before taking the reins of the defensive line in 1996.

Kuligowski's line was a focal point for the Tiger defense in 2004, and a major reason for the overall improvement of the defense. Three of his pupils – tackles Atiyah Ellison and C.J. Mosley, and end Brian Smith – earned various All-Big 12 honors for their play in 2004, with Ellison and Mosley pulling in 1st-Team distinction. Redshirt freshman Lorenzo Williams also earned 1st-Team Freshman All-Big 12 honors by The Sporting News.

Two of Kuligowski's protégés were drafted as part of the 2005 NFL Draft, as tackles Atiyah Ellison (3rd round) and C.J.

Mosley (6th round) were picked by the Carolina Panthers and Minnesota Vikings, respectively.

Later, defensive end Zach Ville signed a free agent deal with the Kansas City Chiefs.



23 of MU's 25 sacks on the year, including a team-best seven by sophomore Brian Smith.

Four of Kuligowski's disciples earned 2003 post-season honors, including Smith, who was named a 1st-Team Freshman All-American by The Sporting News and Rivals.com, in addition to being named the team's co-freshman of the year, along with true freshman end Xzavie Jackson. Other line mates who earned honors included sophomore tackle C.J. Mosley (2nd-Team All-Big 12) and junior tackle Atiyah Ellison (3rd-Team All-Big 12), who moved from end a year ago. Another standout, tackle Russ Bell, signed a free agent contract with the Kansas City Chiefs following the 2004 NFL Draft.

Under Kuligowski's leadership, the Tiger defensive line proved to be the strength of MU's defense in 2002. Led by senior tackle Keith Wright and senior end Antwaun Bynum, the Tiger front four was a constant disruptive force for opposing teams. Wright led the Big 12 Conference, and ranked in the top-10 nationally, with 23 tackles for loss in 2002, while Bynum ranked among conference leaders in sacks, fumbles forced and tackles for loss.

Bynum earned first team All-Big 12 honors in 2002, and was named an honorable mention All-American by CNNSI.com, while Wright was a first team All-Big 12 pick by various outlets. Wright's development under Kuligowski led to him being a 6th-round selection by the Houston Texans in the 2003 NFL Draft.

Kuligowski also helped develop some young and inexperienced players into key contributors in 2002. Walk-on junior tackle Russ Bell joined the squad from the MU track program, and eventually started seven games, amassing 36 stops on the year, including eight tackles for losses and three sacks. Redshirt freshman C.J. Mosley started the other five games at the spot, and proved a worthy option with his 41 tackles, including eight for loss and three sacks.

Kuligowski coached a very young, inexperienced Missouri defensive line in 2001, a line that came together and became a very solid unit.

Wright, playing along the defensive line for the first time in his career, was a second team All-Big 12 selection, leading

Kuligowski's line has steadily improved against the run in each year since he arrived in 2001. The 2004 Tiger outfit allowed 152.09 yards rushing per game, which ranked them 64th in the nation. That followed a mark of 167.23 yards per game in 2003, which ranked them 72nd in NCAA statistics. That marked an improvement from a rank of 78th in 2002 (167.75 ypg) and 89th in 2001 (198.73).

In 2004, Kuligowski's troops accounted for a combined 58.5 tackles for loss, and registered

the line with 68 tackles. Bynum, also playing on the defensive front for the first time, led the club in quarterback sacks (7) and tackles for loss (16). He tied the school's single game record with four sacks against Oklahoma State. Bynum was an honorable mention All-Big 12 pick.

Kuligowski was credited with building one of the top defensive lines in the Mid-American Conference during his tenure at Toledo. In 2000, the Rockets were ranked fifth in the country in rushing defense, allowing just 81.5 yards per game and a remarkable 2.46 yards per carry. They were ranked third in the country in scoring defense, third in total defense and No. 1 in turnover margin. A major contributor to the success of the 2000 defensive line was three-time All-MAC defensive end Dejuan Goulde. In 1999, Toledo allowed just 106.6 yards per game and 346.8 yards per game in total defense.

From 1992-95, Kuligowski coached tight ends. In 1994, UT tight ends combined for 29 receptions and three touchdowns, while in 1995, one of his tight ends was named All-MAC after breaking school records for receptions by a tight end (41).

Kuligowski was a four-year standout at Toledo (1987-90) as an offensive tackle. He was named first team All-MAC two straight years and helped lead UT to the MAC title his senior year. He was an integral part of the 1990 offense that turned in totals of 135 rushing first downs, 2,474 rushing yards and 4,335 total yards, all top five marks in Toledo history. Kuligowski earned a bachelor of business administration degree from Toledo in 1991. He and his wife Mary have two daughters: Peyton, 12, and Madeline, 9 and son Max, who was born in the spring of 2005. Also this past spring, Kuligowski teamed with football players Earl Goldsmith, DeQuincy Howard and Scott Wheatley to win the inaugural 3-on-3 basketball tournament held by the football program.



# DAVE STECKEL

• Linebackers

**5th Year at Mizzou**

**Hometown: Fullerton, Pa.**

**Alma Mater: Kutztown ('82)**

## COACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2001-Present Linebackers, Missouri
  - 1999-00 Linebackers, Rutgers
  - 1996-99 Defensive Line, Rutgers
  - 1992-96 Defensive Line, Toledo
  - 1988-92 Linebackers/Special Teams, Lehigh
  - 1986-88 Asst. Head Coach/  
Off. Coord., Dickinson College
  - 1985-86 Graduate Assistant, Minnesota
  - 1984-85 Defensive Line, Ball State
  - 1983-84 Graduate Assistant, Miami (OH)
  - 1982 Defensive Coord./Off. Line,  
Governor Mifflin H.S., Schillington, Pa.
- Recruiting Area: Dallas, Western Texas

## Steckel's All-Big 12 Performers

- Sean Doyle, LB – Hon. Men. (2001, 2002)
- Jamonte Robinson, LB – 2nd Team (2001)
- James Kinney, LB – Hon. Men. (2002), 2nd Team (2003), 1st Team (2004)
- Brandon Barnes, LB – Hon. Men. (2003)

Dave Steckel is in his fifth campaign at Missouri as the Tigers' linebacker coach. He returned to Gary Pinkel's coaching staff in 2001 after spending five seasons as the linebacker and defensive line coach at Rutgers University.

Steckel helped mold James Kinney into a prolific tackler, as he ended his Tiger career by breaking the MU career tackles record (434) during his senior season of 2004. Kinney led MU in stops in 2004, with 112, making him the first player in school history to record three consecutive seasons of 100 or more tackles. He earned 1st-Team All-Big 12 honors for his efforts, and signed a free-agent deal with the Jacksonville Jaguars after the 2005 NFL Draft.

Steckel has had at least one of his linebackers earn all-league recognition each year at Mizzou, including two each in the 2001, 2002 and 2003 seasons.



tackler James Kinney, and senior Brandon Barnes, the Tigers enjoyed solid footing and big playmakers patrolling the middle of the field in 2003.

Kinney, as a junior, ranked 14th in the NCAA with an average of 11.8 tackles per game, while Barnes, a converted safety who began his MU career as a wide receiver, ranked 2nd on the squad with 117 stops and was also responsible for a team-best six takeaways (three recovered fumbles, two interceptions and one forced fumble).

Both of Steckel's stars were honored for their play in 2003, as Kinney was named 2nd-Team All-Big 12 by the Associated Press, while Barnes earned Honorable Mention acclaim by both league coaches and media. Barnes impressed enough people that he eventually signed a free agent contract following the 2004 NFL Draft with the Baltimore Ravens, and later played in 2004 for the Washington Redskins.

Steckel's crew had a very productive season in 2002, as sophomore James Kinney and senior Sean Doyle combined for 261 tackles. Kinney racked up 148 stops, which ranked second in the Big 12 Conference and eighth nationally, and added 11 tackles for loss, six sacks and three fumble recoveries and one interception (one of each which he returned for a touchdown). Kinney was named first-team All-Big 12 by one media outlet, while Doyle earned honorable-mention all-league honors for totaling 113 stops and two interceptions.

In his first year at Mizzou, Steckel coached one of the best linebacker duos in the Big 12 Conference in Doyle and Jamonte Robinson. Both players were named All-Big 12 by various publications, as the duo combined for 252 tackles.

At Rutgers, Steckel coached two all-conference defensive linemen from 1996-99, both of whom went on to play in the NFL. In 2000, Steckel moved to coach the linebackers. He served as one of Rutgers' chief recruiters, signing 14 players in his first three seasons. Eight of the 12 recruits that he signed from the state of Pennsylvania were invited to play in Pennsylvania's Big 33 Game.

Before Rutgers, Steckel coached the defensive line for Pinkel at Toledo from 1992-95. He was the defensive line coach during the 1995 undefeated

One of MU's top recruiters, Steckel has helped land numerous high school all-stars for Mizzou, primarily out of the state of Texas. He was responsible for the successful recruitment of Southlake Carroll High School quarterback Chase Daniel, who was named the EA Sports National High School Player of the Year. Daniel will be a freshman at MU in the fall of 2005.

The play of his linebackers was a major reason for the improvement seen in 2003 for Mizzou. Led by the team's leading

ed season that went on to win the Las Vegas Bowl. Steckel helped coach a defensive unit that ranked No. 1 in the Mid-American Conference and 12th nationally. Six of Steckel's linemen were All-MAC players. One of those players, Dan Williams, was the 11th overall selection in the 1993 NFL Draft.

Previous to joining the Toledo staff, Steckel spent four seasons in the Patriot League, coaching at Lehigh University.

Steckel spent the 1986 and 1987 season at Dickinson College in Carlisle, Pa. as the assistant head coach and offensive coordinator. There, he assisted in the revival from a last place team as Dickinson finished in second place in the conference just two years after Steckel arrived. Four of his offensive players were all-conference performers in 1987.

Steckel spent one season as the defensive line coach at Ball State University and had graduate assistant experiences at the University of Minnesota (defensive line) and Miami, OH (secondary). He broke into coaching in 1982 as a student assistant at Kutztown, and went on to be the defensive coordinator and offensive line coach at Governor Mifflin High School in Schillington, Pa.

Steckel served in the United States Marine Corps from 1975-78. He then went on to graduate from Kutztown State College and earned a master's from Miami (Ohio) in 1982.

He is married to the former Mary Beth Thomas of Floyd's Knob, Ind. They have one beautiful daughter named Amanda.



## BRUCE WALKER

- Tight Ends
- Assistant Offensive Line

### 5th Year at Mizzou

**Hometown:** East Wenatchee, Wash.

**Alma Mater:** Central Washington ('83)

### COACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2001-Present Tight Ends/Asst. Offensive Line, Missouri
- 1996-00 Tight Ends/Asst. Offensive Line, Toledo
- 1994-95 Offensive Coordinator, Central Washington
- 1990-95 Offensive Line, Central Washington
- 1988-89 Defensive Line, Central Washington

Playing Experience: Yakima Valley College (1978-79), Central Washington (1980-81)

Recruiting Area: Dallas, Eastern Texas

### Walker's All-Big 12 Performers

- Dwayne Blakley, TE – Hon. Men. (2001)
- J.D. McCoy, TE – Hon. Men. (2003)

Bruce Walker has been the tight ends and assistant offensive line coach since the 1996 season under Gary Pinkel. In his time at Mizzou, Walker has coached several outstanding tight ends, a position that is vital to the Missouri offensive system.

In 2004, the tight ends were instrumental in MU's passing attack, with the primary weapons being senior Victor Sesay and redshirt freshman Martin Rucker. The duo combined for 50 catches, 577 yards and 6 touchdowns on the season. Rucker earned 2nd-Team Freshman All-American honors for his standout rookie year that saw him grab 19 balls for 263 yards and 4 TDs, the latter of which was the 2nd-best total on the squad. Sesay signed a free agent contract following the 2005 NFL Draft with the Miami Dolphins.

Walker's tight ends played a crucial role in Mizzou's high-powered offensive attack that scored a single-season school-record 399 points in the 2003 season. His group had a combined 42 catches on the season for 373 yards and were responsible for six of MU's 14 passing touchdowns on the year.

The Tiger tight ends also proved critical to the rushing game for Mizzou that led the Big 12 Conference and ranked 6th nationally in



three scores. Included in his touchdown total was a 14-yard score on a fake field goal in the 4th quarter against Nebraska that gave MU a lead it would never relinquish, on the way to its 41-24 win over the 10th-ranked Huskers.

In 2002, the Missouri tight ends were an integral part of the Tigers' offensive attack that scored the third-most points (360) in school history. The trio of senior Ben Fredrickson, junior J.D. McCoy and sophomore Clint Matthews combined for 19 catches for 182 yards and two touchdowns, but were even more crucial in their blocking and protecting for the air and ground games, which racked up 4,642 yards of total offense on the season.

In 2001, Missouri tight ends combined for 50 receptions, 484 yards and eight touchdowns. Dwayne Blakley was tabbed honorable mention All-Big 12 after pulling in 34 receptions for 362 yards and four touchdowns. He went on to sign a free agent contract with the NFL's Kansas City Chiefs.

Walker has successfully recruited some of the best high school players out of the state of Texas while at Mizzou. Walker signed highly-regarded tailback/defensive back prospect Alex Woodley in 2003 of Mesquite, adding to his successful recruitment of all-state defensive end Brian Smith (Denton) in 2002 and all-state wide receiver Thomson Omboga (Grand Prairie) in 2001. Other Texas high school standouts to sign with Walker include standouts Marcus King (Irving) and Calvin Washington (Lancaster).

While at Toledo, Walker coached two of the best tight ends to ever wear a Rockets' uniform. From 1998-2000, Walker coached All-MAC tight end Mike Bilik, who finished his career with 75 receptions. He also coached Lyle Green, who was voted the team's most valuable receiver in 1999 and a co-captain in 2000. Green was the third overall pick in the 2001 CFL Draft. During the 2000 season, the Rocket tight ends combined for 59 catches and six touchdowns.

2003, at 237.46 yards per game.

Individually, senior J.D.

McCoy developed into a key cog of the Tiger offense, as he was MU's 5th-leading pass catcher, with a career-high 21 catches for 190 yards and two TDs. He was named the team's receiver of the year for his efforts.

McCoy was joined by the very productive junior college transfer Victor Sesay in 2003, and before Sesay was lost for the year due to a knee injury suffered in game No. 9 at Colorado, he amassed 15 catches for 154 yards and



Walker came to Toledo after spending eight years at Central Washington University, where he served as offensive coordinator. He was also CWU's offensive line coach for six seasons. In 1993, behind Walker's offensive line, the Central Washington led all NAIA schools in total offense, averaging 517 yards per game. CWU also ranked first in the NAIA in rushing, averaging 198.5 yards per game. In 1995, CWU finished sixth in the nation among NAIA schools in total offense (460.4 yards per game) and third in passing (344.6 yards per game). The Wildcats earned a share of the NAIA national title, tying Findlay (OH) in the title game. The quarterback of that team, Jon Kitna (now with the Cincinnati Bengals and teammate of former Tiger Justin Smith), finished his career with 12,907 yards in total offense and 12,353 passing yards, the best and second-best, respectively, in NAIA Division II history. At CWU, Walker also coached the only two Kodak All-Americans in school history. He also served the university as director of athletic development and assistant track and field coach.

Walker graduated from Eastmont High School in East Wenatchee, Wash., where he earned All-Mid Valley League honors at linebacker and center. He played two seasons at Yakima Valley College before Central Washington.

A 1983 graduate of CWU, where he earned a bachelor of science degree in business administration, Walker was a two-year starter for the Wildcats at center. He earned a Master of Science degree in physical education in 1989.

Walker and wife, Sharryn, are the parents of Natalie, 12, and Maggie, 9.



# DAVID YOST

- Quarterbacks
- Recruiting Coordinator

**5th Year at Mizzou**

**Hometown: Carrollton, Ohio**

**Alma Mater: Kent State ('92)**

## COACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2001-Present Recruiting Coord./Quarterbacks, Missouri
- 1997-00 Recruiting Coord./Quarterbacks, Toledo
- 1996 Graduate Assistant, Toledo
- 1995 Offensive Coordinator, Tiffin
- 1994 Wide Receivers, Tiffin

## Yost's All-Big 12 Performers

- Brad Hammerich, PK – 3rd Team (2001)
- Brad Smith, QB – Hon. Men. (2002, 2004), 3rd Team (2003)
- Brad Smith, All Purpose – Hon. Men. (2002, 2003)
- Mike Matheny, PK – Hon. Men. (2002)

David Yost arrived in Columbia, Mo. on the same day that head coach Gary Pinkel did. Pinkel's recruiting coordinator since 1997, Yost also serves as the Tigers' quarterbacks coach.

Yost has established himself as one of the best young recruiting coordinators in the country, as evidenced by MU's last three classes, which were all ranked among the nation's top 35 according to various outlets, including the 2004 class which ranked 27th-best, and the 2003 class which was the 28th-best, according to Rivals.com. He was responsible for recruiting speedy wide receiver Greg Bracey out of Milwaukee, Wisc. in 2003, and four years ago, played a major role in the signings of talented quarterback Brad Smith. More recently, Yost oversaw the successful recruitment of junior college defensive linemen DeMarcus Scott and Chad Marshall.

The 2002 season saw Yost guide Smith, a redshirt freshman, during an historical season as he became only the second player in NCAA Division I-A history to throw for 2,000 yards and rush for 1,000 yards in a season. Under Yost's tutelage, Smith burst onto the national scene with a brilliant performance in leading the Tigers to a win over defending Big Ten champion Illinois, and had Mizzou playing for a bowl berth all the way into the final game of the 2002 season.

Smith was at it again in 2003, as he broke his own single-season total offense record, with 3,383 yards. He ended the season with 1,977 passing yards and rushed for 1,406 yards, the latter of which is the



No. 2 single-season rushing mark in MU history. Smith earned national player of the week honors for his 291-yard, five touchdown rushing day against Texas Tech, and established an MU record with his 30 total touchdowns (18 rushing, 11 passing, 1 receiving). Smith continued his assault on the MU records books in 2004, with 2,738 more yards of total offense.

When Smith matriculates through Mizzou, the cupboard will be far from bare, as Yost will have a talented stable of signal callers to work with, including Brandon

Coleman and Elite-11 quarterbacks Chase Patton and Chase Daniel, the latter of which was the EA Sports National High School Player of the Year in 2004, playing for Southlake (Texas) Carroll High School.

In 2001, Yost guided Kirk Farmer to the best season of his career, as he generated 194.6 yards of total offense, a mark that ranked sixth in the Big 12 Conference. Farmer signed a free-agent contract with the NFL's Kansas City Chiefs and has played overseas while he trains for tryouts. In 2001, perhaps the most eye-opening statistic was the fact that Mizzou quarterbacks were sacked just six times, the fewest in the Big 12. That mark also ranked third in the country.

From 1997 to 2000, Yost held the same responsibilities for Pinkel at Toledo. He spent four seasons coaching two of the most productive quarterbacks in Toledo history in Tavares Bolden and Chris Wallace. Bolden developed into one of the most versatile signal-callers in the MAC. He established himself as a threat in the air (1,354 yards and 8 TDs) and on the ground (365 yards and 5.6 yards per attempt).

Prior to Bolden, Yost coached Chris Wallace from 1997-98, one of the top quarterbacks in Toledo history. In just two seasons as the starter, Wallace jumped into the school's all-time top four in four major statistical categories: touchdown passes (44), passes attempted (848), passes completed (454) and passing yardage (5,454).

In 1997, Wallace broke 10 school records, including most touchdown passes in a season (27), most TDs in a game (5) and total passing yardage in a season (2,955).

As recruiting coordinator, Yost is responsible for all aspects of the recruitment of high school student-athletes, from mailings to eligibility tracking to video evaluation. Under his creative direction, Mizzou's 2003 Football Recruiting and Media Guide was named "Best in the Nation" by the College Sports Information Directors of America (Co-SIDA). Toledo's last three recruiting classes under Yost's guidance were heralded as among the most talented in school history.

Yost came to Toledo from Tiffin University, where he coordinated the

offense along with coaching quarterbacks and receivers in 1995.

During the 1994 season, he coached wide receivers.

A native of Carrollton, Ohio, Yost spent time coaching his former high school team after graduating from Kent State University. A graduate of Kent State, Yost earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in early childhood education in 1992. He has done graduate work in educational psychology. He was married to the former Carrie Crossett, a former soccer student-athlete at Mizzou (and sister of current MU kicker Adam Crossett) in June of 2005.





## MARK ALNUTT

• Director of Football Operations

**8th Year at Mizzou**  
**Hometown: Kansas City, Mo.**  
**Alma Mater: Missouri ('95)**

Mark Alnutt enters his eighth year with the Missouri football program and begins his sixth season as Director of Operations. His duties include coordinating the team's travel plans, oversight of the football budget, handling compliance issues, scheduling of facilities, managing the walk-on program, assisting with recruiting operations and managing the day-to-day operations of the football program.

Alnutt also coordinates all public relations activities and community service events that require the presence of football student-athletes, and oversaw all organizational aspects for Mizzou's trip to the 2003 Independence Bowl in Shreveport, La. He is also representing the football program as part of the design team that is planning the future \$16 million expansion and renovation project of the Tom Taylor Building, the facility which houses the football program.

Alnutt was a three-year letterman for the Tigers as a linebacker and tight end (1993-95), and was voted the team's Champion of the Year as a senior. He earned a degree in sociology in 1995 and went to work for Major Brands as a salesman in Kansas City from Feb. 1996-Aug. 1997. He then returned to MU to pursue a master's degree in public administration with an emphasis on sports psychology. He joined the MU football staff in 1998 as an administrative/video graduate assistant. Alnutt completed his master's in May 2000 and took over as Director of Football Operations that August.

A native of Kansas City, Alnutt was born Jan. 4, 1973. He serves as the president of the Board of Directors for Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Boone County, and was selected to participate in the 2002-03 NCAA Leadership Institute for Ethnic Minority Males. In June of 2005, he received recognition by Columbia Business Times as one of Columbia's 40-Under-40 business leaders, for his work in the community.

He is married to the former Kate Hankins, and has a four-year-old son, Jaren Michael. The couple welcomed a daughter, Kinleigh Allyn, on Feb. 23rd.





## BARRY ODOM

• Director of Football Recruiting

**3rd Year at Mizzou**

**Hometown: Maysville, Okla.**

**Alma Mater: Missouri ('99)**

In his third year on staff at Mizzou is former Tiger standout Barry Odom. Odom made the jump to collegiate coaching in 2002 after spending the previous three seasons at the high school level, including a very successful two-year stint as head coach at Columbia Rock Bridge High School.

The 2005 season will be Odom's second in his title of Director of Football Recruiting. In that role, Odom oversees organizational efforts of virtually all aspects of MU's extensive recruiting operation, such as coordinating on-and-off-campus visits, mailings and other logistical arrangements. He has also added oversight of the walk-on program to his roster of duties in 2005.

Odom, a native of Maysville, Okla. who graduated from Ada High School, was a four-year letterman at linebacker for Mizzou from 1996-99. He was a key player on MU squads that went to bowl games in 1997 and 1998, and he ended his career ranked 5th on the school's career tackles list, with 362 stops.

Odom graduated from MU in December of 1999, and served as a development intern for the Tiger Scholarship Fund, assisting with various fund raising projects for Tiger Athletics. He returned to his home state of Oklahoma in July of 2000 to serve as an assistant coach for Ada High School, which finished that season as runners-up for a state championship.

Odom returned to Columbia in the spring of 2001 as head coach of Rock Bridge High School, and he quickly built the Bruins into a power, as they went 6-4 and won a conference championship that fall. He followed with an 8-4 campaign in 2002 that saw Rock Bridge reach the semifinals of the state championship playoffs. Two of his star pupils from that team – quarterback Chase Patton and linebacker/running back Van Alexander – will be redshirt freshmen in the Tiger program this fall.

Born Nov. 26, 1976 in Lawton, Okla., Odom and his wife, Tritia, were married in July of 2000. Tritia is a native of Kahoka, Mo., and is an MU School of Education graduate. The couple welcomed their first child into the world on Nov. 30, 2004, when James Trump Odom was born.



## NICK OTTERBACHER

• Offensive Graduate Assistant

**2nd Year at Mizzou**

**Hometown:** Orchard Lake, Mich.

**Alma Mater:** Toledo, '02

In his second year as part of the Tiger coaching staff is Offensive Graduate Assistant Nick Otterbacher. He assumed those new duties for the spring 2005 season, after serving on staff as an administrative graduate assistant in 2004.

In his new role, Otterbacher will assist the Tiger coaching staff with scouting, game planning and game preparation duties, in addition to various practice and game day responsibilities.

A native of Orchard Lake, Mich., Otterbacher was a four-year starter at center for the University of Toledo, where he played under Tiger Head Coach Gary Pinkel through the 2000 season. In his four-year playing career, Otterbacher was part of Toledo teams that went a combined 34-13 from 1998-2001, and won or shared three Midwestern Athletic Conference championships.

After graduating from Toledo with a degree in business management in May of 2002, Otterbacher got his start in coaching at Duquesne University, where he served as the tight ends and assistant offensive line coach for the 2002 season.

He then went to West Virginia Tech as an assistant coach, and was the offensive line coach and run game coordinator for the 2003 season, prior to joining the Mizzou staff in July of 2004.



## KENT MCCULLOUGH

• Defensive Graduate Assistant

**1st Year at Mizzou**

**Hometown:** Pittsburgh, Pa.

**Alma Mater:** Miami, Ohio ('00)

Joining the Mizzou coaching staff for his first season as a defensive graduate assistant coach is Kent McCullough. A former standout punter for Miami University (Ohio), McCullough joined the staff in June.

He is responsible for the offensive scout team in preparation for each week's game, along with film breakdown and scouting reports for each of the Tigers' opponents.

McCullough was an All-Midwest Athletic Conference (MAC) performer as a punter for Miami, and earned freshman All-American honors in 1997. He was named his team's special teams player of the year in both 1999 and 2000, as he handled kickoffs and held for placekicks, in addition to his punting duties. The four-year letterwinner was part of a Miami team that went 10-1 in 1998, and his career average of 40.7 yards per punt ranked third on the school charts at the time of his departure. He held at one time stadium records for longest punts at Marshall (74 yards) and at Cincinnati (72).

Following his collegiate days, McCullough was signed as a free agent by the Cincinnati Bengals of the National Football League in 2001. After being cut by the Bengals, he landed with the Detroit Lions, and saw action in two pre-season games that fall, before landing numerous other workouts with league teams.

After the professional career ended, McCullough became a physical education teacher and varsity football assistant coach for Troy City Schools, in Dayton, Ohio, where he has been for the past four years.

A native of Pittsburgh, Pa., McCullough was a three-sport standout in football, baseball and wrestling for West Allegheny High School, where he earned all-conference honors as a kicker during his junior and senior seasons.

McCullough will be pursuing a Master's degree at Mizzou.

A photo of Kent McCullough was not available at press time.



## MATT TORRES

• Administrative Graduate Assistant

**2nd Year at Mizzou**

**Hometown:** Los Gatos, Calif.

**Alma Mater:** Missouri, '05

In his second year as part of the Tiger coaching staff, and first as an administrative graduate assistant coach, is recent Mizzou graduate Matt Torres. He began those duties officially in May of 2005, after serving as a student assistant for the 2004 season.

Torres' duties will have him assisting the staff with various recruiting administrative duties throughout the year, as well as scouting and game preparation efforts during the season.

A native of Los Gatos, Calif., Torres received a baseball scholarship to Missouri Western, where he redshirted for one season before transferring to Mizzou to pursue his studies.

Torres received a Bachelor's degree in communications from MU in May of 2005, and is now pursuing a Master's degree. He is married to the former Shannon Giboney, who is a native of Columbia.





## PAT IVEY

• Director of Strength and Conditioning

### 7th Season at MU

Former University of Missouri football player Pat Ivey was named Head Strength and Conditioning Coach for the Mizzou Athletic Department, in March of 2004. In this role, he is directly responsible for the design and implementation of the athletic program for football, as well as overseeing the development of Missouri's remaining varsity sports.

Ivey, 32, has quickly put his stamp on the Tiger strength program, as four MU student-athletes were named National Strength Coaches Association (NSCA) Strength and Conditioning All-Americans in 2004-05. Ivey returned to his alma mater after spending the previous two years at the University of Tulsa as the Golden Hurricane head strength coach. There, he oversaw strength and conditioning efforts for all 18 TU sports, and was part of the resurgence of the football program, which had the nation's best turnaround in 2003. Tulsa went 8-5 in 2003, after going just 1-11 the year before. Four Tulsa student-athletes were named NSCA Strength and Conditioning All-Americans under Ivey's instruction.

Ivey spent five years as a strength coach at MU prior to his appointment at Tulsa. He served for two years (1999-2001) as assistant director of strength and conditioning for football. Before that, Ivey was a strength and conditioning graduate assistant working with football, wrestling, track and field and baseball.

A three-year football letterman at MU (1993-95), Ivey was selected as an All-American Strength and Conditioning Athlete in 1995. Following graduation, he spent time in the NFL with the Detroit Lions, San Diego Chargers, Denver Broncos and the Green Bay Packers.

Ivey, who earned his bachelor's degree at MU in 1996 and a master's degree in health education in 2000, began his position in April, and didn't take long to put his stamp on the program, as he hired two assistants from the outside, and completely re-structured his staff. He will be heavily involved in the planning process for MU's new planned strength and conditioning facility which, when completed as part of a larger renovation project to the Tom Taylor Complex, will give Mizzou one of the top strength training facilities in the country.

He is joined in Columbia by his wife, Starla, and their daughters, Paisli and Serena. Starla, a native of Hannibal, Mo., is also an MU graduate, and worked for several years as an academic coordinator in the athletic department's Total Person Program.





## REX SHARP

• Director of Sports Medicine

### 10th Season at MU

When Rex Sharp became Mizzou's head athletic trainer in 1996, he was following Fred Wappel, who spent 41 years tending to the injury needs of the Tigers on his way to a spot in the MU Athletics Hall of Fame.

Now Sharp is carving his own place in Missouri history as the man who directs the operation of the Dr. Glenn L. McElroy, M.D. Sports Medicine Center – MU's primary treatment and rehabilitation facility.

The native of New Albany, Ind., spent 11 years on the staff at Ball State where he had primary athletic health care responsibilities for the football team, and coordinated the sports medicine efforts for BSU's 20-sport program. He supervised a staff of two fulltime assistants, a physical therapist and a number of graduate assistants and student trainers. At Missouri, he directs a staff that includes five assistant athletic trainers, five graduate assistants and more than 15 students.

In addition to his duties as Director of Sports Medicine, Sharp was elected in the spring of 2002 as Chairman of the Big 12 Conference Medical Aspects of Sport Committee. Following the 2000 academic year, Sharp and his staff were recognized by the Big 12 Conference as the athletic health care "Staff of the Year."

A 1979 magna cum laude graduate of Ball State, Sharp was the 1978 recipient of the Robert H. Gunn Scholarship, presented to the nation's outstanding student athletic trainer by the National Athletic Trainers' Association, and was awarded the NATA post-graduate scholarship from the NFL in 1979. He earned a Master of Science degree in biology (exercise physiology) in 1983 from Michigan Technological University in Houghton, Mich.

Sharp taught high school biology in New Albany from 1979-81, was a graduate assistant athletic trainer at Michigan Tech from 1981-83, and was the head athletic trainer at Northeast Missouri State University (now Truman State) from 1983-85.

Sharp and his wife Eileen have a daughter, Audrey, and twin sons, Adam and Jered. He was born April 29, 1957.



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## **DR. ELSON S. FLOYD**

• **President, University of Missouri System**

Elson S. Floyd was selected as the President of the four-campus University of Missouri System on Nov. 11, 2002. Dr. Floyd has an exceptionally wide range of administrative experience, as well as valuable system-wide and statewide perspectives on higher education issues and policies.

Prior to his appointment at the University of Missouri, Dr. Floyd served as president of Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo for more than four years. While president of Western Michigan University, he also was a tenured faculty member in the Department of Counselor Education and Counseling Psychology and in the Department of Teaching, Learning and Leadership.

Dr. Floyd spent from 1995 to 1998 at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, one of the nation's leading research institutions, where he served as chief administrative and operating officer and the senior official responsible for business and finance; human resources; auxiliary enterprises; student affairs; information technology; university advancement and development; and enrollment management.

Dr. Floyd spent two years as executive director of the Washington State Higher Education Coordinating Board, the agency responsible for statewide coordination, planning, oversight, policy analysis and student financial aid programs for Washington's post-secondary education system. From 1990 to 1993, Dr. Floyd served as vice president for student services, vice president for administration, and executive vice president at Eastern Washington University. In the latter capacity, he was the university's chief operating officer.

Dr. Floyd began his career in 1978 at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he held deanships in the Division of Student Affairs, the General College and the College of Arts and Sciences. From 1988 to 1990, he was assistant vice president for student services for the UNC system office, where he helped develop and articulate student affairs and academic affairs policy for the 16-campus university system.

A native of Henderson, N.C., Dr. Floyd holds a bachelor of arts degree in political science and speech, a master of education degree in adult education, and a doctor of philosophy degree in higher and adult education, all from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.



Among other honors, Dr. Floyd is the 2004 recipient of the James C. Kirkpatrick Award given by the Northwest Missouri Press Association for public service. He also is the 2004 recipient of the Distinguished Alumnus Award from the University of North Carolina Chapel-Hill and the Distinguished Alumnus Award from his former high school, Darlington School.

Dr. Floyd and his wife, Carmento, have two children – Kenny and Jessica.

## **HISTORY OF THE UNIVERSITY**

**The University of Missouri has provided teaching, research and service to the people of Missouri since it was founded in 1839. The first publicly supported institution of higher education established in the Louisiana Territory, the University of Missouri was shaped in accordance with the ideals of Thomas Jefferson, an early proponent of public higher education.**

**Founded in Columbia, the University had one campus until 1870, when a school of mines and metallurgy was established in Rolla. In the same year an agricultural college was added in Columbia as the University assumed land-grant responsibilities.**

**In 1963 the University again expanded to better serve Missouri. In that year the University of Kansas City, which had been a private institution, was acquired by the University and a new campus was created in St. Louis, creating the present four campus System.**

**Today, the University of Missouri is one of the nation's largest higher education institutions, with more than 62,000 students on four campuses and an Extension program with activities in every county of the state. The mission of the University, as a land-grant university and Missouri's only public research and doctoral-level institution, is to discover, disseminate, preserve and apply knowledge.**

**A nine-member Board of Curators governs the University. Curators are appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Missouri Senate. The Board selects the president of the University. Each campus is headed by a chancellor, who reports to the president.**

## DR. BRADY J. DEATON

• Chancellor, University of Missouri-Columbia

Chancellor Brady J. Deaton became the 21st chief executive officer of the University of Missouri-Columbia on October 4, 2004. With 15 years of service to MU and 33 years of experience in public higher education, Dr. Deaton brings an international perspective, a record of national leadership, and a strong devotion to Mizzou to his position.

Dr. Deaton began his journey in higher education as a student at the University of Kentucky, where he graduated with a degree in agricultural economics in 1966. Growing up as the second of nine children of a hard-working farm family in Kentucky and furthered by his participation in 4-H, he developed a love of the land and a desire to study agriculture. His dedication deepened during a two-year tour as a Peace Corps volunteer in Nan, Thailand, from 1962-1964, where he taught vocational agriculture in the Thai language.

After receiving his bachelor's degree, Dr. Deaton pursued a master of arts in diplomacy and international commerce at the University of Kentucky, graduating in 1968. He went on to the University of Wisconsin where he earned a master of science in 1970 and a doctorate in 1972 in agricultural economics.

Moving from the student to the faculty ranks, Dr. Deaton spent the next six years as an assistant and associate professor of agricultural economics and rural sociology at the University of Tennessee. During this time at Tennessee, he was appointed as staff director of the Special Task Force on Food for Peace for the U.S. Department of Agriculture in Washington, D.C. In 1978, Dr. Deaton took a professorship position at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in the Department of Agricultural Economics, where he also served as coordinator of the rural development research and extension program.

Dr. Deaton spent 12 years at Virginia Tech, the last four as associate director of the Office for International Development. In March of 1989, he joined the University of Missouri-Columbia as professor and chair in the Agricultural Economics Department and as Social Science Unit leader. He transitioned from faculty to administration in December 1993, when he was appointed chief of staff in the Office of the Chancellor. He became deputy chancellor in 1997.

In January 1998, Dr. Deaton was appointed interim provost and was named to the permanent position in October of that year. His duties were expanded in 2001 when he also became the executive vice chancellor for academic affairs.



the American and International Agricultural Economics Associations. He has authored over 100 articles, presentations and book chapters in his career in addition to co-authoring three books.

For his contributions to the University, Dr. Deaton has been the recipient of many honors. He has been awarded the Outstanding Commitment to Multiculturalism and Diversity certificate by the Association of Black Graduate and Professional Students, honored as an invited lecturer at the Japan International Agricultural Council and recognized by Gamma Sigma Delta with an Award of Merit for Outstanding Administrator, among many other honors, grants and fellowships.

Chancellor Deaton and his wife, Dr. Anne Deaton, are the parents of four grown children, Tony, Brady Jr., Christina and David, and are the grandparents of Liam and Anna Sophia.

A strong proponent of the University's role on the global stage, Dr. Deaton was instrumental as the sponsor of the Big 12 Provosts' delegation to the European Union.

Dr. Deaton holds leadership roles in many university, community and national organizations. He currently serves as chair of the Academic Affairs Council of the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges (NASULGC), participates in advisory roles with the U.S. Department of Agriculture and maintains active membership in



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# MIKE ALDEN

## • Director of Athletics

Leading the Missouri Tigers through the constantly evolving world of intercollegiate athletics in the 21st century is Director of Athletics Mike Alden. In his eighth year as chief executive for Tiger Athletics, Alden is recognized for his vision and business acumen, and is considered one of the top athletic administrators in the country.

Alden is part of the "new breed" of modern-day ADs – he runs a tight ship as he approaches the job with an eye toward the business side of the ledger, yet he believes in the importance of a personal approach. He's been known to follow up a multi-million dollar sponsorship meeting with a personal phone call to visit with a Tiger fan in a small town who called to ask a question about the Tigers.

He believes that his job cannot be done sitting behind the desk in Columbia, and to that end, he has taken his message and visited nearly 270 communities around the state of Missouri since he arrived in August of 1998. Alden has built a solid infrastructure for the Tiger Athletic program with his strong management principles and his sound financial planning. His aggressive focus on fundraising has enabled him to be the architect of the most expansive facility growth in school history – and certainly one of the more impressive overall expansions in the nation. Projects finished on his watch at the MU Sports Park total over \$116 million, and have benefited virtually every one of MU's 20 sport programs and nearly 500 student-athletes.

His personal infrastructure is built around the core values of academic integrity, social responsibility and competitive excellence. Since taking over in August of 1998, Alden set out to position Mizzou as a leader at both the conference and national levels, and the Tigers' record accomplishments reflect that on and off the field, MU's program is reaching new heights.

Alden's drive to make Mizzou one of the nation's most comprehensive athletic programs certainly isn't limited to the playing field. Tiger student-athletes have achieved new academic heights under Alden's direction, as evidenced by recent reports, which show that MU has topped the Big 12 Conference in graduation rates twice in recent years – in 1999 (66%) and again in 2002 (72%).

An achievement he points to proudly, states that Mizzou ranked first in the nation during the winter 2005 semester for its number of postgraduate scholarship recipients. Additionally, Mizzou had seven of its student-athletes earn 1st-Team Academic All-American honors during the 2003-04 season, which was the fourth-most in the nation that year.



Athletically, Missouri's achievements are notable. The 2004-05 season was arguably the best in the school's history, from an Olympic sport standpoint, as 15 of MU's 20 teams qualified for post-season play. Mizzou finished 41st in the 2004-05 NACDA Directors' Cup Standings, which ranks all NCAA Division I programs in their overall competitive strength. That marked the second-highest finish for Mizzou in the standings – behind only the record 37th-place finish under Alden's watch in 2002-03.

Mizzou's overall improvement on the national level under Alden is quite remarkable. In the last five years of the Directors' Cup Standings, Mizzou has averaged a yearly finish of 45th – a stark improvement from the five years prior to his arrival (1993-94 to 1997-98), when MU's average yearly finish was 98th.

Another measure of Mizzou's athletic success under Alden's leadership shows that MU teams turned in a record seven top-25 team finishes at NCAA Championship events in 2004-05, and have garnered 32 overall since he arrived (an average of 4.5 per season). Consider that in the five years prior to Alden, Missouri teams turned in only 11 total top-25 finishes from 1993-94 to 1997-98 (2.2 per year), and the positive turn that Alden has directed is quite clear.

Well-respected among his peers, Alden sits on numerous high-ranking panels, and was recently selected to serve a four-year term on the NCAA Management Council. The Council plays a vital role in Division I legislative issues and oversees cabinets responsible for academic affairs, eligibility, compliance, championships and competition. The Council adopts operating bylaws and rules to govern Division I which are subject to Board of Directors ratification; interprets Division I bylaws, and develops and administers the Division I budget. This is the second-highest ranking committee in the NCAA hierarchy.

He was also named, in December of 2004, to the Executive Committee for the Division 1A Athletic Directors' Association. As a member of the executive committee, Alden will represent both the Big 12 Conference and the University of Missouri in matters of athletic and academic interest with the association. Based out of Dallas, Texas, the association represents all NCAA Division 1A institutions, and oversees issues related to academics, post-season competition processes, NCAA committees, and also provides guidance and direction for Division 1A leadership throughout the country. He also serves as a faculty member for the Division 1A AD's Institute, and regularly makes presentations for the group.

For recognition of his achievements, Alden was presented with the General Robert R. Neyland Outstanding Athletic Director Award, given by the All-America Football Foundation, in September of 2004.

At the heart of every successful program lie sound resources for its lifeblood – its student-athletes. Alden has made it a priority to provide the resources needed to create an environment in which Mizzou student-athletes can achieve at the highest level academically, socially and athletically.

Prior to Alden's arrival, Missouri found itself mired near the bottom of the Big 12 Conference in operating budget. But





thanks to proactive fundraising efforts and sound management principles, MU now ranks in the league's top half in that category. Mizzou will go to battle in the 2005-06 season with a record budget that will top \$40 million, a stunning increase from a working ledger of \$13.7 million just seven years ago.

Alden has kept alive and even accelerated the University's commitment to excellence in its athletic facilities. In the past five years, completed projects include the construction of a \$13 million state-of-the-art press box facility at Memorial Stadium, an expansion of the Yeckel Training Center to 13,000 square feet that makes it one of the top strength training facilities in the country, construction of an exceptional indoor tennis facility, a brand-new baseball stadium, and a pedestrian overpass spanning Providence Road, among many others.

He was also a driving force for the largest construction project in MU history, the new state-of-the-art \$75 million Mizzou Arena. Opened in October 2004, the arena is the crown jewel of the Sports Park at MU, and gives Mizzou arguably the finest on-campus basketball facility in the nation. Alden secured a \$25 million private gift (then the largest in University history) from Bill and Nancy Laurie to get the project underway, and also worked successfully with the State of Missouri Legislature to contribute \$35 million in state bonds for the project – meaning he helped secure all necessary funding for the total project cost.

Additionally, with the help of successful lobbying efforts by Tiger Athletic representatives, a new student recreation center has opened on campus, and part of that project includes a first-class aquatic complex to benefit the Tiger swimming and diving program. Next up on the docket is a \$16 million renovation and expansion project of the Tom Taylor complex, scheduled to be completed by the fall of 2006.

Tiger Athletics has been a leader for the University of Missouri during its ongoing campus-wide capital campaign. As part of the larger \$600 million campaign, athletics was asked to raise \$60 million of that total, but to this day, the department has gathered an extraordinary amount of over \$116 million and counting – virtually double that of its initial goal.

On July 16, 1998, University of Missouri-Columbia Chancellor Richard Wallace introduced Alden as MU's new athletic director, an appointment that became effective Aug. 15 of that year. Alden previously served as director of athletics at Southwest Texas State University (now Texas State) in San Marcos, Texas. He became the 15th athletic director to guide the fortunes of the MU Department of Intercollegiate Athletics.

Alden has worked in athletic administration at the Division I level since 1985. He began as a special assistant to the director of athletics at Arizona State University

in 1985, and later served as assistant athletic director for administration at ASU from 1986-92. He followed that with a stint as associate athletic director for external operations at the University of New Mexico from 1992-96. He served as athletic director at Southwest Texas from 1996 until his appointment at Mizzou.

In the early 1980s, Alden was offensive line coach and recruiting coordinator (1982-84) at the University of Evansville. He moved on to the University of Pennsylvania (1984-85) and was assistant offensive line coach and strength coach for Penn's 1984 Ivy League championship team.

Alden earned a master's degree in educational administration/supervision from Arizona State University. He holds two degrees from the University of Evansville, where he was a starting member of the football team — a Bachelor of Science degree in marketing and a Bachelor of Arts degree in education. In 2001, Alden was recognized by Evansville with the Distinguished Young Alumnus Award.

Alden holds strong ties to central Missouri. His family tree has been rooted on his family farm in Williamsburg, Mo., some 30 miles east of Columbia. His mother lives in Williamsburg, while his brother lives in Lamar, Mo., and several relatives reside in and around Kansas City. His uncle Jack was a construction foreman in the building of the Hearnes Center, and his cousin Todd, who is a plumber in mid-Missouri, was a concessionaire at Memorial Stadium, and his cousin, Mike March is a local ironworker who worked extensively on construction of Mizzou Arena. All live in Columbia.

A native of Chicago, Alden attended West Chicago Community High. He is on the NCAA Cabinet for Championships and Competition as well as serving as the Chair for the Committee for Football Certification. Alden also serves on the NCAA Woman of the Year Committee and is on the Big 12 Conference Committee for Officiating and Sportsmanship. He was recently tapped into the QEBH Honorary Society at Missouri.

He and his wife, the former Roxanne (Rockie) Falk, have a son, Jake (10).

## MIZZOU ATHLETIC DIRECTOR HISTORY

**1897-1908**

**1909-10**

**1911-18**

**1919-20**

**1921-23**

**1924-34**

**1935-42**

**1943-45**

**1946-66**

**1967-70**

**1971-72**

**1972-77**

**1978-86**

**1986-88**

**1988-92**

**1992-94**

**1994-98**

**1998-Present**

**Clark Hetherington**

**W.J. Monilaw**

**Chester L. Brewer**

**Dr. Walter E. Meanwell**

**Zora G. Clevenger**

**Chester L. Brewer**

**Don Faurot**

**George Edwards**

**Don Faurot**

**Dan Devine**

**Wilbur Stalcup**

**Mel Sheehan**

**Dave Hart**

**Jack Lengyel**

**Dick Tamburo**

**Dan Devine**

**Joe Castiglione**

**Mike Alden**

# ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT DIRECTORY

## As of June, 2005

(All Numbers 573 Area Code)

|                                                              |           |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Aaron Aaker, Compliance Coordinator                          | .882-3240 |
| Kenneth Agee, Athletic Dining Services                       | .882-3272 |
| Michael Alden, Director of Athletics                         | .882-2055 |
| Mark Alnutt, Director of Football Operations                 | .882-3834 |
| Tammy Armentrout, Administrative Assistant                   | .882-3463 |
| Ann Austin, Administrative Assistant                         | .882-0721 |
| Mary Austin, Assistant Athletic Director for Compliance      | .882-0706 |
| Brenda Baker, Director of Special Events                     | .884-0742 |
| Don Barnes, Director of Equipment Operations                 | .882-2065 |
| David Bartlett, Mizzou Arena Technical Operations            | .884-8889 |
| Kerensa Barr, Women's Basketball Assistant Coach             | .882-0725 |
| Daryle Bascom, Hearnese Center Production Mgr.               | .884-2414 |
| Pat Beckmann, Assistant Athletic Trainer                     | .882-4853 |
| Scott Bird, Strength and Conditioning                        | .884-0107 |
| Bryan Blitz, Head Soccer Coach                               | .884-7914 |
| Lisa Boos, Business Office Assistant                         | .884-1212 |
| Thomas Brinrall, Hearnese Center Productions                 | .882-2186 |
| Nathan Bromley, Athletic Attendant                           | .882-6830 |
| Tim Bunton, Hearnese Center Maintenance Supervisor           | .882-6502 |
| Terry Bush, Athletic Dining Services                         | .882-4508 |
| Larry Calhoon, System Support Analyst                        | .882-4261 |
| Matthew Candl, Assistant Track Coach                         | .882-0729 |
| Alfred Castillo, Assistant Athletic Trainer                  | .884-0403 |
| Tami Chievous, Academic Coordinator                          | .882-0707 |
| Dave Christensen, Assistant Football Coach                   | .882-7053 |
| Mitzi Clayton, Director of Compliance                        | .882-2284 |
| Sandy Coleman, Computer Support                              | .882-4261 |
| Carl Cooper, Athletic Attendant                              | .882-6502 |
| Vonda Cordes, Administrative Assistant                       | .882-2214 |
| Ernest Crowder, Tiger Team Store Assistant                   | .882-0390 |
| Roger Crumpton, General Manager of Mizzou Arena              | .882-6366 |
| Frank Cuervo, Director of Marketing                          | .882-0714 |
| Jerry Cummings, Assistant Coordinator of Athletic Grounds    | .882-7498 |
| Matt Daniel, Assistant Women's Basketball Coach              | .884-3161 |
| Krista Danner, Assistant Director, Tiger<br>Scholarship Fund | .884-6475 |
| Dale Donovan, Conversion Supervisor                          | .882-6502 |

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| Robert Drass, Head Gymnastics Coach                       | .882-0736 |
| Cecily Dubusker, Assistant Tennis Coach                   | .882-4588 |
| Tad Dunn, Director of Game Operations                     | .882-5195 |
| Autumn Eastes, Assistant Softball Coach                   | .882-6840 |
| Matt Eberflus, Assistant Football Coach                   | .882-5658 |
| Amy Edwards, Assistant Soccer Coach                       | .884-1346 |
| Eric Ely, Assistant Women's Basketball Coach              | .882-0724 |
| Colleen Engelhard, Assistant Director of Game Operations  | .882-2449 |
| Martin Finn, Director of Ticket Operations                | .882-6160 |
| Kevin Fletcher, Assistant Media Relations Director        | .882-7826 |
| Sam Fleury, Assistant Media Relations Director            | .884-2437 |
| Antwan Floyd, Strength and Conditioning                   | .884-0083 |
| Cornell Ford, Assistant Football Coach                    | .882-3586 |
| Jim Forward, Athletic Attendant                           | .882-6830 |
| Tracy Franklin, Women's Basketball                        | .884-8287 |
| Allen Frost, Dir. Of Landscape and Maintenance            | .882-7498 |
| Shannon Fry, Golden Girls Coach                           | .268-7907 |
| Jerry Garrett, Auditorium Attendant                       | .882-6830 |
| John Garrett, Custodian                                   | .882-6830 |
| Emily Gatewood, Assistant Media Relations Director        | .884-8519 |
| Sandi Gerhart, Receptionist                               | .882-7025 |
| Eric Goldman, Assistant Equipment Operations              | .882-4280 |
| Julie Graff, Special Events Marketing                     | .884-1676 |
| Andrew Grinch, Assistant Director of Marketing            | .884-1528 |
| Brett Halter, Assistant Track Coach                       | .882-9323 |
| Kathy Hamilton, Senior Administrative Assistant           | .882-0700 |
| Ann Hatcher, Executive Assistant to Gary Pinkel           | .882-2404 |
| Kelly Hayes, Custodian                                    | .882-6830 |
| Toni Hayes, Administrative Assistant                      | .882-1002 |
| Kevin Hayward, Director of Business Affairs               | .884-1412 |
| Clyde Heafley, Assistant Equipment Manager                | .882-0738 |
| Jason Heggemeyer, Assistant Director of Ticketing         | .884-1899 |
| John (Keith) Herdzina, Ticket Operations                  | .882-2058 |
| Trina Hermann, Volleyball Assistant                       | .882-0726 |
| Tim Hickman, Associate Athletic Director for Operations   | .882-2056 |
| Andy Hill, Assistant Football Coach                       | .884-0884 |
| Kevin Holliday, Total Person Program                      | .884-0614 |
| Brian Hoffer, Head Swimming Coach                         | .882-4669 |
| Travis Hopkins, Tom Taylor Custodian                      | .884-0095 |
| Bart Horton, Assistant Wrestling Coach                    | .882-9943 |
| Tobi Hurley, Administrative Assistant                     | .884-7496 |
| Mark Ingram, Director of Development                      | .882-0702 |
| Matt Inskeep, Assistant Director of Equipment Operations  | .882-9124 |
| Pat Ivey, Director of Strength and Conditioning           | .882-6791 |
| B.J. Jackman, Assistant Coordinator, Athletic Grounds     | .882-7498 |
| Tim Jamieson, Head Baseball Coach                         | .882-0731 |
| Brian Jones, Assistant Football Coach                     | .882-3069 |
| John Kadlec, Special Assistant to the Athletic Director   | .882-2330 |
| Rodney Kaiser, Assistant Coordinator Athletic Maintenance | .882-7498 |

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| Mike Kelly, Director of Community Relations                         | .884-1347 |
| Randall Kennedy, Academic Coordinator                               | .884-0264 |
| Dan Kerner, Fiscal Analyst                                          | .882-2594 |
| Susan Kreklow, Head Volleyball Coach                                | .884-9600 |
| Wayne Kreklow, Assistant Volleyball Coach                           | .882-4064 |
| Craig Kuligowski, Assistant Football Coach                          | .882-4623 |
| Kris Kussmann, Administrative Assistant                             | .882-0722 |
| Jerratt Lammers, Athletic Attendant                                 | .882-6502 |
| Bryan Lee, Computer Support                                         | .882-4261 |
| Jennifer Lehmkuhler, Athletic Trainer                               | .884-0701 |
| Mark Leroux, Men's Golf Coach                                       | .882-0740 |
| Connie Levy, Executive Assistant to Mike Alden                      | .882-2055 |
| Tommy Lewis, Media Relations Student Assistant                      | .884-9486 |
| Gary Link, Special Assistant to the Athletic Director               | .884-1440 |
| Kit Liskauskas, Assistant Equipment Coordinator                     | .882-0738 |
| Chris Long, Supervisor of Concessions                               | .882-4785 |
| Meribeth Long, Concessions Assistant                                | .882-8765 |
| Bryan Maggard, Associate Athletic Director for<br>Academic Services | .882-7337 |
| Kim Martin, Academic Coordinator                                    | .882-7720 |
| Sally Mathis, Administrative Assistant                              | .882-2076 |
| Jennifer May, Compliance Coordinator                                | .884-2960 |
| Gene McArtor, Director of Project Management                        | .882-2061 |
| Julie McBride, Development Assistant                                | .884-0580 |
| Eric McDonnell, Assistant Athletic Trainer                          | .884-0688 |

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| Rick McGuire, Head Track Coach                                  | .882-0727 |
| Shayne McKenzie, Assistant Strength and Conditioning            | .884-0083 |
| Pat McNamara, Wrestling Assistant                               | .884-9637 |
| Jeff Melegrito, Concessions Supervisor                          | .882-8766 |
| Jeff Meyer, Assistant Men's Basketball Coach                    | .882-0717 |
| Mario Moccia, Senior Associate Athletic Director                | .882-0704 |
| Chad Moller, Director of Media Relations                        | .882-0712 |
| Connie Monson, Administrative Assistant                         | .882-2375 |
| Kira Montuori, Assistant Gymnastics Coach                       | .882-9071 |
| Michelle Moran, Track and Field Assistant                       | .884-6014 |
| Eric Morrison, Director of External Operations                  | .882-3531 |
| Tommy Munford, Coordinator of Custodial Services                | .882-6830 |
| Josh Murray, Assistant Media Relations Director                 | .882-0711 |
| Greg Nagel, Assistant Athletic Trainer                          | .884-0701 |
| Scott Nielson, Marketing Associate                              | .882-0362 |
| Jerry Noble, Business Office Assistant                          | .882-0700 |
| Kelly Noonan, Soccer Assistant                                  | .882-6805 |
| Barry Odom, Director of Football Recruiting                     | .882-6053 |
| Brian Odom, Football Graduate Assistant Coach                   | .882-8833 |
| Mussa Omar, Athletic Attendant                                  | .882-6502 |
| Nick Otterbacher, Football Graduate Assistant Coach             | .882-0811 |
| Omar Parker, Men's Basketball Director of Development           | .882-3463 |
| Dane Pedersen, Swimming Assistant Coach                         | .882-6806 |
| Marcus Perez, Assistant Men's Basketball Coach                  | .882-3463 |
| Debbie Perkins, Administrative Assistant                        | .882-2670 |
| Chris Peters, Assistant Swimming Coach                          | .884-6733 |
| Alan Petersen, Director of Athletic Dining Services             | .882-3272 |
| Gary Pinkel, Head Football Coach                                | .882-2404 |
| Jeff Pipes, Building Trades Specialist                          | .882-0804 |
| Derek Pittman, Assistant Soccer Coach                           | .884-7951 |
| Evan Pratte, Assistant Baseball Coach                           | .882-1917 |
| Stephanie Priesmeyer, Head Women's Golf Coach                   | .882-0740 |
| Lee Rashman, Director of Basketball Operations                  | .882-0716 |
| John Rassmusen, Director of Tiger Scholarship Fund              | .882-5188 |
| Richard Redd, Athletic Attendant                                | .882-6830 |
| Sarah Reesman, Associate Athletic Director for Student Services | .882-2061 |
| James Reno, Mechanical Trades Specialist                        | .882-6664 |
| Brian Romano, Executive Chef                                    | .882-4486 |
| Tom Royder, Assistant Softball Coach                            | .882-3942 |
| Joseph Sanford, Mechanical Trades Specialist                    | .882-6664 |

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| Chet Savage, Assistant Director of the Tiger Scholarship Fund | .882-5179 |
| Paul Scardina, Assistant Gymnastics Coach                     | .882-3919 |
| Michael Schumacher, Video Coordinator                         | .882-7632 |
| Joseph Scogin, Academic Coordinator                           | .884-7921 |
| Chad Shade, Assistant Track & Field Coach                     | .882-6900 |
| Rex Sharp, Director of Sports Medicine                        | .884-0639 |
| Kenneth Sheets, Athletic Attendant                            | .882-6502 |
| Ronnie Silverman, Custodian                                   | .882-6830 |
| Ty Singleton, Head Softball Coach                             | .882-0730 |
| Brian Smith, Head Wrestling Coach                             | .882-0735 |
| Donna Snyder, Executive Assistant to Quin Snyder              | .882-0715 |
| Jay Snyder, Auditorium Attendant                              | .882-6502 |
| Quin Snyder, Head Men's Basketball Coach                      | .882-0715 |
| Jay Spoonhour, Men's Basketball Graduate Assistant            | .882-1431 |
| Connie Sprague, Business Office Assistant                     | .882-6502 |
| Joanne Sprouse, Ticket Office Assistant                       | .884-6319 |
| Bob Stanley, Assistant Athletic Director, Facilities          | .884-0095 |
| Blake Starkey, Head Women's Tennis Coach                      | .882-4588 |
| Dave Steckel, Assistant Football Coach                        | .882-3041 |
| Cindy Stein, Head Women's Basketball Coach                    | .882-1002 |
| Scott Stevens, Director of Life Skills                        | .882-0708 |
| Ed Stewart, Associate Athletic Director, Administration       | .882-2061 |
| Joshua Stoner, Associate Director, Strength and Conditioning  | .884-2884 |
| Amy Stuck, Administrative Assistant                           | .884-6428 |
| Steven Stuckenschneider, Manager of Green Tennis Center       | .884-4423 |
| James Sweeney, Head Diving Coach                              | .882-3464 |
| Edith Thompson, Director of Women's Basketball Operations     | .884-6659 |
| Suzy Thompson, Cheerleading Coach                             | .228-0907 |
| Bill Thomure, Business Office Assistant                       | .882-0700 |
| Sally Tipton, Assistant Ticket Operations                     | .882-4081 |
| Matt Torres, Football Graduate Assistant Coach                | .882-8833 |
| Anna Trefz, Total Person Program Assistant                    | .884-0614 |
| Shannon Turley, Assistant Strength and Conditioning           | .882-9820 |
| Kathy Ungles, Assistant Ticket Operations                     | .882-4654 |
| Sara Vassmer, Total Person Program Assistant                  | .884-0614 |
| Laird Veatch, Mizzou Sports Properties                        | .445-6060 |
| Tony Vitello, Assistant Baseball Coach                        | .882-0732 |
| Michael Vogan, Athletic Attendant                             | .882-7498 |
| Vince Volpe, Assistant Director, Tiger Scholarship Fund       | .884-1111 |
| Bruce Walker, Assistant Football Coach                        | .882-2897 |
| Don Waltman, Usher Supervisor                                 | .882-6501 |
| Melvin Watkins, Associate Head Men's Basketball Coach         | .882-0718 |

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| Jeff Watkinson, Strength and Conditioning (MBB)      | .884-7047 |
| Carol Weis, Administrative Assistant                 | .882-2215 |
| Judy Wells, Total Person Program                     | .268-5638 |
| Jennifer West, Executive Staff Assistant             | .882-2061 |
| Jana White, Tiger Team Store Supervisor              | .882-0879 |
| Kara Williams, Assistant Athletic Trainer            | .882-0737 |
| Stefanie Williams, Assistant Swimming & Diving Coach | .884-6733 |
| Laura Williamson, Manager of the Tiger Team Store    | .882-0381 |
| Jared Wilmes, Head Cross Country Coach               | .882-0728 |
| Rebecca Wilmes, Assistant Cross Country Coach        | .882-3809 |
| Deng Yang, Assistant Volleyball Coach                | .882-3894 |
| Dale York, Lead Electrician                          | .882-6664 |
| David Yost, Assistant Football Coach                 | .882-4084 |
| Jane Zanol, Total Person Program Assistant           | .884-4507 |