

COACHES

A WINNING EQUATION: Stability = Success



The 2003 Virginia Tech Football Staff: (front, l to r) recruiting coordinator and strong safety & outside linebackers coach Jim Cavanaugh, offensive coordinator and offensive line coach Bryan Stinespring, head coach Frank Beamer, associate head coach and running backs coach Billy Hite, defensive coordinator and inside linebackers coach Bud Foster; (second row, l to r), associate director of athletics for football operations John Ballein, defensive line coach Charley Wiles, defensive backs coach Lorenzo Ward, tight ends & offensive tackles coach Danny Pearman, quarterbacks coach Kevin Rogers, wide receivers coach Tony Ball; (third row, l to r), director of athletic training Mike Goforth, assistant athletics director for athletic performance Mike Gentry, administrative assistant Bruce Garnes, assistant director of strength & conditioning Jay Johnson, graduate assistant J.C. Price, video coordinator Kevin Hicks, graduate assistant Greg Shockley, assistant video coordinator Tom Booth and equipment manager Lester Karlin.

One of the keys to the continuing success of Virginia Tech football has been the stability of the program. That stability begins at the top with head coach Frank Beamer, whose 16 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 96 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?

- Last 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 six 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*.

- When BIG EAST Conference football celebrated its first 10 years of existence in 2000, Beamer was voted the Coach of the Decade by the league's media.

FRANK BEAMER

Tech alumnus leads the Hokies to new heights

When Frank Beamer accepted the head football coaching job at his alma mater, his goal was for the Virginia Tech football program to reach a consistent level of excellence. The Hokies have come a long way since that day, and along the way, Beamer has become one of the most respected and popular coaches on the college football scene.

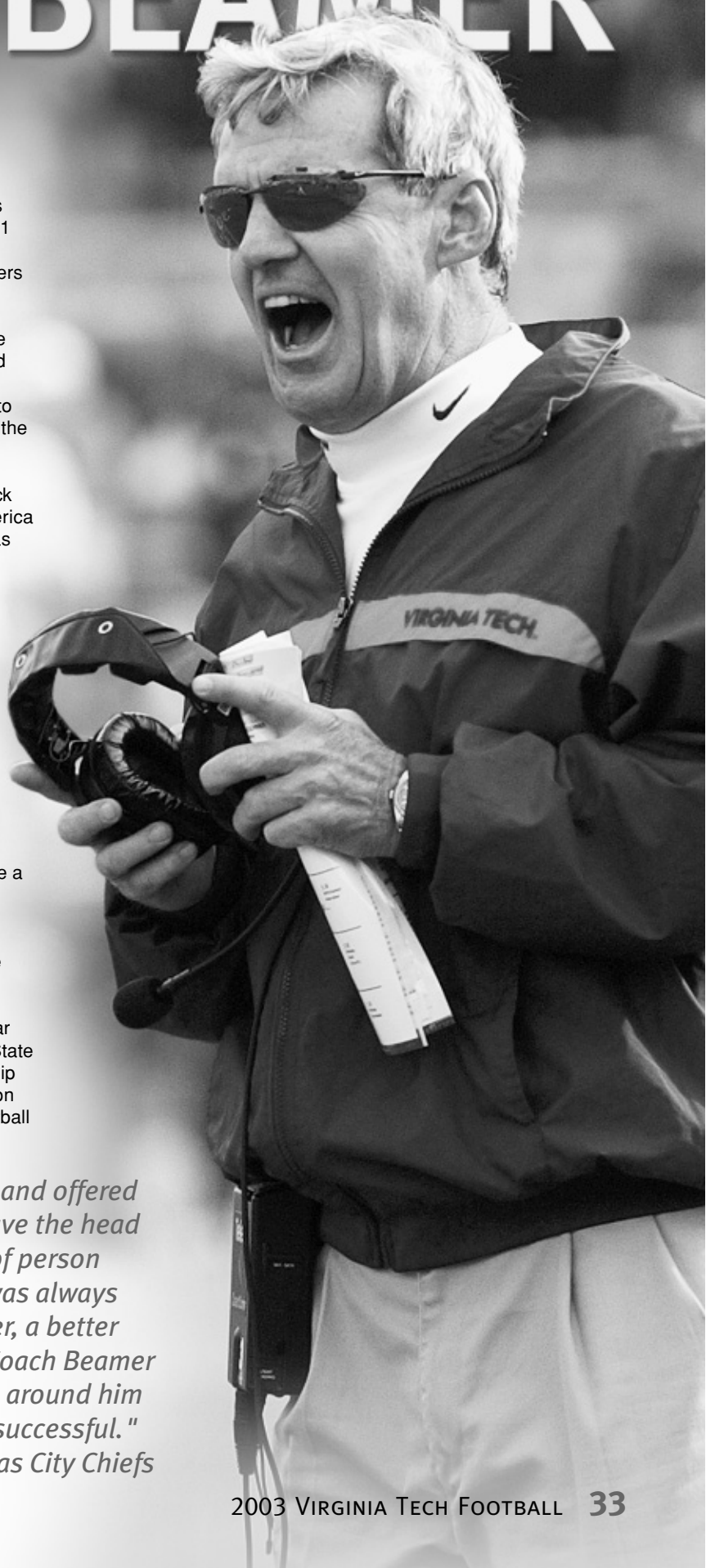
Beamer enters his 17th season at Virginia Tech and his 23rd year as a collegiate head coach tied for fifth among active Division I-A coaches in victories with 159. His Tech teams have posted a 93-29 record over the past 10 seasons and appeared in bowl games each year during that span, a feat equaled by just six other schools. He has guided the Hokies to three BIG EAST Conference championships and in 1999 helped direct Tech to the national championship game. Beamer's Hokies have been ranked in the last 70 Associated Press polls, the second-longest active streak among Division I-A teams.

Winning has been just part of Frank Beamer's success story. He and his staff have developed a wide-spread reputation for getting the most out of their players. That reputation has never been more warranted than in recent seasons.

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. During the 2001 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. Last year, the Hokies were 10-4 despite attacking one of their toughest schedules ever with a young team that featured all-new starters at the defensive tackle, inside linebacker and rover positions, as well as major questions at quarterback and wide receiver.

Under Beamer, Virginia Tech is one of just seven Division I-A teams to receive a bowl bid each of the last 10 years, including last year's Diamond Walnut San Francisco Bowl in which the Hokies defeated Air Force 20-13.

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



"When Coach Beamer came into my house and offered me a scholarship, it meant a lot to me to have the head coach in my house and that's the kind of person Coach Beamer is. Once I got to Tech, he was always encouraging me to become a better player, a better person and to always strive for excellence. Coach Beamer brings out the best in his players and those around him and that's why Virginia Tech football is so successful."

— Willie Pile, Kansas City Chiefs

season. And although the Hokies fell short in their bid for the national title, they proved that they belong among the top teams in the college ranks.

The following year, the Hokies earned their first Toyota Gator Bowl championship with an impressive 41-20 victory over Clemson.

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. When BIG EAST Conference football celebrated its first 10 years of existence in 2000, Beamer was voted the Coach of the Decade by the league's media.

In January 2001, the Tech coach 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 eight years.

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

TOP 20 WINNINGEST ACTIVE COACHES

I-A active football coaches by victories; ties computed as half won, half lost

Coach	School	Years	Won	Lost	Tied	Pct.
Joe Paterno	Penn State	37	336	100	3	.769
Bobby Bowden	Florida State	37	332	96	4	.773
Lou Holtz	South Carolina	31	238	120	7	.662
Jackie Sherrill	Mississippi State	25	178	110	4	.616
Frank Beamer	Virginia Tech	22	159	92	4	.631
Ken Hatfield	Rice	24	159	115	4	.579
Dennis Franchione	Texas A&M	20	155	73	2	.678
Fisher DeBerry	Air Force	19	149	83	1	.642
Mack Brown	Texas	19	135	89	1	.602
Paul Pasqualoni	Syracuse	17	129	64	1	.668
Mike Price	Alabama	22	129	122	0	.514
John Robinson	UNLV	16	124	62	4	.663
Bill Snyder	Kansas State	14	116	51	1	.693
John L. Smith	Michigan State	14	110	60	0	.647
Sonny Lubick	Colorado State	14	105	57	0	.648
Phillip Fulmer	Tennessee	11	103	25	0	.805
Bobby Wallace	Temple	15	98	76	1	.563
John Mackovic	Arizona	15	94	78	3	.546
Glen Mason	Minnesota	17	93	101	1	.479
Barry Alvarez	Wisconsin	13	92	61	4	.599

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. Four of the last six 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* rated 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.

Beamer's success has also 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 16 years as head coach of the Hokies. He has given the Tech program a sense of stability enjoyed by just a handful 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.

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



Coach Beamer celebrates Tech's 11-0 regular season in 1999.

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 117-69-2. He became Tech's winningest football coach during the 1997 campaign. Counting six years as head coach at Murray State prior to joining the Hokies, Beamer's overall 22-year record is 159-92-4. That record ties him for fifth among active Division I-A coaches in wins.

The 56-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 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

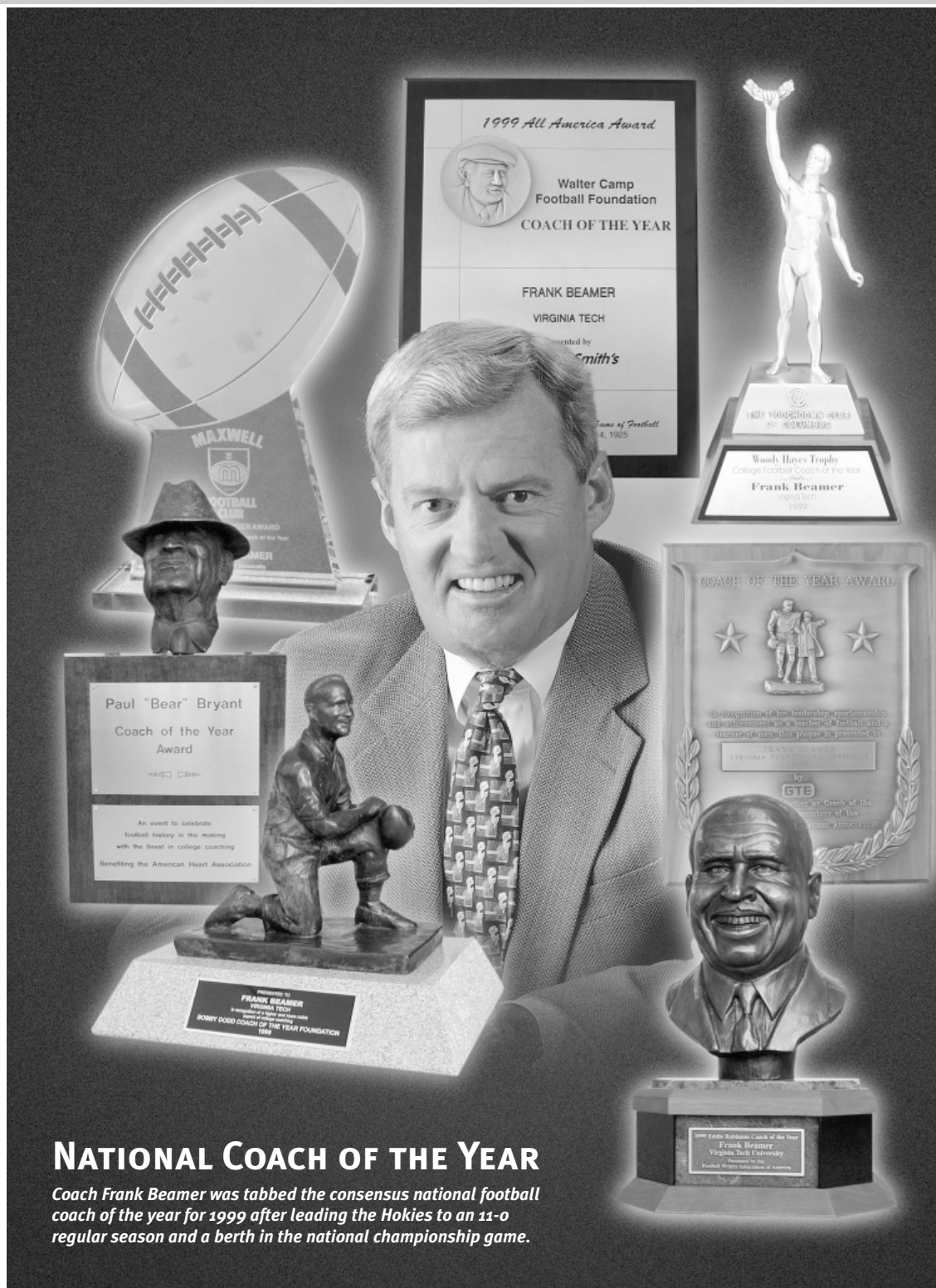
the Hokies posting back-to-back 11-1 records. Tech registered its first-ever 11-0 regular-season record in '99 before losing its national championship battle with FSU.

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. Last season Tech was ranked as high as No. 3 in the AP poll after posting consecutive wins over nationally-ranked LSU (14th), Marshall (16th) and Texas A&M (19th). The Hokies' youthful team finished the season 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.



BEAMER'S PROFILE

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
 2002 (10-4) San Francisco Bowl champion

Record at Virginia Tech: 117-69-2
 Overall head coaching record: 159-92-4

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)
 2002 San Francisco (Virginia Tech vs. Air Force)



Frank Beamer and his wife Cheryl, with Shane and Casey.

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 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 2003 graduate of Virginia Tech.

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 10 seasons.
 - compiled the second-longest active streak in the Associated Press Poll at 70 weeks.
 - 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.
 - averaged nine wins a season over the last 10 years.
 - 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 eight seasons.
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- 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 nine times in the last 10 seasons.
 - won more games (117) than under any other coaching staff.
 - been to three times as many bowl games (10) than under any other coaching staff.
 - won more bowl games (5) than under any other coaching staff.
 - posted 10 straight seasons of seven or more wins for the first time in school history.
 - had 69 of their last 86 games televised (80%).
 - compiled a 58-18 record in televised games since the start of the 1995 season.
 - 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 a No. 1 pick in the National Football League draft.
 - had over 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 four seasons.
 - had players win seven major BIG EAST individual awards in the last five years.

A TALK WITH COACH BEAMER

You went into last season with a young team that lacked experience at several key positions. What do feel is the most important thing those young players gained from the 2002 season?

There is nothing like playing in games, especially big games, to develop a sense of confidence, a sense of knowing you can handle these situations. So I think we are way ahead of last year.

How important was winning the San Francisco Bowl?

I thought it was a really critical bowl win for us. It gave us a boost to work harder during the off-season and spring. Now it's a matter of making sure that we work exceptionally hard and be as good as we can be when we kick it off in the fall.

You said this year's spring practice may have been the best ever for the Hokies. What made it so successful?

First, I think the fact that we had two quarterbacks who played at a very high level kept the flow of spring practice going. There weren't a lot of poorly thrown balls and their operation was good for the most part. Secondly, there was good competition at just about every position. When you've got good competition, nobody is taking a day off. Everybody comes out there every day to perform at a high level because they are competing for playing time. I think those two things together gave us a great spring practice.

You began the spring experimenting with DeAngelo Hall at wide receiver. What was the reason behind the experiment and was it a success?

Number one, DeAngelo is a gifted athlete. When I saw him on punt returns last season, I kept thinking, this guy has a great knack of making one guy miss. And if he can get that done out there as a wide receiver, then there

is a pretty good chance he can pick up some valuable yardage after that. Then, I looked at our wide receiver position. Ernest Wilford is a big-time player, but after that we're waiting for people to step up. I think there are some talented people there and I think there are some guys who are going to step up, but it remains to be seen. When you put DeAngelo Hall in there with Ernest Wilford, you've got two playmakers. If you put two great receivers in there — one

on each side — with a good running game, I think you have a level playing field. DeAngelo is still a corner, that is his first priority. But we are going to try to get 30 plays a game out of him on offense.

Bring us up to date on the quarterback situation.

I think we are fortunate that we have two great quarterbacks in our program here at Virginia Tech. Bryan Randall is going to be hard to beat out. He competes, he continues to get better and of course he has the advantage of having a year of experience. He has a lot of the intangibles that you really like at quarterback. On the other side, Marcus Vick is a gifted athlete who things just come natural to. He does things easily and naturally, and he is improving very quickly. I think the great thing is we have two kids who respect each other and like each other. They are going to compete hard and they know whoever gives us the best chance of winning is the guy who we are going to have in the ball game.

Have you ever had two quarterbacks this talented at the same time?

It's not just their talent, but the other things about them. It's their leadership ability and the fact that the people on this team truly like both these kids and what they are all about. You couldn't have two better kids in that regard either. Two quarterbacks as talented as this with the whole package? Until now, I have never had it in any of my programs.

With the departure of Lee Suggs, how do you assess the tailback position for 2003?

I like the way we ended up spring at our tailback position. I thought it was really good to see Cedric Humes running with authority there at the end of spring practice. He started out a little slow, but at the end I thought he was running like the big, strong, tough tailback that he is. I like Mike Imoh. I think he brings something to the table. We want to get him as strong and as big as we can. Of course, you put Kevin Jones in there and he is a very gifted, special player.

Defensively, how are the Hokies stacking up for the upcoming season?

I think overall, we are going to be very good. We are going to be quick, we are fast and we're going to have enough experience that we can be OK in that regard. We had some injuries during spring practice and it's going to help when we get those guys back, but overall, I really like what I've seen.

What do you think the team's strong points will be this season?

I would hope one of the strengths would be our kickers. I think Vinnie Burns is getting ready to have a great year. And I think Carter Warley, who didn't have any trouble with his back during the spring, has a chance to be a great kicker for us if he can hang in there and get his practice in and not have to wait for the pressure situations to be in a ball game. I think up front, defensively, is a strength for us. We have some really good players. We are not overly big, but we are really fast and I think that is going to be exciting to watch. As the season goes along, I expect the secondary to be very good. We've got some experience there at the corners and we have some talented guys at free safety and rover. I'm hoping our strong point offensively will be that we can be balanced.

What is the key to the offense being balanced?

We have to keep people who are athletic on the outside, people who are a threat to take it the distance. When you look at tailback and fullback and quarterback, there are guys who can go the distance. Our tight ends continued to block well and probably caught the ball better this spring than at any time I've been here. I think Jake Grove and Jacob Gibson are taking charge on the offensive line and people are following them. So, if we can just keep opposing defenses honest with a balanced attack, I think offensively that we have a chance to be good.

What concerns and objectives do you still have for the upcoming season?

We will be looking for players to step up at the receiver positions. Who our third quarterback is going to be will also be an issue. The plan right now is to get Chris Clifton

(former quarterback turned receiver) and run about 20 plays with him. That is a key thing. I think Aaron Rouse and James Griffin showed us in the spring that they are two talented guys. Now, can they become consistent enough in their everyday play to gain more playing time? That has to be answered during the preseason. We also have to determine which incoming freshmen figure in. I believe our recruiting class was unbelievably good. Our philosophy has always been to play you if you are going to play a lot. Figuring out who we can get in there and play a lot is going to be another issue in preseason.

What is most important about preseason practice?

I think you have to build up to the season. We have to be good in our instillation — getting in what we particularly want for the first ball game. I think it all gets back to how well you can function and how well you can run the plays.

Being good in our execution is the key thing. Making sure our chemistry is right is also something that is going to be very much an issue with us during the preseason. I've seen talented football teams with a lot of potential never quite hit it on all cylinders because they could never get the chemistry right.

This year's recruiting class includes two more brothers of current Tech players. What does the number of brothers and relatives of former players on the team say about the Virginia Tech program?

What is important here is those kids like Xavier (Adibi), Jonathan (Lewis) and Marcus (Vick) could have gone to any school in the country. They were highly recruited guys and they knew everything there was to know about Virginia Tech because of their brothers. The fact that they chose to come here is probably the greatest compliment our program could have.

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."



BEAMERBALL



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.

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. Since the start of the 1993 season, a player at every position on the defensive unit has produced at least one touchdown. And 22 different players have

scored touchdowns while playing on Tech's special teams.

Altogether, the Hokies' defense and special teams have combined to contribute 77 touchdowns since Beamer arrived in 1987, including 60 in Tech's last 112 games. Under Beamer, Tech's defense has scored 48 TDs, with 28 coming on pass interceptions, 18 on fumble returns and two on fumble recoveries. The special teams have added 29 TDs, including 14 on blocked punts, nine 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 56 different players on Tech's defense and special teams units have scored touchdowns. Twelve of those players — Don Stokes, Jock Jones, Roger Brown, Lawrence Lewis, Antonio Banks, Jim Baron, Keion Carpenter, Pierson Prioleau, Anthony Midget, Cory Bird, Kevin McCadam and Willie Pile — scored twice. Three other players, DeAngelo Hall, Ike Charlton

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-yd. 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.

2002: DeAngelo Hall, 69-yd. punt return vs. Arkansas State; DeAngelo Hall (cb), 49-yd. interception return vs. Arkansas State; Jason Lallis (dt), 59-yd. fumble return vs. Arkansas State; Alex Markogiannakis (lb), 25-yd. fumble return vs. Western Michigan; DeAngelo Hall 51-yd. punt return vs. Rutgers; Darryl Tapp, 11-yd. blocked punt return vs. Virginia; Willie Pile (fs), 96-yd. interception return vs. Miami.

and Ricky Hall, scored three times, while André Davis had four scores.

BeamerBall's emphasis on special teams produces more 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. In 2001 and 2002, the Hokies finished tied for 10th and 16th, respectively, in punt returns.

Tech's tradition for blocking kicks during the Beamer era has produced 97 blocks in his 188 games as the head coach. The Hokies have blocked 51 punts (14 for TDs), 25 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 10 kicks against Pittsburgh, eight versus Miami, seven 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 17 times, including two in last season's game with No. 14 LSU.

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 93-29 record over the past 10 seasons. During that span, the Hokies are 40-6 in games when they score at least one defensive or special teams touchdown and 40-13 when they block at least one kick.

TECH'S BLOCKED KICKS UNDER BEAMER

Totals: 97 in 187 games

(51 punts, 25 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 DelRocco) 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)

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

2000 (4 punts, 2 FGs, 2 PATs)

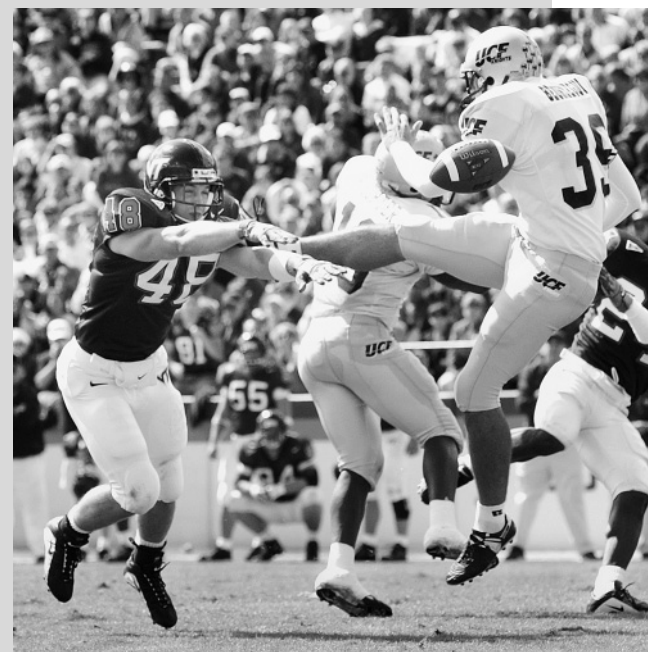
Akron – FG+ (Cory Bird) hW
East Carolina – punt* (Wayne Ward);
FG (Larry Austin) aW
Rutgers – punt+ (Eric Green) hW
Temple – punt+ (Wayne Ward) hW
West Virginia – punt (Lee Suggs);
PAT (Lamar Cobb) hW
Pittsburgh – PAT (David Pugh) hW

2001 (5 punts, 2 FGs)

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

2002 (5 punts, 2 FGs)

LSU – punt+ (Justin Hamilton)
punt@ (Jason Lallis) hW
Marshall – FG+ (Team) hW
Western Michigan – FG (Jeff King) aW
Pittsburgh – punt+ (Nathaniel Adibi) hL
West Virginia – punt# (Ernest Wilford) hL
Virginia – punt* (Justin Hamilton) hW



Brandon Manning blocks a punt against UCF in 2001.

BILLY HITE



Associate Head Coach and Running Backs Coach

Billy Hite, who has been on the sidelines for more Virginia Tech football games than any other coach, is beginning his 26th season on the Tech coaching staff and his third year as the Hokies' associate head coach.

While at Tech, Hite has helped produce eight of

Virginia Tech's top 10 career rushing leaders. Twenty of his running backs have gone on to sign with NFL teams.

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.

Hite's first tailback in 1980, Cyrus Lawrence, went on to establish Tech season and career marks for rushing yards that still stand. During the mid-1980s, Hite was credited with the development of Tech's famed "Stallions" backfield that featured Maurice Williams and Eddie Hunter.

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.

During the 2001 season, 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.

Last year, Suggs and Jones combined to become the most productive Tech twosome ever in terms of single-season rushing yardage, combining for over 2,000 yards and 31 touchdowns.

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, 18, and Bryn Elizabeth Louise, 14, and a son, Griffin William, 10.

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)
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)
2002 San Francisco (Virginia Tech vs. Air Force)



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

VIRGINIA TECH'S RUNNING GAME

UNDER THE DIRECTION OF COACH BILLY HITE, IN 2002 ...

- Lee Suggs and Kevin Jones became the most productive Tech twosome ever in terms of single-season rushing yardage (2,196).
- the Hokies ranked No. 19 nationally in rushing offense.
- Lee Suggs became the BIG EAST Conference's all-time leader in total touchdowns (56) and rushing touchdowns (53) and set an NCAA Division I-A mark for consecutive games with a touchdown (27).
- Tech had 10 100-yard rushing games from individuals.



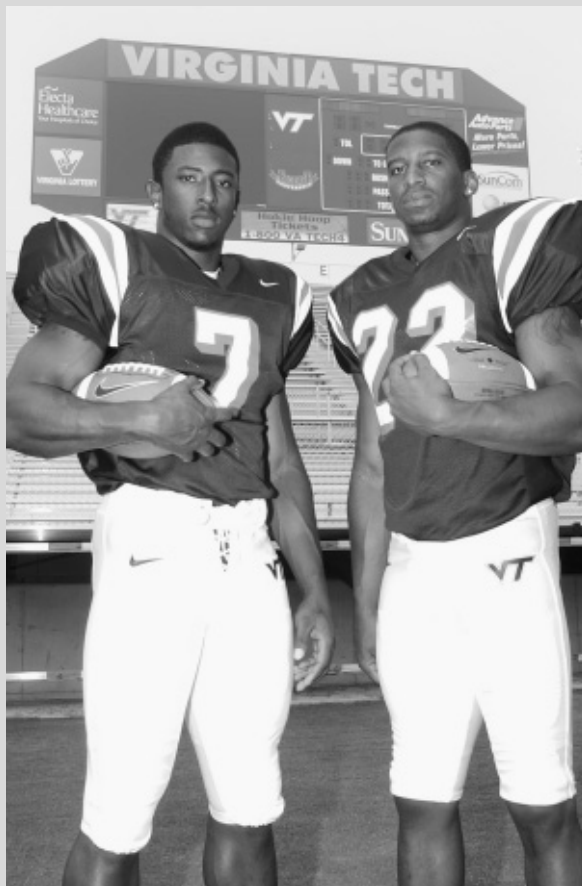
DURING BILLY HITE'S TENURE AT VIRGINIA TECH ...

- the Hokies have rushed for over 56,000 yards — an average of more than 200 yards per game (202.6) over a 278-game period.
- he has had a back rush for 100 yards or more in a game 126 times.
- the Hokies have had an average of 144 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 20 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 six of the past 10 seasons.

Tailbacks Kevin Jones and Lee Suggs became the most productive Tech twosome ever in terms of combined single-season rushing yardage with 2,196 yards in 2002.

"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



SEASON RUSHING LEADERS

Player	Yards
Cyrus Lawrence	1,403
Lee Suggs	1,255
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

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS

Player	Yards
Cyrus Lawrence	3,767
Roscoe Coles	3,459
Maurice Williams	2,981
Lee Suggs	2,697
Dwayne Thomas	2,696
Ken Oxendine	2,645
Eddie Hunter	2,523
Phil Rogers	2,461
Vaughn Hebron	2,327
Shyrone Stith	2,292

(**Bold** signifies player coached by Hite)

BUD FOSTER



Defensive Coordinator and Inside Linebackers Coach

Defensive master-mind Bud Foster has gained a well-deserved reputation as one of the nation's most respected young coaches while serving on Frank Beamer's football staff at Virginia Tech.

Foster, who is entering his 17th season at Tech, has helped mold nationally-ranked defenses during each of his eight years as a coordinator. His success made him a finalist

for the coveted Broyles Award in both 1999 and 2001. The award is presented annually to the nation's top assistant football coach.

Last year, Tech's young defense was ranked among the national leaders in scoring defense, interceptions and turnovers gained. Under Foster's guidance, Tech's 2001 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.

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, 24; Grant, 17; and Hillary, 15. In his spare time, Foster enjoys spending time with his family.

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)

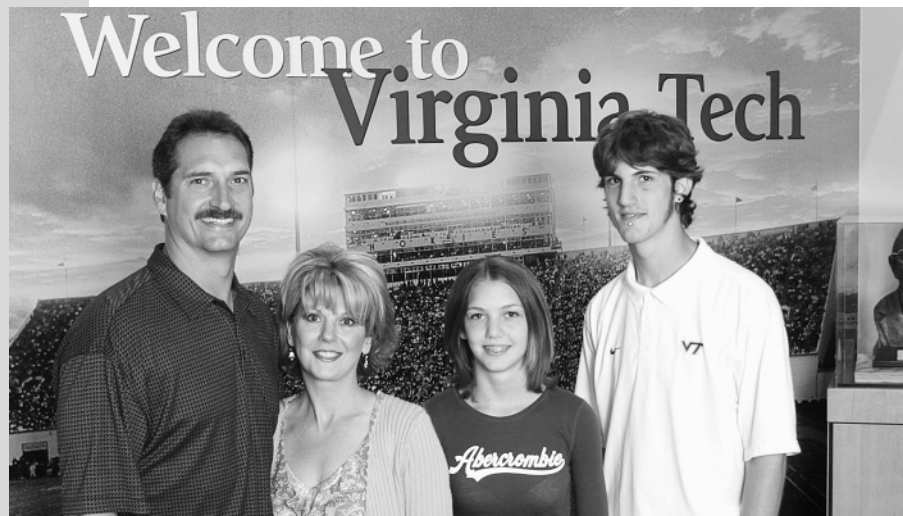
COACHING EXPERIENCE:

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)
2002 San Francisco (Virginia Tech vs. Air Force)



Coach Bud Foster and his wife, Jacquie, with Hillary and Grant.

VIRGINIA TECH'S DEFENSE

UNDER THE DIRECTION OF BUD FOSTER IN 2002, THE HOKIES' DEFENSE ...

- led the nation in pass interceptions.
- gained 37 turnovers, which ranked fifth in Division I-A.
- produced semifinalists for both the Hendricks and Thorpe Awards.
- ranked 21st nationally in scoring defense.
- featured a second-team All-American in free safety Willie Pile, according to *The Sporting News*.



DURING BUD FOSTER'S ONE YEAR AS CO-DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR AND SEVEN SEASONS AS DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR, TECH HAS ...

- 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 26 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 98.1 yards rushing and 15.7 points per game over a 91-game span.

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)

2002

1st Interceptions (24)
5th Turnovers Gained (37)
21st Scoring Defense (18.79 ppg)

*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 top young coaches and recruiters on the collegiate scene, is entering his second season overseeing the Virginia Tech offense. Stinespring was promoted to offensive coordinator in December 2001 and began those duties during the Hokies' Gator Bowl game against Florida State on New Year's Day.

The 2003 season will mark Stinespring's 11th year as a full-time coach on Frank Beamer's staff at Tech and his sixth 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, tackle Anthony Davis earned second-team all conference honors as the offensive front cleared the way for record-setting tailbacks Lee Suggs and Kevin Jones, who combined for over 2,100 yards.

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 continues to be

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 10 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, 9; and twin daughters, Caroline and Olivia, who are 5 years old.

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:

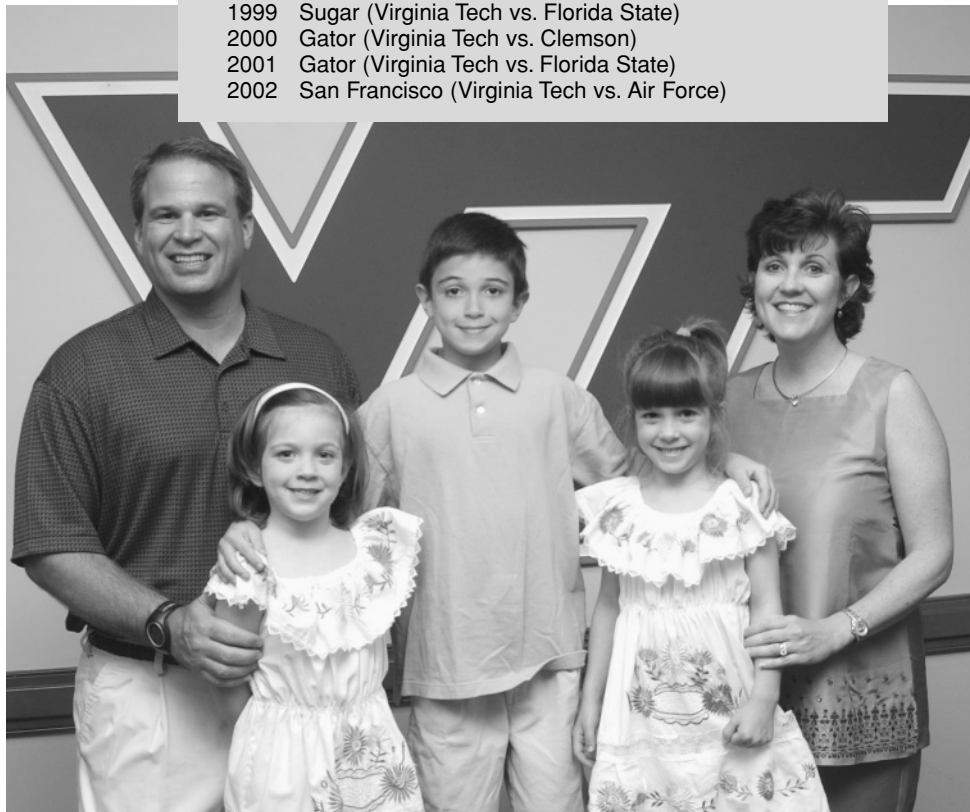
High School: Clifton Forge (Va.) High School (1982)
College: James Madison University (1986)
Postgraduate: Virginia Tech (1992)

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)
2002 San Francisco (Virginia Tech vs. Air Force)



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

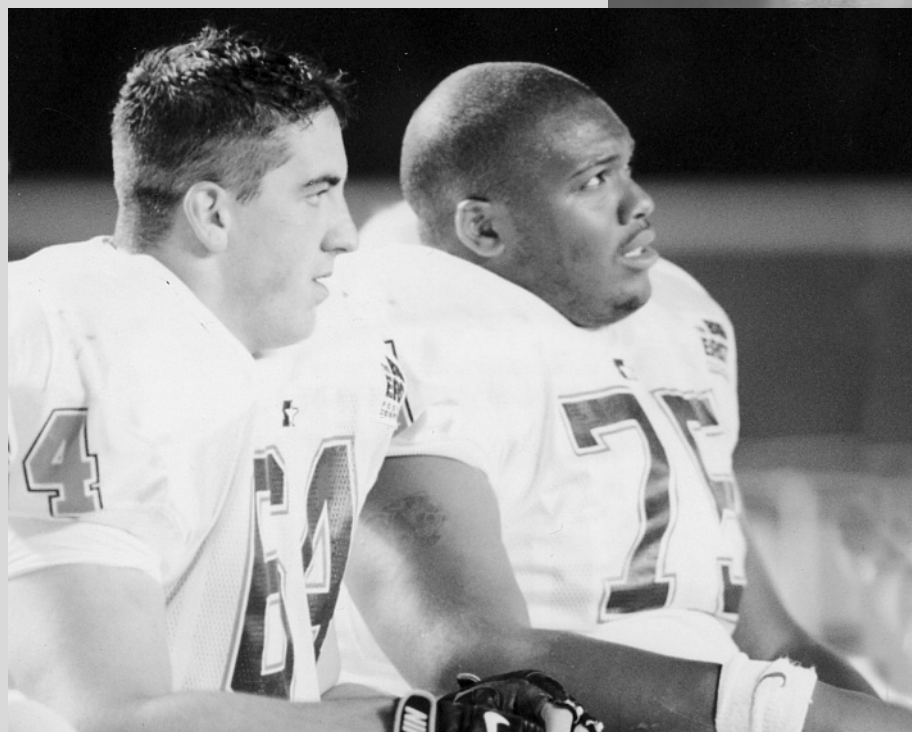
VIRGINIA TECH'S OFFENSE

DURING BRYAN STINESPRING'S FIRST SEASON AS OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR, THE VIRGINIA TECH OFFENSE ...

- produced the third-highest point total (429) in school history.
- accumulated 5,203 yards of offense, the highest total ever for a Tech team.
- earned a No. 15 ranking nationally in passing efficiency.
- averaged 31:28 time of possession, the Hokies' fifth-highest average since 1986.
- set a Tech all-time record for first downs with 274.

DURING BRYAN STINESPRING'S FIRST NINE FULL-TIME SEASONS AT TECH, THE HOKIES' OFFENSIVE LINE ...

- produced 15 different players who earned All-BIG EAST honors, including four repeat performers.
- cleared the way for an average of 200.5 yards rushing per game over a 122-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.



Gennaro DiNapoli (l) and Todd Washington are two of the 16 former Tech linemen who have gone on to the NFL during Bryan Stinespring's 10 seasons as a full-time coach.

"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

JIM CAVANAUGH



Strong Safety and Outside Linebackers Coach and Recruiting Coordinator

Jim Cavanaugh has played a major role in Virginia Tech's success since joining Frank Beamer's coaching staff in 1996. Cavanaugh is entering his eighth season as the Hokies' strong safety and outside linebackers coach and his second year as Tech's recruiting coordinator.

No one has been more instrumental in bringing top-notch 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, Marcus Vick, Xavier Adibi and Chris Ellis.

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 in 2001 and was a fifth-round NFL selection by the Atlanta Falcons.

Tech's appearance in the 2002 Diamond Walnut San Francisco Bowl marked Cavanaugh's 19th postseason game as a coach. The Hokies have been to bowls in each of his seven seasons on the staff.

A former star receiver at William & Mary, Cavanaugh is a veteran of 33 years coaching, including 29 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, an Appalachian State graduate who works for the Indianapolis Colts and is married to the former Melissa Searls, and Lauren Reddick, who graduated from Virginia Tech in 2002.

CAVANAUGH'S PROFILE

PERSONAL:

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

Coach Jim Cavanaugh and his wife, Marsha, with Ryan and his wife, Melissa, and Lauren and her husband, Rob.

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:

Coach
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)
2002 San Francisco (Virginia Tech vs. Air Force)

VIRGINIA TECH RECRUITING

“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.”

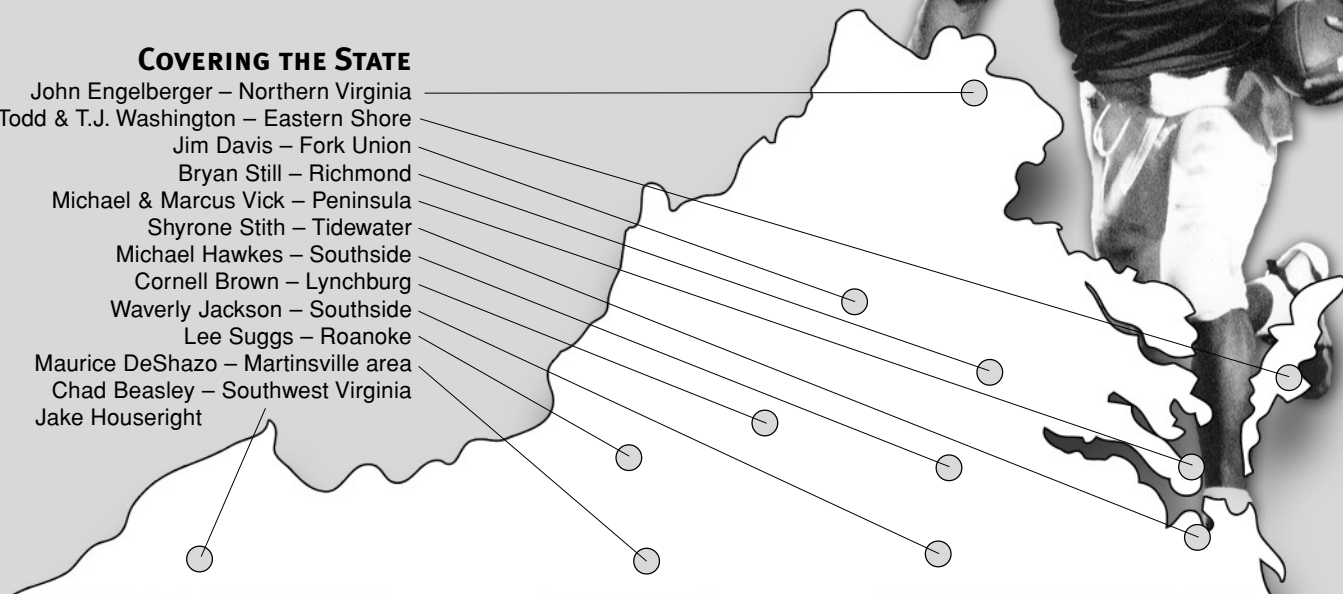
— Coach Frank Beamer



Michael Vick

COVERING THE STATE

- John Engelberger – Northern Virginia
- Todd & T.J. Washington – Eastern Shore
- Jim Davis – Fork Union
- Bryan Still – Richmond
- Michael & Marcus Vick – Peninsula
- Shyrone Stith – Tidewater
- Michael Hawkes – Southside
- Cornell Brown – Lynchburg
- Waverly Jackson – Southside
- Lee Suggs – Roanoke
- Maurice DeShazo – Martinsville area
- 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, Tyronne Drakeford – South Carolina
- Jim Pyne – Massachusetts
- Derek Smith – West Virginia
- Ben Taylor, Dave Kadela – Ohio

COACHES’ IN-STATE RECRUITING AREAS

- 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
- Charley Wiles Southwest Virginia

TONY BALL



Wide Receivers Coach

coached the running backs at East Tennessee State in 1989.

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, 12, and Keshea, 11.

Tony Ball, who has 15 years of experience as a full-time collegiate coach, is beginning his sixth season as Virginia Tech's receivers coach. Ball's attention to detail and enthusiastic approach to the game of football have helped Tech to a 49-13 record, three bowl championships and an appearance in the national championship game over the past five seasons.

Ball has shown an ability to motivate and prepare young players and was instrumental in the development and success of split end Ernest Wilford who etched his name in the Tech record books last season. Wilford, a second-team All-BIG EAST pick, set a school single-season mark for receptions (51) and established new game marks for receiving yards (279) and touchdown catches (4) during a contest at Syracuse.

Under Ball's watchful eye, André Davis became one of the nation's top big-play threats. Davis closed out his Tech career in 2001 ranked among the Hokies' top three in career catches, receiving yards and touchdown receptions. He 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

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)
2002 San Francisco (Virginia Tech vs. Air Force)



Coach Tony Ball and his wife, Maria, with Keshea and Anthony.

DANNY PEARMAN



Tight Ends and Offensive Tackles Coach

Danny Pearman, who is entering his 12th season as a full-time collegiate assistant, has coached in Division I-A national championship games at two different schools.

Pearman, who is beginning his sixth season as the Hokies' tight ends and offensive tackles coach, brought experience and a sound football background to the Tech staff in 1998. He arrived 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. Pearman helped bring along an inexperienced group of tight ends and also aided in the development of All-BIG EAST tackle Derek Smith, who was drafted by the Washington Redskins following the season. He has since worked with two other all-conference tackles — Dave Kadela and Anthony Davis.

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 three seasons. In 2000, 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. Following the 2001 season, both players signed with NFL teams after contributing valuable senior leadership to a rebuilding offensive unit. Last season, Keith Willis caught an 87-yard pass against Syracuse — the longest reception ever by a Tech tight end.

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, 6, and a son Tanner Ryan, 3.

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)
2002 San Francisco (Virginia Tech vs. Air Force)



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

KEVIN ROGERS



Quarterbacks Coach

Kevin Rogers, who played a major role in the development of quarterback Donovan McNabb at Syracuse, is in his second year as the quarterbacks coach at Virginia Tech.

The 2003 season will mark Rogers' 24th year as a full-time coach on the collegiate level. He served as an offensive

coordinator and quarterbacks coach at both Syracuse and Notre Dame before joining the Tech staff in January 2001.

Last season, under Rogers' watchful eye, Tech quarterback Bryan Randall set a school season record for completion percentage (63.7) and ranked 10th nationally in passing efficiency (143.09). He also compiled the most total offense by a Tech player since 1972.

Prior to a three-year stint at Notre Dame (1999-01), 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 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.

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.

Before his tenure at Syracuse, Rogers spent eight 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 a Notre Dame offense that broke the school single-season record for total passing yards, completions and attempts. Rogers helped quarterback Jarious Jackson set school single-season records for passing attempts, completions and passing yardage.

Rogers has been involved in 10 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 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. At William & Mary, he was a three-year letterman as a linebacker and earned a degree in physical education. He earned a master's in physical education from Ohio State in 1978.

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 senior at Notre Dame; and Ryan, a junior 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)

2002 San Francisco (Virginia Tech vs. Air Force)



Coach Kevin Rogers and his wife, Betty, with Megan, Ryan (l) and Kevin (r).

LORENZO WARD



Defensive Backfield Coach

Lorenzo Ward's reputation as an outstanding coach and recruiter continues to grow as he starts his fifth season on Frank Beamer's football staff at Virginia Tech. Ward oversees Tech's cornerbacks and free safeties.

In just four seasons with the Hokies, Ward has coached five all-BIG EAST players, produced a secondary that has helped Tech finish among the national defensive leaders four-straight seasons and spearheaded the recruiting of the nation's top high school football player.

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 during the 2001 season, the Hokies ranked second in total defense, third in pass efficiency defense, eighth in pass defense and tied for seventh in interceptions. Last year, Tech led the Division I-A ranks in interceptions with 24.

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.

Four of Ward's cornerbacks at Tech – Anthony Midget, Ike Charlton, Ronyell Whitaker and DeAngelo Hall – have earned BIG EAST honors, along with free safety Willie Pile. 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. Hall and Pile were second-team picks in 2002. Pile was also a semi-finalist for the Jim Thorpe Award as the nation's top defensive back in '02.

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 7.

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)
2002 San Francisco (Virginia Tech vs. Air Force)



Coach Lorenzo Ward and his wife, Tara, with 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 eight seasons directing the Tech line, are 2001 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, eight 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 and current end Nathaniel Adibi was selected to the second team last year.

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. Tech's 2001 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 season since he rejoined 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, 7, and a son Eric, 4.

WILES' PROFILE

PERSONAL:

Born: 5/4/64, Nashville, Tenn.
Hometown: De Land, Fla.
Wife: former Andrea Wilder
Children: Kendell, 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)
2002 San Francisco (Virginia Tech vs. Air Force)



Coach Charley Wiles and his wife, Andrea, with 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 athletics 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 will receive his Ed.D in health promotions from Virginia Tech in December of this year.

Ballein was a teacher and football coach 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.

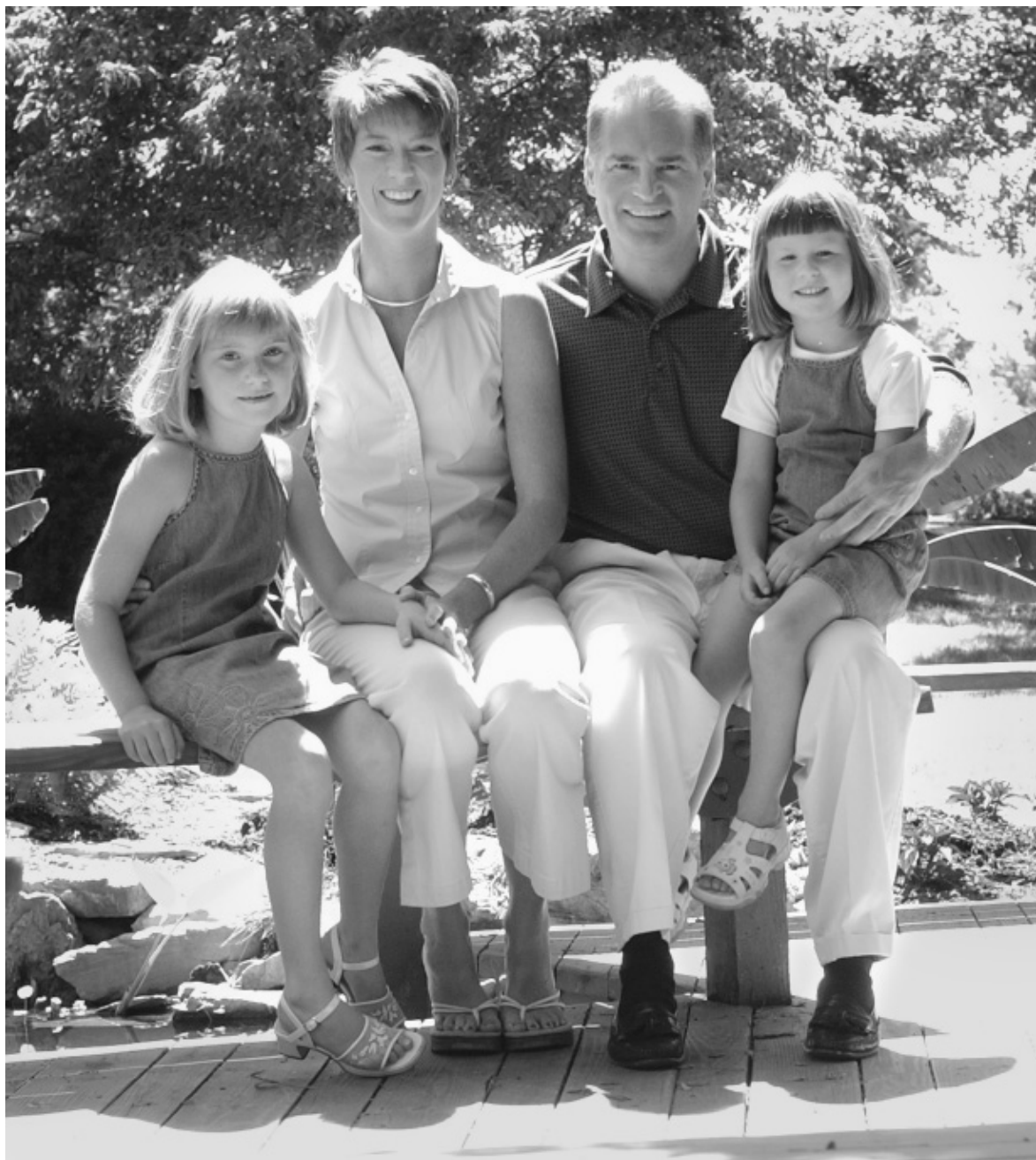
With his office adjacent to Coach Beamer's, he is often considered Beamer's right-hand man. He deals mostly with the administrative side of the football program, but is one of the favorites among players.

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, 5.



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

FOOTBALL SUPPORT STAFF



BRUCE GARNES

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

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

For four 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 associate 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, 32, 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.

GRADUATE ASSISTANTS



J.C. Price



Greg Shockley



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 25 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.

Karlin, his wife, Suzie, and their daughters Sarah and Rachel live in Blacksburg. Karlin is a life member of the Blacksburg Volunteer Rescue Squad.



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



Jay Takach

Graduate Assistant
Manager



Cody Cole

Student Manager



Matt Collins

Student Manager



Brian Hunter

Student Manager



Tommy Rapier

Student Manager



Jon Tatum

Student Manager



Adam Linkous

Student Manager



Wade Nelson

Student Manager