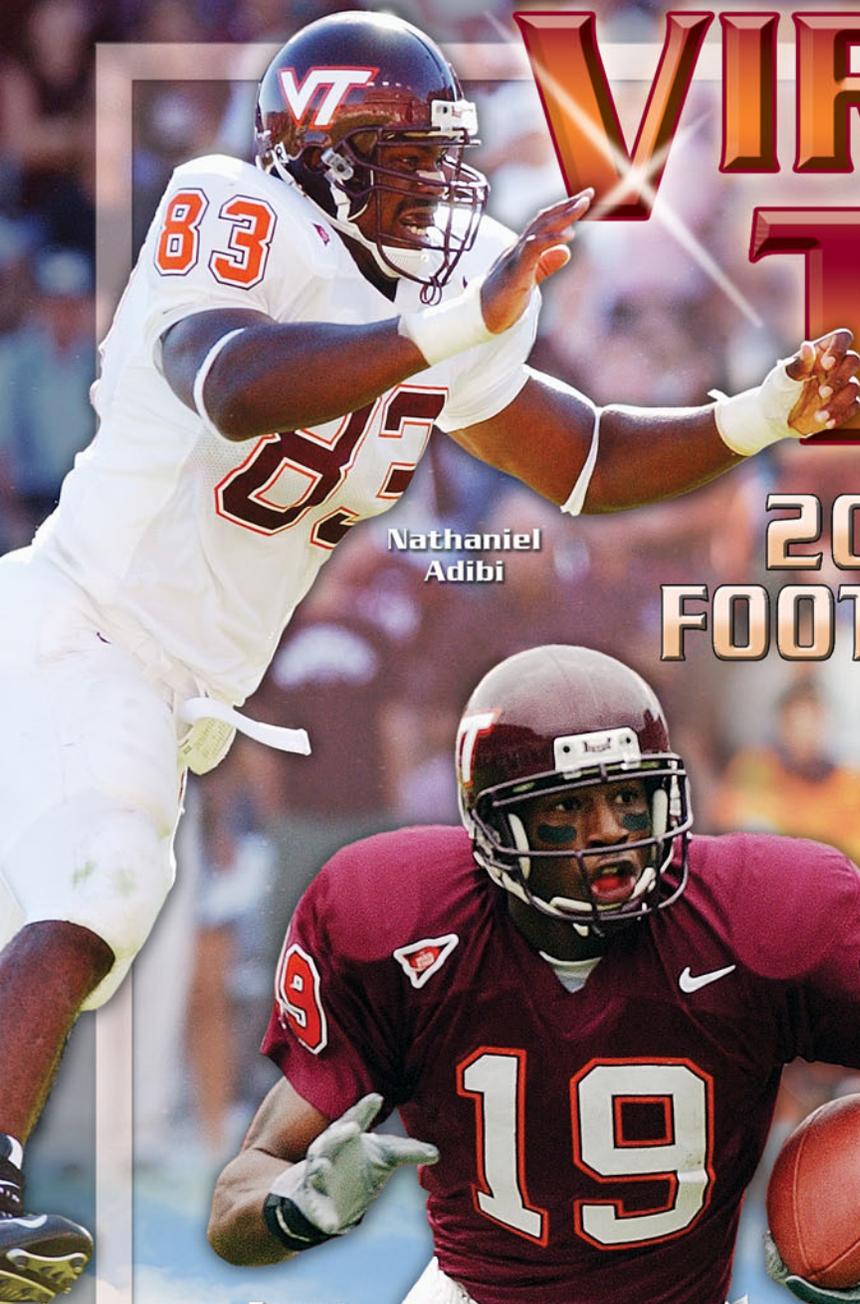
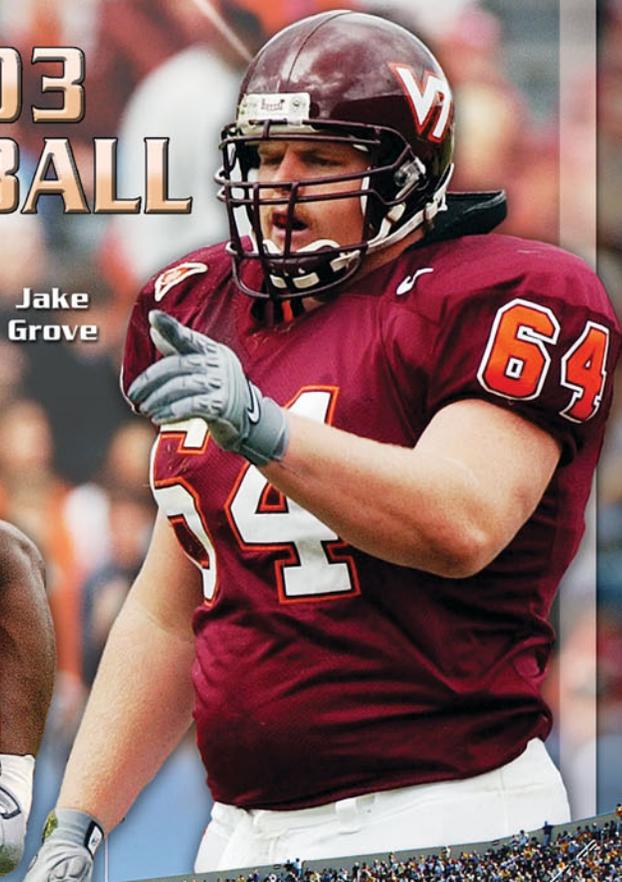


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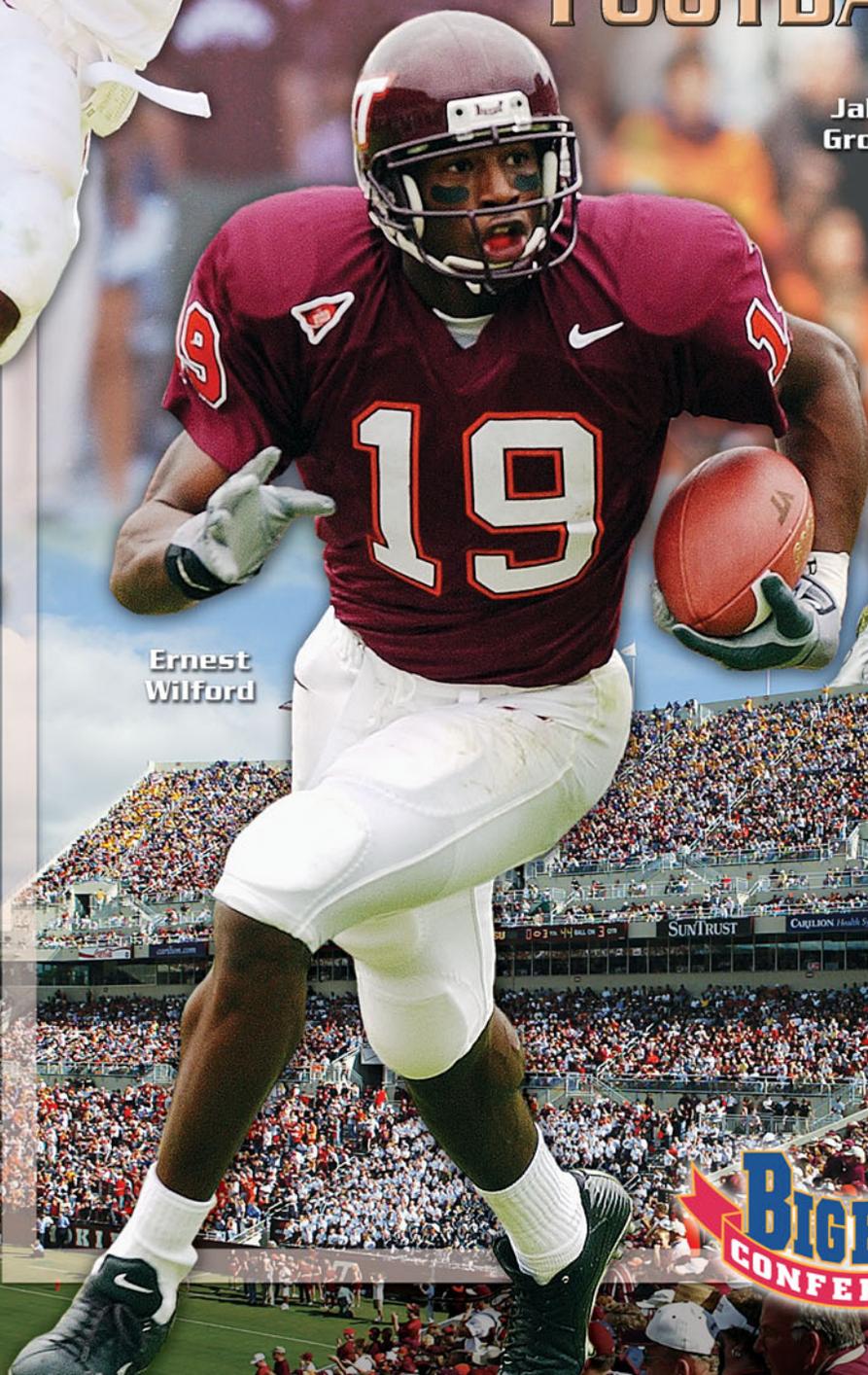
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Nathaniel  
Adibi



Jake  
Grove



Ernest  
Wilford



Coach  
Frank  
Beamer

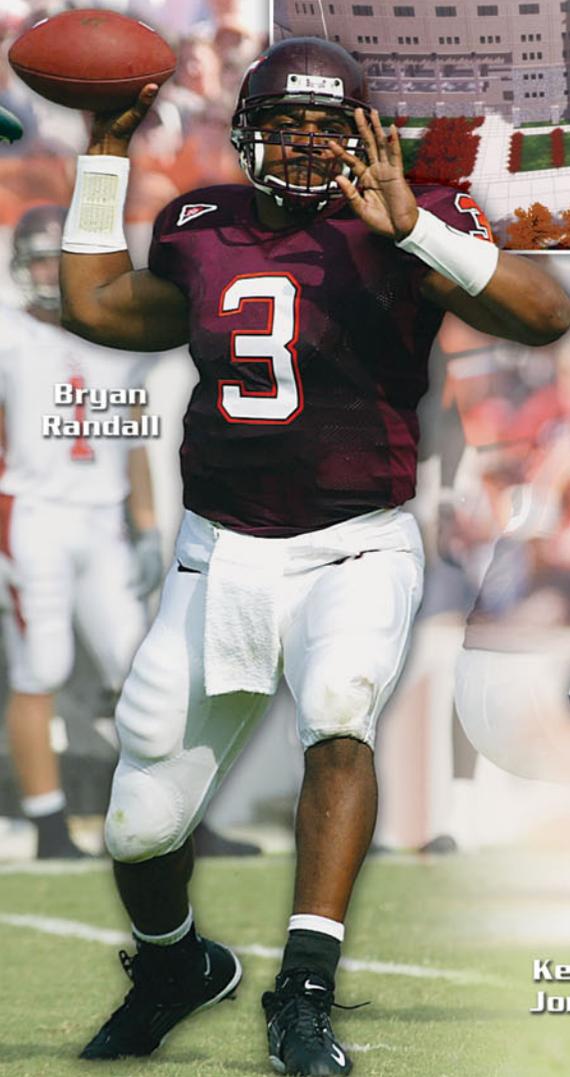




**DeAngelo Hall**



**Vinnie Burns**



**Bryan Randall**



**Kevin Jones**



# VIRGINIA TECH

## 2003 FOOTBALL



THE  
LUNCH  
PAIL



THE LINK

### QUICK FACTS

**Location:** Blacksburg, Va.

**Founded:** 1872

**Enrollment:** 26,000

**President:** Dr. Charles W. Steger

**Athletic Director:** Jim Weaver

**Office Phone:** (540) 231-3977

**Faculty Chairman of Athletics:**

Dr. Larry Killough

**Ticket Manager:** Sandy Smith

**Office Phone:** (540) 231-6731

**Nickname:** Hokies

**Colors:** Chicago maroon and burnt orange

**Conference:** BIG EAST

**Football Began:** 1892

**All-Time Football Record:**

598-405-46 (109 seasons)

**Stadium:** Lane Stadium/Worsham Field

**Capacity:** 65,115

**Turf:** GreenTech ITM natural grass

**Head Coach:** Frank Beamer (Virginia Tech, '69)

**Best Time To Contact:** Through SID Office

**Record at VT:** 117-69-2 (16 years)

**Overall Record:** 159-92-4 (22 years)

**2002 Record:** 10-4

(including San Francisco Bowl victory)

**Final Ranking:** 18 AP, 14 USA Today/ESPN

**Conference Record (Finish):** 3-4 (tied for fourth)

**Offensive System:** Multiple

**Defensive System:** 4-3

**Lettermen Returning:** 43 (17 off., 23 def., 3 spec.)

**Lettermen Lost:** 17 (7 off., 8 def., 2 spec.)

**Starters Returning:** 18 (7 off., 9 def., 2 spec.)

**Starters Lost:** 8 (4 off., 2 def., 2 spec.)

*These two Virginia Tech Football traditions symbolize the toughness and togetherness that have enabled the Hokies to achieve at the highest level. The defense rallies around the lunch pail, a reminder of the blue-collar work ethic that each player is expected to put forth in every workout and game. A single link from a chain, carried by each member of the offense, is a symbol of the teamwork the Hokies exhibit on and off the field and serves as a reminder of the responsibility each player has to assure the success of the team.*

### 2003 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Day	Date	Opponent	Location	Television
Sun.	Aug. 31	UCF	Blacksburg, Va.	ESPN
Sat.	Sept. 6	James Madison	Blacksburg, Va.	
Thurs.	Sept. 18	Texas A&M	Blacksburg, Va.	ESPN
Sat.	Sept. 27	Connecticut	Blacksburg, Va.	
Sat.	Oct. 4	at Rutgers*	Piscataway, N.J.	
Sat.	Oct. 11	Syracuse*	Blacksburg, Va.	
Wed.	Oct. 22	at West Virginia*	Morgantown, W.Va.	ESPN/ESPN2
Sat.	Nov. 1	Miami*	Blacksburg, Va.	ESPN
Sat.	Nov. 8	at Pittsburgh*	Pittsburgh, Pa.	
Sat.	Nov. 15	at Temple*	Philadelphia, Pa.	
Sat.	Nov. 22	Boston College*	Blacksburg, Va.	
Sat.	Nov. 29	at Virginia	Charlottesville, Va.	

*\*denotes BIG EAST Conference game  
Times and television to be announced*

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# BUILDING ON A DECADE OF EXCELLENCE



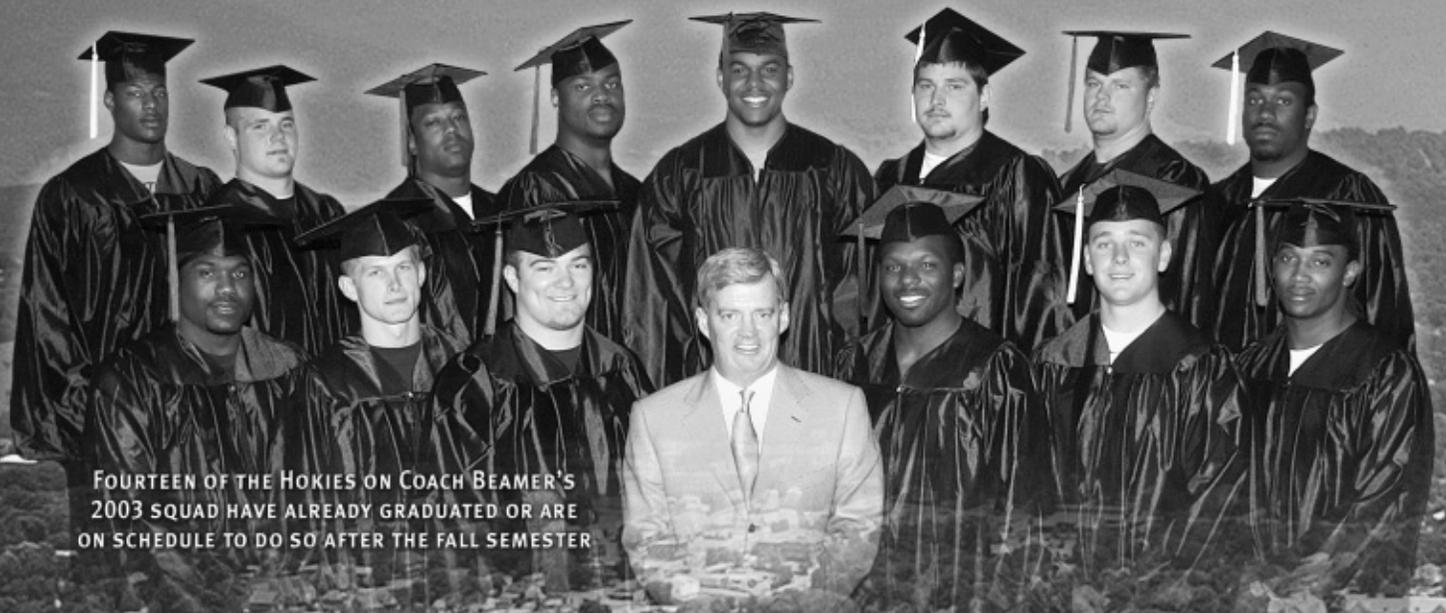
## VIRGINIA TECH FOOTBALL

UNDER THE DIRECTION OF COACH FRANK BEAMER, THE HOKIES HAVE ACHIEVED TREMENDOUS SUCCESS OVER THE PAST DECADE.

TECH IS ONE OF ONLY SEVEN TEAMS IN THE COUNTRY TO GO TO A BOWL GAME IN EACH OF THE PAST 10 SEASONS. THE HOKIES HAVE THE SECOND-LONGEST RUN IN THE AP POLL.

TECH PLAYERS GRADUATE AT A HIGHER RATE THAN THE NATIONAL AVERAGE. THE HOKIES NOW HAVE THEIR SIGHTS SET ON BUILDING UPON THIS DECADE OF EXCELLENCE.

# A GREAT PLACE



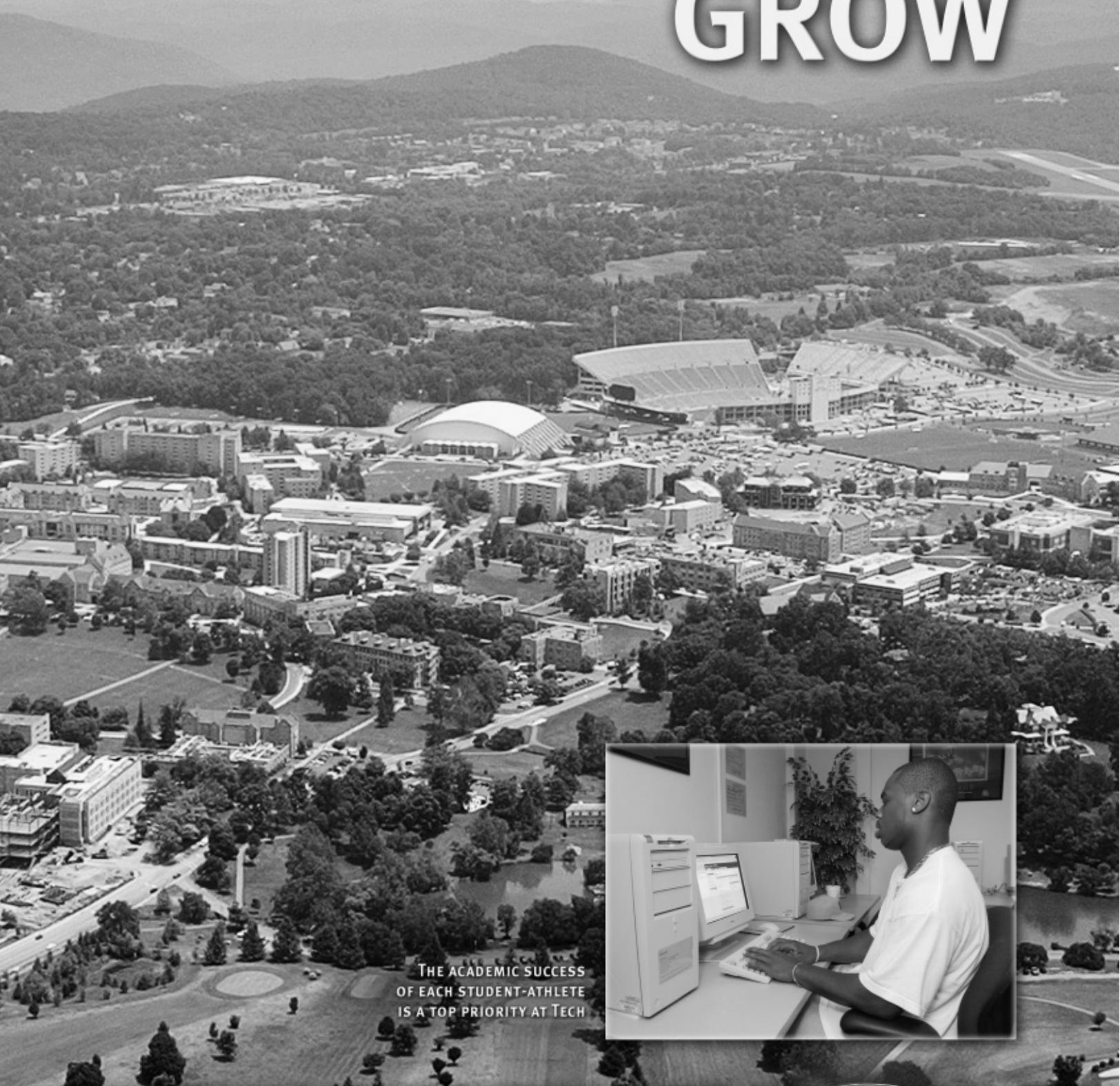
FOURTEEN OF THE HOKIES ON COACH BEAMER'S 2003 SQUAD HAVE ALREADY GRADUATED OR ARE ON SCHEDULE TO DO SO AFTER THE FALL SEMESTER

A DECADE OF  
EXCELLENCE  
**1993**



A year after posting a 2-8-1 record, head coach Frank Beamer and his Hokies turned things around with a 9-3 mark and rang in both the New Year and a new era in Tech football with a 45-20 win over Indiana in the Independence Bowl. In addition, center Jim Pyne became Tech's first unanimous football All-American.

# TO LEARN AND GROW



THE ACADEMIC SUCCESS  
OF EACH STUDENT-ATHLETE  
IS A TOP PRIORITY AT TECH

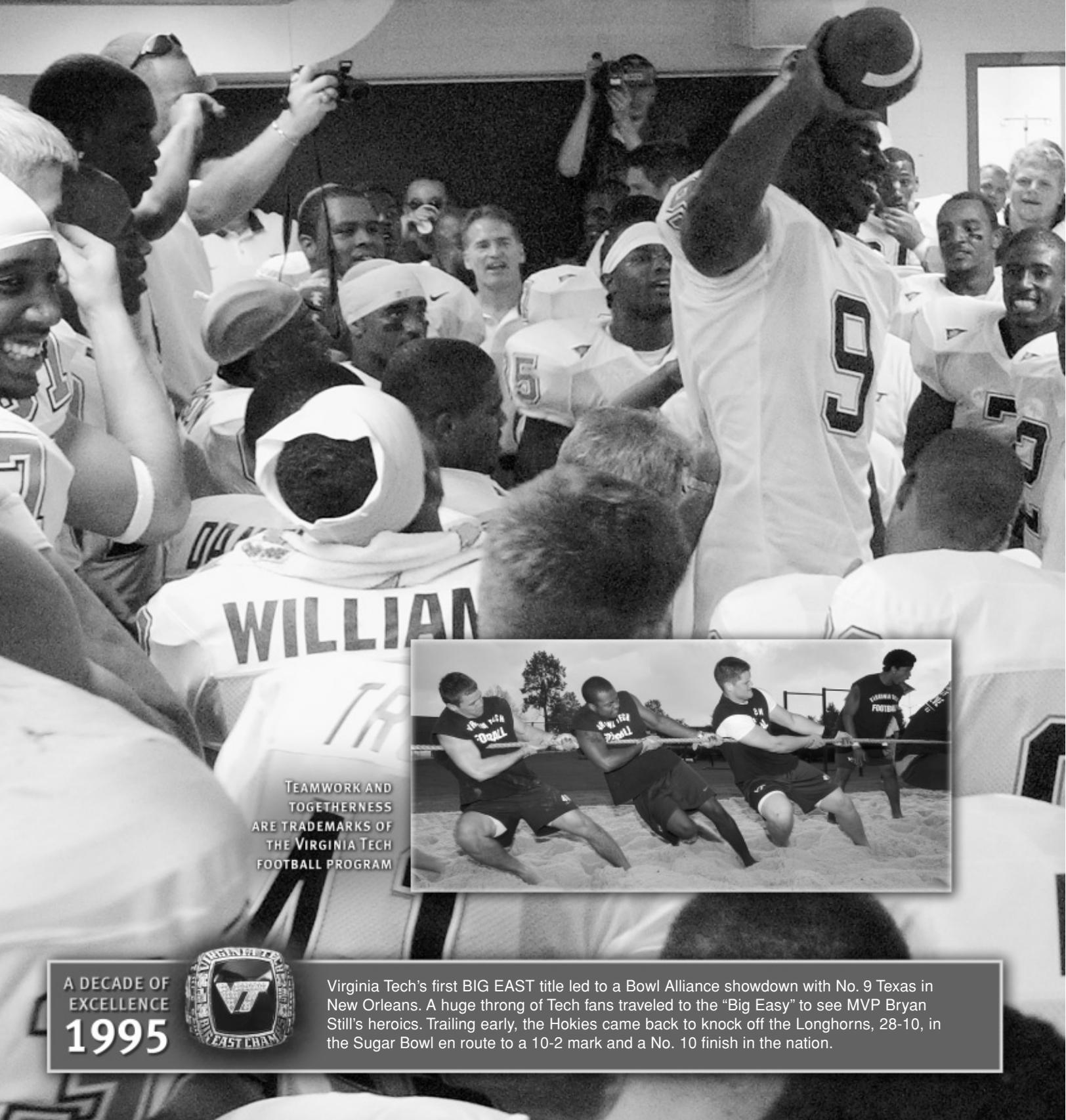


Building on the momentum from the previous season, a team led by quarterback Maurice DeShazo and record-breaking receiver Antonio Freeman went 9-4 and earned a final ranking of 24th in the Coaches' poll. The Hokies capped off the season with their first appearance in the Gator Bowl against SEC-powerhouse Tennessee.



A DECADE OF  
EXCELLENCE  
**1994**

# TECH'S FAMILY ATMOSPHERE



TEAMWORK AND  
TOGETHERNESS  
ARE TRADEMARKS OF  
THE VIRGINIA TECH  
FOOTBALL PROGRAM



A DECADE OF  
EXCELLENCE  
**1995**



Virginia Tech's first BIG EAST title led to a Bowl Alliance showdown with No. 9 Texas in New Orleans. A huge throng of Tech fans traveled to the "Big Easy" to see MVP Bryan Still's heroics. Trailing early, the Hokies came back to knock off the Longhorns, 28-10, in the Sugar Bowl en route to a 10-2 mark and a No. 10 finish in the nation.

The Virginia Tech football program prides itself on the family atmosphere it instills. That atmosphere hasn't gone unnoticed as several sets of brothers and sons of former Hokies have followed in their footsteps and decided to play for head coach Frank Beamer and his staff. Below are some of the players who have followed in the footsteps of their relatives.

Michael Vick (lettered 1999-00)  
Brother: Marcus Vick (a redshirt freshman)

Kevin Lewis (a redshirt junior)  
Brother: Jonathan Lewis (a sophomore)

Nathaniel Adibi (a redshirt senior)  
Brother: Xavier Adibi (an incoming freshman)

Blake Warren (a redshirt junior)  
Brother: Brett Warren (a 2003 signee)

Tom Cooper (lettered 1974-76)  
Son: Chad Cooper (a redshirt junior)

Anthony Thibodeau (lettered in 2000)  
Brother: John Thibodeau (a redshirt freshman)

Billy Leeson (lettered 1982-84)  
Son: Nick Leeson (a redshirt freshman)

Billy Hardee, Jr. (lettered 1973-75)  
Son: Billy Hardee III (lettered 2000-02)

Mike Burnop (lettered 1970-72)  
Son: Greg Burnop (played in 2002)

Tom Beasley (lettered 1973-76)  
Son: Chad Beasley (lettered 1998-01)

Bill Houseright (lettered 1973-77)  
Sons: Bill Houseright, Jr. (lettered 1995)  
and Jake Houseright (lettered 1998-01)

Scott Hawkins (lettered 1969 & 1971)  
Son: Cullen Hawkins (lettered 1996-97, 1999-00)

Frank Beamer (lettered 1966-68)  
(head coach 1986 to present)  
Son: Shane Beamer (lettered 1996-99)

Lenny Smith (lettered 1968-70)  
Son: Ryan Smith (lettered 1997-98)

T.J. Washington (lettered 1994-96)  
Brother: Todd Washington (lettered 1995-97)

Dennis Semones (lettered in 1966)  
Son: Brandon Semones (lettered 1993-96)

Ken Edwards (lettered 1967-69)  
Son: Tommy Edwards (lettered 1993-94)

Rich Williams (lettered 1987-88)  
Brother: Ryan Williams (1991-94)

Billy Swarm (lettered 1991-92)  
Brother: Joe Swarm (1992-93)

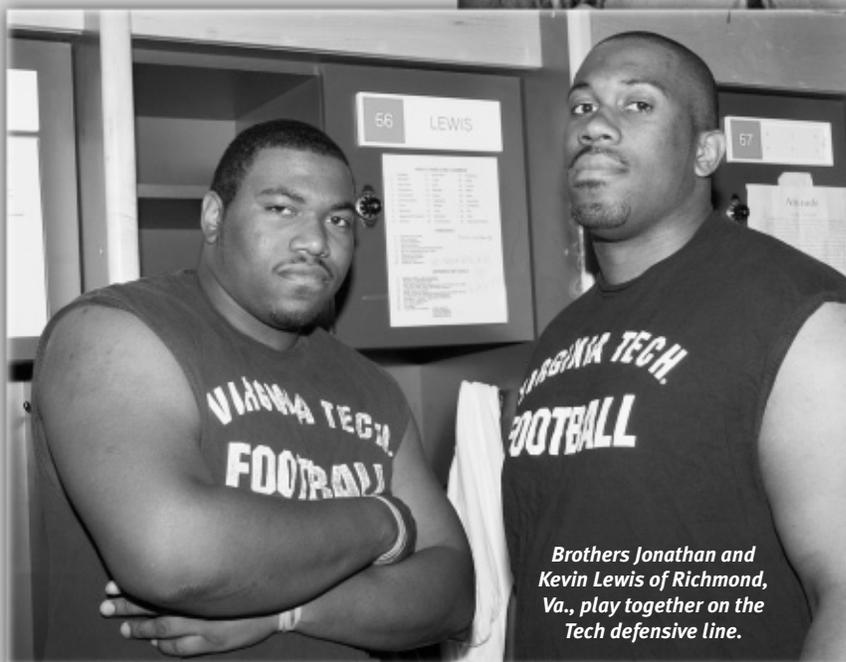
Joe Moss (lettered 1958-59 & 1961)  
Sons: Andrew Moss (lettered in 1990)  
and Billy Moss (lettered in 1992)

Terry Smith (lettered in 1990)  
Brother: Eric Smith (lettered in 1992)

Danny Hill (lettered 1976-79)  
Brother: Scott Hill (lettered 1986-89)

Ken Barefoot (lettered 1965-67)  
Sons: Ken Barefoot, Jr. (lettered 1987-88)  
and Jason Barefoot (on the 1988-90 teams)

Ron Davidson (lettered 1966-68)  
Son: Ron Davidson, Jr. (on the 1987-90 teams)



*Brothers Jonathan and Kevin Lewis of Richmond, Va., play together on the Tech defensive line.*

After finishing as the Co-BIG EAST champs, the Hokies earned their second-consecutive Bowl Alliance bid and an Orange Bowl matchup against No. 6 Nebraska. Ken Oxendine rushed for a Tech bowl-record 150 yards and Jim Druckenmiller threw for three touchdowns. Tech finished its season 10-2 and ranked 13th in the nation.



A DECADE OF  
EXCELLENCE  
**1996**

# FEEL THE NOISE!

*"If people believe that fans do not help out, they didn't see that game. It was so loud down there at certain points, it was kind of unreal. There wasn't any use trying to change a play. It was just that loud."*

*— Byron Leftwich, Marshall QB*

A DECADE OF  
EXCELLENCE  
**1997**



Tech defeated conference foe Miami for the third straight season as the Hokies earned their fifth-consecutive bowl bid. In its first New Year's Day bowl under Frank Beamer, Tech took on No. 5 North Carolina in the Gator Bowl and for the fifth-straight year took more fans than its bowl opponent. The Hokies finished the season with a 7-5 mark.

*“Blacksburg is a place that has an absolute love affair with its football program. It’s a 100 percent crazy, loud stadium environment. You can go to places with 100,000 people and Tech’s stadium is just as loud, or louder, especially for night games.”*

*— ESPN’s Kirk Herbstreit*



A young Tech team posted a 9-3 mark, including a big 38-7 win over SEC-power Alabama in the inaugural Music City Bowl. Tech blocked two punts in the freezing conditions en route to the program’s first win ever against the Crimson Tide. Defensive end Corey Moore won the first of his two BIG EAST Defensive Player of the Year honors.



A DECADE OF  
EXCELLENCE  
**1998**

# A SUCCESS STORY

VIRGINIA TECH FOOTBALL IS RIDING THE MOST SUCCESSFUL FOUR-YEAR PERIOD IN ITS HISTORY.

THE HOKIES HAVE A 40-10 RECORD SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE 1999 SEASON, HIGHLIGHTED BY CONSECUTIVE 11-1 CAMPAIGNS LED BY QUARTERBACK MICHAEL VICK. THE 40 WINS ARE THE MOST FOR THE HOKIE FOOTBALL PROGRAM OVER ANY FOUR-YEAR SPAN SINCE THE SPORT STARTED IN 1892. ADDITIONALLY, TECH IS ONE OF ONLY SIX TEAMS TO HAVE POSTED AT LEAST 10 CONSECUTIVE WINNING SEASONS ON THE DIVISION I-A LEVEL. THE OTHERS ARE FLORIDA, FLORIDA STATE, KANSAS STATE, MICHIGAN AND TENNESSEE.



IN ADDITION TO WINNING THREE BIG EAST CHAMPIONSHIPS IN THE PAST EIGHT YEARS, VIRGINIA TECH HAS TWICE WON THE LAMBERT TROPHY, SYMBOLIZING EASTERN FOOTBALL SUPREMACY

A DECADE OF  
EXCELLENCE  
**1999**



A redshirt freshman named Michael Vick stormed onto the college football scene in 1999, leading the Hokies to an undefeated regular season, a BIG EAST title and a berth in the national championship game against Florida State. Tech finished 11-1 and ranked No. 2 in the nation in an unforgettable season.

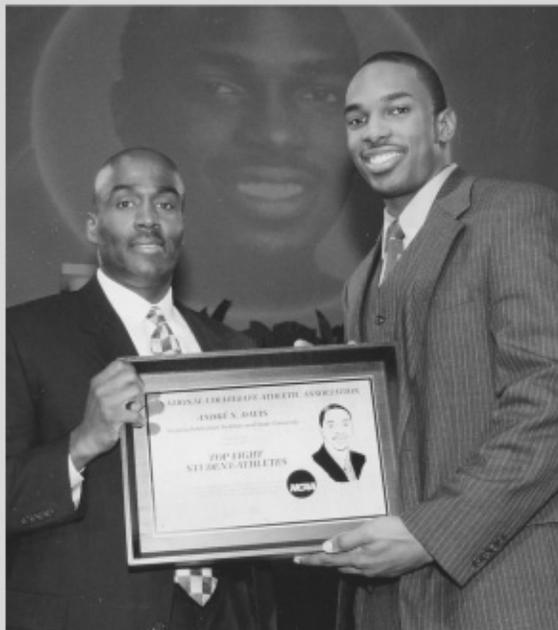
## EXCELLENCE ... ON AND OFF THE FIELD

Though honored as an All-BIG EAST wide receiver and All-America punt returner, André Davis collected most of his accolades for his academic achievements. He accepted the 2002 Socrates Award given to the college athlete who best embodies the Socrates Creed "mens sana in corpore sano" or "a strong mind in a strong body."

Davis' top honor, though, came from the NCAA Honors Committee when he was named one of the NCAA's Top VIII Award winners. That award recognizes the student-athlete for athletics, academic achievement, character and leadership. Davis went to the NCAA Honors Dinner held in Indianapolis (right, with receiver coach Tony Ball) and was chosen by the other seven winners to speak to the audience on their behalf.

Davis also spoke to the audience at the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame's Awards Dinner in New York on behalf of the 16 National College Scholar-Athletes. He earned an \$18,000 postgraduate scholarship which is handed out by the National Football Foundation to all 16 winners.

Davis, a four-time member of the All-BIG EAST football academic team, was drafted in the second round of the NFL Draft by the Cleveland Browns.



## LONGEVITY

Virginia Tech has been ranked for 70 consecutive weeks in the Associated Press Top 25 Football Poll, marking the second-longest active consecutive appearance streak.

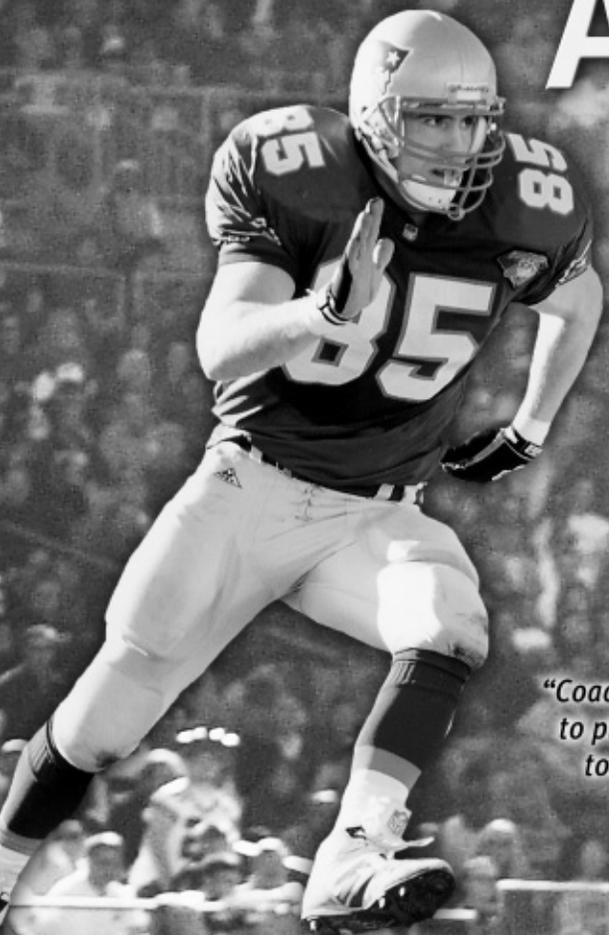
Team	Weeks
1. Michigan .....	80
<b>2. Virginia Tech .....</b>	<b>70</b>
3. Miami .....	55
4. Oklahoma .....	50
5. Texas .....	43

A second-consecutive 11-1 season was capped off by a convincing 41-20 win over Clemson in the Gator Bowl. Behind national scoring leader Lee Suggs, Tech's high-scoring offense led the nation in rushing touchdowns. Tech earned a No. 6 final ranking, and following the season, the top pick in the NFL Draft was the Hokies' Michael Vick.



A DECADE OF  
EXCELLENCE  
**2000**

# A STEPPING STONE TO THE NFL



*"Coach Beamer gave me an opportunity to play, and I wouldn't be where I am today if he was not a fair coach."*

*— John Burke, former Tech walk-on who played in the NFL for seven seasons*



*Carolina Panther Shayne Graham with Kevin McCadam, Keion Carpenter and Michael Vick of the Atlanta Falcons*

IT'S A REGULAR OCCURRENCE  
FOR FORMER TECH PLAYERS  
TO MEET ON THE NFL GRIDIRON

A DECADE OF  
EXCELLENCE  
**2001**



Led by the big plays of receiver/return man André Davis, the Hokies posted an 8-4 overall mark and went to a ninth-consecutive bowl. Davis proved to be one of Tech's best, both on the field and off, earning All-America honors for both his play and his academics. Tech finished ranked 18th in the nation and had eight players selected in the NFL Draft.



EVERY YEAR, NFL SCOUTS CONVERGE ON BLACKSBURG FOR PRO TIMING DAY

TECH'S COACHING STAFF AND STRENGTH & CONDITIONING PROGRAM HELP PREPARE PLAYERS, SUCH AS THE 49ERS' JOHN ENGELBERGER, FOR SUCCESSFUL PRO FOOTBALL CAREERS



A last-second goal-line stand sent the Hokies into a wild postgame celebration as Tech held off Air Force in the inaugural San Francisco Bowl. The 20-13 win completed a 10-4 season and gave Tech a final national ranking in both polls for the fifth-consecutive year. It also marked the Hokies' 10th-straight bowl appearance, capping a decade of excellence.

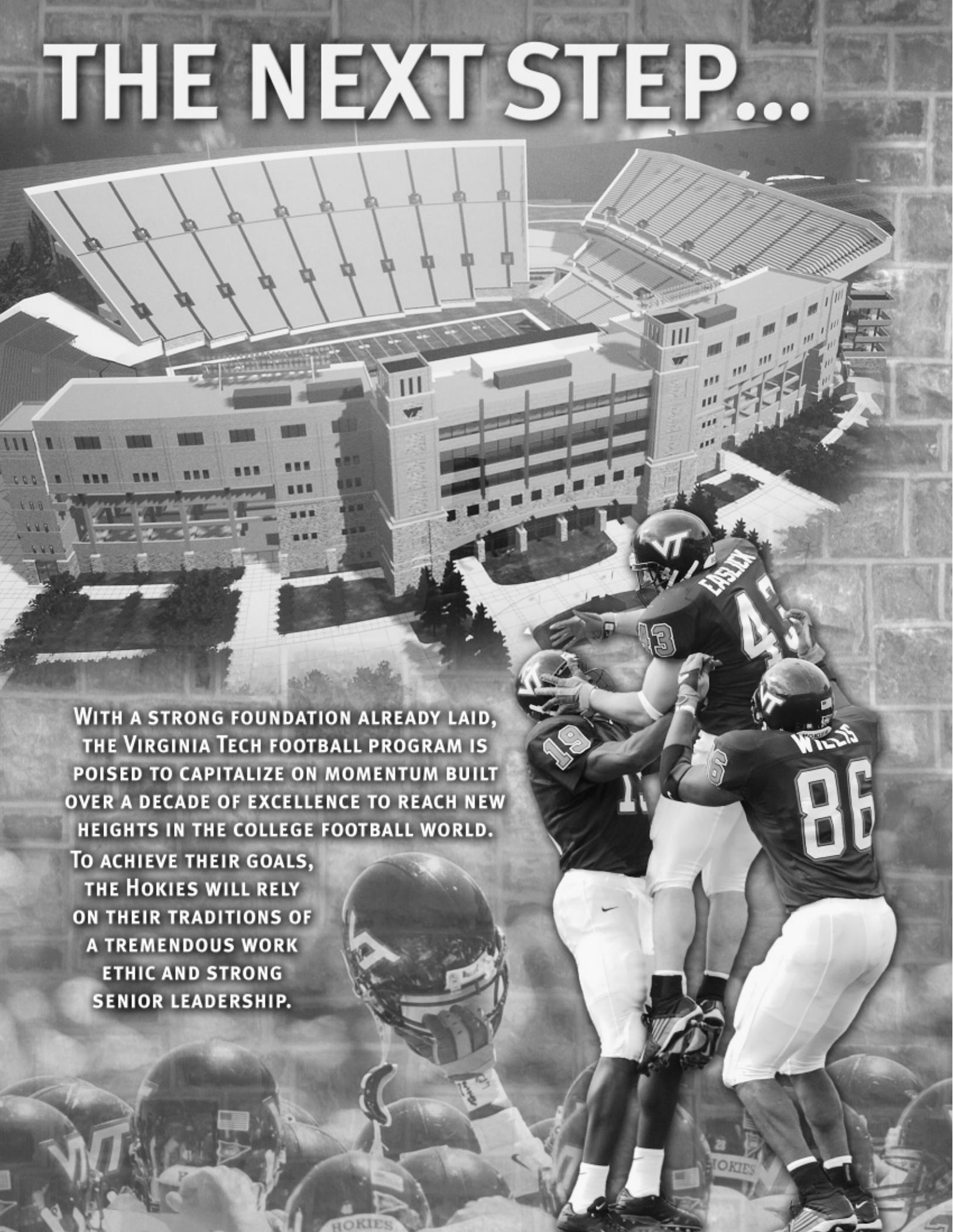


A DECADE OF EXCELLENCE  
**2002**

# THE NEXT STEP...

An aerial, black and white photograph of the Virginia Tech campus, focusing on the large stadium with its distinctive roof structure. The surrounding campus buildings and walkways are visible, creating a sense of scale and institutional history.

WITH A STRONG FOUNDATION ALREADY LAID,  
THE VIRGINIA TECH FOOTBALL PROGRAM IS  
POISED TO CAPITALIZE ON MOMENTUM BUILT  
OVER A DECADE OF EXCELLENCE TO REACH NEW  
HEIGHTS IN THE COLLEGE FOOTBALL WORLD.

A black and white action shot of Virginia Tech football players. In the foreground, a player in a dark jersey with the number 86 is seen from behind, reaching out. Other players in dark jerseys with numbers 13 and 19 are visible. The background shows a large crowd of spectators, many wearing Virginia Tech gear, creating a sense of a high-stakes game.

TO ACHIEVE THEIR GOALS,  
THE HOKIES WILL RELY  
ON THEIR TRADITIONS OF  
A TREMENDOUS WORK  
ETHIC AND STRONG  
SENIOR LEADERSHIP.