

*The 2007 Football Staff — (front, l to r) Bryan Stinespring, Billy Hite, Frank Beamer, Bud Foster, Jim Cavanaugh;  
(second row) Curt Newsome, Torrian Gray, James Miller, Charley Wiles, Mike O'Cain, Kevin Sherman;  
(back row) Lester Karlin, Mike Gentry, Bruce Garnes, John Ballein and Mike Goforth.*

# Meet the COACHES



# Head Coach Frank Beamer

## *Coach Enters his 21st Season at the Helm of the Hokies*

Frank Beamer is entering his 21st year as the head football coach at Virginia Tech, and with a solid foundation in place, he continues to take the Hokies to higher levels.

After being named the Atlantic Coast Conference Coach of the Year in each of Tech's first two seasons in the league, Beamer quietly took on one of his biggest challenges in 2006 and helped turn it into another success story.

The Tech head man and his staff started the season with a young team that had an offensive line depleted by graduation, a new quarterback, new tight ends and a lack of proven depth on both sides of the ball. He helped mold that young group into a cohesive unit which finished the regular season with six-straight wins, a Chick-fil-A Bowl berth and 10 victories. Tech is now one of just three Division I-A teams that have posted 10 or more wins in each of the last three seasons.

There's no doubt, Virginia Tech couldn't have asked for anyone better than Frank Beamer to guide its football program into the Atlantic Coast Conference. In 2005, he led the Hokies to an 11-2 record, the ACC Coastal Division title, a spot in the inaugural league championship game and a bowl game. In 2004, Beamer guided another young Tech team — picked to finish sixth in the ACC — to a league title and a BCS Bowl. That team also won the league's 2004 Fall Sportsmanship Award for football, yet another tribute to the program Beamer and his staff have built.

When Beamer accepted the job as head football coach at his alma mater in 1987, 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 successful coaches on the college football scene.

Beamer, who was the consensus national coach of the year in 1999, is ranked third among active Division I-A coaches in victories with 198 over 26 seasons as a head coach. His Tech teams have posted a 142-42 record over the past 14 seasons and appeared in bowl games each year during that span, a feat equaled by just three other schools. Prior to winning the 2004 ACC championship, he guided the Hokies to three BIG EAST Conference championships and in 1999 helped direct Tech to the national championship game. Beamer's Hokies have earned the highest national rankings in the program's history, spending 78 weeks in the Top 10 of The Associated Press poll over the past eight seasons. During one stretch that ended in 2003, Tech was ranked in 84 consecutive AP polls.

Winning has been just part of Frank Beamer's success story. He and his staff have earned a reputation for getting the most out of their players.

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. In 2002, 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.

A spot in the Nokia Sugar Bowl to play No. 1 Florida State for the national championship focused widespread attention on Virginia Tech and its football program following the 1999 season. And although the Hokies fell short in their bid for the national title, they proved that they belong among the top teams in the college ranks.

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

There have been plenty of other accolades for the Hokies' coach. Prior to the 2005 season, a *Seattle Times* Poll of more than 40 coaches voted Frank Beamer as the current I-A head coach for whom they had the most respect. Beamer was also selected the fifth-best strategist among current I-A coaches. 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 Pigskin Club of Washington, D.C., honored Beamer as the NCAA Coach of the Year. 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.

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



*Tech players celebrate a Gator Bowl victory by dousing Coach Frank Beamer.*

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 Tech's last six years in the league, TSN rated the Tech coach tops among BIG EAST head coaches. The publication 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. In 2004, SI.com selected him coach of the year in the Division I-A ranks.

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.

In April 2004, Beamer was presented a Humanitarian Award by the National Conference for Community and Justice for his contributions to fostering justice, equity and community in the Roanoke Valley. An avid NASCAR fan, Beamer has been the official starter for races at Bristol Motor Speedway and Richmond International Raceway.

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.

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## *Stability at the Top Equals Success*

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 20 years at the Hokie helm have helped the program develop a sense of the stability and consistency currently enjoyed by just a handful of other Division I-A schools. Only two of the 119 Division I-A head football coaches have been at their current school longer than Beamer – Penn State's Joe Paterno and Florida State's Bobby Bowden. The Hokies' head man, his associate head coach and his three coordinators have a combined total of 85 years of full-time coaching experience at Virginia Tech alone.

### **Coaching Excellence**

Virginia Tech defensive coordinator Bud Foster won the prestigious Broyles Award as the nation's top assistant coach following the 2006 season. Foster was a finalist for the award in 1999, 2001 and 2005. He was also named the No.1 defensive coordinator in Division I-A by rivals.com prior to the 2005 season.

### **The Highest Compliment**

In a *Seattle Times* poll of more than 40 Division I-A head football coaches prior to the 2005 season, Virginia Tech's Frank Beamer was picked the most respected coach among current I-A head coaches.

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But in the end, his loyalty has remained with the Hokies.

Beamer has always 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 20 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. With the retirement of Air Force's Fisher DeBerry, only two other active Division I-A head coaches — Joe Paterno (41 yrs., Penn State) and Bobby Bowden (31 yrs., Florida State) — have been at their current school longer than 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. He was offered a pay increase again last year, but



Coach Frank Beamer, who ranks third among active coaches in career wins, speaks with the media following a victory.

did not sign until his assistant coaches were taken care of first.

Another indication of Beamer's love for the university came on

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

Beamer's overall record at Tech now stands at 156-82-2. 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 26-year record is 198-105-4.

The 60-year-old Beamer, the 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.

# NCAA LEADERS

## Active Career Coaching Wins

Minimum five years as FBS head coach; record at four-year colleges only

Coach	School	Years	Won	Lost	Tied	Pct.
1. Bobby Bowden	Florida State	41	366	113	4	.762
2. Joe Paterno	Penn State	41	363	121	3	.748
<b>3. Frank Beamer</b>	<b>Virginia Tech</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>.651</b>
4. Jim Tressel	Ohio State	21	197	71	2	.733
5. Chris Ault	Nevada	22	185	78	1	.703
6. Dennis Franchione	Texas A&M	24	180	96	2	.651
7. Mack Brown	Texas	23	179	96	1	.650
8. Dick Tomey	San Jose State	26	170	122	7	.580
9. Steve Spurrier	South Carolina	17	157	50	2	.756
10. Mike Price	UTEP	25	150	137	0	.523
11. Dennis Erickson	Arizona St.	18	149	64	1	.699
12. Phillip Fulmer	Tennessee	15	137	41	0	.770
13. Howard Schnellenberger	Florida Atlantic	22	133	114	3	.538
14. Larry Blakeney	Troy	16	127	65	1	.661
15. Sonny Lubick	Colorado State	18	126	84	0	.600
16. Mike Bellotti	Oregon	17	118	73	2	.617
17. Joe Tillier	Purdue	16	114	79	1	.590
18. Lloyd Carr	Michigan	12	113	36	0	.758
19. Jeff Bower	Southern Miss.	17	112	77	1	.592
20. Gary Pinkel	Missouri	16	110	72	3	.603
21. Rich Brooks	Kentucky	22	108	139	4	.438
22. Houston Nutt	Arkansas	14	102	67	0	.604
23. Hal Mumme	New Mexico State	16	101	84	1	.546
24. Paul Johnson	Navy	10	99	35	0	.739
25. Tommy Tuberville	Auburn	12	96	49	0	.662
26. Rich Rodriguez	West Virginia	14	95	60	2	.611
27. Dan Hawkins	Colorado	11	94	33	1	.738
28. Nick Saban	Alabama	11	91	42	1	.683
29. Bob Stoops	Oklahoma	8	86	19	0	.819
30. Tommy Bowden	Clemson	10	78	42	0	.650

# PROFILE

## Coach Frank Beamer

**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 (six years)  
 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 champion, 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  
 2003 (8-6) Insight Bowl  
 2004 (10-3) ACC champion, Sugar Bowl  
 2005 (11-2) ACC Coastal champion, Gator Bowl champion  
 2006 (10-3) Chick-fil-A Bowl

Record at Virginia Tech: 156-82-2 (20 years)

Overall head coaching record: 198-105-4 (26 years)

**BOWL/PLAYOFF EXPERIENCE****Player**

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

**Coach**

1979 Division I-AA Playoffs (Murray State, semifinals)  
 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)  
 2003 Insight (Virginia Tech vs. California)  
 2004 Sugar (Virginia Tech vs. Auburn)  
 2005 Gator (Virginia Tech vs. Louisville)  
 2006 Chick-fil-A (Virginia Tech vs. Georgia)



Frank Beamer and his wife Cheryl, with their daughter Casey (center), and their son Shane and his wife Emily (left).

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. In 2002, 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.

During the 2003 season, the Hokies ended No. 2 Miami's 39-game regular-season winning streak with a 31-7 victory. The Canes were the highest-ranked opponent Tech had ever beaten on the gridiron. The Hokies climbed as high as No. 3 in the polls before falling victim to inconsistent play during the final month of the season. Still, Tech earned eight wins for the 10th time in 11 seasons.

The 2004 season saw the Hokies bounce back to win their last eight games of the regular season, including victories against three nationally ranked teams — No. 6 West Virginia, No. 16 Virginia and No. 9 Miami.

Beamer's early Tech teams also registered many exciting victories. One of the most impressive came in 1990 when the Hokies capped the year with a 38-13 victory over arch-rival Virginia before a crowd of 54,157, which at the time was the largest ever to see a college football game in the commonwealth of Virginia. During the 1989 season, Tech knocked

off ninth-ranked West Virginia and star quarterback Major Harris, 12-10, in Morgantown.

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

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

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

The Tech coach was born in Mt. Airy, N.C., and grew up 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 an assistant at the University of South Carolina; and daughter Casey, a 2003 graduate of Virginia Tech.

# BeamerBall

*Blocking Kicks and Scoring in All Phases of the Game Have Become Traditions Under Coach Frank Beamer*

- During the Frank Beamer era at 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 what sets it apart are the contributions of the defense and special teams.

- Eight of Tech's last nine teams are ranked among the school's top 10 highest scoring teams. During that time, a player at every position on the defensive unit has produced at least one touchdown. And 27 different players have scored touchdowns while playing on Tech's special teams. Altogether, the defense and special teams have combined for 106 TDs since Beamer arrived in 1987, including 89 in Tech's last 163 games.

- Under Beamer, Tech's defense has scored 69 TDs, with 43 coming on pass interceptions, 24 on fumble returns and two on fumble recoveries. The special teams have added 37 TDs, including 15 on blocked punts, 13 on punt returns,

four on kickoff returns, four 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 TD under Beamer, and it was scored on special teams.

- Under Beamer, 70 different players on defense and special teams have scored TDs. Eighteen 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, Willie Pile, Jimmy Williams, Roland Minor, Vince Hall, Xavier Adibi, Vincent Fuller and Eric Green — scored twice. Jason Lallis, Ike Charlton and Ricky Hall each had three scores, André Davis four and DeAngelo Hall had six.

- Since the start of the 1993 season, Tech is 60-8 in games it scores at least one TD on defense or special teams.



*Tech scored five non-offensive touchdowns in 2006, and Xavier Adibi returned this fumble 35 yards for a score against Wake Forest.*



*Josh Morgan bats down one of the five blocked kicks the Hokies had last season.*

- Tech's tradition for blocking kicks is another part of BeamerBall. It was carried to new heights in 1998 with 10 blocks during the regular season and two more in the Hokies' Music City Bowl game against Alabama.

- Tech now has 113 blocks in Frank Beamer's 240 games as the head coach. The Hokies have blocked 57 punts (15 for TDs), 35 field goals and 21 extra points.

- 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.

- Tech blocked more kicks in the 1990s than any other Division I-A team. The Hokies blocked 63 kicks during the decade — 31 punts, 18 PATs and 14 FGs. Tech has started the new decade with 38 blocks.

- During its time in the BIG EAST ('91-03), Tech posted at least three blocked kicks against every team in the league. During that span, Tech blocked 10 kicks against Pittsburgh, nine against Miami, seven versus West Virginia, six versus Rutgers, four against Boston College and Syracuse, and three versus Temple.

- The teams Tech has victimized the most during Beamer's 20 seasons have been Pittsburgh, West Virginia and Miami. During that span, the Hokies have blocked 10 kicks versus the Panthers and Mountaineers, and nine against the Hurricanes.

- During the Beamer era, Tech has blocked two kicks in a game 20 times, winning 15 of those games. Tech blocked two kicks against four different teams in 1998.

# HOKIE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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

- played for the national championship for the first time in school history.
- become one of only four Division I schools to go to bowl games each of the last 14 seasons.
- earned four conference titles and four BCS bids in an 11-year span.
- become one of only three teams (USC and Texas) to produce 10 or more wins each of the past three seasons.
- compiled a school-record streak in the Associated Press Top 25 Poll at 84 consecutive 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 more than nine wins a season over the last 14 years.
- won an Atlantic Coast Conference Championship in their first season of competition.
- played in the inaugural ACC Championship game.
- produced the ACC Coach of the Year and Player of the Year during their inaugural ACC season.
- become the first team in BIG EAST history to win all the league's major awards in the same season.
- earned the highest national rankings in school football history, including five Top 10 finishes and back-to-back Top 6 finishes.
- finished in a final Top 25 poll 11 times in the last 13 seasons.
- won more games (156) than under any other coaching staff in school history.
- been to four times as many bowl games (14) than under any other staff.
- won more bowl games (6) than under any other coaching staff.
- posted 14 straight seasons of seven or more wins for the first time in school history.
- had 116 of their last 138 games televised (84%).
- compiled an 92-31 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 more than 135 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 12 Associated Press All-Americans over the last eight seasons.
- had players win 10 major conference individual awards in the last nine years.



## National Coach of the Year

*Coach Frank Beamer was tabbed the consensus national football coach of the year for 1999 after leading the Hokies to an 11-0 regular season and a berth in the national championship game.*

Frank Beamer, the first Tech alumnus to guide the Hokies' football program since the 1940s, has won more games at Tech than any other football coach. Prior to Beamer, no other grid coach in Virginia Tech history had served more than 10 seasons as head coach. Only two of the 119 Division I-A head coaches have been at their current school consecutively longer than Beamer's 20 years. Those coaches are Joe Paterno (41 yrs., Penn State) and Bobby Bowden (31 yrs., Florida State).

With last season's visit to the Chick-fil-A Bowl, head coach Frank Beamer has led the Hokies to 14 straight bowl games. The 14 bowl appearances mark the third-highest by any active coach. Penn State's Joe Paterno leads the way with 33, followed by Florida State's Bobby Bowden with 28. Beamer is tied with Tennessee's Phillip Fulmer and South Carolina's Steve Spurrier.



Billy Hite, who has helped develop 24 running backs who have gone on to sign with NFL teams, is entering his 30th season on the Tech coaching staff and his seventh year as the Hokies' associate head coach.

# Billy Hite

## Associate Head Coach and Running Backs Coach

While at Tech, Hite has helped produce eight of Virginia Tech's top 10 career rushing leaders. He has been on the sidelines for more Virginia Tech football games than any other coach.

Last season, he helped sophomore Branden Ore to a 1,137-yard campaign and first-team All-ACC honors.

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. 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 and scoring. 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.

In 2002, 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. During the 2003 season, Jones broke Lawrence's single-season rushing mark and set new Tech records for rushing in a game and 100-yard games in a season. He earned consensus All-America honors before opting to leave early for the NFL Draft. He was a first-round pick of the Detroit Lions. Jones' single-game rushing mark was broken in 2004 when another one of Hite's pupils, Mike Imoh, ran for 243 yards at North Carolina.

A native of Hyattsville, Md., Hite was a former star tailback at the University of North Carolina. 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 received one of his highest honors when he was inducted into the DeMatha High School Hall of Fame in 1992.

Hite is married to the former Anne Heen of Memphis, Tenn. They have two daughters, Kirsten Marie, 22, and Bryn Elizabeth Louise, 18, and a son, Griffin William, 14.

## PROFILE Coach Billy Hite

### 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)  
2003 Insight (Virginia Tech vs. California)  
2004 Sugar (Virginia Tech vs. Auburn)  
2005 Gator (Virginia Tech vs. Louisville)  
2006 Chick-fil-A (Virginia Tech vs. Georgia)



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



# TECH'S RUNNING GAME

## *Under the direction of Coach Billy Hite, in 2006 ...*

- Branden Ore earned first-team All-Atlantic Coast Conference honors, leading the conference in scoring and all-purpose yards per game and finishing second in rushing.
- the Hokies got an average of 121.6 yards per game out of their tailback position.
- Ore rushed for 1,137 yards and 16 touchdowns, including two 200-yard games, a school record.

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

- the Hokies have rushed for over 64,000 yards — an average of nearly 200 yards per game (196) over a 330-game period.
- he has had a back rush for 100 yards or more in a game 150 times.
- he has coached five of the six Tech running backs who have rushed for 200 or more yards in a game.
- the Hokies have had an average of 143 yards rushing per game from the tailback position.
- he has coached eight of Virginia Tech's top 10 career rushing leaders.
- he has worked with eight of the 10 Tech players who have turned in 1,000-yard rushing seasons.
- he has coached seven different running backs who rushed for over 100 yards in a bowl game.
- a total of 24 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 seven of the past 14 seasons.



"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



Kevin Jones

### Season Rushing Leaders

Player	Yards
<b>Kevin Jones</b>	<b>1,647</b>
<b>Cyrus Lawrence</b>	<b>1,403</b>
<b>Lee Suggs</b>	<b>1,255</b>
<b>Cyrus Lawrence</b>	<b>1,221</b>
<b>Lee Suggs</b>	<b>1,207</b>
<b>Branden Ore</b>	<b>1,137</b>
<b>Dwayne Thomas</b>	<b>1,130</b>
<b>Shyrone Stith</b>	<b>1,119</b>
Roscoe Coles	1,119
Roscoe Coles	1,045

### Career Rushing Leaders

Player	Yards
<b>Cyrus Lawrence</b>	<b>3,767</b>
<b>Kevin Jones</b>	<b>3,475</b>
Roscoe Coles	3,459
<b>Maurice Williams</b>	<b>2,981</b>
<b>Lee Suggs</b>	<b>2,697</b>
<b>Dwayne Thomas</b>	<b>2,696</b>
<b>Ken Oxendine</b>	<b>2,645</b>
<b>Eddie Hunter</b>	<b>2,523</b>
Phil Rogers	2,461
<b>Vaughn Hebron</b>	<b>2,327</b>

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



# Bud Foster

## Defensive Coordinator and Inside Linebackers Coach

2006 Broyles Award winner Bud Foster, who is in his 21st season at Virginia Tech, has helped mold nationally-ranked defenses on a yearly basis during his 12 years as a coordinator.

Foster, who was a finalist three previous times (1999, 2001, 2005) for the award given to the nation's top assistant football coach, has gained a well-deserved

reputation as one of the nation's most respected defensive coaches while serving on Frank Beamer's football staff at Tech.

Last year's unit led the nation in total defense for the second straight year, a feat not accomplished since Oklahoma did it in 1986-87. It produced a third-team All-American in Brandon Flowers and three all-ACC selections. The unit also led the nation in passing defense and scoring defense.

The 2005 squad also led the nation in total defense and ranked among the top three teams in three other categories. It produced two first-team All-Americans in Jimmy Williams

and Darryl Tapp, along with four all-conference players.

Tech's 2004 defense ranked in the top five nationally in total defense, pass defense, scoring defense, interceptions and turnovers gained.

Under Foster's guidance, the Hokies' 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 worn several coaching hats. He coached the inside linebackers for one year in 1987, then tutored the outside linebackers for the next five seasons. Foster 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.

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, 28; Grant, 21; and Hillary, 19. In his spare time, Foster enjoys spending time with his family.

## PROFILE

### Coach Bud Foster

#### 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/PLAYOFF EXPERIENCE

**Player**  
1979 Division I-AA Playoffs (Murray State, semifinals)

**Coach**  
1986 Division I-AA Playoffs (Murray State, quarterfinals)  
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)  
2003 Insight (Virginia Tech vs. California)  
2004 Sugar (Virginia Tech vs. Auburn)  
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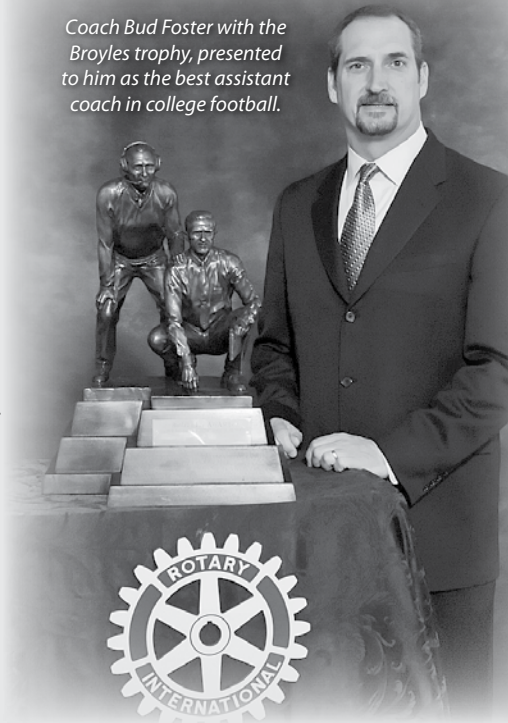
Coach Bud Foster and his wife, Jacquie, with Hillary, Grant and Ammie.

# VIRGINIA TECH'S DEFENSE

**Under the direction of Broyles Award winner Bud Foster, in 2006 the Hokies' defense ...**

- led the nation in total defense for the second consecutive year.
- finished No. 1 in the nation in scoring defense and pass defense.
- ranked second nationally in pass efficiency defense.
- scored four touchdowns (two via fumble returns, two via interception returns).
- produced three All-ACC selections, including two first-teamers.
- featured the ACC's leading tackler in linebacker Vince Hall (128), and a third-team All-American in Brandon Flowers.
- allowed just 13 offensive touchdowns in 13 games.

*Coach Bud Foster with the Broyles trophy, presented to him as the best assistant coach in college football.*



**During Bud Foster's one year as co-defensive coordinator and 11 seasons as defensive coordinator, Tech has ...**

- had at least one defensive player earn All-America honors every year. Four players gained A-A recognition in 1999 and three in 2001.
- been nationally ranked in the top five of a major defensive category 27 times.
- produced its first Lombardi Award winner and its first Nagurski Trophy winner in Corey Moore.
- had 42 different defensive players score touchdowns.
- held opponents to an average of 101.9 yards rushing and 15.1 points per game over a 142-game span.
- had 25 players drafted by NFL teams.
- 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.



"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

## 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)

### 2004

2nd Scoring Defense (12.85 ppg)  
Tied-2nd Turnovers Gained (32)  
4th Total Defense (268.00 ypg)  
4th Pass Defense (152.77 ypg)  
Tied-4th Interceptions (19)  
7th Pass Efficiency Defense (100.95)  
9th Turnover Margin (1.00)  
21st Rushing Defense (115.23 ypg)

### 2005

1st Total Defense (247.62 ypg)  
2nd Scoring Defense (12.92 ppg)  
2nd Pass Efficiency Defense (92.68)  
3rd Pass Defense (154.23 ypg)  
8th Rushing Defense (92.68 ypg)  
Tied-9th Interceptions (19)

### 2006

1st in Total Defense (219.46 ypg)  
1st in Scoring Defense (11.00 ppg)  
1st in Pass Defense (128.23 ypg)  
2nd in Pass Efficiency Defense (91.37)  
11th in Rushing Defense (91.23 ypg)  
Tied-15th Interceptions (17)

\*co-coordinator in 1995

# Bryan Stinespring

## Offensive Coordinator and Tight Ends Coach



Bryan Stinespring, an integral member of the Virginia Tech staff as both a coach and recruiter, is beginning his sixth season overseeing the Hokies' 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 2007 season marks Stinespring's 15th year as a full-time coach on Frank Beamer's staff at Tech. Last season, he returned to coaching the tight ends after eight seasons as the offensive line coach.

During his time as the offensive line coach, one of Stinespring's star pupils, center Jake Grove, won the 2003 Rimington Trophy and became the university's third unanimous All-American. He was the first center taken in the 2004 NFL Draft.

Last year, he had two players from his offense — receiver David Clowney and tackle Brandon Frye — taken in the NFL Draft and Duane Brown earned All-ACC honors.

In 2005, three of his linemen were named to the All-ACC team with two of them earning first-team honors.

Stinespring 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. In 2002, tackle Anthony Davis earned 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 the O-line 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.

A native of Clifton Forge, Va., Stinespring was a walk-on player for James Madison University in the early 1980s. He is married to the former Shelley Franklin of Richmond, Va. Bryan and Shelley have a son, Daniel, 13; twin daughters, Caroline and Olivia, who are 9 years old, and another daughter, Ella Grace, 4.

## PROFILE

### Coach Bryan Stinespring

#### PERSONAL

Born: 10/12/63, Clifton Forge, Va.  
 Hometown: Clifton Forge, Va.  
 Wife: former Shelley Franklin  
 Children: Daniel Franklin, Caroline Frances, Olivia Jane, Ella Grace

#### 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 (tight ends/assistant offensive line/ recruiting coordinator)
1998-00	Virginia Tech (offensive line/recruiting coordinator)
2001	Virginia Tech (assistant head coach/OL/recruiting)
2002-05	Virginia Tech (offensive coordinator/offensive line)
2006-	Virginia Tech (offensive coordinator/tight ends)

#### 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)
2003	Insight (Virginia Tech vs. California)
2004	Sugar (Virginia Tech vs. Auburn)
2005	Gator (Virginia Tech vs. Louisville)
2006	Chick-fil-A (Virginia Tech vs. Georgia)



Coach Bryan Stinespring and his wife, Shelley, with their children; Daniel, Caroline, Olivia and Ella.

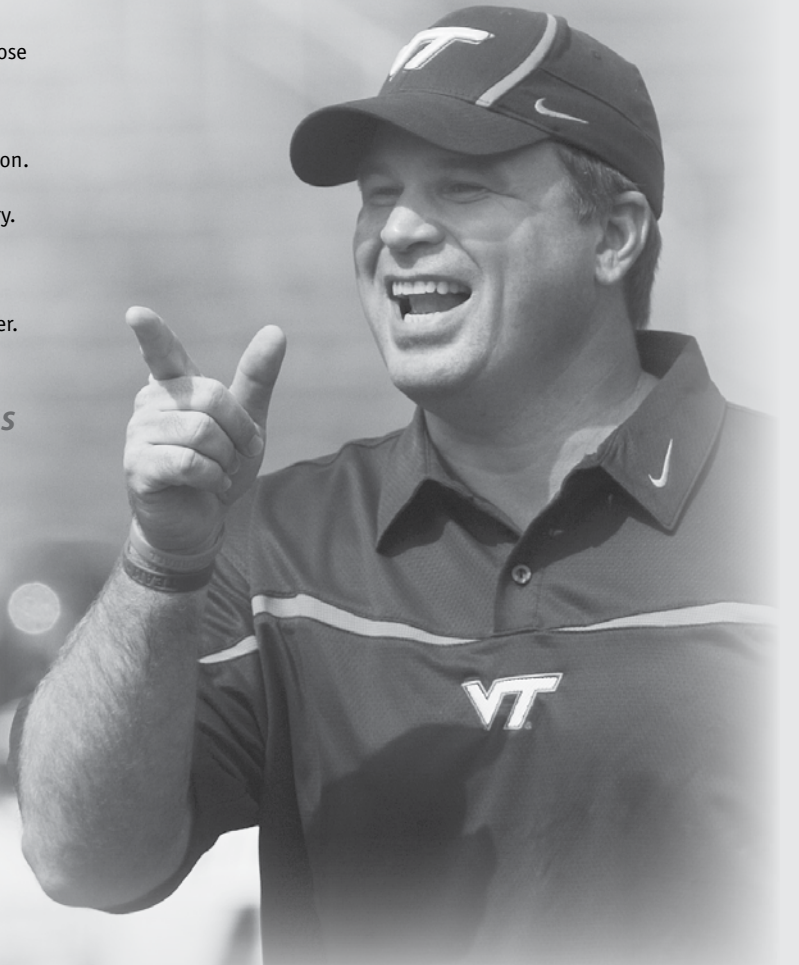
# VIRGINIA TECH'S OFFENSE

*Under the direction of Coach Bryan Stinespring, in 2006, the Hokies' offense ...*

- featured Branden Ore, the ACC's leader in scoring and all-purpose yards and No. 2 man in rushing.
- saw Sean Glennon become just the seventh quarterback in Tech history to pass for more than 2,000 yards in a season.
- produced the seventh-best team passing total in school history.
- produced two All-ACC players.
- had seven different receivers catch passes of 40 yards or longer.

*During Bryan Stinespring's five seasons as offensive coordinator, Tech has ...*

- averaged 363 yards and 31.3 points per game.
- finished with four of its top six all-time teams in total offense and three of its top five teams in both total points and passing yardage.
- produced its first Rimington Trophy winner in Jake Grove.
- had five players earn All-BIG EAST honors, including one repeat performer, and 11 more who won All-ACC honors during the past four seasons, with three repeat picks.
- produced the ACC Player of the Year and Offensive Player of the Year for 2004 in Bryan Randall.
- had 19 players sign with NFL teams.



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

— Bryan Stinespring



# Jim Cavanaugh

## Recruiting Coordinator and Strong Safety and Outside Linebackers Coach

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 12th season as the Hokies' strong safety and outside linebackers coach and his sixth 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 nine 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 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 players, such as Pierson Prioleau, Cory Bird, Kevin McCadam, Michael Crawford, James Anderson and Aaron Rouse. 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. Anderson, a two-year starter at whip linebacker, was a third-round NFL draft pick of the Carolina Panthers in 2005 while Rouse was drafted in the third round by the Green Bay Packers this past April.

Tech's appearance in the 2006 Chick-fil-A Bowl marked Cavanaugh's 23rd postseason game as a coach. A former star receiver at William & Mary, he is a veteran of 37 years coaching, including 33 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 and has been on the staff of five ACC schools — NC State, UVA, Maryland, North Carolina and Virginia Tech.

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 NC State in 1972.

During his years as a receiver at William & Mary, Cavanaugh surpassed the Tribe's 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 Lauren, who graduated from Virginia Tech in 2002. Ryan and his wife, the former Melissa Searls, have a daughter, Mallory, who is 2, while Lauren and her husband, Rob Reddick, have two sons, Matthew, who is 3, and Marshall, who is 1.

## PROFILE

### Coach Jim Cavanaugh

#### PERSONAL

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

#### EDUCATION

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

#### PLAYING EXPERIENCE

William & Mary (1967-69)

#### COACHING EXPERIENCE

1970 Newport News (Va.) High School  
1971 Denbigh (Va.) High School  
1972-73 NC State (graduate assistant)  
1974-75 VMI (receivers)  
1976 VMI (running backs)  
1977-78 NC State (receivers)  
1979-80 Marshall (offensive 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 (NC State vs. West Virginia)  
1973 Liberty (NC State vs. Kansas)  
1977 Peach (NC State vs. Iowa State)  
1978 Tangerine (NC 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)  
2003 Insight (Virginia Tech vs. California)  
2004 Sugar (Virginia Tech vs. Auburn)  
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2006 Chick-fil-A (Virginia Tech vs. Georgia)



Coach Jim Cavanaugh and his wife, Marsha.



# 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.”

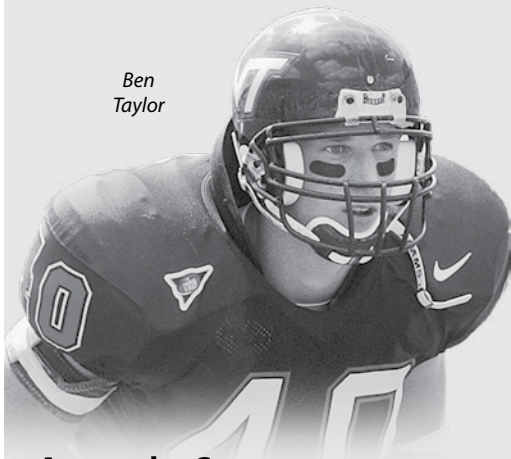
— Coach Frank Beamer



Michael Vick

## Covering the State

- John Engelberger – Northern Virginia
- Todd & T.J. Washington – Eastern Shore
- Jim Davis, Ernest Wilford – Fork Union
- Jonathan & Kevin Lewis – Richmond
- Michael Vick, Bryan Randall – Peninsula
- DeAngelo Hall, Shyrone Stith – Tidewater
- Michael Hawkes – Southside
- Cornell Brown, Jake Grove – 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

- Jim Cavanaugh ..... Richmond/Peninsula/Fredericksburg
- Bud Foster ..... Northern Virginia
- Torrian Gray ..... Northwest Virginia
- Billy Hite ..... I-81 corridor
- Curt Newsome ..... Tidewater
- Bryan Stinespring ..... Roanoke/Lynchburg/Danville/Martinsville
- Charley Wiles ..... Southwest Virginia

# Torrian Gray

## Defensive Backfield Coach



Former Virginia Tech defensive standout Torrian Gray, who is entering his second season as the Hokies' defensive backfield coach, has made an immediate impact on Tech's defense.

Last year, he spearheaded a secondary that ranked as the nation's No. 1 pass defense and the No. 2 team in pass efficiency defense. All-American Brandon Flowers teamed with fellow sophomore Victor Harris last season to form the ACC's youngest cornerback duo.

Prior to coming to Blacksburg, Gray spent the previous two seasons as assistant defensive backs coach with the NFL's Chicago Bears. During the 2005 season, the Bears ranked fifth in the NFL in passing defense, allowing just 179.5 yards per game, and finished tied for second in interceptions (24). Defensive backs Nathan Vasher and Mike Brown were both elected to the Pro Bowl as Chicago posted an 11-6 record and won the NFC North Division. In 2004, the Bears recorded 29 total takeaways and set a team record with six defensive touchdowns, including four by defensive backs.

Gray began his coaching career at the University of Maine, serving as defensive backs coach for two seasons (2000-01). The Black Bears qualified for the I-AA playoffs and advanced to the quarterfinals in 2001. Gray spent the 2002 and 2003 seasons as defensive backs coach at the University of Connecticut. During his tenure in Storrs, the Huskies' defense ranked among the nation's best despite moving up from Division I-AA to Division I-A in 2002.

During his playing career at Virginia Tech (1992-96), Gray helped the Hokies to four consecutive bowls for the first time in school history. He played on 97 percent of the Hokies' defensive

plays over his last three seasons, starting at rover in 1994 and '95, and handling the starting free safety duties in 1996.

He was named All-BIG EAST all three seasons and helped Tech to conference championships his last two years. He shared the team lead in interceptions in both 1993 and 1994, and was named the Hokies' Outstanding Defensive Back in 1996. Gray earned a bachelor's degree in consumer studies from Tech.

Gray was drafted in the second round of the 1997 NFL Draft (49th overall) by the Minnesota Vikings. He started five games as a rookie, including two playoff contests. He contributed as a starter in the nickel package and as a special teams player before retiring in the spring of 2000 due to a knee injury. The Vikings advanced to the playoffs in each of his three seasons.

A native of Lakeland, Fla., Gray has a daughter, Tori, who is 9.

## PROFILE

### Coach Torrian Gray

#### PERSONAL

Born: 3/18/74, Lakeland, Fla.  
Hometown: Lakeland, Fla.  
Children: Tori

#### EDUCATION

High School: Kathleen High School  
College: Virginia Tech (1996)

#### PLAYING EXPERIENCE

Virginia Tech (1992-96)  
Minnesota Vikings (1997-1999)

#### COACHING EXPERIENCE

2000-02 Maine (defensive backs)  
2002-04 Connecticut (defensive backs)  
2004-05 Chicago Bears (assistant defensive backs)  
2006- Virginia Tech (defensive backs)

#### BOWL/PLAYOFF EXPERIENCE

##### Player

1993 Independence (Virginia Tech vs. Indiana)  
1994 Gator (Virginia Tech vs. Tennessee)  
1995 Sugar (Virginia Tech vs. Texas)  
1996 Orange (Virginia Tech vs. Nebraska)

##### Coach

2001 Division I-AA Playoffs (Maine, quarterfinals)  
2006 Chick-fil-A (Virginia Tech vs. Georgia)



Coach Torrian Gray and his daughter, Tori.



# Curt Newsome

## Offensive Line Coach



Curt Newsome is beginning his second season as the offensive line coach for the Hokies. Prior to his arrival in Blacksburg, he was an assistant coach at James Madison University for seven seasons.

A familiar face in the Virginia high school ranks, he is also one of the top recruiters in the region, helping sign prep All-American Tyrod Taylor last February.

Last year, his young line came along as the season progressed and produced an All-ACC selection in tackle Duane Brown and saw senior Brandon Frye taken in the NFL Draft by the Houston Texans.

Newsome served as the offensive line coach and assistant head coach his last three seasons at James Madison, helping guide the Dukes to the Division I-AA national championship in 2004. He joined the JMU staff in March 1999 and worked as the defensive line coach his first three seasons. In 2002, he coached James Madison's offensive tackles and tight ends.

During his stint at JMU, Newsome coached All-Americans on both sides of the ball. Defensive end Chris Morant was the Atlantic

10 Defensive Player of the Year in 1999 and was named to two first-team All-America squads and two second-team A-A teams in 2000. He was a finalist for the Buck Buchanan Award as Division I-AA's top defender in 2000, when he set JMU's career record for sacks with 33. Offensive guard Matt Magerko received first-team Associated Press All-America honors in 2004 when the Dukes won the I-AA national title.

Prior to joining the JMU staff, Newsome was head coach in 1998 at Newport News' Heritage High School, where he was the AP's Virginia Scholastic Coach of the Year. He coached from 1987 to 1997 at Kecoughtan High School and also coached at both Phoebus and Ervington high schools.

Newsome received a bachelor's degree in physical education from Emory & Henry in 1982. He and his wife, Melinda, have a son, Curtis Wayne III, 19, and a daughter, Elizabeth Ann, 12.

## PROFILE

### Coach Curt Newsome

#### PERSONAL

Born: 10/29/58, Newport News, Va.  
Hometown: Hampton, Va.  
Wife: former Melinda Shepherd  
Children: Curtis, Elizabeth

#### EDUCATION

High School: Phoebus High School  
College: Emory & Henry (1982)

#### PLAYING EXPERIENCE

Emory & Henry (1977-80)

#### COACHING EXPERIENCE

1982 Ervington High School (defensive coordinator)  
1983-84 Ervington High School (head coach)  
1985-86 Phoebus High School (defensive coordinator)  
1987-97 Kecoughtan High School (head coach)  
1998 Heritage High School (head coach)  
1999-01 James Madison (defensive line)  
2002 James Madison (tight ends/tackles)  
2003-05 James Madison (assistant head coach/offensive line)  
2006- Virginia Tech (offensive line)

#### BOWL/PLAYOFF EXPERIENCE

##### Coach

1999 Division I-AA Playoffs (James Madison)  
2004 Division I-AA Playoffs (James Madison, National Champions)  
2006 Chick-fil-A (Virginia Tech vs. Georgia)



Coach Curt Newsome and his wife, Melinda, with Curtis and Elizabeth.

# Mike O'Cain

## Quarterbacks Coach



Mike O'Cain is entering his second season as the quarterbacks coach at Virginia Tech. A veteran of the Atlantic Coast Conference, O'Cain was formerly the head coach at NC State and offensive coordinator at both North Carolina and Clemson.

He brings 28 years of coaching experience to the Hokie offense

in general and the quarterback position in particular.

O'Cain returned to the sidelines last year after a one-year hiatus in which he served as the color commentator for the Hokie Playback broadcasts of home Virginia Tech football games.

Prior to that, he coached at Clemson in 2004, serving as the offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach. In 2003, he was a big reason Charlie Whitehurst established 33 school records, including the passing yardage and completion records for a season.

Last year, he brought along sophomore Sean Glennon, who passed for over 2,000 yards in his

first year as a starter. He led Tech to 10 wins and returns this year along with two others who have seen collegiate action.

O'Cain began his coaching career at Clemson in 1977 as a graduate assistant. He coached the offensive backfield at The Citadel for the 1978-80 seasons before moving to Murray State, where he was an assistant under Tech head coach Frank Beamer from 1981-84.

After one year as the assistant head coach at East Carolina, O'Cain joined Dick Sheridan as quarterbacks coach at NC State. O'Cain served as a top assistant under Sheridan from 1986-92 and was a part of a staff that coached the Wolfpack in six bowl games.

In 1993, Sheridan decided to retire just five weeks prior to the start of August practice and O'Cain was promoted to head coach. Despite a short period of time for preparation, O'Cain took NC State to a 7-4 regular-season record and an invitation to the Hall of Fame Bowl. He was the only rookie coach in the nation that year to lead a team to a bowl game.

The next year, O'Cain guided the Wolfpack to a second-place ACC finish with an 8-3 record. He completed the season with a victory over Mississippi State in the Peach Bowl to become just the second coach in NC State history to take a team to a bowl

in his first two seasons with the program.

In 1998, O'Cain guided the 'Pack to a win over No. 1 Florida State, then won at Texas in 1999. For the Seminoles, that was one of just two losses in ACC play during the team's first nine years in the league. He coached the Wolfpack to their third bowl trip in his tenure. One of the stars on that team was Torry Holt, a first-round draft pick who has gone on to fame with the Rams.

After the 1999 season, O'Cain joined the North Carolina football staff as the offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach. He helped the Tar Heels to a winning season in 2000, and then moved to Clemson in December to replace Rich Rodriguez as quarterbacks coach. He spent four years at Clemson, taking part in three bowl games.

A native of Orangeburg, S.C., O'Cain was a three-year letterwinner at Clemson, where he was the most valuable player and a captain of Clemson's 1976 team, working as both the punter and quarterback. He is still ranked in Clemson's history for passing efficiency. He received his bachelor's degree in recreation parks administration from Clemson in 1977.

O'Cain and his wife, Nancy, have two daughters, Jenny (22) and Lizzi (20).

## PROFILE

### Coach Mike O'Cain

#### PERSONAL

Born: 7/20/54, Orangeburg, S.C.  
 Hometown: Orangeburg, S.C.  
 Wife: former Nancy Farnum  
 Children: Jenny, Lizzi

#### EDUCATION

High School: Orangeburg-Wilkinson (1972)  
 College: Clemson (1977)

#### PLAYING EXPERIENCE

Clemson (1972-1976)

#### COACHING EXPERIENCE

1977 Clemson (graduate assistant)  
 1978-80 The Citadel (quarterbacks/running backs)  
 1981 Murray State (offensive coordinator/quarterbacks)  
 1982-84 Murray State (asst. head coach/offensive coordinator/quarterbacks coach)  
 1985 East Carolina (asst. head coach/quarterbacks)  
 1986-89 NC State (quarterbacks/running backs)  
 1990-92 NC State (quarterbacks)  
 1993-99 NC State (head coach)  
 2000 North Carolina (offensive coordinator/quarterbacks)  
 2001-03 Clemson (quarterbacks)  
 2004 Clemson (offensive coordinator/quarterbacks)  
 2006- Virginia Tech (quarterbacks)

#### BOWL EXPERIENCE

##### Coach

1977 Gator (Clemson vs. Pittsburgh)  
 1986 Peach (NC State vs. Virginia Tech)  
 1988 Peach (NC State vs. Iowa)  
 1989 Copper (NC State vs. Arizona)  
 1990 All American (NC State vs. Southern Mississippi)  
 1992 Peach (NC State vs. East Carolina)  
 1992 Gator (NC State vs. Florida)  
 1994 Hall of Fame (NC State vs. Michigan)  
 1995 Peach (NC State vs. Mississippi State)  
 1998 Micron PC (NC State vs. Miami)  
 2001 Humanitarian (Clemson vs. Louisiana Tech)  
 2002 Tangerine (Clemson vs. Texas Tech)  
 2004 Peach (Clemson vs. Tennessee)  
 2006 Chick-fil-A (Virginia Tech vs. Georgia)



Coach Mike O'Cain and his wife, Nancy, with their daughter Lizzi.

# Kevin Sherman

## Wide Receivers Coach



Kevin Sherman is entering his second season as the Hokies' wide receivers coach and will have a veteran group of four seniors leading the way this year.

Sherman, who spent the previous five seasons serving in the same capacity at Wake Forest University, is a native of nearby Radford and a graduate of Radford High School and Ferrum (Va.) College.

Last year, five receivers contributed regularly and three had at least 400 yards receiving. One of those five was David Clowney, who was drafted by the Green Bay Packers.

He has helped mold the senior quartet of Eddie Royal, Josh Morgan, Justin Harper and Josh Hyman into a reliable group, capable of lending a big hand in Tech's offensive plans for this season.

During his time with the Demon Deacons, Sherman worked closely with ALL-ACC performers John Stone and Fabian Davis, both of whom went on to successful professional football careers with the Oakland Raiders and Tampa Bay Buccaneers, respectively.

Sherman also oversaw the development of Jason Anderson. Anderson set a school record for most receiving yards by a freshman and eventually left in 2004 as Wake Forest's career leader in yards per reception.

Sherman became an assistant coach at WFU after working four years as an assistant coach at Ohio University. Sherman was one of eight Ohio assistant coaches who accompanied head coach Jim Grobe to Winston-Salem in December 2000.

At Ohio, Sherman was responsible for the split end and Z-back positions, which saw increasing action in the Bobcats' Pro-I offense. Sherman helped

guide the career of Z-back Raynald Ray, who compiled 925 receiving yards during his career.

As a group, the 1999 receiving corps grabbed more receptions (72) than any group since 1994, while the 2000 unit totaled the highest number of receiving yards (1,046) in seven years.

Prior to his stint at Ohio University, Sherman coached at Virginia Military Institute (VMI). In his four seasons with the Keydets, he coached in several capacities under three different head coaches. Beginning as the running backs coach, he later became the quarterbacks and receivers coach and coordinator for the passing game.

A 1992 graduate of Ferrum, Sherman served as captain of the Panther football team and was chosen as the team's Most Valuable Player as a senior in 1990. During the 1991 season, he served as a student assistant football coach before becoming an assistant football coach at Methodist (NC) College in 1992.

Sherman is married to the former Jennifer Williams. The couple has two children, a son, James, and a daughter, Nioka.

## PROFILE

### Coach Kevin Sherman

#### PERSONAL

Born: 11/2/1968, Radford, Va.  
Hometown: Radford, Va.  
Wife: former Jennifer Williams  
Children: James, Nioka

#### EDUCATION

High School: Radford High School (1987)  
Junior College: Lees-McRae Junior College (1988)  
College: Ferrum College (1992)

#### PLAYING EXPERIENCE

Lees-McRae JC (1987)  
Ferrum College (1988-90)

#### COACHING EXPERIENCE

1991 Ferrum College (student assistant)  
1992-93 Methodist College (wide receivers)  
1993-97 Virginia Military Institute (recruiting coordinator)  
1997-00 Ohio University (wide receivers)  
2000-05 Wake Forest University (wide receivers)  
2004 Denver Broncos (NFL Minority Internship)

#### BOWL/PLAYOFF EXPERIENCE

##### Player

1988 Division III Playoffs (Ferrum, semifinals)  
1989 Division III Playoffs (Ferrum, semifinals)  
1990 Division III Playoffs (Ferrum)

##### Coach

2002 Seattle (Wake Forest vs. Oregon)  
2006 Chick-fil-A (Virginia Tech vs. Georgia)



Coach Kevin Sherman and his wife, Jennifer, with their daughter, Nioka, and son, James.

# Charley Wiles

## Defensive Line Coach



Charley Wiles, a former All-America player for Frank Beamer at Murray State, has produced five 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 12 seasons directing the Tech line are ends Corey Moore and Cornell Brown.

In 1999, Moore won the Mike Fox/Bronko Nagurski Award as the

nation's best defensive player and the Lombardi Award as the best lineman. He also became Tech's second unanimous All-American and was chosen the BIG EAST Defensive Player of the Year two consecutive years. Brown was a two-time All-America pick, taking consensus honors as a junior in 1995 when he was named the National Defensive Player of the Year by *Football News* and the BIG EAST Defensive Player of the Year.

In 2005, Wiles helped mold end Darryl Tapp into a first-team All-America selection, a first-team All-ACC selection, and a Hendricks and Lott Awards finalist. Tapp now plays on Sundays for the Seattle Seahawks.

Wiles also coached John Engelberger, who was named second-team on The Associated Press All-America team and tackle David Pugh, who was a third-team All-America pick by *The Sporting News*.

In all, 11 of Wiles' players have won all-conference honors, including end Tapp, who was a first-team all-ACC pick during each of the Hokies' first two seasons in the league.

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 Division I-A 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 won Kodak Division I-AA All-America honors 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 DeLand, Fla., and a three-sport star at DeLand High School, he is married to the former Andrea Wilder of Booneville, Ind. They have a daughter, Kendell, 11, and a son Eric, 8.

## PROFILE

### Coach Charley Wiles

#### PERSONAL

Born: 5/4/64, Nashville, Tenn.  
 Hometown: DeLand, Fla.  
 Wife: former Andrea Wilder  
 Children: Kendell, Eric

#### EDUCATION

High School: DeLand 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/PLAYOFF EXPERIENCE

##### Player

1986 Division I-AA Playoffs (Murray State)

##### Coach

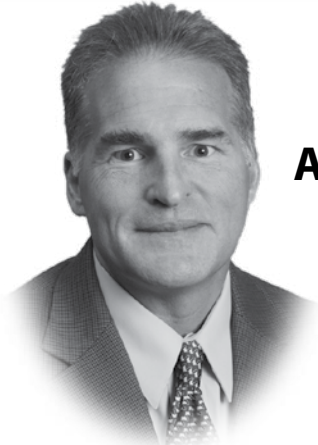
1995 Division I-AA Playoffs (Murray State)  
 1996 Orange (Virginia Tech vs. Nebraska)  
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 1998 Music City (Virginia Tech vs. Alabama)  
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 2000 Gator (Virginia Tech vs. Clemson)  
 2001 Gator (Virginia Tech vs. Florida State)  
 2002 San Francisco (Virginia Tech vs. Air Force)  
 2003 Insight (Virginia Tech vs. California)  
 2004 Sugar (Virginia Tech vs. Auburn)  
 2005 Gator (Virginia Tech vs. Louisville)  
 2006 Chick-fil-A (Virginia Tech vs. Georgia)



Coach Charley Wiles and his wife, Andrea, with Kendall 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 the 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.

Ballein is responsible for all operations dealing with the

football program. He continues to serve as assistant to 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 with a degree in health and physical education in 1983. He later earned a master's in education from Old Dominion University in 1987.

Ballein completed his doctorate of education at Virginia Tech in 2006.

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, and he is one of the most beloved and respected members of the staff.

"Everyone knows Coach Ballein's the guy that gets things done," said Ben Taylor, a former Tech linebacker now playing with the Green Bay Packers. "If it is for Coach Beamer or the players, he has a way of taking care of business. Whether it was about football, academics or an issue in your personal life, his door was always open. The thing I appreciate the most about him is the fact that he genuinely cared about us. He is one of the people that make Virginia Tech so special."



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

# Football Support Staff



**Bruce Garnes**  
*Football Operations Assistant*

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

For eight 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 degree 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, 36, is single and enjoys jogging, spending time with his mother and co-workers and watching all Virginia Tech athletic teams compete.

**HOKIES**  
*Graduate Assistants*



**Cornell Brown**



**James Miller**



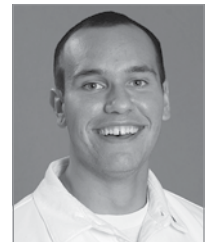
**Diana Clark**  
*Secretary to Coach Beamer*



**Lisa Marie**  
*Football Program Support Technician*



**Kristie Verniel**  
*Football Program Support Technician*



**Chris King**  
*Graduate Assistant Manager*



**Greg Narvid**  
*Head Student Manager*



**Brian Equi**  
*Student Manager*

*Student Managers not pictured:  
Kent Bell, Lenny Brown, Steve Hale and Seth Harris.*



**Lester Karlin**  
*Equipment Manager*

Lester Karlin, a veteran of 29 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. He spends his spare time either working in his yard or at the rescue squad.



*Lester Karlin and his wife, Suzie, with their daughters Rachel (left) and Sarah.*