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Frank Beamer, the consensus national coach of the year in 1999, heads a coaching staff that has brought stability, success and 179 combined years of full-time collegiate coaching experience to Virginia Tech football.



Stability = Success



The Virginia Tech 2002 Football Staff: (front, l to r) Recruiting Coordinator and Strong Safety & Outside Linebackers Coach Jim Cavanaugh, Associate Head Coach and Runningbacks Coach Billy Hite, Head Coach Frank Beamer, Offensive Coordinator and Offensive Line Coach Bryan Stinespring, Defensive Coordinator and Inside Linebackers Coach Bud Foster; (second row, l to r) Assistant Video Coordinator Tom Booth, Wide Receivers Coach Tony Ball, Associate Athletics Director for Football Operations John Ballein, Administrative Assistant Bruce Garnes, Assistant Athletics Director for Athletic Performance Mike Gentry, Director of Athletic Training Mike Goforth; (third row, l to r) Quarterbacks Coach Kevin Rogers, Graduate Assistant Greg Shockley, Defensive Line Coach Charley Wiles, Graduate Assistant J.C. Price, Tight Ends & Offensive Tackles Coach Danny Pearman, Defensive Backfield Coach Lorenzo Ward, Video Coordinator Kevin Hicks and Equipment Manager Lester Karlin.

A Winning Combination at Virginia Tech

One of the keys to the skyrocketing success of Virginia Tech football has been the stability of the program. That stability begins at the top with head coach Frank Beamer, whose 15 years at the Hokie helm have helped the program develop a sense of stability and consistency currently enjoyed by just a handful of other Division I-A schools. Only three of the 117 Division I-A head football coaches have been at their current school longer than Beamer. The Hokies' head man and his current staff have a combined total of 86 years of full-time coaching experience at VIRGINIA TECH ALONE.

"Stability means consistency and when you can be consistent in how you perform on Saturday, that's what gives you a chance to win. I feel that doesn't happen unless you keep basically the same coaching staff intact. I really feel good about our coaching staff. I feel good about their knowledge and I feel great about the way they treat the players. I think Virginia Tech is really fortunate to have what I think is the top staff in the country."

— Coach Frank Beamer

What do others think about Coach Frank Beamer and his staff?

- This year's preseason magazines from *The Sporting News* and *Street & Smith's* both paid tribute to Beamer. *The Sporting News* named him the best coach in the BIG EAST Conference, while *Street & Smith's* rated him the best recruiter in the league. *The Sporting News* has named Beamer the best head coach in the BIG EAST four of the last five seasons. TSN has also recognized the Tech coaching staff as the best in the conference four times during the same span.

- Beamer was paid a high compliment by his peers in 2000 when he was named the best coach a school could hire to run its football program in a survey of Division I-A football coaches conducted by *Bloomberg News*.

- In 1998, *The Sporting News* listed the top college coaches in terms of getting the most out of their talent year in and year out. Beamer and his staff were ranked No. 9 in Division I-A.

Frank Beamer

ONE OF THE NATION'S TOP COACHES KEEPS VIRGINIA TECH SOARING

During his 15 seasons at the helm, Frank Beamer has guided the Virginia Tech football program to unprecedented success with nine straight bowl appearances, three BIG EAST Conference titles, a trip to the national championship game and an average of nine wins per year since the beginning of the 1993 season. The Hokies' 46-14 record over the past five seasons makes them the nation's eighth winningest Division I-A football program during that span.

Winning has been just part of the success story for Beamer, one of the nation's most respected and popular collegiate football coaches. He and his staff have developed a wide-spread reputation for getting the most out of their players. That reputation was never more warranted than in 2000 and 2001.

In 2000, Beamer and his staff directed Tech to an 11-1 record after opening the season with eight new starters on defense and an all new lineup in the kicking game. This past season, the Hokies posted an 8-4 record and appeared in the Top 20 every week despite having to fill four

offensive line spots, the quarterback job vacated by sensational underclassman Michael Vick and the tailback spot left open when All-America running back Lee Suggs was lost for the season with an injury.

Under Beamer, Virginia Tech is one of just seven Division I-A teams to receive a bowl bid each of the last nine years. In 2000, the Hokies earned their first Toyota Gator Bowl championship with an impressive 41-20 victory over Clemson. A spot in the Nokia Sugar Bowl to play No. 1 Florida State for the national championship focused widespread attention on Virginia Tech and its football program following the 1999 season. And although the Hokies fell short in their bid for the

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"Coach Beamer is a guy who any player would love to play for. He is a true player's coach. He gives everyone an equal opportunity to showcase their talents. Coach Beamer gave me an opportunity to play and I wouldn't be where I am today if he was not a fair coach."

— John Burke, a former walk-on at Tech who went on to play in a Super Bowl



Coach Frank Beamer has led the Hokies to bowls in each of the last nine seasons.

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national title, they proved that they belong among the top teams in the college ranks.

For his part in the Hokies' magical 1999 season, Beamer earned eight national coach of the year awards. He was named the Bobby Dodd Coach of the Year, the GTE Coach of the Year, the Eddie Robinson Coach of the Year, the Paul 'Bear' Bryant Coach of the Year, the Associated Press Coach of the Year, the Walter Camp Football Foundation/*Street & Smith's* Coach of the Year, the Maxwell Football Club Coach of the Year and the Woody Hayes Coach of the Year. He also was named the BIG EAST Conference Coach of the Year for the third time.

There have been plenty of other accolades for the Hokies' coach. In a survey of Division I-A football coaches conducted by *Bloomberg News* in the fall of 2000, Beamer was named the best coach a school could hire to run its football program. In January 2001, he was

honored as the NCAA Coach of the Year by The Pigskin Club of Washington, D.C. In May of that year, an on-line newspaper named him the best coach currently in the college football ranks because of his ability to place Tech among the nation's elite year in and year out. He has been voted the Virginia Division I Coach of the Year by the state sports information directors four times in the past seven years, including last season.

Following consecutive 10-2 seasons in 1995 and 1996, Beamer was voted BIG EAST Conference Coach of the Year by the league coaches. He was one of five finalists in the voting for the 1995 National Coach of the Year. In 1996, *The Sporting News* queried writers from around the country and asked them to rate the coaches in various conferences. In the BIG EAST, those writers rated Frank Beamer the best coach on game day, the best in game preparation, the best as a motivator, the best as a teacher, the best in big

games and the best overall. In 1999, *The Sporting News* ranked the nation's top coaches in terms of their ability to get the most out of their players. Beamer was picked No. 9 in Division I-A. This year marks the fourth time in five years, *TSN* has rated the Tech coach tops among BIG EAST head coaches. The publication has also ranked the Hokies' football coaching staff as the best in the conference four times during that span. *Street & Smith's College Football 2002* rates Beamer as the top recruiter in the BIG EAST.

The rise of the Tech football program has made Beamer a man in demand. It has opened doors to places he may never have dreamed of as a youngster growing up in Southwest Virginia.

In September 2000, Beamer was invited to the White House where he joined a select group that stood in the Rose Garden behind then-President Bill Clinton as he made remarks on the Conservation and Reinvestment Act. Beamer was one of the keynote

speakers at the American Football Coaches Association Convention in 2000, and in April 2001 he joined former Prime Minister of Great Britain, Lady Margaret Thatcher, as one of the featured speakers at SUCCESS 2001, one of the nation's most popular business seminars.

The Beamer success also has made him a much sought-after coach. In recent years, he has been pursued by numerous other schools and has drawn interest from professional football teams. But in the end, his loyalty has remained with the Hokies.

Beamer always has put Virginia Tech first — ever since he starred as a defensive back for the Hokies in his undergraduate days in the late 1960s, and surely throughout his 15 years as head coach of the Hokies. He has given the Tech program a sense of stability enjoyed by just a hand full of other Division I-A schools. Only three other active Division I-A head coaches have been at their current school as long as Beamer.



Frank Beamer and the Hokies have had a lot to celebrate over the years, including an 11-0 regular season record in 1999.

Beamer's Profile

In 1990, Beamer received a new contract and a substantial pay raise. He refused the raise, however, until such time that all classified and faculty employees of the university could have the same opportunity for pay raises. Most state salaries had been frozen at the time.

Another indication of Beamer's love for the university came on the night he was inducted into The Virginia Tech Sports Hall of Fame in 1997. He called it the biggest honor of his entire career. With the induction, he became the first active coach at the university to be honored in that fashion.

Beamer's overall record at Tech now stands at 107-65-2. He became Tech's winningest football coach ever during the 1997 campaign. Counting six years as head coach at Murray State prior to joining the Hokies, Beamer's overall 21-year record is 149-88-4. That record ranks him sixth among active Division I-A coaches in wins.

The 55-year-old Beamer, first alumnus to guide the Hokies since the 1940s, took over the Tech reins from Bill Dooley in January 1987. He began work a few days after

the Hokies had beaten North Carolina State in the Peach Bowl. It took a while for him to get the Hokies moving in the right direction because the football program was hit with NCAA sanctions at the time.

But everything came together in the 1990s. The Techmen finished 9-3 in 1993 after beating Indiana, 45-20, in a wild Independence Bowl game. Tech followed up with an 8-4 season in 1994, losing to Tennessee, 45-23, in the Gator Bowl.

The Tech teams in 1995 and 1996 were among the best in school history. The 1995 team swept the BIG EAST Conference championship outright and the 1996 club tied for the title with Syracuse and Miami.

The 1995 team was 9-2 during the regular season and then came up with a stirring 28-10 victory over Texas in the Sugar Bowl. The 1996 team went 10-1 during the regular season and lost to powerful Nebraska, 41-21, in the Orange Bowl after giving the Cornhuskers a fierce battle for three quarters.

The Hokies fell to 7-5 in 1997 and were beaten badly by North Carolina in the

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Coach Frank Beamer in his office with his wife, Cheryl, and their daughter Casey.

PERSONAL:

Born: 10/18/46, Mt. Airy, N.C.
Hometown: Hillsville, Va.
Wife: former Cheryl Oakley
Children: Shane, Casey

EDUCATION:

High School: Hillsville (1965)
College: Virginia Tech (1969)
Postgraduate: Radford University (1972)

PLAYING EXPERIENCE:

Virginia Tech (1966-68)

COACHING EXPERIENCE:

1972 Graduate Assistant, Maryland
1973-76 Assistant Coach, The Citadel
1977-78 Defensive Coordinator, The Citadel
1979-80 Defensive Coordinator, Murray State
1981-86 Head Coach, Murray State
1981 (8-3)
1982 (4-7)
1983 (7-4)
1984 (9-2)
1985 (7-3-1)
1986 (7-4-1) Ohio Valley co-champion
Record at Murray State: 42-23-2

1987- Head Coach, Virginia Tech
1987 (2-9)
1988 (3-8)
1989 (6-4-1)
1990 (6-5)
1991 (5-6)
1992 (2-8-1)
1993 (9-3) Independence Bowl champion
1994 (8-4) Gator Bowl
1995 (10-2) BIG EAST, Sugar Bowl champion
1996 (10-2) BIG EAST co-champion, Orange Bowl
1997 (7-5) Gator Bowl
1998 (9-3) Music City Bowl champion
1999 (11-1) BIG EAST champion, Sugar Bowl
2000 (11-1) Gator Bowl champion
2001 (8-4) Gator Bowl
Record at Virginia Tech: 107-65-2
Overall head coaching record: 149-88-4

BOWL EXPERIENCE:

Player

1966 Liberty (Virginia Tech vs. Miami)
1968 Liberty (Virginia Tech vs. Mississippi)

Coach

1993 Independence (Virginia Tech vs. Indiana)
1994 Gator (Virginia Tech vs. Tennessee)
1995 Sugar (Virginia Tech vs. Texas)
1996 Orange (Virginia Tech vs. Nebraska)
1997 Gator (Virginia Tech vs. North Carolina)
1998 Music City (Virginia Tech vs. Alabama)
1999 Sugar (Virginia Tech vs. Florida State)
2000 Gator (Virginia Tech vs. Clemson)
2001 Gator (Virginia Tech vs. Florida State)

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Gator Bowl, 42-3. But they came right back with a 9-3 mark in 1998 that included an impressive 38-7 victory over Alabama in the inaugural Music City Bowl in Nashville, Tenn.

The two winningest seasons in school history followed in 1999 and 2000 with the Hokies posting back-to-back 11-1 records. Tech registered its first-ever 11-0 regular-season record in '99 before losing its national championship battle with FSU.

In 2000, the Hokies' only blemish was a loss at Miami in the ninth game of the season. Both seasons, Tech climbed as high as No. 2 in The Associated Press poll, finishing No. 2 in '99 and No. 6 in 2000. The Hokies climbed as high as No. 5 in the 2001 AP poll and finished 18th.

Beamer's early Tech teams also registered many exciting victories. One of the most impressive came in 1990 when the Hokies capped the year with a 38-13 victory over arch-rival Virginia before a crowd of 54,157, which at the time was the largest ever to see

a college football game in the Commonwealth of Virginia. During the 1989 season, Tech knocked off ninth-ranked West Virginia and star quarterback Major Harris, 12-10, in Morgantown.

During his undergraduate days at Tech, Beamer started three years as a cornerback and played on the Hokies' 1966 and 1968 Liberty Bowl teams. He received a B.S. in distributive education from Tech in 1969 and a master's in guidance from Radford in 1972. Then came the start of the Beamer coaching career.

He began as an assistant at Radford High School from 1969 through 1971. Then after one season as a graduate assistant at the University of Maryland, he went to The Citadel where he worked five seasons under Bobby Ross and one year under Art Baker. His last two years at The Citadel, Beamer was the defensive coordinator.

In 1979, Beamer went to Murray State as the defensive coordinator under Mike Gottfried. He was named head coach at Murray State in 1981 and went on to compile a six-year record of 42 wins, 23 losses and two ties.

The Tech coach was born in Mt. Airy, N.C., and grew up

Winningest Active Coaches

Following are the winningest active NCAA Division I-A coaches, by victories

Coach	School	Years	Won	Lost	Tied
Joe Paterno	Penn State	36	327	96	3
Bobby Bowden	Florida State	36	323	91	4
Lou Holtz	South Carolina	30	233	113	7
Jackie Sherrill	Mississippi State	24	175	101	4
Ken Hatfield	Rice	23	155	108	4
Frank Beamer	Virginia Tech	21	149	88	4
Dennis Franchione	Alabama	19	145	70	2
Fisher DeBerry	Air Force	18	141	78	1
Dennis Erickson	Oregon State	16	136	52	1
Paul Pasqualoni	Syracuse	16	125	56	1
Mack Brown	Texas	18	124	87	1
John Robinson	UNLV	15	119	55	4
Mike Price	Washington State	21	119	119	0
R. C. Slocum	Texas A&M	13	117	41	2
Bill Snyder	Kansas State	13	105	49	1
John L. Smith	Louisville	13	103	54	0
Phillip Fulmer	Tennessee	10	95	20	0
Sonny Lubick	Colorado State	13	95	53	0
John Mackovic	Arizona	14	90	70	3
Glen Mason	Minnesota	16	85	96	1
Barry Alvarez	Wisconsin	12	84	55	4
Ron McBride	Utah	12	83	57	0
Mike Bellotti	Oregon	12	81	48	2
Joe Tiller	Purdue	11	78	52	1
Gary Pinkel	Missouri	11	77	44	3

in Hillsville, Va. At Hillsville High, he earned 11 varsity letters as a three-sport athlete in football, basketball and baseball.

Beamer is married to the former Cheryl Oakley of Richmond, Va. They have

two children, Shane, a former member of his dad's football team at Tech and now a graduate assistant at Tennessee; and daughter Casey, a senior at Virginia Tech.

The Beamer Philosophy

Style of Play

"I like taking chances. I always have. I'm a guy who offensively wants to make sure we are using the whole field. I want to take some pops deep. I want to run our reverses. Defensively, I believe in bringing more people at times than you can block and hope you don't throw it to the right part of the field. I like to do some things that are a little unusual in the kicking game, too.

"The thing I believe more than anything is you have to be the aggressor. On defense you've got to have toughness. Offensively, you've got to be ready to knock them off the ball in short yardage situations and get that ball carrier running tough up in there. And kicking-wise, the same thing. Being aggressive, being tough ... that is the way I hope people would think about our football team."

Building a Program

"I believe you treat people right, with respect. In this business you are always aware of when things are not going well. If you have solid relationships with your players and with your coaches, you have a chance of getting through those tough times.

"Then, I think it really gets into people. You need to get good people, solid people as coaches and players. This is such an up and down business that you have to be in there with people that you like and trust. There is always a certain talent level that you have to have as far as ability on your team, but to me, getting good people and treating them with respect is the way you build a program."



Noteworthy Accomplishments

Under the direction of Frank Beamer and his staff, the Hokies have ...

- earned a chance to play for the national championship for the first time in school football history.
- become one of only seven Division I schools to go to bowl games each of the last nine seasons.
- won more games over the past nine seasons (83) than any other team in the BIG EAST.
- posted 11 wins in a season for the first time.
- registered the program's first back-to-back 11-win seasons.
- produced the school's first 11-0 regular-season record in football.
- won 10 games or more four of the last seven seasons.
- become the first team in BIG EAST history to win all the league's major awards in the same season.
- won three BIG EAST Championships and earned three invitations to the Bowl Championship Series in the past seven seasons.
- earned the highest national rankings in school football history, including three Top 10 finishes and consecutive Top 6 finishes.
- finished in a final Top 25 poll eight times in the last nine seasons.
- won more games (107) than under any other coaching staff.
- been to three times as many bowl games (9) than under any other coaching staff.
- won more bowl games (4) than under any other coaching staff.
- posted nine straight seasons of seven or more wins for the first time in school history.
- had 57 of their last 72 games televised.
- compiled a 50-14 record in televised games the past seven seasons.
- blocked more kicks in the 1990s than any other Division I-A team.
- become one of only eight Division I-A schools ever to lead the nation in both scoring offense and defense in the same season.
- had at least one player from every defensive position score a touchdown.
- produced the No. 1 pick in the National Football League draft.
- had 100 players sign with NFL teams.
- had two players who entered the program as walk-ons drafted in the top four rounds of the NFL draft.
- produced seven Associated Press All-Americans over the last three seasons.
- had players win seven major BIG EAST individual awards in the last four years.



Coach Frank Beamer gets doused following the Hokies' victory over Clemson in the 2001 Toyota Gator Bowl.

A Talk With Coach Beamer

Going into spring practice, you said a number of things were unsettled with this team. How do you feel now that spring practice is over?

I think we found out some things about the team and made strides during the spring. We've still got some areas to work on, but we know our strengths and liabilities better. At this point and time, a lot depends on what kind of summer preparation we make.

One of the biggest questions following spring practice is where does the quarterback situation stand with Grant Noel's injury?

Right now, Grant and the doctors feel very good about his rehabilitation. How well and how effective that rehabilitation is will be the key factor. There are a lot of things to like about Grant Noel – his toughness, his dedication, his experience. He should be our quarterback. I do think Bryan Randall has made great strides since last fall and I think he has demonstrated that he is in a position to be a factor in the quarterback battle. Will Hunt should be a valuable backup, and when Marcus Vick gets here, we'll give him an opportunity to get in the mix and see where it all shakes out.

How do you feel the offense responded under new coordinator Bryan Stinespring during the spring and what can we expect this fall?

The offense upheld its end of the deal during the spring and improved as we went along. The coaches also worked well together as an offensive staff. I know Bryan

has some ideas about how to do things a little bit differently. We may add some things here and there that will help make us better, but you know we're not going to get too far away from what we've always done well, and that is be a very tough offense.

What does the addition of Kevin Rogers do for Virginia Tech football?

I think it makes a statement about Virginia Tech to get a guy with his

background – offensive coordinator at Notre Dame and offensive coordinator/assistant head coach at Syracuse. Kevin has been involved with a lot of different offenses and offensive schemes at a lot of different programs. He brings us valuable knowledge and suggestions for ways of doing things in our program. He is a

very well thought of, very knowledgeable and very good football coach. We are fortunate to have him.

What kind of impact do you feel the return of Lee Suggs will have on the team?

Number one, I think Lee helps the football team because he's such a great back. He is always falling forward, getting you that extra yard or two. He's a really good short-yardage, goal-line back who has the ability to get outside and take it all the way. Secondly, I think there are some young guys who certainly can learn from Lee, seeing him in practice every day and seeing him in games. This is a quality player who is going to be back in our program.

What are your feelings about the Hokies' young defense following spring practice?

The strength of our defense right now is our defensive ends. Our secondary should also be solid. Right up the middle of our defense is where all the new guys are. That's where you would like to be a strong, veteran team and it's just the opposite. It's just a fact that there are going to be new guys at those defensive tackle and inside linebacker positions. There are plenty of talented guys. How quickly they can play well is the issue. Like most of our defenses, they played hard and flew to the

Virginia Tech is one of only seven teams to go to nine bowls in the last nine years. The other six teams are Florida, Florida State, Kansas State, Michigan, Nebraska and Tennessee.

Under the direction of Coach Frank Beamer, Virginia Tech has won the BIG EAST Championship three times in the past seven years. In nine years of round-robin play in the BIG EAST, Virginia Tech tops the win list.

- 1. Virginia Tech 83
- 2. Miami 82
- 3. Syracuse 69
- 4. West Virginia 60
- 5. Boston College 56
- 6. Pittsburgh 39
- 7. Rutgers 26
- 8. Temple 20

football during the spring. With the coaching staff that we have, they will get better as the season goes along.

Last year, tailback Kevin Jones entered Tech as the No. 1 freshman prospect in the nation. Evaluate him as a player.

Kevin has great talent and ability. I think he would tell you he needs to continue to develop that talent. He will only get better. He was a better back in the spring than he was in the fall. As he continues in the weight program and continues to play, I think there's great potential there.

What do you see as the strong points of this year's team?

I think we have some big-time players at defensive end in Nathaniel Adibi, Jim Davis, Cols Colas and Lamar Cobb. The secondary should be a strength, too. Our corners are talented and Willie Pile is a steady, solid guy in there at free safety. Of course our running back situation with Suggs, Jones, Cedric Humes and Justin Hamilton, who we have moved to receiver for the time being, features some extremely talented guys.

What are your biggest concerns heading into preseason practice?

Grant Noel's knee injury means there is a question mark at quarterback. You certainly don't want that position to be a question mark, but that's just the way it is right now. The inexperience up the middle of our defense is a concern. I think those young players will play well, it's just how quickly? Our wide receivers must play with more consistency in the fall than they did in the spring. We need to become consistent threats out there. Kicking-wise, I would like to think we'll kick the ball better than we did last year.

How do you approach such a tough 13-game schedule that features games on Sundays, Thursdays and even Wednesday?

It will probably never be more important that we stay disciplined in our practice schedule. Regardless of what day it is, we have to stay disciplined in where we are in our week's preparation for the games. It would probably be a little easier if we had a few more veterans out there. I think our guys will look forward to it, but there's no question about it, this is a very challenging schedule.

Virginia Tech has posted 83 wins in the last nine seasons, making it the eighth-winningest team in that span.

Team	W-L-T
1. Marshall *	104-20-0
2. Nebraska	101-12-0
3. Florida St.	95-14-1
Florida	95-16-1
5. Tennessee	91-19-0
6. Ohio State	87-28-0
7. Kansas State	86-23-0
8. Virginia Tech	83-25-0
9. Miami	82-25-0
10. Michigan	81-27-0

** Marshall has only been a Division I-A team for five years.*

Give us your thoughts on the new south endzone addition and what kind of impact 11,000 more fans can have at home games.

It has always been impressive to me to look over at the student side when you come out of the tunnel. Now, to think that you're going to be looking at the same thing down in the endzone — it's going to be a great sight. The noise level is going to get higher and it's going to be a great home stadium advantage. This is absolutely one of the best stadiums in the country. It shows where our program is going.

Last spring, eight Tech players were selected in the NFL draft, equaling the third-highest number from any team in the country. What kind of statement does that make about the Tech program?

I think it makes two statements. First, it says that we are recruiting at a high level. Then, it makes a statement about the development of players. I do think we are recruiting better players and I believe we have a great ability — probably the best in the country — to develop those players. That gets back to Coach (Mike)

Gentry and it gets back to the assistant coaches coaching those guys. You are going to be as good as you can be if you're going to be in this program.

Coach Frank Beamer huddles with the incoming freshmen at their first practice with the Hokies last fall.



BEAMERBALL

Each of Tech's last eight teams are ranked among the top 10 highest scoring grid squads in school history. What sets BeamerBall apart are the contributions made by the defense and special teams. During the last nine seasons, a player at every position on the defensive unit has produced at least one touchdown. And 20 different players have scored touchdowns while playing on Tech's special teams.

Altogether, the Hokies' defense and special teams have combined to contribute 70 touchdowns since Beamer arrived in 1987, including 53 in

Tech's last 98 games. Under Beamer, Tech's defense has scored 44 TDs, with 26 coming on pass interceptions, 16 on fumble returns and two on fumble recoveries. The special teams have added 26 TDs, including 13 on blocked punts, seven on punt returns, three on kickoff returns, two on blocked field goals and one on a fumble recovery.

Fittingly, the trend started in Beamer's first game as Tech's head coach when true freshman Jon Jeffries returned a kickoff 92 yards for a touchdown against Clemson. It was the Hokies' first touchdown

under Beamer, and it was scored on special teams.

Since the start of the '87 season, a total of 52 different players on Tech's defense and special teams units have scored touchdowns. Eleven of those players — Don Stokes, Jock Jones, Roger Brown, Lawrence Lewis, Antonio Banks, Jim Baron, Keion Carpenter, Pierson Prioleau, Anthony Midget, Cory Bird and Kevin McCadam — scored twice. Ike Charlton and Ricky Hall scored three times and André Davis had four scores.

BeamerBall's emphasis on special teams produces more

During the Frank Beamer era at Virginia Tech, putting points on the scoreboard has always been a team effort — the offensive team, the defensive team and the special teams. It's called BeamerBall, and it has helped propel the Hokies to new heights.

Touchdowns by Defense and Special Teams Under Beamer

1987: Jon Jeffries, 92-yd. kickoff return vs. Clemson; Don Stokes, recovered blocked punt in end zone vs. Syracuse; Randy Cockrell (ilb), 90-yd. interception return vs. Navy.

1988: Don Stokes, recovered blocked punt in end zone vs. Southern Miss; Jock Jones, recovered blocked punt in end zone vs. West Virginia; Roger Brown (cb), 55-yd. interception return vs. South Carolina; Leslie Bailey (ilb), 19-yd. interception return vs. South Carolina.

1989: Marcus Mickel, 90-yd. kickoff return vs. Clemson; Jock Jones (olb), 55-yd. interception return vs. Tulane; Roger Brown (cb), 55-yd. interception return vs. North Carolina State.

1990: The '90 season marked the first and only season to date during Beamer's tenure that Tech failed to score at least one TD on either defense or special teams.

1991: P.J. Preston (olb), recovered fumble in end zone vs. Oklahoma; Ken Landrum, 18-yd. blocked punt return vs. Cincinnati; Kirk Alexander (fs), 95-yd. interception return vs. Cincinnati.

1992: Tyronne Drakeford (cb), 40-yd. interception return vs. East Carolina; Tony Kennedy, 91-yd. kickoff return vs. Louisville; Ken Brown (olb), 18-yd. interception return vs. Rutgers.

1993: William Ferrell, 7-yd. blocked punt return vs. Rutgers; DeWayne Knight (olb), 23-yd. fumble return vs. Syracuse; Jeff Holland (dt), 8-yd. fumble return vs. Virginia; Lawrence Lewis (de), 20-yd. fumble return vs. Indiana; Antonio Banks, 80-yd. blocked field goal return vs. Indiana.

1994: Torrian Gray (rov), 66-yd. interception return vs. Boston College; Stacy Henley, 25-yd. blocked punt return vs. Temple; Lawrence Lewis (de), 60-yd. fumble return vs. East Carolina; Antonio Freeman, 80-yd. punt return vs. Pittsburgh.

1995: Jermaine Holmes, recovered blocked punt in end zone vs. Akron; Hank Coleman (de), 51-yd. fumble return vs. Rutgers; Myron Newsome (ilb), 71-yd. interception return vs. Rutgers; Larry Green (cb), 37-yd. interception return vs. West Virginia; Jim Baron (dt), 46-yd. fumble return vs. Temple; J.C. Price (dt), 19-yd. interception return vs. Temple; Antonio Banks (cb), 65-yd. interception return vs. Virginia; Bryan Still, 60-yd. punt return vs. Texas; Jim Baron (dt), 20-yd. fumble return vs. Texas.

1996: Cornelius White, 60-yd. blocked punt return vs. Syracuse; Keion Carpenter (fs), 100-yd. interception return vs. Miami.

1997: Carl Bradley (dt), recovered fumble in end zone vs. Rutgers; Pierson Prioleau (rov), 43-yd. fumble return vs. Rutgers; Lorenzo Ferguson (fs), 84-yd. interception return vs. Arkansas St.; Anthony Midget (cb), 22-yd. fumble return vs. Pittsburgh.

1998: Keion Carpenter (fs), 16-yd. interception return vs. Pittsburgh; Pierson Prioleau (rov), 85-yd. interception return vs. Boston College; Marcus Gildersleeve, recovered blocked punt in end zone vs. UAB; Ricky Hall 17-yd. blocked punt return vs. West Virginia; Ricky Hall recovered blocked punt in end zone vs. Syracuse; Loren Johnson (cb), 78-yd. fumble return vs. Syracuse; Ike Charlton (cb) 26-yd. interception return vs. Rutgers; Jamel Smith (lb), 98-yd. interception return vs. Rutgers; Anthony Midget (cb), 27-yd. interception return vs. Alabama.

1999: Ike Charlton (cb), 34-yd. interception return vs. Clemson; Corey Moore (de), 32-yard fumble return vs. Clemson; Cory Bird (rov), 26-yd. fumble return vs. Syracuse; Phillip Summers (rov) 43-yd. interception return vs. Syracuse; Tee Butler recovered fumble by punter in end zone vs. Syracuse; Ricky Hall, 64-yd. punt return vs. Miami; Ike Charlton (cb), 51-yd. fumble return vs. Miami; Larry Austin (cb), 31-yd. interception return vs. Temple.

2000: Willie Pile (fs), 11-yd. interception return vs. Akron; Cory Bird 9-yd. blocked punt return vs. East Carolina; André Davis 87-yd. punt return vs. East Carolina; André Davis 71-yd. punt return vs. Boston College; André Davis 76-yd. punt return vs. WVU; Nathaniel Adibi (de), 36-yd. fumble return vs. UCF.

2001: Channing Reed (dt), 8-yard fumble return vs. Rutgers; Kevin McCadam (rov), 69-yd. interception return vs. UCF; André Davis, 55-yd. punt return vs. UCF; Jim Davis (de), 27-yd. interception return vs. WVU; Kevin McCadam (rov), 9-yd. fumble return vs. BC; Ronyell Whitaker, 71-yd. blocked field goal return vs. Pittsburgh; Brandon Manning, 22-yd. blocked punt return vs. Miami.



Channing Reed returns a fumble for a touchdown at Rutgers last season.

than touchdowns. During the 1990s, Tech blocked more kicks than any other Division I-A team. In 1998, the Hokies ranked eighth nationally in punting and in 1999, they were ninth nationally in kickoff returns. During the 2000 season, Tech led the nation in punt returns and last year the Hokies tied for 10th in that category.

Tech's tradition for blocking kicks during the Beamer era has produced 90 blocks in his 174 games as the head coach. The

Hokies have blocked 46 punts (13 for TDs), 23 field goals and 21 extra points. Sixty-three of those blocks came during the 1990s when Tech blocked 31 punts, 18 PATs and 14 field goals.

In 1998, the Hokies set a school record when they blocked 10 kicks during the regular season and two more in their Music City Bowl game against Alabama.

Since joining the BIG EAST Conference in 1991, the Hokies have posted at least three

blocked kicks against every team in the league. During that span, Tech has blocked nine kicks against Pittsburgh, eight versus Miami, six against West Virginia, five versus Rutgers, four against Boston College and three against Syracuse and Temple.

In the Beamer era, Tech has blocked two kicks in a game 16 times, including two in last season's game with Miami.

The most prolific kick blockers under Beamer have been defensive lineman Bernard

Basham and safety Keion Carpenter who each posted six blocks during their Tech careers. Basham blocked three field goals and three PATs, while Carpenter blocked six punts.

BeamerBall has been a major factor in Tech's 83-25 record over the past nine seasons. During that span, the Hokies are 36-5 in games when they score at least one defensive or special teams touchdown and 36-11 when they block at least one kick.

Tech's Blocked Kicks Under Beamer

Totals: 90 in 174 games (46 punts, 23 FGs, 21 PATs)

**recovered or returned for touchdown
+led to TD @led to safety #led to FG
^led to a two-point defensive extra point*

1987 (1 punt, 1 PAT, 1 FG)

Syracuse – punt* (Jimmy Whitten) hL
East Carolina – PAT (na) hL
Cincinnati – FG (Roger Brown) hW

1988 (4 punts, 3 FGs)

Clemson – punt (Jock Jones) aL
Southern Miss – punt* (Archie Hopkins) aL
West Virginia – punt* (Archie Hopkins) hL
Cincinnati – punt+ (Jock Jones) aW
Louisville – FG (Jimmy Whitten) aL
Florida State – FG (Roger Brown);
FG+ (Roger Brown) aL

1989 (1 punt, 1 FG)

Tulane – punt+ (Archie Hopkins) hW
N.C. State – FG (Jock Jones) aW

1990 (2 punts, 3 PATs, 1 FG)

East Carolina – PAT (John Rivers) aW
South Carolina – PAT (John Rivers) hL
Florida State – punt+ (Scott Jones) aL
West Virginia – FG+ (Bernard Basham) hW
Temple – punt (Archie Hopkins) aL
N.C. State – PAT (Bernard Basham) hW

1991 (3 punts, 3 FGs)

James Madison – FG (Bernard Basham) hW
Oklahoma – FG (Bernard Basham) aL
Cincinnati – punt+ (P.J. Preston);
punt* (Kirk Alexander) hW
Louisville – FG (John Rivers) hW
East Carolina – punt (Marcus McClung) hL

1992 (5 PATs, 1 FG)

James Madison – PAT (John Rivers);
FG+ (Kirk Alexander) hW
East Carolina – PAT (Bernard Basham) aL
West Virginia – PAT (David Wimmer) hL
Miami – PAT (Bernard Basham) hL
Virginia – PAT (David Wimmer) hL

1993 (4 punts, 2 FGs)

Miami – punt@ (Willie Wilkins) aL
Maryland – FG (George DelRicco) hW
Rutgers – punt* (Marcus McClung) hW
Syracuse – punt+ (William Ferrell) hW
Virginia – punt# (Brandon Semones) aW
Indiana – FG* (Jeff Holland) nW
Independence Bowl

1994 (2 punts, 2 FGs)

Arkansas St. – FG (Cornell Brown) hW
Temple – punt* (William Ferrell) hW
Miami – punt# (Michael Williams) aL
Rutgers – FG (Michael Williams) hW

1995 (4 punts, 3 PATs, 1 FG)

BC – PAT (Waverly Jackson) hL
Cincinnati – FG (Jim Baron);
PAT (Lawrence Lewis) hL
Miami – punt# (Angelo Harrison) hW
Pittsburgh – punt+ (Angelo Harrison);
punt# (Angelo Harrison) aW
Akron – punt* (Okesa Smith);
PAT (Lawrence Lewis) hW

1996 (5 punts, 1 PAT)

Akron – PAT (John Engelberger) aW
BC – punt+ (Keion Carpenter) aW
Syracuse – punt* (Cornelius White) aL
Temple – punt (Keion Carpenter) hW
SW Louisiana – punt (Michael Stuewe);
punt+ (Keion Carpenter) hW

1997 (2 punts, 3 PATs, 2 FGs)

Arkansas St. – FG+ (Carl Bradley) hW
WVU – punt# (Phillip Summers) aL
Miami – PAT (Carl Bradley) hW
Pittsburgh – PAT (Corey Moore);
PAT (John Engelberger) aL
Virginia – punt (Keion Carpenter);
FG (John Engelberger) aL

1998 (8 punts, 2 PATs, 2 FGs)

East Carolina – FG+ (Corey Moore) hW
Miami – PAT (John Engelberger) aW
Pittsburgh – FG (Corey Moore);
punt# (Larry Austin) hW
Boston College – punt (Keion Carpenter);
punt+ (André Davis) aW
UAB – punt* (Larry Austin) aW
WVU – punt* (Marcus Gildersleeve);
PAT (John Engelberger) hW
Syracuse – punt* (Anthony Midget) aL
Alabama – punt (Keion Carpenter);
punt+ (Corey Moore) nW
Music City Bowl

1999 (1 punt, 1 PAT, 0 FGs)

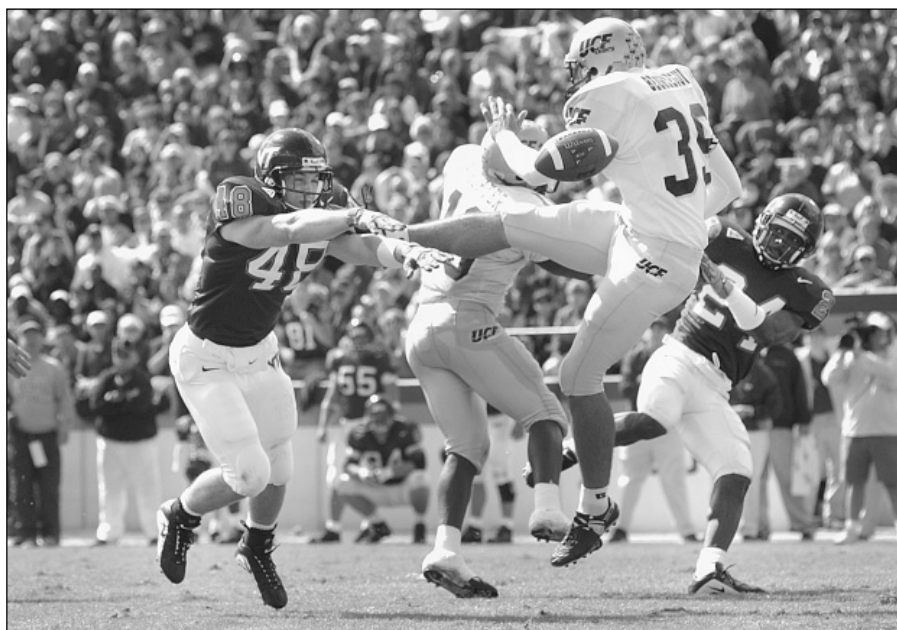
Rutgers – PAT^ (Carl Bradley) aW
Pittsburgh – punt+ (André Davis) aW

2000 (4 punts, 2 FGs, 2 PATs)

Akron – FG+ (Cory Bird) hW
East Carolina – punt* (Wayne Ward);
FG (Larry Austin) aW
Rutgers – punt+ (Eric Green) hW
Temple – punt+ (Wayne Ward) hW
West Virginia – punt (Lee Suggs);
PAT (Lamar Cobb) hW
Pittsburgh – PAT (David Pugh) hW

2001 (5 punts, 0 PAT, 2 FG)

W. Michigan – punt+ (Wayne Ward) hW
Rutgers – punt@ (Eric Green) aW
UCF – punt@ (Brandon Manning) hW
Pittsburgh – FG* (Lamar Cobb) aL
Virginia – punt (Wayne Ward) aW
Miami – FG# (David Pugh);
punt* (Eric Green) hL



Brandon Manning blocks a punt against UCF — one of seven Hokie blocks last fall.



Billy Hite

ASSOCIATE HEAD COACH AND RUNNING BACKS COACH

Billy Hite, who has helped produce eight of Virginia Tech's top 10 career rushing leaders, is entering his 25th year on the Virginia Tech coaching staff and his second season as the Hokies' associate head coach.

Hite came to Blacksburg as a member of Bill Dooley's football staff in 1978. He served

as a recruiter and head jayvee coach his first two years, then took over as the offensive backfield coach in charge of tailbacks and fullbacks in 1980. He has been coaching Tech's running backs ever since.

Hite remained at Tech when Frank Beamer took over in 1987 and was elevated to the position of assistant head coach by Beamer the following year. He was promoted to the new position of associate head coach in December 2000.

In 1989, Hite filled in as the acting head coach when Beamer was sidelined following coronary angioplasty surgery and had to miss a home game versus Tulane. Hite didn't let the Tech faithful down as he led the Hokies to an emotional 30-13 victory.

During the mid-1980s, Hite was credited with the development of Tech's famed "Stallions" backfield that featured Maurice Williams and Eddie Hunter. While at Tech, 19 of his running backs have gone on to sign with NFL teams.

In 2000, tailback Lee Suggs shattered school and BIG EAST Conference scoring records on the way to leading the nation in touchdowns (28) and scoring (168 points). Suggs, who also led the conference in rushing, was selected the Co-BIG EAST Offensive Player of the Year.

Last year, with Suggs sidelined by an injury, true freshman tailback Kevin Jones came on to lead the team in rushing and set a Tech record for rushing yards by a freshman. Jones was named the BIG EAST Rookie of the Year. The

2001 season also saw senior Jarrett Ferguson establish new single-season receiving records for a Tech fullback.

A native of Hyattsville, Md., Hite was a former star tailback at the University of North Carolina. He received one of his highest honors when he was inducted into the DeMatha High School Hall of Fame in 1992. As a player at North Carolina under Dooley, Hite helped the Tar Heels to a 28-6 record, two ACC titles and two bowl games during his undergraduate days from 1970-73. He received a bachelor's degree in education in 1974.

Hite began his coaching career as a graduate assistant at UNC in '74. He was a part-time assistant for the Tar Heels from 1975-77.

Hite is married to the former Anne Heen of Memphis, Tenn., whom he met at North Carolina when they were students. They have two daughters, Kirsten Marie, 17, and Bryn Elizabeth Louise, 13, and a son, Griffin William, 9.

In his spare time, Hite enjoys playing basketball and racquetball.

Hite's Profile

PERSONAL:

Born: 4/28/51, Washington, D.C.
Hometown: Hyattsville, Md.
Wife: former Anne Heen
Children: Kirsten Marie, Bryn Elizabeth Louise, Griffin William

EDUCATION:

High School: DeMatha High School (1969)
College: University of North Carolina (1974)

PLAYING EXPERIENCE:

North Carolina (1970-73)

COACHING EXPERIENCE:

1974-77 North Carolina (running backs)
1978-87 Virginia Tech (running backs)
1988-00 Virginia Tech (assistant head coach and running backs)
2001- Virginia Tech (associate head coach and running backs)

BOWL EXPERIENCE:

Player

1971 Sun (North Carolina vs. Texas Tech)
1972 Gator (North Carolina vs. Georgia)

Coach

1974 Sun (North Carolina vs. Mississippi State)
1976 Peach (North Carolina vs. Kentucky)
1977 Liberty (North Carolina vs. Nebraska)
1980 Peach (Virginia Tech vs. Miami)
1984 Independence (Virginia Tech vs. Air Force)
1986 New Peach (Virginia Tech vs. N.C. State)
1993 Independence (Virginia Tech vs. Indiana)
1994 Gator (Virginia Tech vs. Tennessee)
1995 Sugar (Virginia Tech vs. Texas)
1996 Orange (Virginia Tech vs. Nebraska)
1997 Gator (Virginia Tech vs. North Carolina)
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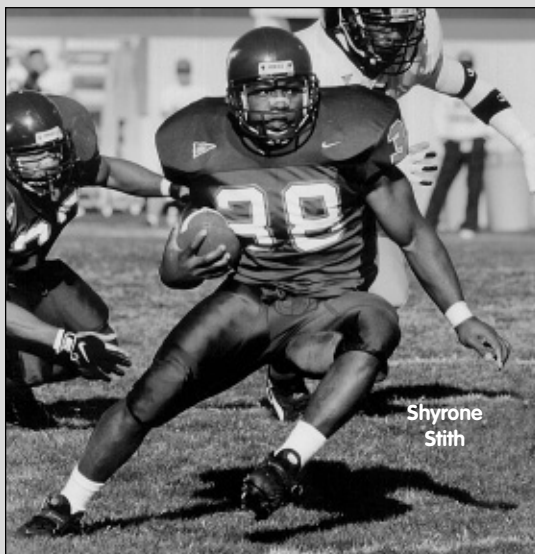


Coach Billy Hite and his wife, Anne, with their children, Griffin, Kirsten and Bryn.

The Running Game

Under the direction of Coach Billy Hite in 2001, the Hokies ...

- had a combined 1,890 yards rushing from the tailback position.
- produced the fifth-leading freshman rusher in the nation in tailback Kevin Jones, who was named BIG EAST Conference Rookie of the Year.
- rushed for more than 200 yards seven times.
- out-rushed their opponents in nine of 11 regular season games.



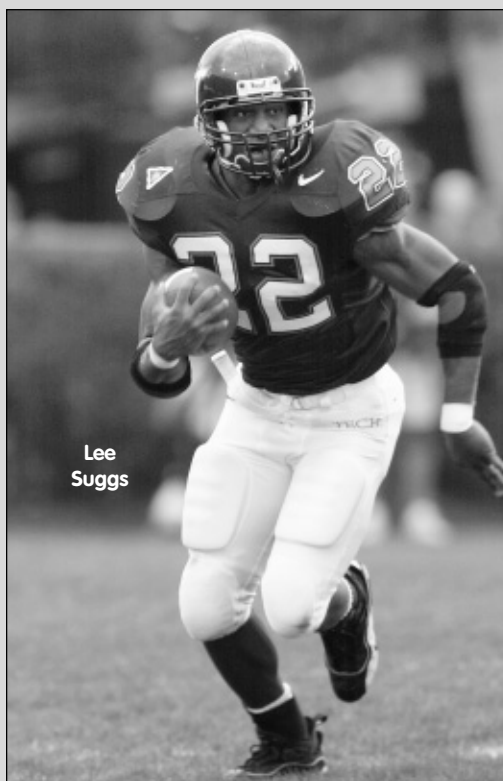
Shyrone Stith

"I tell all my players to be the best back on the field — to be complete football players. I want them to take the attitude that one man cannot bring them down. I want them to be physical and nasty when blocking; to run good pass routes and catch the football; and to be good actors and carry out their fakes. Once a back touches the ball, they make the decision where to run. I will never second guess a running back with the ball in his arms. If each back protects the football, makes the big play and plays with intensity, we will win."

— Billy Hite

During Billy Hite's tenure at Virginia Tech ...

- the Hokies have rushed for over 53,000 yards — an average of more than 200 yards per game (202.1) over a 264-game period.
- he has had a back rush for 100 yards or more in a game 116 times.
- the Hokies have had an average of 143 yards rushing per game from the tailback position.
- he has coached eight of Virginia Tech's top 10 career rushing leaders.
- he has worked with six of the eight Tech players who have turned in 1,000-yard rushing seasons.
- he has coached five different running backs who rushed for over 100 yards in a bowl game.
- a total of 19 running backs have gone on to sign with NFL teams.
- the Hokies have been ranked among the top 20 rushing teams in Division I-A five of the past nine seasons.



Lee Suggs

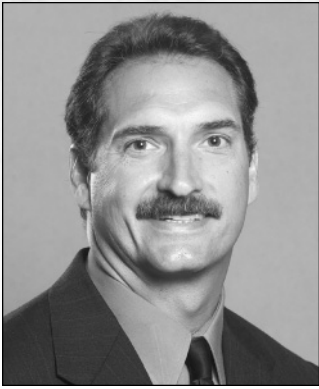
Season Rushing Leaders

Player	Yds.
Cyrus Lawrence	1,403
Cyrus Lawrence	1,221
Lee Suggs	1,207
Dwayne Thomas	1,130
Shyrone Stith	1,119
Roscoe Coles	1,119
Roscoe Coles	1,045
Phil Rogers	1,036
Maurice Williams	1,029
Kenny Lewis	1,020

Career Rushing Leaders

Player	Yds.
Cyrus Lawrence	3,767
Roscoe Coles	3,459
Maurice Williams	2,981
Dwayne Thomas	2,696
Ken Oxendine	2,645
Eddie Hunter	2,523
Phil Rogers	2,461
Vaughn Hebron	2,327
Shyrone Stith	2,292
Tony Kennedy	2,259

(Bold signifies player coached by Hite)



Bud Foster

DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR AND INSIDE LINEBACKERS COACH

Bud Foster, a finalist for the coveted Broyles Award two of the past three years, has gained a well-deserved reputation as a defensive master-mind while serving on Frank Beamer's football staff at Virginia Tech.

Foster, who is beginning his 16th season at Tech, has helped mold nationally-ranked defenses during each of his seven years as the Hokies' defensive

coordinator. His success made him a finalist for the Broyles Award in both 1999 and 2001. The award is presented annually to the nation's top assistant football coach.

Under Foster's guidance, last year's defense proved to be one of the nation's best, ranking among the top eight teams in Division I-A in six different categories and leading the way in shutouts with four. In 2000, Foster took a defense that returned just three starters and turned it into a unit that led the BIG EAST in rushing defense,

placed 16th nationally against the run and tied for third nationally in interceptions.

After helping Tech to the national championship game in 1999, Foster was recognized as the 2000 Division I-A Defensive Coordinator of the Year by *American Football Coach* magazine. Tech's 1999 defensive unit led Division I-A in scoring defense and ranked third in both total and rushing defense.

Following the 1998 season, Foster was pursued by the University of Florida for its defensive coordinator position, but he opted to continue his long-standing football association with Beamer. That association dates back to 1979 when Foster was a strong safety and defensive end at Murray State, and Beamer was the defensive coordinator. Foster began his coaching career as a graduate assistant at MSU in 1981, Beamer's first season as the head coach.

Since coming to Tech in 1987, Foster has helped build the Hokies into one of the hardest-hitting defensive units in college football. During that time, he has worn several coaching hats. Foster coached the inside linebackers for one year in 1987, then tutored the outside linebackers for the next five seasons. He assumed

responsibility for both sets of linebackers prior to the 1993 season and also took over special-teams coaching that year. The following year, he coached the inside linebackers and special teams. Foster assumed the position of co-defensive coordinator in 1995 and took over as the sole defensive coordinator in '96. The inside linebackers continue to be his primary responsibility.

During his tenure at Tech, Foster has coached All-Americans Ben Taylor and Jamel Smith and five other linebackers who have earned All-BIG EAST Conference honors. Each year since the BIG EAST began round-robin play in 1993, Foster has had a linebacker tabbed all-conference. Along with Taylor and Smith, Tech's other All-BIG EAST linebackers have been Ken Brown, who was second-team in 1993 and first-team in 1994; George DeRicco, a first-team pick in 1995; and second-team picks Myron Newsome in '96, Steve Tate in '97 and Michael Hawkes in '99.

A 1981 graduate of Murray State, Foster was an outstanding strong safety and outside linebacker from 1977 to 1980. After two years as a graduate assistant at his alma mater, Foster was elevated to a full-time staff position. The Nokomis, Ill., native, coached outside linebackers for three seasons before taking over the inside and outside linebackers in 1986. He also served as the Racers' recruiting coordinator and worked with special teams.

Foster and his wife Jacqueline have three children: Ammie, 23; Grant, 16; and Hillary, 14. In his spare time, Foster enjoys spending time with his family.

Coach Bud Foster and his wife, Jacque, with Ammie, Grant and Hillary.

Foster's Profile

PERSONAL:

Born: 7/28/59, Somerset, Ky.
Hometown: Nokomis, Ill.
Wife: former Jacqueline Travis
Children: Ammie, Grant, Hillary

EDUCATION:

High School: Nokomis (Ill.) High School (1977)
College: Murray State University (1981)

PLAYING EXPERIENCE:

Murray State (1977-80)

COACHING EXPERIENCE:

1981-82 Murray State (graduate assistant)
1983-85 Murray State (outside linebackers)
1986 Murray State (linebackers/special teams)
1987 Virginia Tech (inside linebackers)
1988-92 Virginia Tech (outside linebackers)
1993 Virginia Tech (linebackers/special teams)
1994 Virginia Tech (inside backers/special teams)
1995- Virginia Tech (defensive coordinator/
inside linebackers/special teams)

BOWL EXPERIENCE:

Player

1979 Division I-AA Playoff semifinals
(Murray State vs. Lehigh)

Coach

1986 Division I-AA Playoff quarterfinals
(Murray State vs. Eastern Illinois)
1993 Independence (Virginia Tech vs. Indiana)
1994 Gator (Virginia Tech vs. Tennessee)
1995 Sugar (Virginia Tech vs. Texas)
1996 Orange (Virginia Tech vs. Nebraska)
1997 Gator (Virginia Tech vs. North Carolina)
1998 Music City (Virginia Tech vs. Alabama)
1999 Sugar (Virginia Tech vs. Florida State)
2000 Gator (Virginia Tech vs. Clemson)
2001 Gator (Virginia Tech vs. Florida State)



The Defense

Under the direction of Bud Foster in 2001, the Hokies' defense ...

- led all Division I-A teams with four shutouts.
- finished second in the nation and tops in the BIG EAST in rushing defense (71.6. ypg) and total defense (237.8 ypg)
- ranked second nationally in scoring defense (13.4 ppg)
- included a Butkus Award semifinalist in Ben Taylor.



During Bud Foster's one year as co-defensive coordinator and six seasons as defensive coordinator, Tech has ...

- had 13 different players earn first-team All-BIG EAST defensive honors and 14 different players earn second-team honors.
- produced two BIG EAST defensive players of the year — Corey Moore, who earned the honor in both 1998 and 1999, and Cornell Brown, who won it in 1995.
- had at least one defensive player earn All-America honors every year. Four players gained A-A recognition in 1999 and three in 2001.
- had 23 different defensive players score touchdowns.
- produced its first Lombardi Award winner and its first Nagurski Trophy winner in Corey Moore.
- held opponents to an average of 93.9 yards rushing and 15.1 points per game over a 77-game span.
- finished among the top two teams in the BIG EAST in scoring defense, rushing defense and total defense in six of the past seven years.

Tech's National Defensive Rankings Under Coach Bud Foster

1995*

- 1st Rushing Defense (77.36 ypg)
- 5th Scoring Defense (14.09 ppg)
- 10th Total Defense (285.9 ypg)
- 23rd Pass Efficiency Defense (104.25 rating)

1996

- Tied-9th Scoring Defense (15.27 ppg)
- 16th Pass Efficiency Defense (99.37 rating)
- 19th Rushing Defense (112.0 ypg)
- 24th Total Defense (316.09 ypg)

1997

- 13th Scoring Defense (16.82 ppg)

1998

- 2nd Interceptions (23)
- 4th Scoring Defense (12.9 ppg)
- 7th Total Defense (284.9 ypg)
- 11th Rushing Defense (102.2 ypg)
- 11th Pass Efficiency Defense (103.4 rating)

1999

- 1st Scoring Defense (10.5 ppg)
- 3rd Total Defense (247.3 ypg)
- 3rd Rushing Defense (75.9 ypg)
- 7th Pass Efficiency Defense (98.1 rating)

2000

- Tied-3rd Interceptions (23)
- 16th Rushing Defense (99.3 ypg)

2001

- 2nd Total Defense (237.81 ypg)
- 2nd Rushing Defense (71.6 ypg)
- 2nd Scoring Defense (13.4 ppg)
- 3rd Pass Efficiency Defense (85.62 rating)
- Tied-7th Interceptions (19)
- 8th Pass Defense (166.27 ypg)

**co-coordinator in 1995*



"I believe in an attacking, aggressive style of defense. We want to put speed and athleticism on the field and use that to attack and pressure opposing offenses."
— Bud Foster



Bryan Stinespring

OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR AND OFFENSIVE LINE COACH

Bryan Stinespring, one of the brightest young coaches and recruiters on the collegiate scene, will oversee the Virginia Tech offense in 2002. Stinespring was promoted to offensive coordinator last December and handled those duties during the Hokies' Gator Bowl game against Florida State.

The 2002 season will mark Stinespring's 10th year as a full-time coach on Frank Beamer's staff at Tech and his fifth season as the Hokies' offensive line coach. He took over the offensive line duties in the spring of 1998 and helped mold Tech's young line into a unit that showed steady improvement during the '98 season. Two members of that line — tackle Derek Smith and guard Dwight Vick — went on to sign with NFL teams.

In 1999 and 2000, the offensive line helped clear the way as the Hokies set new BIG EAST rushing marks in back-to-back seasons. Center Keith Short, guard Matt Lehr and tackle Dave Kadela all earned second-team All-BIG EAST honors in '99. Lehr repeated as a second-team pick in 2000, while Kadela moved to first team. Last season, Stinespring took a line that featured four new starters and built a unit that improved with each game.

Prior to taking over his current duties, Stinespring coached Tech's tight ends and assisted with the offensive line for five seasons. He was the Hokies' recruiting coordinator for eight years (1994-2001) and was instrumental in helping attract top high school talent to campus. In 2001, he served

as Tech's assistant head coach along with his other duties.

Stinespring initially joined the Tech staff in 1990 as a graduate assistant coach and spent two seasons in that capacity helping with the offensive line. After serving as the director of sports programs in 1992, he was elevated to a full-time coaching position prior to the 1993 season. Since then, he has been a part of nine straight bowl games and three BIG EAST Conference Championships.

During his tenure as tight ends coach, two of his players earned all-conference honors. John Burke was a second-team pick in 1993, while Bryan Jennings earned first-team honors in 1996.

A native of Clifton Forge, Va., Stinespring was a walk-on player for James Madison University in the early 1980s. He served as a teacher and coach at Lexington High School and helped the football squad win its lone state championship in 1988. He also helped coach the Patrick Henry High School football team before joining the Tech program in 1990.

Stinespring is married to the former Shelley Franklin of Richmond, Va. Bryan and Shelley have a son, Daniel, 8; and twin daughters, Caroline and Olivia, who are 4 years old.

Stinespring enjoys golf, fishing and spending time with his family.



Coach Bryan Stinespring and his wife, Shelley, with Caroline, Olivia and Daniel.

Stinespring's Profile

PERSONAL:

Born: 10/12/63, Clifton Forge, Va.

Hometown: Clifton Forge, Va.

Wife: former Shelley Franklin

Children: Daniel Franklin, Caroline Frances, Olivia Jane

EDUCATION:

High School: Clifton Forge (Va.) High School (1982)

College: James Madison University (1986)

COACHING EXPERIENCE:

1986-88 Lexington (Va.) High School

1989 Patrick Henry (Va.) High School

1990-91 Virginia Tech (graduate assistant)

1992 Virginia Tech (director of sports programs)

1993 Virginia Tech (tight ends/assistant offensive line)

1994-97 Virginia Tech (TEs/assistant offensive line/
recruiting coordinator)

1998-00 Virginia Tech (offensive line/recruiting coordinator)

2001 Virginia Tech (assistant head coach/OL/recruiting)

2002- Virginia Tech (offensive coordinator/offensive line)

BOWL EXPERIENCE:

Coach

1993 Independence (Virginia Tech vs. Indiana)

1994 Gator (Virginia Tech vs. Tennessee)

1995 Sugar (Virginia Tech vs. Texas)

1996 Orange (Virginia Tech vs. Nebraska)

1997 Gator (Virginia Tech vs. North Carolina)

1998 Music City (Virginia Tech vs. Alabama)

1999 Sugar (Virginia Tech vs. Florida State)

2000 Gator (Virginia Tech vs. Clemson)

2001 Gator (Virginia Tech vs. Florida State)

The Offense

Over the past nine seasons, the Virginia Tech offense has ...

- produced the eight highest-scoring teams in school history.
- fielded five of the school's top seven teams in terms of total offense.
- produced the top three quarterbacks on Tech's career list for touchdown passes and three of the top four career passing leaders.
- turned out three BIG EAST offensive players of the year during the past six seasons.



André Davis

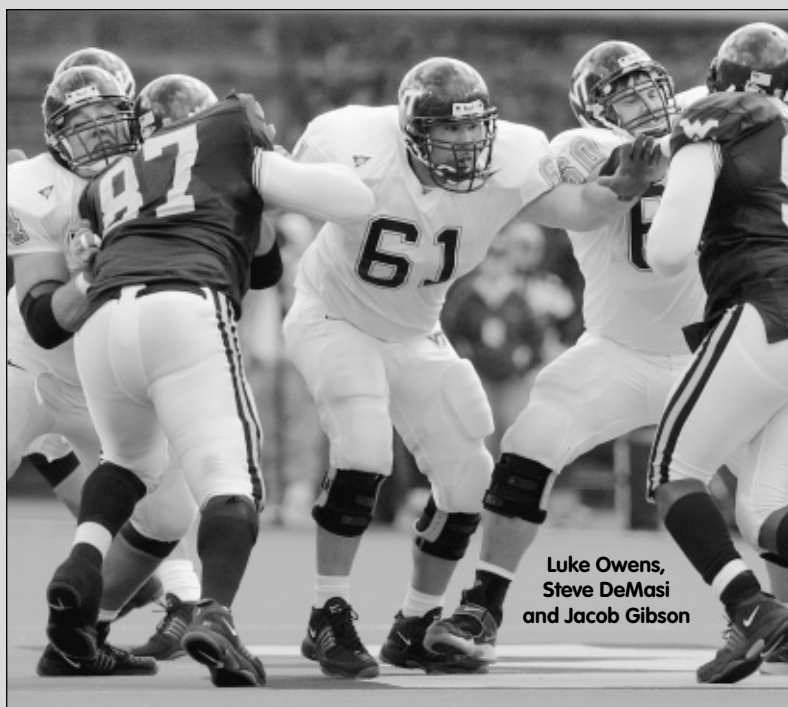


During Bryan Stinespring's nine full-time seasons at Tech, the Hokies' offensive line has ...

- produced 14 different players who earned All-BIG EAST honors, including four repeat performers.
- cleared the way for an average of 199 yards rushing per game over a 108-game span.
- helped the team set new BIG EAST season rushing marks back-to-back years in 1999 and 2000.
- had 16 players sign with NFL teams.

"We want, and expect, to attack both the defense and the field of play in a concerted, aggressive approach. We want to be able to use schemes and formations that utilize our talents while placing pressure on the opponent to adjust and defend. Our goal is to set the tempo of the game and dictate the style of play that is indicative of Virginia Tech football."

— Bryan Stinespring



Luke Owens,
Steve DeMasi
and Jacob Gibson



Jim Cavanaugh

STRONG SAFETY AND OUTSIDE LINEBACKERS COACH AND RECRUITING COORDINATOR

Jim Cavanaugh, who has played a major role in Virginia Tech's success the past six seasons, enters his seventh year on Frank Beamer's staff with the added duties of recruiting coordinator.

Cavanaugh was promoted to the position last December and will also continue his duties as the Hokies' strong safety and outside linebackers coach.

No one has been more instrumental in bringing top-notch new talent to the Tech program than Cavanaugh. Over the past four years, his recruiting skills have helped the Hokies attract, among others, prep All-Americans Michael Vick, Nathaniel Adibi, Bryan Randall, Jonathan Lewis and Marcus Vick.

Along with his success in attracting talent, Cavanaugh has also been instrumental in helping players develop their talent once they join the Tech program. During his first season on the job in 1996, outside linebacker Brandon Semones led the team in tackles and earned second-team All-BIG EAST honors.

Cavanaugh has since helped in the development of highly-successful safeties Pierson Prioleau, Cory Bird and Kevin McCadam. Prioleau was a first-team All-BIG EAST pick in 1997 and 1998 and earned third-team All-America recognition from *The Sporting News* in '97. He was a fourth-round draft pick of the San Francisco 49ers in 1999. Bird was tabbed a second-team All-BIG EAST pick following the 2000 season and was selected in the third-round of the NFL draft by the Indianapolis Colts. McCadam was one of the keys

to Tech's success last season and was a fifth-round NFL selection by the Atlanta Falcons.

Tech's appearance in the 2002 Toyota Gator Bowl marked Cavanaugh's 18th postseason game as a coach. The Hokies have been to bowls in each of his six seasons on the staff.

A former star receiver at William & Mary, Cavanaugh is a veteran of 28 years as a full-time coach on the collegiate level. He has worked at two other Virginia schools — VMI and the University of Virginia — during his career.

Cavanaugh coached at the University of North Carolina for eight years and from 1982 through 1987, he worked under Bobby Ross and Joe Krivak at Maryland. He served two years at North Carolina State, three years under coach Bob Thalman

at VMI, one year at Virginia and two years at Marshall.

Cavanaugh began his collegiate coaching career as a graduate assistant at North Carolina State in 1972.

During his years as a receiver at William & Mary, Cavanaugh surpassed the Tribe career record in receiving with 117 catches and over 1,600 yards. He also earned honorable-mention All-America honors in 1967 and was co-captain of his team in 1969. Cavanaugh was inducted into the William & Mary Sports Hall of Fame in April 2001.

Married to the former Marsha Carnell, he has two children. Ryan, is an Appalachian State graduate who works for the Indianapolis Colts and is married to the former Melissa Searls; and Lauren, who graduated from Virginia Tech in May.

Cavanaugh's Profile

PERSONAL:

Born: 8/4/48, Queens, N.Y.
Hometown: Queens, N.Y.
Wife: former Marsha Carnell
Children: Ryan, Lauren

Coch Jim Cavanaugh
and his wife, Marsha,
with Lauren.

EDUCATION:

High School: Chaminade High School (1966)
College: The College of William & Mary (1970)
Postgraduate: North Carolina State University (1974)

PLAYING EXPERIENCE:

William & Mary (1967-69)

COACHING EXPERIENCE:

1970 Newport News (Va.) High School
1971 Denbigh (Va.) High School
1972-73 North Carolina State (graduate assistant)
1974-75 VMI (receivers)
1976 VMI (running backs)
1977-78 North Carolina State (receivers)
1979-80 Marshall (off. coordinator/quarterbacks)
1981 Virginia (receivers)
1982-86 Maryland (running backs)
1987 Maryland (offensive coordinator/quarterbacks)
1988-95 North Carolina (receivers)
1996-01 Virginia Tech (strong safety, outside linebackers)
2002- Virginia Tech (recruiting coordinator/strong safety, outside linebackers)

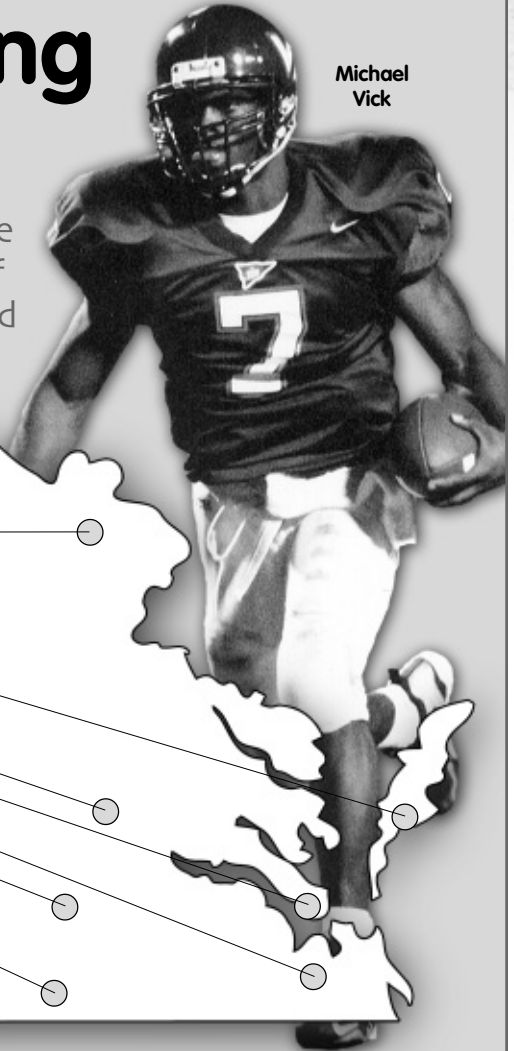


BOWL EXPERIENCE:

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1972 Peach (N.C. State vs. West Virginia)
1973 Liberty (N.C. State vs. Kansas)
1977 Peach (N.C. State vs. Iowa State)
1978 Tangerine (N.C. State vs. Pittsburgh)
1982 Aloha (Maryland vs. Washington)
1983 Citrus (Maryland vs. Tennessee)
1984 Sun (Maryland vs. Tennessee)
1985 Cherry (Maryland vs. Syracuse)
1992 Peach (North Carolina vs. Mississippi State)
1993 Gator (North Carolina vs. Alabama)
1994 Sun (North Carolina vs. Texas)
1995 Carquest (North Carolina vs. Arkansas)
1996 Orange (Virginia Tech vs. Nebraska)
1997 Gator (Virginia Tech vs. North Carolina)
1998 Music City (Virginia Tech vs. Alabama)
1999 Sugar (Virginia Tech vs. Florida State)
2000 Gator (Virginia Tech vs. Clemson)
2001 Gator (Virginia Tech vs. Florida State)

Virginia Tech Recruiting

Michael Vick

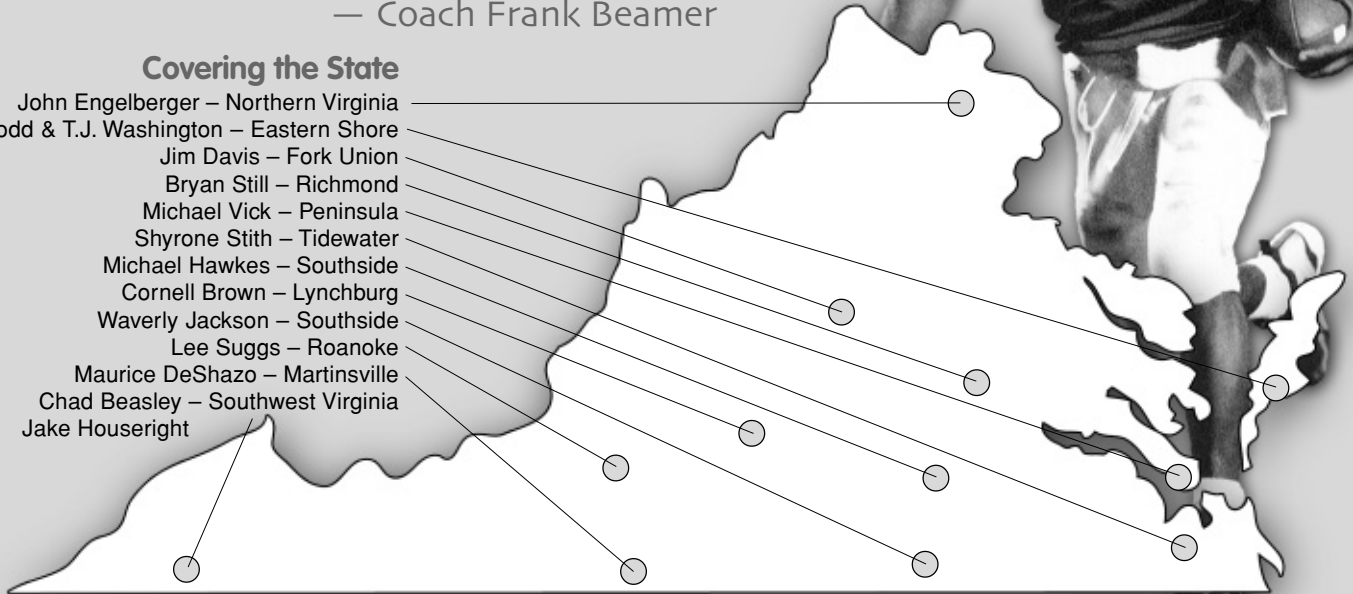


"The state of Virginia is, and always will be, the primary focus of our recruiting. In recent years, a number of outstanding players from outside the state have also expressed great interest in Virginia Tech. If you get the best players from the state of Virginia and put them together with some talented players from out-of-state, you've got a really good combination."

— Coach Frank Beamer

Covering the State

- John Engelberger – Northern Virginia
- Todd & T.J. Washington – Eastern Shore
- Jim Davis – Fork Union
- Bryan Still – Richmond
- Michael Vick – Peninsula
- Shyrone Stith – Tidewater
- Michael Hawkes – Southside
- Cornell Brown – Lynchburg
- Waverly Jackson – Southside
- Lee Suggs – Roanoke
- Maurice DeShazo – Martinsville
- Chad Beasley – Southwest Virginia
- Jake Houseright



Ben Taylor



"Having coached high school football in Newport News and having spent most of my professional recruiting life in the state of Virginia, I am fully aware of the outstanding quality of the players and coaches within our state. Our objective is to recruit as many of the great players in the state as possible with the goal of winning the national championship."

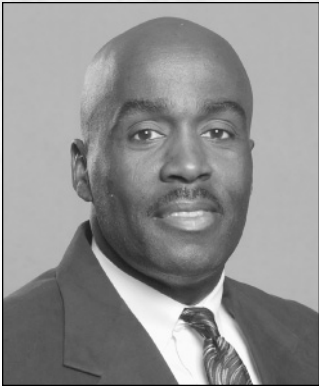
— Coach Jim Cavanaugh

Across the Country

- Cory Bird, Billy Conaty – New Jersey
- Keion Carpenter, Antonio Freeman – Maryland
- Ike Charlton, Torrian Gray – Florida
- André Davis – New York
- Kevin Jones, Jim Druckenmiller – Pennsylvania
- Kevin McCadam – California
- Corey Moore – Tennessee
- Pierson Prioleau, Tyrone Drakeford – South Carolina
- Jim Pyne – Massachusetts
- Derek Smith – West Virginia
- Ben Taylor, Dave Kadela – Ohio

Coaches' In-State Recruiting Areas

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|-------------------------|---|
| Tony Ball | Shenandoah Valley |
| Jim Cavanaugh | Richmond/Peninsula |
| Bud Foster | Northern Virginia |
| Billy Hite | New River Valley |
| Danny Pearman | Central Virginia/Fredericksburg |
| Kevin Rogers | Roanoke/Lynchburg/Danville/Martinsville |
| Bryan Stinespring | Tidewater |
| Lorenzo Ward | Northern Virginia |
| Charlie Wiles | Southwest Virginia |



Tony Ball

WIDE RECEIVERS COACH

Tony Ball's attention to detail and enthusiastic approach to the game of football have helped Virginia Tech to a 39-9 record, two bowl championships and an appearance in the national championship game over the past four seasons.

Ball, who has 14 years of experience as a full-time collegiate coach, is entering his fifth season as Tech's receivers coach. He has shown an ability to motivate and prepare young players and was instrumental in the development and success of flanker André Davis. Davis became one of the nation's top big-play threats under Ball's watchful eye. Davis closed out his Tech career ranked among the Hokies' top three in career catches, receiving yards and touchdown receptions and was selected in the second round of the 2002 NFL Draft by the Cleveland Browns.

Ball came to Tech in 1998 after serving three seasons as an assistant at the University of Louisville, where he coached the receivers. Prior to his stint with the Cardinals, Ball worked with the running backs at Holy Cross for three seasons. He coached the receivers at his alma mater, UT-Chattanooga, on two different occasions — once in 1988 and for two seasons in 1990-91. In between, Ball coached the running backs at East Tennessee State in 1989.

Coach Tony Ball and his wife Maria and their children, Anthony and Keshea.

During the summers of 1996 and 1997, Ball participated in the National Football League's Minority Internship Program with the Baltimore Ravens.

Ball began his coaching career as a graduate assistant at Austin Peay in 1985 and 1986. While at Austin Peay, he earned a master's in health and nutrition. He served as restricted earnings coach at the University of South Carolina in 1987, working with the running backs and helping the Gamecocks to the Gator Bowl. His first full-time coaching position came at UTC the following year.

Ball played football for the late Joe Morrison at UT-Chattanooga. He was a standout running back who set numerous school kickoff return records. He finished with a degree in criminal justice.

Ball is married to the former Maria Ann Slayden. They have two children: Anthony, 11, and Keshea, 10.



Ball's Profile

PERSONAL:

Born: 7/28/59, Chattanooga, Tenn.
Hometown: Chattanooga, Tenn.
Wife: former Maria Slayden
Children: Anthony and Keshea

EDUCATION:

High School: Brainerd High School (1977)
College: UT-Chattanooga (1983)
Postgraduate: Austin Peay (1987)

PLAYING EXPERIENCE:

UT Chattanooga (1977-80)

COACHING EXPERIENCE:

1985-86 Austin Peay (graduate assistant)
1987 South Carolina (volunteer running backs coach)
1988 UT-Chattanooga (receivers)
1989 ETSU (running backs)
1990-91 UT-Chattanooga (receivers)
1992-94 College of Holy Cross (running backs)
1995-97 Louisville (receivers)
1998- Virginia Tech (receivers)

BOWL EXPERIENCE:

Coach

1987 Gator (South Carolina vs. LSU)
1998 Music City (Virginia Tech vs. Alabama)
1999 Sugar (Virginia Tech vs. Florida State)
2000 Gator (Virginia Tech vs. Clemson)
2001 Gator (Virginia Tech vs. Florida State)



Danny Pearman

TIGHT ENDS AND OFFENSIVE TACKLES COACH

Danny Pearman, who has coached in national championship games at both Virginia Tech and the University of Alabama, is beginning his fifth season as the Hokies' tight ends and offensive tackles coach.

Pearman brought experience and a sound football background to the Tech staff in 1998, just in time to help the Hokies to a surprising

8-3 regular season record and a 38-7 victory over Alabama in the Music City Bowl. He helped bring along an inexperienced group of tight ends and also aided in the development of tackle Derek Smith, who was drafted by the Washington Redskins following the season.

Under Pearman's tutelage, Tech's tight ends caught 17 passes, 16 of which went for first downs, during Tech's march to the national championship game in 1999. The Tech offense led the nation in scoring that year and ranked eighth nationally in rushing.

Pearman's experience and hard work have continued to

pay dividends the last two seasons. During the 2000 season, former walk-on Browning Wynn earned second-team All-BIG EAST honors at tight end, while teammate Bob Slowikowski caught a key 72-yard touchdown pass against West Virginia — the longest reception ever by a Tech tight end. Last season, both players signed with NFL teams after contributing valuable senior leadership to a rebuilding offensive unit.

Prior to coming to Blacksburg, Pearman helped coach the University of Alabama to six bowls and a national championship between 1990 and 1997. After helping guide the Crimson Tide to the national championship in 1992, he contributed to the Tide winning Southeastern Conference Western Division championships the next four years.

Pearman was a graduate assistant at Alabama for two years, then served as coach of the offensive tackles from 1991

to 1996. He coached the defensive tackles and special teams in 1997.

A native of Charlotte, N.C., Pearman won three letters as a tight end at Clemson from 1983 through 1987. In his playing days, he was named a strength and conditioning All-American. He helped the Tigers win two Atlantic Coast Conference championships.

Following graduation, Pearman began his coaching career as a graduate assistant with the Tigers in 1988 and 1989. The Tigers won the ACC championship again in '88 and went to bowl games both of Pearman's seasons as a grad assistant.

Pearman has a bachelor's degree in finance and a master's in business administration, both from Clemson. He is married to the former Kristy Sewell of Birmingham, Ala., and they have a daughter, Taylor Brooke, 5, and a son Tanner Ryan, 2. In his spare time, Pearman enjoys golf, jogging and fishing.

Pearman's Profile

PERSONAL:

Born: 2/17/65, Charlotte, N.C.
 Hometown: Charlotte, N.C.
 Wife: former Kristy Sewell
 Children: Taylor Brooke, Tanner Ryan

EDUCATION:

High School: Independence H.S. (1983)
 College: Clemson University (1987)
 Postgraduate: Clemson University (1989)

PLAYING EXPERIENCE:

Clemson (1983-87)

COACHING EXPERIENCE:

1988-89 Clemson (graduate assistant)
 1990-91 Alabama (graduate assistant)
 1991-96 Alabama (offensive tackles/offensive special teams)
 1997 Alabama (defensive tackles/special teams)
 1998- Virginia Tech (tight ends and off. tackles)

BOWL EXPERIENCE:

Player

1985 Independence (Clemson vs. Minnesota)
 1986 Gator (Clemson vs. Stanford)
 1987 Citrus (Clemson vs. Penn State)

Coach

1988 Citrus (Clemson vs. Oklahoma)
 1989 Gator (Clemson vs. West Virginia)
 1990 Fiesta (Alabama vs. Louisville)
 1991 Blockbuster (Alabama vs. Colorado)
 1992 Sugar (Alabama vs. Miami)
 1993 Gator (Alabama vs. North Carolina)
 1994 Citrus (Alabama vs. Ohio State)
 1996 Outback (Alabama vs. Michigan)
 1998 Music City (Virginia Tech vs. Alabama)
 1999 Sugar (Virginia Tech vs. Florida State)
 2000 Gator (Virginia Tech vs. Clemson)
 2001 Gator (Virginia Tech vs. Florida State)



Coach Danny Pearman and his wife, Kristy, and their children, Taylor Brooke and Tanner Ryan.



Kevin Rogers

QUARTERBACKS COACH

Kevin Rogers, who served as the offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach at Notre Dame the past three seasons, begins his first season as the quarterbacks coach at Virginia Tech. Rogers

began his duties in January, following Tech's game against Florida State in the Toyota Gator Bowl.

Rogers is no stranger to the Commonwealth of Virginia. The Brooklyn, N.Y., native is a 1974 graduate of the College of William & Mary and began his coaching career as an assistant coach at Bayside High School in Virginia Beach from 1974-76.

Prior to his three-year stint

at Notre Dame, Rogers served as the quarterbacks coach for eight seasons at Syracuse under head coach Paul Pasqualoni. His final two years at SU, Rogers was the offensive coordinator, as well as the quarterbacks coach.

Rogers' star pupil at Syracuse was quarterback Donovan McNabb, the BIG EAST Offensive Player of the Year three straight seasons (he shared the award in '96). McNabb broke most of Syracuse's passing records which had been held by another of Rogers' proteges, Marvin Graves, who ranked second nationally in passing in 1992. McNabb was the second overall pick in the 1999 NFL Draft by the Philadelphia Eagles.

Rogers' first season as Syracuse offensive coordinator

seasons on the Navy staff coaching a variety of positions — tight ends and offensive tackles in '83, tight ends and wide receivers in '84-'85, defensive backs in '86, running backs in '87-'88 and quarterbacks in '89-90.

Rogers' other college coaching credits include running backs coach at William & Mary from 1980-82 and defensive line coach at Ohio State in 1977-78 under Woody Hayes. He also served as head coach at Mainland (Fla.) High School in 1979.

In 1999, Rogers coached an Irish offense that broke the school single-season record for total passing yards (2,858), completions (192) and attempts (332). Rogers helped quarterback Jarious Jackson set school single-season records for passing attempts (316), completions (184) and passing yardage (2,753). Jackson was a seventh-round pick in the 2000 National Football League Draft by the Denver Broncos and led the Barcelona Dragons to the championship game of the World League in 2001.

Rogers has been involved in nine postseason bowl games as an assistant coach and has coached a number of All-Americans and National Football League players in his career, including McNabb, Qadry Ismail, Aaron Brown and Napoleon McCallum.

Rogers was a three-year letterman as a linebacker at William & Mary where he earned a degree in physical education. He earned a master's in physical education from Ohio State in 1978. He is a graduate of Sparta (N.J.) High School.

Born Sept. 7, 1951, Rogers and his wife Betty are parents of three children — Kevin, a former quarterback at Villanova and now a scouting assistant for the Indianapolis Colts; Megan, a junior at Notre Dame; and Ryan, a sophomore at Notre Dame.

Rogers' Profile

PERSONAL:

Born: 9/7/51, Brooklyn, N.Y.
Hometown: Sparta, N.J.
Wife: former Betty Sheridan
Children: Kevin Sean Rogers, Jr., Megan Elizabeth, Ryan Patrick

EDUCATION:

High School: Sparta (N.J.) High School (1969)
College: College of William & Mary (1974)
Postgraduate: Ohio State (1978)

PLAYING EXPERIENCE:

Massanutten (Va.) Academy (1969-70)
William & Mary (1971-73)

COACHING EXPERIENCE:

1974-76 Bayside (Va.) High (assistant coach)
1977-78 Ohio State (defensive line) G.A.
1979 Mainland (Fla.) High (head coach)
1980-82 William & Mary (running backs)
1983 Navy (tight ends/offensive tackles)
1984-85 Navy (tight ends/wide receivers)
1986 Navy (defensive backs)
1987-88 Navy (running backs)
1989-90 Navy (quarterbacks)
1991-94 Syracuse (quarterbacks)
1995-96 Syracuse (asst. head coach/quarterbacks/recruiting coordinator)
1997-98 Syracuse (offensive coordinator/quarterbacks)
1999-01 Notre Dame (offensive coordinator/quarterbacks)
2002- Virginia Tech (quarterbacks)

BOWL EXPERIENCE:

Coach

1977 Sugar (Ohio State vs. Alabama)
1978 Gator (Ohio State vs. Clemson)
1991 Hall of Fame (Syracuse vs. Ohio State)
1992 Fiesta (Syracuse vs. Colorado)
1995 Gator (Syracuse vs. Clemson)
1996 Liberty (Syracuse vs. Houston)
1997 Fiesta (Syracuse vs. Kansas State)
1998 Orange (Syracuse vs. Florida)
2000 Fiesta (Notre Dame vs. Oregon State)



Coach Kevin Rogers with his wife, Betty, daughter Megan, and sons Ryan and Kevin.

in '97 saw the Orange set school records for points (423 — reset in '98 with 468), total offense yards (5,127) and passing yards (2,710). He first joined the Syracuse staff in 1991 as quarterbacks coach, was named assistant head coach in 1995, served as recruiting coordinator from 1995-97 and was named offensive coordinator in '97.

While at Syracuse, Rogers saw the Orange finish in the final Associated Press top 25 on six occasions. Syracuse claimed a share of the BIG EAST Conference title in '96 and won it outright in '97 and '98.

Before his tenure at Syracuse, Rogers spent eight



Lorenzo Ward

DEFENSIVE BACKFIELD COACH

Lorenzo Ward's reputation as an outstanding coach and recruiter continues to grow as he enters his fourth season on Frank Beamer's football staff at Virginia Tech. In just three seasons with the Hokies, Ward has coached in a national championship game, produced a secondary that has helped Tech finish among the national defensive leaders three-straight seasons and spearheaded the recruiting of the nation's top high school football player.

Ward oversees Tech's cornerbacks and free safeties. His work with the secondary in 1999 contributed to the Hokies finishing No. 3 in total defense and No. 7 in pass

efficiency defense. In 2000, Tech tied for third nationally in interceptions and last season, the Hokies ranked second in total defense, third in pass efficiency defense, eighth in passing defense and tied for seventh in interceptions.

Ward was instrumental in Tech's signing of Pennsylvania running back Kevin Jones in February 2000. Jones, the most highly-touted player ever to sign with the Hokies, was rated the top high school football player in the country by numerous recruiting services and publications. Following the 2001 season, Jones was named the BIG EAST Conference Rookie of the Year after leading Tech in rushing.

Three of Ward's cornerbacks at Tech – Anthony Midget, Ike Charlton and Ronyell Whitaker – have earned BIG EAST honors. Midget was a first-team pick and Charlton a second-team selection in 1999, while Whitaker was second team in

2000 and first team last season.

Prior to joining the Tech coaching staff, Ward was a coach at UT-Chattanooga and Alabama. He was named the defensive coordinator at UT-Chattanooga in 1998 after serving as the Mocs' running backs coach in 1997. Prior to working with the running backs, Ward was the defensive backs coach. He coached strong safety Ron Faugue, who earned both second-and third-team All-America honors in 1996.

An Alabama native, Ward starred for the Crimson Tide from 1986-90. He helped lead Alabama to a 33-15 record and a Southeastern Conference Championship during his career. He was also tabbed Special Teams Player of the Year by *The Sporting News* in

1990 as the Tide's unit ranked No. 1 in the nation. Ward played on four bowl teams, helping lead 'Bama to two Sun Bowl victories.

Ward served two seasons as a graduate assistant at Alabama before spending one season as an assistant coach at Newnan High in Newnan, Ga. While a graduate assistant, Ward helped coach the Tide to victories in the 1991 Blockbuster Bowl and the 1993 Gator Bowl. He joined the UTC staff as the secondary coach in 1994.

Nicknamed "Whammy" because of his fierce tackles, Ward graduated from Alabama in 1990 with a bachelor's in physical education. He is married to the former Tara Tubbs. The couple has one son, Lorenzo Donovan Ward, Jr., who is 6.

Ward's Profile

PERSONAL:

Born: 4/26/67, Greensboro, Ala.
Hometown: Greensboro, Ala.
Wife: former Tara Tubbs
Child: Lorenzo Donovan Ward, Jr.

EDUCATION:

High School: Greensboro Public School — West Campus (1986)
College: University of Alabama (1990)

PLAYING EXPERIENCE:

Alabama (1986-90)

COACHING EXPERIENCE:

1991-93 Alabama (graduate assistant)
1993 Newnan High (assistant coach)
1994-98 UT-Chattanooga (secondary/running backs)
1999- Virginia Tech (defensive backfield)

BOWL EXPERIENCE:

Player

1986 Sun (Alabama vs. Washington)
1988 Hall of Fame (Alabama vs. Michigan)
1988 Sun (Alabama vs. Army)
1990 Sugar (Alabama vs. Miami)

Coach

1991 Blockbuster (Alabama vs. Colorado)
1993 Gator (Alabama vs. North Carolina)
1999 Sugar (Virginia Tech vs. Florida State)
2000 Gator (Virginia Tech vs. Clemson)
2001 Gator (Virginia Tech vs. Florida State)



Coach Lorenzo Ward with his wife, Tara, and their son Lorenzo, Jr.



Charley Wiles

DEFENSIVE LINE COACH

Charley Wiles, a former All-America player for Frank Beamer at Murray State, has produced four All-Americans of his own since joining Beamer's Virginia Tech staff as defensive line coach in 1996.

Among the top players Wiles has helped develop during his six seasons directing the Tech line, are last year's senior standouts David Pugh and Chad Beasley who earned first- and second-team All-BIG EAST honors, respectively, in

both 2000 and 2001. Pugh was also a third-team All-America pick by *The Sporting News* and both players were selected in the NFL Draft.

In 1999, Wiles directed end Corey Moore, who won the Mike Fox/Bronko Nagurski Award as the nation's best defensive player and the Lombardi Award as the best lineman. Moore also became Tech's second unanimous All-American and was chosen the BIG EAST Defensive Player of the Year for the second consecutive year.

Wiles also coached John Engelberger, who was named second-team on The Associated Press All-America team and was selected first-

team All-BIG EAST in 1999 after earning second-team honors in 1998 and 1997.

Overall, seven of Wiles' players have won All-BIG EAST honors. End Cornell Brown was an All-American and a first-team BIG EAST pick in '96 and tackle Kerwin Hairston was a first-team BIG EAST selection in 1997. Tackle Nathaniel Williams made the second team in 1999.

During the 1999 season, Wiles coached a veteran line that he helped mold into what *The Sporting News* rated as the best Division I-A defensive line in the college ranks prior to the season. That line helped the Hokies finish first in the nation in scoring defense and third in rushing defense and total defense. Last year's defensive line was rated as the fourth-best in the Division I-A ranks by *The Sporting News*.

Wiles is on his second tour of duty at Tech. He originally joined Beamer's Tech staff as a graduate assistant in 1987 and worked in that capacity for two years.

Wiles first had a player-coach relationship with

Beamer, when Beamer was the head man at Murray State. Wiles was a Kodak Division I-AA All-American as an offensive lineman in 1986.

When he left Tech after the 1988 season, Wiles spent a year on the staff at East Tennessee State. He then returned to Murray State for a six-year coaching tenure, winding up as the Racers' co-defensive coordinator. In 1995, he helped coach the Racers to an 11-0 regular-season mark and a berth in the NCAA Division I-AA playoffs. Wiles also served as Murray State's recruiting coordinator, helping land many of the Racers' top players.

When Wiles rejoined Beamer at Tech in 1996, he fulfilled a goal he had set during his first stint in Blacksburg. The Hokies have competed in bowl games during each of his last six seasons on the staff.

A native of De Land, Fla., and a three-sport star at De Land High School, he is married to the former Andrea Wilder of Booneville, Ind. They have a daughter, Kendell, 6, and a son Eric, 3.

Wiles' Profile

PERSONAL:

Born: 5/4/64, Nashville, Tenn.
Hometown: De Land, Fla.
Wife: former Andrea Wilder
Children: Kendall, Eric

EDUCATION:

High School: De Land High School
College: Murray State University (1987)
Postgraduate: Virginia Tech (1989)

PLAYING EXPERIENCE:

Murray State (1983-86)

COACHING EXPERIENCE:

1987-88 Virginia Tech (graduate assistant)
1989 East Tennessee State (offensive line)
1990-91 Murray State (defensive ends)
1992 Murray State (running backs)
1993-95 Murray State (linebackers)
1995 Murray State (co-def. coordinator)
1996- Virginia Tech (defensive line)

BOWL EXPERIENCE:

Player

1986 Division I-AA Playoff Quarterfinals
(Murray State vs. Eastern Illinois)

Coach

1995 Division I-AA Playoff Quarterfinals
(Murray State vs. Northern Iowa)
1996 Orange (Virginia Tech vs. Nebraska)
1997 Gator (Virginia Tech vs. North Carolina)
1998 Music City (Virginia Tech vs. Alabama)
1999 Sugar (Virginia Tech vs. Florida State)
2000 Gator (Virginia Tech vs. Clemson)
2001 Gator (Virginia Tech vs. Florida State)



Coach Charley Wiles with his wife, Andrea, and their children, Kendell and Eric.



John Ballein

ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS FOR FOOTBALL OPERATIONS

John Ballein holds one of the most important positions in Virginia Tech athletics as associate athletic director for football operations. He was promoted to the position during the summer of 2000 in recognition of his excellent work for Coach Frank Beamer and his program.

Called "the No. 1 administrative assistant in the country" by former Tech AD Dave Braine, Ballein is responsible for all operations dealing with the football program. He continues to serve as assistant to head coach Frank Beamer and as departmental recruiting coordinator, jobs he performed prior to his promotion.

"You name it and John Ballein does it," Beamer said in a Dec. 18, 1999 article on Ballein in *The Roanoke Times*. "Just everything that goes on around here — our travel, our recruiting, our camps, our clinics. He is absolutely the best."

A native of Bentleyville, Pa., Ballein was a linebacker at Indiana University of Pennsylvania and graduated from there with a degree in health and physical education in 1983. He later earned a master's in education from Old Dominion University in 1987.

He completed his studies at ODU while teaching and coaching football in 1983-84 at Woodrow Wilson High School in Portsmouth, Va., and at Western Branch High in Chesapeake, Va., in 1985-86.

Ballein served on Beamer's first Virginia Tech staff in 1987 as a graduate assistant coach. In 1988, he accepted a position as running backs coach at Western Kentucky University. He returned to Tech a year later as recruiting coordinator.

With his office adjacent to Coach Beamer's, he is often considered Beamer's right-hand

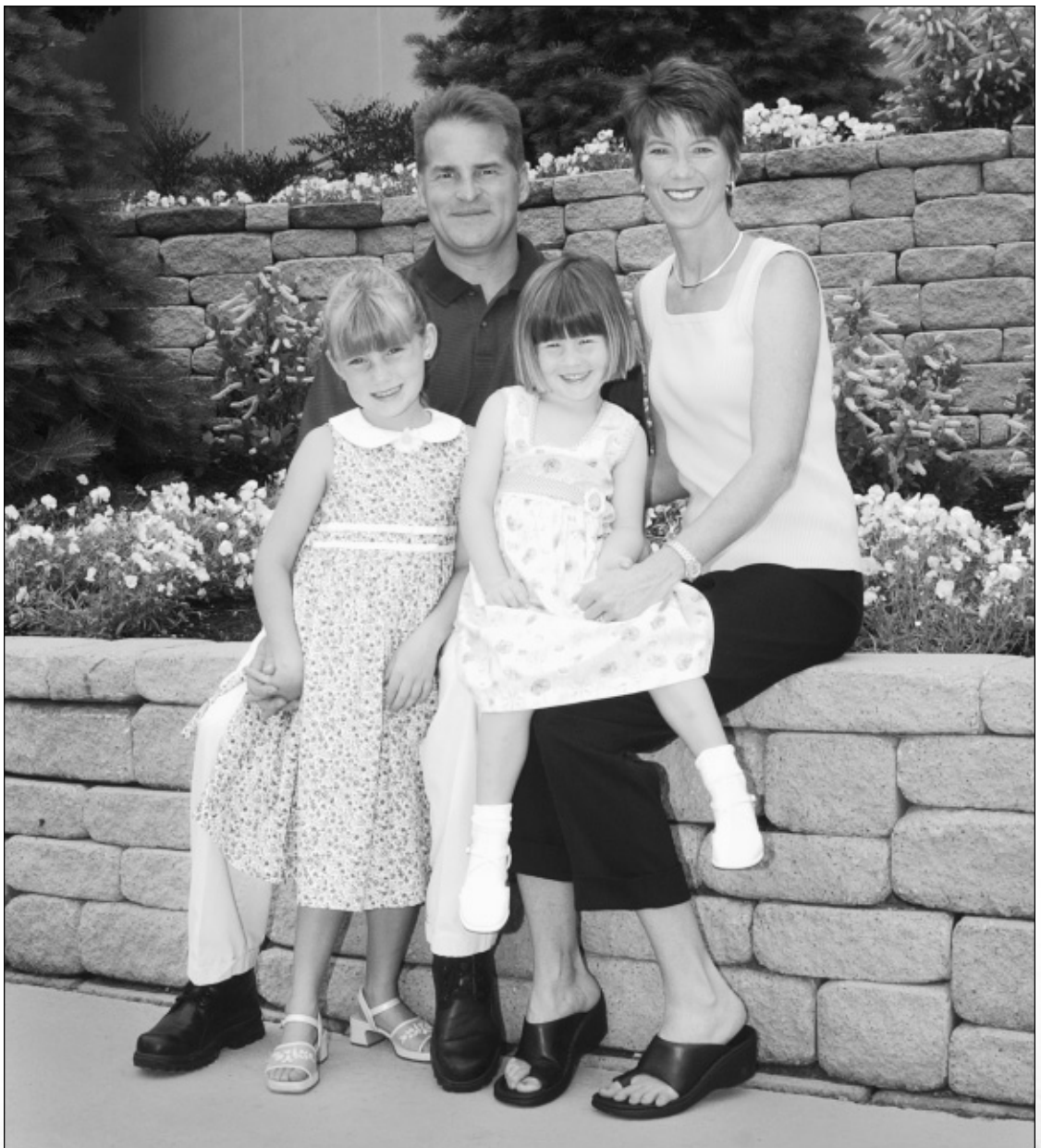
man. He deals mostly with the administrative side of the football program, but is one of the favorites among players. His office is a preferred hangout of Tech players, and he is one of the most beloved and respected members of the staff.

"I don't think [Coach] Beamer could operate without Ballein," said former Tech

standout Corey Moore.

"Ballein's a guy on the ball. Plus, he's kind of a favorite among the players, too."

Ballein is married to the former Stephanie Green, who was a basketball player at Tech in her undergraduate days. They have two daughters, Jordan Gray, 7, and Jalyn Ann, 4.



John Ballein with his wife, Stephanie, and their daughters, Jordan and Jalyn.

Football Support Staff



BRUCE GARNES

Administrative Assistant

Bruce Garnes, a 1994 graduate of Virginia Tech, is in his fourth year as an administrative assistant in the Hokies' football office.

For three years, he has served as the liaison between the academic community and football and has helped the Hokies with their recruiting efforts. Garnes also assists John Ballein, the assistant athletic director for football operations, with Tech's football camps and coaching clinics.

A native of Martinsville, Va., Garnes graduated from Tech with a bachelor's in sport management. He received a master's at Tech in counseling education in 1996.

In 1998 and 1999, Garnes interned with the Dallas Cowboys in the equipment room.

A 1989 graduate of Magna Vista High School in Ridgeway, Va., Garnes, 31, is single and enjoys jogging, spending time with his mother and co-workers and watching all Virginia Tech athletic teams compete in his spare time.



J.C. Price

Graduate Assistant



Greg Shockley

Graduate Assistant



Diana Clark

Secretary to
Coach Beamer



Lisa Marie

Football Program
Support Technician



Kristie Verniel

Football Program
Support Technician



LESTER KARLIN

Equipment Manager

Lester Karlin, a veteran of 24 years as the Hokies' equipment manager, is one of the most popular people on the Virginia Tech athletic staff.

Karlin is a certified equipment manager and a member of the Athletic Equipment Managers Association. In addition to ordering equipment for the football team, he is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the equipment room.

A native of Norfolk, Va., Karlin graduated from Tech in 1974 with a bachelor's degree in health and physical education. From 1971 to 1973, he served as the student assistant in the football equipment room.

Karlin worked for two years in the World Football League, serving as the equipment manager for teams in Houston, Texas, and Shreveport, La. He returned to Blacksburg and his alma mater in 1978.



Lester Karlin and his wife, Suzie, with their daughters, Sarah, 14, and Rachel, 16, and their dog, Maggie.



Lou Koel

Laundry Specialist



Jay Takach

Grad. Asst. Manager



Cody Cole

Student Manager



Matt Collins

Student Manager



Brian Hunter

Student Manager



Tommy Rapier

Student Manager



Jon Tatum

Student Manager