



NEWELL-GRISSOM BUILDING



The Volleyball Bulldogs play their home matches in the Newell-Grissom Building, a spacious facility featuring 12,000 square feet of hardwood flooring and arena seating for more than 2,000. MSU's volleyball home has seen two major improvements in the facility over the past 18 months. An air conditioning system was added following the 2004 season and nearly 600 maroon chairback seats were installed in the east stands prior to the start of the 2006 campaign.

The facility has served as the home court for Mississippi State volleyball since Oct. 3, 1997 when State met Georgia in the first match at the Newell-Grissom Building. Another first for the facility unfolded a year later when the 1998 season-ending MSU-Mississippi volleyball match was televised regionally by FOX Sports Net South.

Located approximately two blocks southwest of Scott Field, the Newell-Grissom Building served as an auxiliary practice site for volleyball and both the men's and women's basketball teams at Mississippi State in 1996 while Humphrey Coliseum served as their primary on-campus competition site.

Newell-Grissom is MSU's third on-campus volleyball home in 31 seasons. MSU's first volleyball teams competed in McCarthy Gymnasium prior to moving to Humphrey Coliseum.

The Newell-Grissom Building has a varied and colorful history that spans five decades and covers a broad spectrum of campus events.

Construction of the building began in January, 1951. The \$500,000 Animal Husbandry Service Building was completed in the spring of 1953, with dedicatory ceremonies held on April 28, 1953. The original structure included two classrooms, two offices, an area to house two graduate students, two exhibit areas, a multi-bunk dormitory area for visiting teams, and a dirt floor to accommodate its primary mission as host for livestock-related events.

But the "cow barn", as it became affectionately known on campus, was used for much more than livestock shows, rodeos and equestrian competition. It developed into the campus and regional center for concerts and other entertainment events. The building's size and central location on campus also made it a natural for graduation ceremonies and class registration operations.

In 1978, the arena was formally named in honor of two long-time leaders in Mississippi State University's animal science department, Paul F. Newell (1910) and E.E. Grissom (1932). The structure went largely unused in the 1980s and early 1990s and gradually fell into disrepair. But in early 1995, the university, faced with an expensive "tear it down or fix it up" proposition, partnered with the MSU Athletic Department to share the costs of a million dollar renovation project.

In addition to the installation of a hardwood floor, the project included reroofing, the installation of a new lighting system, the construction and refurbishing of locker rooms and team meeting areas, and the addition of public rest room facilities.

NEWELL-GRISSOM QUICK FACTS

MSU RECORD

36-54 (.400)

FIRST MATCH

Georgia 3, MSU 0 (10/3/97)

FIRST MSU WIN

MSU 3, UL-Monroe 0 (10/7/97)

FIRST MSU SEC WIN

MSU 3, Louisiana State 2 (10/17/97)

TOP FIVE VOLLEYBALL CROWDS

vs. LSU (10/22/99) 675

vs. Florida (9/29/00) 565

vs. Arkansas (10/27/00) 525

vs. Mississippi (11/15/98) 325

vs. Auburn (10/16/00) 325

LONGEST MATCH

vs. Auburn (10/31/99) 2:34

MOST WINS IN A SEASON

7 (2005)

MSU AT THE NEWELL-GRISSOM BUILDING

Year	W-L	Pct.
1997	5-4	.555
1998	5-5	.500
1999	3-6	.333
2000	5-5	.500
2001	4-7	.364
2002	1-7	.125
2003	2-9	.182
2004	4-6	.400
2005	7-5	.583
8 yrs.	36-54	.400

VERSUS ALL OPPONENTS...

Alabama	..... 2-7
Arkansas	..... 0-9
UA-Little Rock	..... 0-1
Auburn	..... 5-4
Austin Peay	..... 0-1
Belmont	..... 1-0
Chattanooga	..... 1-0
Florida	..... 0-6
Georgia	..... 3-4
Grambling State	..... 0-0
Jackson State	..... 1-0
Jacksonville State	..... 2-0
Kentucky	..... 0-3
UL-Lafayette	..... 1-0
UL-Monroe	..... 1-0
Louisiana State	..... 2-6
Louisiana Tech	..... 1-0
Middle Tennessee	..... 1-0
Mississippi	..... 6-3
Samford	..... 2-0
South Carolina	..... 0-3
Southern Miss	..... 3-1
Tennessee	..... 0-5
Tennessee-Martin	..... 2-0
Troy University	..... 1-0
UAB	..... 1-1
TOTAL	..... 36-54

2006 home opponents shown in bold

