



*The impressive south end zone expansion in Lane Stadium (above) was completed prior to the 2002 football season. The next possible phase of expansion involves the west side, depicted below in an architect's drawing.*



# FACILITIES



# MOVING FORWARD

## Tech's Building Boom



*Hokie fans take in a game from the comfort and luxury of a suite in the new south end zone facility.*

When it comes to athletic facilities, Virginia Tech's Director of Athletics, Jim Weaver has a simple philosophy — "as soon as you sit still in terms of facilities, you have taken a step backward."

It has become clear that Virginia Tech has no intention of sitting still on the facilities front. There is a continuous stream of improvements underway or in the planning process in the athletics complex. A number of projects have recently concluded while several larger endeavors loom on the horizon.

The Virginia Tech athletics department is living up to Jim Weaver's challenge to constantly enhance its facilities. Here are a few examples:

- The recently completed Eddie Ferrell Memorial Training Room is a 4,300 square-foot facility that gives the athletic trainers a centralized area to provide physical therapy, chiropractic care and massage therapy to Tech student-athletes.

- The Lane Stadium south end zone expansion consists of 11,100 new seats, 15 luxury suites, two club areas, four television camera stations, a new visitors' locker room that can be split in half and used for the spring sports, new storage rooms and the new June Oblinger Shott Media Center.

- Cassell Coliseum's walkway and concession areas got a facelift prior to the 2002-2003 basketball season. The ceilings were raised and wood panels were added, as was Hokie Stone in some areas. Additionally, new lights and carpet were installed.

- McComas Field, an existing university field which has lights, was made regulation size and became the new game field for the men's and women's varsity soccer teams as well as women's lacrosse. The surrounding land has been converted into two full-size practice fields. A second phase, the installation of 1,000 permanent seats and rest room facilities, will be completed prior to this fall.

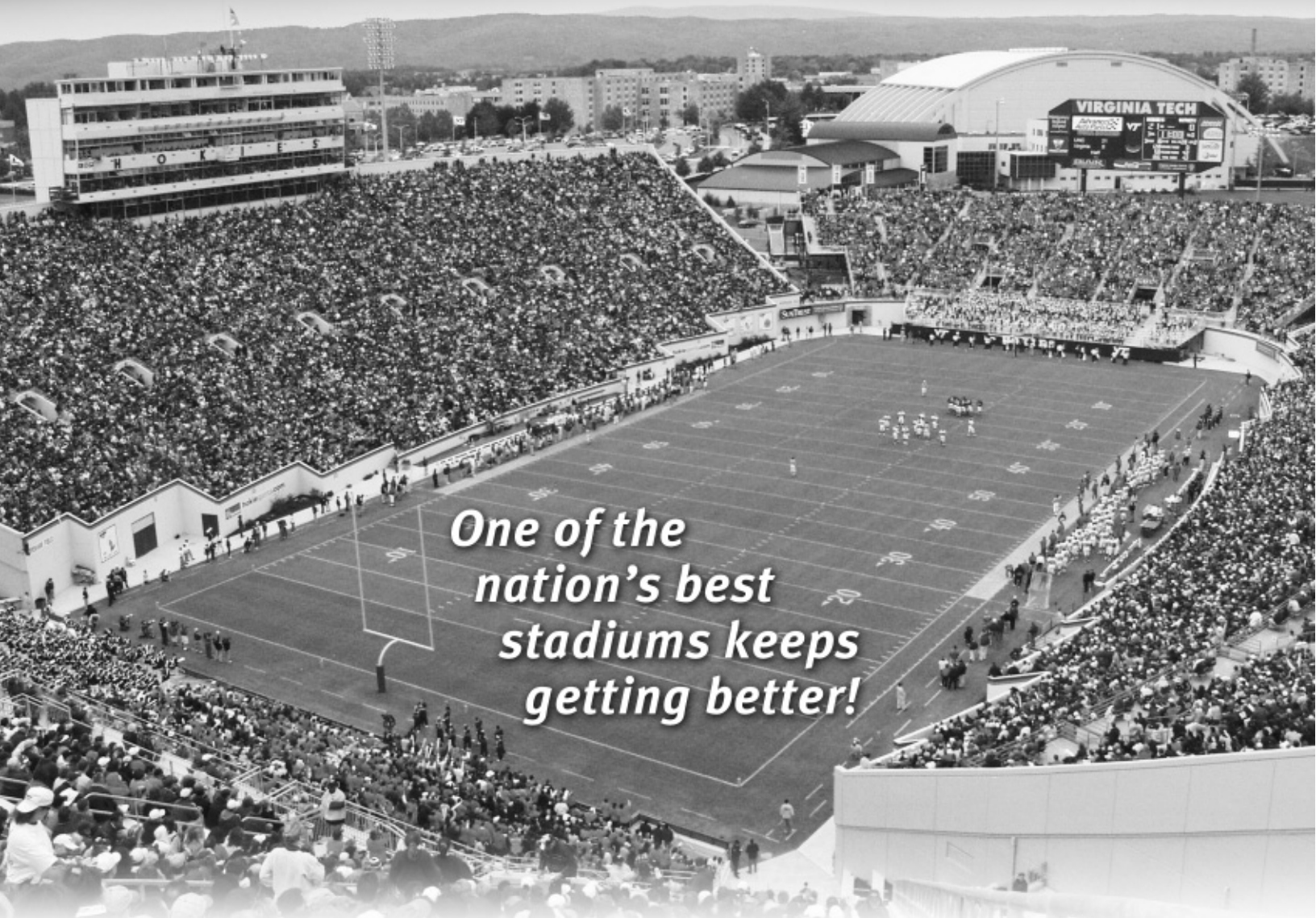
- The remodelling of Lane Stadium's west side is in the planning stages and will involve the removal of the fencing that surrounds the stadium and replacing it with an actual entrance, the construction of additional new luxury suites, a new President's area, two private club seating areas, an expanded press box, new concession stands, a new ticket office, new athletic fund offices, an Athletics Hall of Fame and a new student academic services area.

- Tech has plans for a new field house that will be wider and longer than Rector Field House and would be used for football, soccer and lacrosse. Underneath the new field house there will be batting cages for softball and baseball as well as additional storage areas.

- With a new field house in place, Rector Field House would become a permanent indoor facility for the track & field team.

- Lights were installed this summer at English Field, home of the Tech baseball team, allowing for fewer missed classes for the athletes.

# LANE STADIUM



*One of the nation's best stadiums keeps getting better!*

The Virginia Tech football team has enjoyed a decade of success, going to 10 straight bowl games. A big part of that success is the home-field advantage the Hokies enjoy at Lane Stadium/Worsham Field.

Billed as one of the toughest places to play, the Hokies play on not only one of the best playing surfaces in the nation, but with the new south end zone addition, the Hokies play in one of the best stadiums in the nation.

Now entering its 39th season as an arena of collegiate football competition, Lane Stadium/Worsham Field has gone through numerous changes, renovations and

additions. But through it all, it has always been regarded as one of the finest places to watch — and toughest places for opponents to play — a college football game.

## **A NEW LOOK**

Last season was marked by tough competition and record-setting crowds as the capacity rose to 65,115 when the second of what Virginia Tech hopes to be a three-phase project was completed at Lane Stadium/Worsham Field.

Prior to last season, Tech added 11,120 seats in the south end zone to enclose that end of the stadium. The double-deck structure is similar

to the Cleveland Browns' "Dawg Pound" section and has bleacher, bench-back and club seats. The structure is enclosed, but has gaps between the existing structure and the new one. This is because of new building codes and a desire to get fans closer to the field.

Below the south end zone stands are several new features. There is a football visitor's locker room which can be divided and used for other sports' visiting teams in the winter and spring.

There is also the June Oblinger Shott Media Center, which houses a new press room, two press conference

areas, three radio rooms, a dark room and several storage rooms.

The outside of the facility also has a new look, making the entrance more inviting. Walkways and landscaping give the south and west sides a more appealing entrance for fans and teams.

This past summer, \$1.9 million was raised to fund the ongoing planning of the west side expansion. While nothing has been finalized or approved, the west side would be another magnificent addition to the stadium.

Given the process of capital funding approval, the athletics department has set forth a

tentative schedule for stage three of the project.

If all goes according to plan, ground will be broken in November and crews will begin building around the current press box after this season and during the 2004 season.

Following the completion of the 2004 season, the current press box will be "decapitated" and the new structure will be filled in to match the new structure.

Plans call for a new press area on the west side, down toward the south end zone with new seating, a dining area and improved overall facilities.

Another recent addition to the facility is the turf and drainage system that was replaced in the summer of 2001. This past winter, a heating system was installed to keep the Bermuda grass at an optimum temperature during the winter months.

This innovative system is in place in just a handful of other stadiums in the world and makes Worsham Field one of the finest playing fields around.

## A WINNING TRADITION

On Sept. 22, 1994, Tech won its 100th game in Lane Stadium in memorable fashion before a national television audience on ESPN with a 34-6 win over BIG EAST rival West Virginia.

Tech's overall record at Lane Stadium is 144 wins, 61 losses

## LANE STADIUM MILESTONES

	Date	Opponent	Result	Score
First Win	Oct. 2, 1965	William & Mary	W	9-7
First Television Game (ABC)	Oct. 29, 1966	Florida State	W	23-21
25th Win	Oct. 11, 1975	Florida State	W	13-10
50th Win	Oct. 3, 1981	Memphis State	W	17-13
First CBS Game	Sept. 18, 1982	Miami (Fla.)	L	8-14
First Night Game	Nov. 25, 1982	Virginia	W	21-14
First TBS Game	Nov. 25, 1982	Virginia	W	21-14
First Game Under Coach Beamer	Sept. 12, 1987	Clemson	L	10-22
First Win Under Coach Beamer	Oct. 3, 1987	Navy	W	31-11
75th Win	Oct. 3, 1987	Navy	W	31-11
First ESPN Game	Nov. 24, 1990	Virginia	W	38-13
First BIG EAST Game	Sept. 26, 1992	West Virginia	L	7-16
First BIG EAST Win	Oct. 16, 1993	Temple	W	55-7
100th Win	Sept. 22, 1994	West Virginia	W	34-6
First ESPN Thursday Night Game	Sept. 22, 1994	West Virginia	W	34-6
Program's 1,000th Game	Sept. 4, 1999	James Madison	W	47-0
125th Win	Sept. 23, 1999	Clemson	W	31-11
First ESPN GameDay Appearance	Oct. 16, 1999	Syracuse	W	62-0
Second ESPN GameDay Appearance	Nov. 13, 1999	Miami (Fla.)	W	43-10
Frank Beamer's 100th Win at Tech	Sept. 1, 2001	Connecticut	W	52-10

**Virginia Tech's All-Time Record at Lane Stadium:** 144-61-6 (38 years)

**Longest Winning Streak at Lane Stadium:** 16 games (47-0, James Madison, 1999 — 34-20, Boston College, 2001)

and six ties in 38 years of play. The Hokies are 70-24-1 at home during Coach Frank Beamer's tenure at Virginia Tech and more impressively, are 52-10 in Blacksburg the last 10 seasons. Tech has an all-time record of 30-8 in BIG EAST games played at Lane Stadium/Worsham Field and has won 23 of the last 28 conference games at home.

Last season, Tech went 6-2 at Lane Stadium/Worsham Field, on its way to a 10-4 season.

This season, Tech hopes to continue its home stadium

tradition as it hosts BIG EAST rivals Miami, Syracuse and Boston College along with non-conference foes Connecticut, Texas A&M, UCF and James Madison.

## LANE AND WORSHAM

On Sept. 5, 1992, Worsham Field was officially dedicated in honor of Wes and Janet Worsham, longtime Hokie supporters from Kilmarnock, Va. The Worshams pledged \$1 million to the university's Second Century Campaign.

The Campaign raised over \$18.6 million, almost \$1.7 million more than the original goal, thanks to the support of people like the Worshams.

The stadium is named for the late Edward H. Lane, a graduate of the university and a former member of the Board of Visitors. Lane headed an educational foundation project which raised more than \$3 million for the original construction. Lane's personal donation was the first received by the fund.

## HOKIES' TURF A FIRST FOR A COLLEGE FOOTBALL STADIUM

Virginia Tech's continuing efforts to compete at the highest level produced another first for the Hokies. Two seasons ago, Tech became the first collegiate football team to have a new state-of-the-art GreenTech ITM natural grass sports field system. Lane Stadium was just the third playing venue to possess this type of playing surface, joining Millennium Stadium in Cardiff, Wales and Giants Stadium in the Meadowlands.

GreenTech, Inc. of Richmond, Va., began installing the highly-sophisticated system shortly after Tech's 2001 commencement ceremonies.

The modular turf system features 4,600 4-by-4 foot trays sodded with a Bermuda grass surface and placed on pedestals two-to-three inches above an asphalt base.

The system also provides excellent drainage. Irrigation lines run through pockets underneath the trays and 22 air vents under the field are connected to a vacuum system which will draw water from the trays onto the asphalt. The water then flows into large drains on either side of Worsham Field. The trays, in combination with the vacuum system, can handle up to 16 inches of rain an hour.

Placing the field on mobile trays gives Tech the ability to move sections of the field. It also gives Tech

the possibility of hosting events such as concerts in Lane Stadium without damaging the field.



*In July of 2001, workers installed the playing surface in trays on top of pavement that was laid down in Lane Stadium/Worsham Field.*

The original cost was \$3.5 million, compared with \$3.2 million spent for the addition on top of the east stands. The stadium's original capacity was 40,000, but the addition, completed in 1980, raised that number to 52,500. The relocation of bleacher seats dropped the total capacity to under 50,000.

Lane Stadium, featuring a modern lighting system and a seating capacity of 65,115, ranks as one of the nation's finest collegiate football facilities.

Before moving to Lane Stadium, Tech played its home games in Miles Stadium, which had a seating capacity of 17,000. The late Stuart K. Cassell proposed the new stadium as a part of a general plan for a number of new facilities for the university.

**THROUGH THE YEARS**

Original construction of Lane Stadium began in April, 1964, and was completed four years later. The Hokies did not wait for completion, playing their first game in the stadium on Oct. 2, 1965. Tech defeated William and Mary, 9-7 that day with only the west stands and the center section of the east bleachers completed. Official dedication ceremonies took place Oct. 23 before a 22-14 win over Virginia.

Through the years, the stadium has seen several changes and renovations. In 1982, the lighting system was added to the facility. The system was first used in Tech's nationally-televised 21-14 Thanksgiving Day victory over Virginia that season. The game was broadcast on WTBS and was the first-ever nationally-televised game from Lane Stadium.

Prior to the 1989 season, Lane Stadium underwent further improvements. Tech received a donation of 16 flags with the "VT" logo for the stadium. Lane Stadium also received a new paint job which included the addition of

maroon and orange stripes around the inner walls of the facility.

In 1991, a new scoreboard bearing BIG EAST Conference logos replaced the old scoreboard at the south end of the stadium while a new auxiliary scoreboard was placed at the north end. In the spring of 1994, renovations were completed on seven lower sections of the east stands. Renovations included replacing concrete risers and the addition of wheelchair seating.

Before the 1994 season, plaques bearing retired jerseys of Tech heroes Bruce Smith, Carroll Dale, the late Frank Loria and Jim Pyne were added to the wall in the north end zone. With the additional of the north end zone seats, the four retired numbers now fly on flag poles above those stands.

Last season, three more flags — those bearing the names and numbers of Frank Beamer, Michael Vick and Cornell Brown — were added, retiring their jerseys, but not their numbers.

Prior to the 1998 season, the oldest bleachers were replaced with new locust wood and the stands were waterproofed and top coated. On the east side, the roof on the visitors' locker room was replaced along with the wooden bleachers in the three sections above the dressing room. Also, additional handicapped seating was added.

In addition to the seats in the north end zone constructed before the 1999 season, the interior block walls and concourse tunnels were seal-

coated to match the exterior of Cassell Coliseum and the Merryman Center.

Before the 2000 season, a new scoreboard, complete with "Hokievision" was installed behind the north end zone bleachers.

The south end zone construction project eliminated the old wooden bleachers in that area. But the north end zone bleachers were expanded down to the field, adding close to 600 new, permanent seats to make the north end zone look similar to the new south end zone. This is where The Marching Virginians — one of Tech's two marching bands — sit. These moves cut the capacity to 53,662.

Prior to the 2000 season, approximately 3,000 permanent bleacher seats were added in the north end zone and prior to the 1999 season, 2,100 permanent seats were added in the same end zone.

**RECORD CROWDS**

BIG EAST Conference affiliation has benefited Hokie football and enthusiastic crowds at Lane Stadium/Worsham Field have helped the Hokies to some big wins during their resurgence under Coach Frank Beamer. Tech set a single-season attendance record last year by averaging 63,344 spectators per contest.

With the new additions and renovations, as well as one of the top teams in the country, hopefully, the 2003 home schedule will be just as successful in drawing record-setting crowds to Lane Stadium/Worsham Field — home of the Hokies.



Lane Stadium at night in 2000 — before the south end zone (foreground) expansion and additional bleachers in the north end zone were completed.

**LANE STADIUM SERIES RECORDS**

Following is a list of the 55 schools that Virginia Tech has faced in Lane Stadium and a breakdown of the Hokies' home record against those teams since the stadium opened in 1965.

	W	L	T
Akron	4	0	0
Alabama	0	1	0
Alabama-Birmingham	2	0	0
Appalachian State	3	0	0
Arkansas State	3	0	0
Auburn	0	1	0
Boston College	3	1	0
Bowling Green	2	0	0
Buffalo	1	0	0
Central Florida	1	0	0
Cincinnati	2	2	0
Clemson	1	5	0
Connecticut	1	0	0
Duke	2	0	0
East Carolina	4	2	0
East Tennessee State	2	0	0
Florida State	3	4	1
George Washington	1	0	0
Houston	0	1	1
James Madison	5	0	0
Kansas State	0	1	0
Kent State	1	0	0
Kentucky	2	3	0
Louisville	3	0	0
LSU	1	0	0
Marshall	1	0	0
Maryland	1	0	0
Memphis State	2	1	0
Miami (Fla.)	3	4	0
Miami (Ohio)	0	1	0
Navy	1	0	0
North Carolina State	1	0	1
Ohio University	1	0	0
Oklahoma State	1	0	0
Pittsburgh	4	1	0
Richmond	8	1	0
Rhode Island	1	0	0
Rutgers	6	0	0
South Carolina	1	4	1
SMU	1	0	0
Southern Mississippi	3	2	0
SW Louisiana	1	0	0
Syracuse	5	2	0
Temple	6	1	0
Texas A&M	0	1	0
Tulane	2	0	0
Tulsa	1	2	0
Vanderbilt	3	0	0
Villanova	3	0	0
Virginia	10	6	1
VMI	5	2	0
Wake Forest	4	4	0
West Virginia	10	6	1
Western Michigan	1	0	0
William & Mary	11	2	0
Totals	144	61	6

# LANE STADIUM RECORDS

## TOP SINGLE PERFORMANCES (1965-2002)

**Best Record:** 7-0, 1996  
**Worst Record:** 0-3-1, 1969  
**Most Points Scored:** *Tech* — 77 vs. Akron, 1995;  
*Opponent* — 49, Houston, 1974  
**Highest Combined Score:** 104 pts., 77-27 win against Akron, 1995  
**Lowest Combined Score:** 3 pts., 3-0 win against Villanova, 1967  
**Longest Run from Scrimmage:** *Tech* — 82 yds., Phil Rogers vs. VMI, 1975;  
*Opponent* — 89 yds., Wes McFadden of Clemson, 1987  
**Longest Pass Completion:** *Tech* — 91 yds., qb Steve Casey to wb Sidney Snell vs. VMI, 1979;  
*Opponent* — 97 yards, qb Tim Haselback to wr Dedrick Dewalt, Boston College, 1999  
**Longest Interception Return:** *Tech* — 98 yds., ilb Jamel Smith vs. Rutgers, 1998; *Opponent* — 99 yds., db Marcus Mauney of West Virginia, 1974  
**Longest Kickoff Return:** *Tech* — 99 yds., Eddie Hunter vs. South Carolina, 1986; *Opponent* — 100 yds., Jimmy Stewart of Tulsa, 1976  
**Longest Punt Return:** *Tech* — 95 yds., Frank Loria vs. Miami (Fla.), 1967; *Opponent* — 88 yds., Larry Carter of Kentucky, 1978  
**Longest Field Goal:** *Tech* — 61 yds., Wayne Latimer vs. Florida State, 1975; *Opponent* — 56 yds., Kenny Stadlin of Virginia, 1984  
**Most Yards Rushing by an Individual:** *Tech* — 223, Kenny Lewis vs. VMI, 1978; *Opponent* — 226, Wes McFadden of Clemson, 1987  
**Most Yards Rushing by a Team:** *Tech* — 467, vs. William & Mary, 1985; *Opponent* — 441, Kentucky, 1974  
**Fewest Yards Rushing by a Team:** *Tech* — minus 1, vs. Syracuse, 1987; *Opponent* — minus 28, Arkansas St., 1997  
**Most Yards Passing by an Individual:** *Tech* — 527, Don Strock vs. Houston, 1972; *Opponent* — 498, Scott Milanovich of Maryland, 1993  
**Most Yards Passing by a Team:** *Tech* — 527, vs. Houston, 1972; *Opponent* — 498, Maryland, 1993  
**Fewest Yards Passing by a Team:** *Tech* — 11, vs. Richmond, 1975; *Opponent* — 15, Kentucky, 1974  
**Most Passing Attempts by an Individual:** *Tech* — 53, Don Strock vs. Houston, 1972; *Opponent* — 54, Dean May of Louisville, 1983  
**Most Passing Attempts by a Team:** *Tech* — 53, vs. Houston, 1972; *Opponent* — 57, Appalachian State, 1982 & Maryland, 1993  
**Most Pass Completions by an Individual:** *Tech* — 34, Don Strock vs. Houston, 1972; *Opponent* — **31, Byron Leftwich of Marshall, 2002**  
**Most Pass Completions by a Team:** *Tech* — 34, vs. Houston, 1972; *Opponent* — **36, Marshall, 2002**  
**Most Pass Receptions by an Individual:** *Tech* — 13, Nick Cullen vs. Southern Miss, 1990; *Opponent* — 13, Ron Sellers of Florida State, 1966  
**Most Yards on Pass Receptions by an Individual:** *Tech* — 194, Antonio Freeman vs. Temple, 1993; *Opponent* — 180, Herman Moore of Virginia, 1990  
**Most Total Offense by an Individual:** *Tech* — 516 yds., Don Strock vs. Houston, 1972; *Opponent* — 516 yds., Scott Milanovich of Maryland, 1993  
**Most Total Offense by a Team:** *Tech* — 641 yds., vs. Maryland, 1993; *Opponent* — 649 yds., Maryland, 1993  
**Most Combined Total Offense:** 1,290 yds., *Tech* (641 yds.) vs. Maryland (649 yds.), 1993  
**Most Touchdowns by a Team:** *Tech* — 11, vs. Akron, 1995; *Opponent* — 7, Houston, 1974  
**Most Points Scored by an Individual:** *Tech* — 26, fb George Constantinides vs. Richmond, 1967; *Opponent* — 24, rb Mike Dingle of South Carolina, 1990  
**Most Rushing Touchdowns by an Individual:** *Tech* — 4, four times (most recent: tb Lee Suggs vs. Rutgers, 2000);  
*Opponent* — 3, three times (most recent: rb Terrell Willis of Rutgers, 1993)  
**Most Rushing Touchdowns by a Team:** *Tech* — 8, vs. Akron, 1995; *Opponent* — 5, Kentucky, 1974  
**Most Touchdown Passes by an Individual:** *Tech* — 4, Maurice DeShazo vs. Maryland & Temple, 1993;  
*Opponent* — 4, three times (most recent: John Turman of Pittsburgh, 2000)  
**Most Touchdown Passes by a Team:** *Tech* — 5, vs. Temple, 1993; *Opponent* — 4, four times (most recent: Pittsburgh, 2000)  
**Most Touchdown Receptions by an Individual:** *Tech* — 3, Antonio Freeman vs. Maryland, 1993; *Opponent* — **3, two times (most recent: Larry Fitzgerald of Pittsburgh, 2002)**  
**Most Field Goals Made by an Individual:** *Tech* — 6, Mickey Thomas vs. Vanderbilt, 1989; *Opponent* — 5, Rafael Garcia of Virginia, 1994  
**Most Points Kicking by an Individual:** *Tech* — 18, Mickey Thomas vs. Vanderbilt, 1989; *Opponent* — 18, Rafael Garcia of Virginia, 1994  
**Most Interceptions by an Individual:** *Tech* — 3, seven times (most recent: cb Anthony Midget vs. Miami, 1999);  
*Opponent* — 3, Aaron Beasley of West Virginia, 1994  
**Most Interceptions by a Team:** *Tech* — 6, vs. Rutgers, 1998; *Opponent* — 5, Virginia, 1992 & 1994  
**Most Interception Yardage by an Individual:** *Tech* — 182, fs Ashley Lee vs. Vanderbilt, 1983; *Opponent* — 99, db Marcus Mauney of West Virginia, 1974  
**Most Interception Yardage by a Team:** *Tech* — 182, vs. Vanderbilt, 1983; *Opponent* — 107, by East Carolina, 1991  
**Most Punts by an Individual:** *Tech* — 12, two times (most recent: Gene Fisher vs. Miami, 1967); *Opponent* — 13, Bill Rudison of Akron, 1989  
**Most Punt Returns by an Individual:** *Tech* — 10, two times (most recent: Bo Campbell vs. Akron, 1989);  
*Opponent* — 7, Rahsaan Vanterpool of West Virginia, 1994  
**Most Punt Returns by a Team:** *Tech* — 10, two times (most recent: vs. Akron, 1989);  
*Opponent* — 8, Houston, 1974  
**Most Punt Return Yardage by an Individual:** *Tech* — 164, Antonio Freeman vs. Pittsburgh, 1994;  
*Opponent* — 127, Larry Carter of Kentucky, 1978  
**Most Punt Return Yardage by a Team:** *Tech* — 154, vs. Richmond, 1967;  
*Opponent* — 127, Kentucky, 1978  
**Most Kickoff Returns by an Individual:** *Tech* — 6, Marcus Mickel vs. Clemson, 1989;  
*Opponent* — 6, three times (most recent: John Gutter of James Madison, 1988)  
**Most Kickoff Returns by a Team:** *Tech* — 8, vs. Houston, 1974 & vs. Virginia, 1994;  
*Opponent* — 9, George Washington, 1966 & Maryland, 1993  
**Most Kickoff Return Yardage by an Individual:** *Tech* — 214, Marcus Mickel vs. Clemson, 1989;  
*Opponent* — 142, Phil Mosser of William & Mary, 1971  
**Most Kickoff Return Yardage by a Team:** *Tech* — 245, vs. South Carolina, 1973;  
*Opponent* — 189, Rutgers, 1993  
**Most First Downs:** *Tech* — 34, vs. Akron, 1991; *Opponent* — 34, William & Mary, 1971  
**Fewest First Downs:** *Tech* — 3, vs. Miami (Fla.), 1967; *Opponent* — 6, West Virginia, 1966  
**Most Fumbles:** *Tech* — 11, vs. Tulsa, 1976; *Opponent* — 8, Richmond, 1975  
**Most Fumbles Lost:** *Tech* — 5 vs. Tulsa, 1976; *Opponent* — 5, two times (most recent: Clemson, 1985)  
**Most Combined Fumbles:** 17, *Tech* (11) vs. Tulsa (6), 1976  
**Most Combined Fumbles Lost:** 10, *Tech* (5) vs. Tulsa (5), 1976  
**Most Yards Penalized:** *Tech* — 163 vs. Wake Forest, 1983; *Opponent* — 160, Miami (Fla.), 1992  
**Largest Crowd:** 65,097, vs. Virginia, 2002  
**Smallest Crowd:** 10,000, vs. VMI, 1977

Records set in 2002 in **bold**

## TOP 15 LANE STADIUM CROWDS

65,097	Virginia .....	2002
65,049	LSU .....	2002
65,049	Marshall .....	2002
64,971	Pittsburgh .....	2002
64,937	Temple .....	2002
64,907	Rutgers .....	2002
62,723	West Virginia .....	2002
56,272	Virginia .....	2000
56,272	Pittsburgh .....	2000
56,272	West Virginia .....	2000
56,272	Temple .....	2000
56,272	Rutgers .....	2000
56,272	Akron .....	2000
54,157	Virginia .....	1990
54,016	Arkansas State .....	2002

# THE MERRYMAN CENTER



The Merryman Center, the centerpiece for Virginia Tech athletics, is a \$10.6 million all-purpose building that ranks as one of the finest facilities of its kind in college athletics — and it's only getting better.

Located just a good punt from Lane Stadium/Worsham Field, Merryman opened its doors to athletes in 1997 and officially was dedicated Sept. 26, 1998 in a university ceremony.

The facility is named for the F.W. (Sonny) Merryman family of Rustburg, Va., which presented the university with a major gift, kicking off a fund-raising campaign that saw Tech supporters dig deep into their pockets.

The result is a streamlined 40,000-square-foot facility that includes ...

On the first floor: A spacious sports rehabilitation complex where athletes can go to help them get back on the playing field quicker; a strength and conditioning complex that is magnificent; a speed and agility gym; and a football coaches' locker room.

And on the second floor: Michael Vick Hallway, which includes a 130-seat auditorium and nine position meeting rooms for use by the football team; the new Hall of Legends, which is a showcase of Virginia Tech football; spacious offices for Coach Frank Beamer and his top assistant, John Ballein; the video department, complete with brand new, state-of-the-art equipment; and the women's basketball offices.

The Hall of Legends, the new entranceway to the athletics department, provides visitors with a brilliant display of Hokie football memorabilia.

The area highlights memorabilia from past Virginia Tech football squads with special emphasis on the Outland Trophy, won by Tech's Bruce Smith as the best college football lineman in 1984, as well as the numerous awards won by Corey Moore following the 1999 season.

Other memorabilia highlights are items from Tech's Sugar Bowl football victory over Texas in 1995 — as well as Tech's other bowl appearances — and former Hokies in the NFL.

The area also has a conference room, as well as videos, game balls and other awards handed out.

"The room was designed to provide us with an ideal place for individual meetings with football prospects and their parents," assistant athletics director for football operations John Ballein said. "In our opinion, it is quite a showplace for recruiting."

The exterior of the building is streamlined, too, and has a definite Hokie motif. Even the roof, the only maroon one on the Virginia Tech campus, adds a touch of school spirit. The outside walls of the Merryman Center are a combination of Hokie stone and a more simplified white stone that matches that on Cassell Coliseum, the building next door.

"This is a facility that is really special in every way," says Tech A.D. Jim Weaver. "There is no doubt in my mind that the Merryman Center ranks right at the very top among the great buildings in college athletics."

Beamer, too, is ecstatic over the facility. "The building, to me, represents a commitment on behalf of the university," the coach says. "The construction of Merryman clearly demonstrates the university's determination to maintain a top athletic program year in and year out. All of us connected with football are extremely proud of that."

Another area of interest is Tech's first-rate video area, something Ballein is especially proud of.

"The complex has more coaching stations than any other facility of its kind in college football or in the National Football League," he said.

Beamer's office is special, too. The 22-by-30-foot room is enclosed by glass on two sides, providing a beautiful view of Lane Stadium/Worsham Field and other parts of the Merryman Center. Beamer also has a great view of the new practice fields installed prior to the 2001 season. The new fields are less than 100 feet from the football locker room.

# The Hokies' Great Athletic Complex

TECH'S SPACIOUS LIGHTED PRACTICE FIELD IS LOCATED JUST OUTSIDE THE LOCKER ROOM AND MERRYMAN CENTER



THE HALL OF LEGENDS, IN THE MERRYMAN CENTER SERVES AS THE "FRONT DOOR" OF THE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT







65,115-SEAT  
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REALLY COMES ALIVE  
ON GAME DAYS



*“It’s an atmosphere  
like no other! It’s the  
loudest place I’ve ever  
played in, and that  
includes Syracuse’s  
Carrier Dome.”*

— WVU OT Lance Nimmo

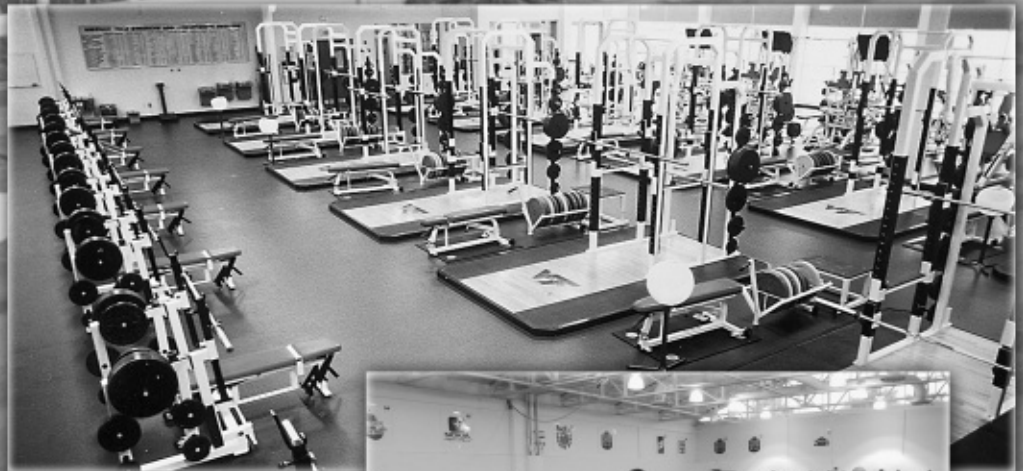
THE HOKIES’ FULL-SIZED  
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IN RECTOR FIELD HOUSE



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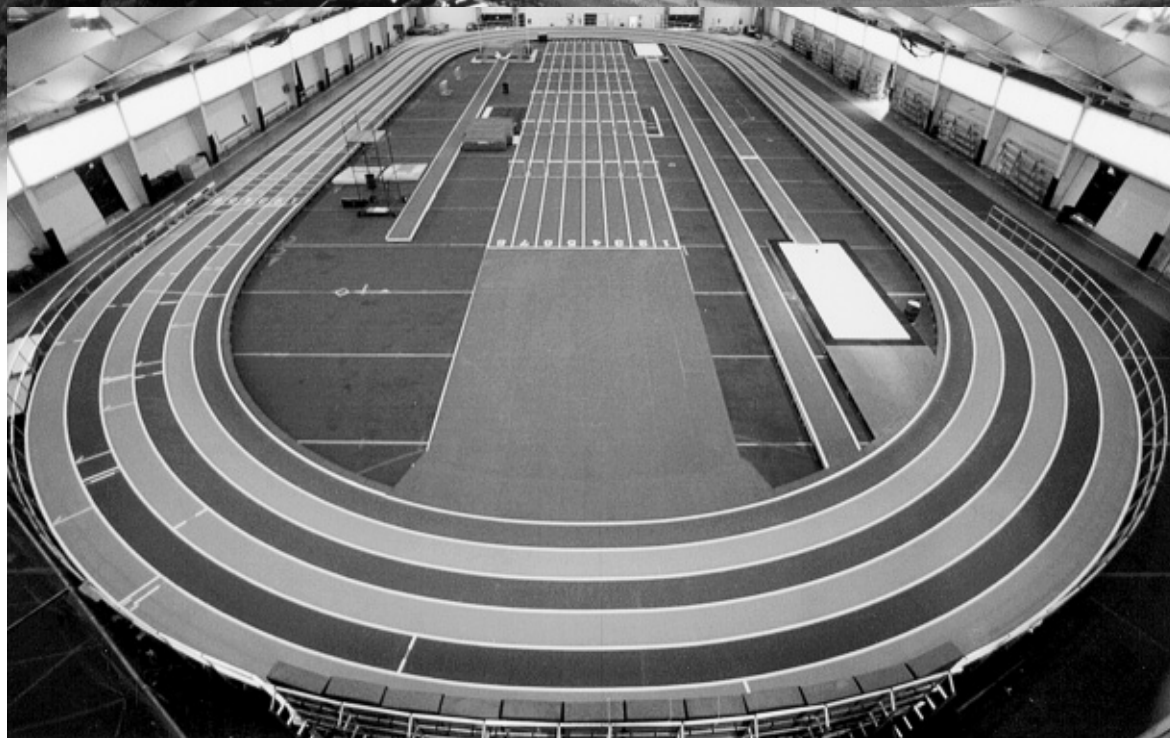


## A LOOK AT THE HOKIES' OTHER ATHLETIC FACILITIES

*Hokie fans heading into Lane Stadium/Worsham Field pass the Merryman Center (right) and Cassell Coliseum, with its distinctive flying buttresses. Cassell Coliseum, (pictured above during a basketball game) is the site of Tech's men's and women's hoops contests as well as wrestling and women's volleyball matches.*



*One of the great things about Virginia Tech's athletic complex is the proximity of all the venues to each other and the rest of the campus. Not far from the Merryman Center, beautiful English Field (right, and below) is the home of Tech's baseball team, the "Hammerin' Hokies." Also pictured below are Tech's outdoor track and Rector Field House. The Johnson-Miller Outdoor track complex has an eight-lane Mondo track with 10 dash lanes and multiple jumping and throwing areas.*



*Rector Field House (on the right of the photo above) is the site of the Hokies' full-sized indoor practice field, and is also home to one of the nation's finest indoor tracks (left) in the winter. Plans are being considered for a new indoor football practice facility to be located on the other side of Cassell Coliseum and the Merryman Center.*



*The Virginia Tech men's and women's swimming and diving teams compete at the War Memorial Pool.*

*Tech's relatively-young softball program has only been in existence for eight years, but — like many Tech athletic teams — it has already built a reputation for winning. New bleachers and a press box have been added to their facility over the last few years.*



*The Burrows-Burleson Tennis Center (above and left) boasts six indoor courts as well as six outdoor courts. The facility, which has been honored by the USTA, has been the site of both men's and women's NCAA Tournament matches in recent years.*