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MEDIA INFORMATION



Athletics Communications Directory

Name Change Reflects Department Reorganization

This past summer, a realignment took place in the Virginia Tech Athletics Department.

Four external affairs operations — sports information, Hokiesports the Newspaper, publications and hokiesports.com — were grouped together to form the Athletics Communications Office.

Dave Smith, in his 33rd year at Virginia Tech, heads up the branch as the Assistant A.D. for Athletics Communications. In what used to be Sports Information, Bill Dyer, Torye Hurst and Bryan Johnston now serve as Associate Directors of Athletics

Communications while Matt Kovatch was hired in June as an assistant director and writer for Hokiesports the Newspaper. Jimmy Robertson continues as the editor of Hokiesports the Newspaper. Amanda McClure, Michael DeVine and Scott Ellis serve as interns in the A.C.O.

Anne Panella directs the publications unit, while Dave Knachel is the photography coordinator and publication designer. Damian Salas oversees the official Web site, hokiesports.com, with the assistance of web designer Sarah Alston.

Dave Smith is beginning his 33rd year with the Virginia Tech Athletics Department and his 16th full-time season with the Hokie football team. He has been involved with the football team each of his 32 years at Tech.

Smith works with head coach Frank Beamer and the rest of the Virginia Tech coaching staff, as well as overseeing the day-to-day working of the Athletics Communications Office. Smith also travels with the team to road games.

Smith is a 1970 graduate of Virginia Tech with a degree in English.

All interview requests for Beamer or any coach should be made through Smith by calling (540) 231-6726.







Bryan Johnston



Bill Dyer



Torye Hurst





Jimmy Robertson



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Anne Panella	Publications Director	(540) 231-7684	apanella@vt.edu
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Sarah Alston	Web Designer, hokiesports.com	(540) 231-6329	salston@vt.edu

Bryan Johnston is in his ninth year with the Virginia Tech Athletics Department and his eighth with the Hokie football team.

His main duties with the football team include acting as a liaison between the media and the Tech football players and setting up the weekly press conferences, laying out the game notes as well as traveling with the team to road games.

A native of Chesapeake, Va., Johnston is a 1999 graduate of the University of South Carolina with a degree in sport administration.

All interview requests for any player should be made through Johnston by calling (540) 231-3387.

Dave Knachel is in his 12th year as a full-time employee at Virginia Tech, and has been photographing Hokie sports for 26 years, since he came to the university as a student in 1981.

Prior to joining the Tech staff in 1996, he worked for local newspapers. He has also volunteered extensively in many capacities with Special Olympics Virginia.

Knachel is responsible for photographic coverage of all 21 sports at Tech and designing athletic department publications as well.

Media requests for digital images of Tech players, coaches and administrators should be made to Knachel by calling (540) 231-1838 or by e-mail at dknachel@vt.edu.



Anne Panella



Damian Salas



Dave Knachel



Sarah Alston



Media Information

Athletics Communications

Football media services are coordinated by the Athletics Communications Office, headed by Assistant Athletics Director Dave Smith and Associate Director of Athletics Communications Bryan Johnston. Please direct interview requests for any of the coaches, as well as credential requests to Smith. All player interview requests should be made to Johnston.

For photo requests, please contact photography coordinator Dave Knachel. The Athletics Communications Office is located on the fourth floor of the Jamerson Athletic Center, which is connected to Cassell Coliseum and the Merryman Athletic Center. The office is next to the Bowman Room.

All media members coming to campus during the week need to stop by the Visitor's Center, located on Southgate Drive across from the "VT shrubs" to pick up a visitor's parking pass.

Media will be responsible for paying any fines they incur while on campus.

The Press Box

Again this season, the media will enjoy a state-of-the art press box as part of the west side renovation project. The press box at Lane Stadium/Worsham Field comprises seven levels. Newspaper, radio and television reporters work on the fifth level. Space in other areas is assigned as follows: First level — Hokie Club Office and ticket office; Third level — Academic advising; Fourth level — University President's box;

Fifth level — Home and visiting Athletic Director's suites, press dining and television broadcast booth; Seventh level — Public address announcer, replay booth, scoreboard operators, Tech and visiting coaches' phones, stat booth, home and visiting radio booths, home and visiting team coaches' show and film crews.

The media area of the press box is accessible via elevators Nos. 4 & 5, which are located on the west side, in the south tower.

Admission to the press box is by credential only. Smoking is not allowed in the stands or in any enclosed area of Lane Stadium, including the press box and rest rooms.

Press Credentials

Requests for press credentials are screened with care due to the demand for credentials and to ensure a working press box. Traditional print, television and radio (media agency) regularly assigned to cover Virginia Tech and the visiting school will receive first priority, as well as national news-gathering agencies. Credentials for on-line Internet sites will be granted to Virginia Tech-operated Web sites, the visiting team's official Web site and the Atlantic Coast Conference's official Web site.

Requests should be made in writing on company letterhead at least 10 days prior to the game to guarantee consideration. Requests should be directed to Dave Smith, Assistant AD for Athletics Communications. Requests the week of the game will be honored on a space-available basis and

Just Virginia Tech, Please

While the full name of the school is Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, the school is commonly referred to as "Virginia Tech." Founded in 1872, as Virginia Agricultural and Mechanical College, the university changed its named to Virginia Polytechnic Institute in 1896. Fans of the athletics department, as well as media covering the Hokies, shortened the name to VPI, but it eventually became Virginia Tech. The "State University" was added in 1970 to bring the official title to what it is today.

Those covering Hokie athletics are asked to refer to the university as simply "Virginia Tech."

Virginia Tech University, VPI and SU, VPI&SU, "Vah Tech," VT or VA Tech are not recognized names and should not be used.

2007 Preseason Dates

Wed., Aug. 1	leam reports
Thurs., Aug. 2	First day of practice
Thurs., Aug. 2 - Tues., Aug. 6	5-day acclimation period
Sat., Aug. 4	Media Day (Media only)
Mon., Aug. 6	First day in full pads
Tues., Aug. 7	First official practice
Mon., Aug. 26	First Beamer teleconference
Tues., Aug. 27	First weekly press conference
Wed., Aug. 29	First ACC teleconference
Sat., Sept. 1	Tech vs. East Carolina

will be left at the Will Call window at Lane Stadium/Worsham Field if they cannot be mailed.

Spouses, dates, children, equipment carriers and non-workers are restricted from the press box, sidelines and locker rooms. Any abuse of a working credential will result in the media agency losing credential privileges.

In some instances, due to space limitations, meeting the identified criteria does not guarantee credentials for every game.

Additional Accreditation Guidelines

- Only full-time, salaried employees intending to provide actual game coverage may receive a credential.
- A requesting media agency must represent a collective, organizational editorial voice, not simply the offerings of a single individual.
- Membership in a writer's association does not automatically qualify an agency for credentials.
- A media agency may assign one of its credentials to its on-line entity.
- An on-line entity, not associated with a traditional media agency, may qualify for one credential, subject to the following conditions:

An on-line entity may receive a credential only if its own full-time staff writes a majority percentage of that site's own material.

On-line entities that focus primarily on Virginia Tech Athletics and also sponsor message boards or chat rooms, may receive credentials provided they adhere to a policy that requires that a posted message

or opinion is identified with the actual name and city of the individual.

Any on-line service that is recognized as an outlet intended primarily for the purpose of delivering news related to the recruitment of student-athletes will not qualify for credentials.

On-line entities will not receive photography credentials.

On-line entities (other than those identified above) registering 20,000 legitimate unique users per month in each of the past 12 months will be given first consideration.

"Real-time" transmission of digital images, audio and data, including live game play-by-play and statistics, of any home game or any Tech-sponsored media event is the exclusive property of Virginia Tech and/or its rights holder(s). "Real-time" is defined as "live continual coverage or description of an event."

Media Will Call

In most cases, credentials will be mailed. Credentials may be picked up through Friday of a game week from secretary Donna Smith in the Office of Athletics Communications. Credentials not mailed or picked up will be held at the Will Call window located a few steps from elevator No. 5, the press entrance to Lane Stadium/Worsham Field.

Photo Credentials

The NCAA has established a control policy to keep the field free from congestion. Only photographers on assignment and members of the television media are given photo

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credentials. Freelance or amateur photographers will not be issued credentials.

All photographers must work outside the 30-yard lines as prescribed by the NCAA. Photographers are not permitted in the bench area. On the front line of the sidelines, as well as in the south end zone, photographers are required to kneel. Those photographers shooting from behind the second line, as well as in the north end zone, are allowed to stand.

For those who need to transmit photos electronically, a work room for photographers is available. This room is located in the June Oblinger Shott Media Center, on the ground level beneath the south end zone. A member of the Athletics Communications staff will be on the sidelines to lend assistance during the game.

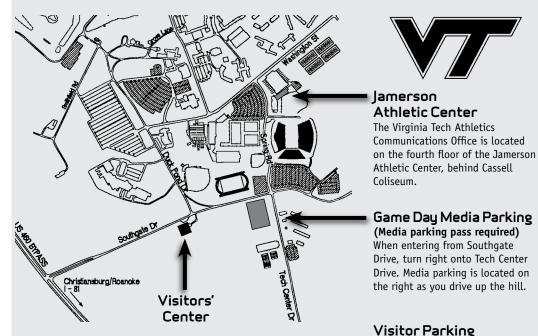
Rights Restriction

Virginia Tech is and shall be the sole owner of any and all copyrights, intellectual property rights and proprietary rights for images, sounds and data arising from or during Virginia Tech home athletics contests and Tech-sponsored media events.

The use of photographs, video and/or audio for purposes other than traditional news coverage is forbidden. No redistribution is permitted.

ENG Crew Restrictions

Electronic news gathering ("ENG") crews acknowledge and agree they shall abide by the following restrictions regarding the use of television footage of home football games of Atlantic Coast Conference ("ACC") schools. If the ACC football game is telecast by ABC or ESPN ("ABC/



Getting To Campus

The campus is located in Blacksburg, Va., about 40 miles southwest of Roanoke, Va. To reach the campus from Interstate 81, take Exit 118-B (Christiansburg) onto U.S. Route 460 West. Follow the 460 Blacksburg Bypass and turn right onto Rt. 314.

By Air

Roanoke Regional Airport in Roanoke, Va., is served by major domestic airlines. Limousine services provide transportation between the airport and campus. Private planes may land at the Virginia Tech Airport, on campus.

ESPN Games"), ENG crews (i) may not use television footage of the ABC/ESPN Game, except for excerpts consistent with ABC's or ESPN's, as applicable, news access guidelines, and (ii) may not authorize the use of any such television footage by any third parties. ENG crews acknowledge and agree that ABC and ESPN have the exclusive right to telecast live home football games of ACC schools between 3:30 p.m., and 11 p.m., east coast time (excluding telecasts of games commencing at noon east coast time that extend into overtime or whose start times are delayed by extraordinary circumstances, such as inclement weather).

Parking

Game day media parking is available on a limited basis in a media-designated lot near the Burrows-Burleson Tennis Center. The entrance to this lot is on Tech Center Drive off of Southgate Drive. Requests for parking credentials should be submitted to Dave Smith, Assistant AD for Athletics Communications. If you plan to visit the Tech campus during the week, parking information is available on page 327.

Press Box Services

Complete team and individual statistics, a play-by-play, drive chart, defensive stats and postgame coaches' quotes will be provided. An inside public address announcer keeps the media abreast of play-by-play, records that are broken and game notes. A pregame meal is served, starting approximately 90 minutes before kickoff and refreshments are available throughout the game. Postgame stats will be faxed upon request.

Telephones

(Non-game days)

Visitor parking permits are available

at the Information/Visitors Center

on Southgate Drive (Rt. 314) just

off the 460 Blacksburg Bypass.

Ten telephones will be located in the press box for pool use. These phones require collect calls or a credit card for billing. Newspeople desiring their own telephone or ethernet lines should submit requests to Virginia Tech CNS at (540) 231-4350. If you

Dave Smith: vtsid@vt.edu		Typical Hokie Game Week Schedule			Bryan Johnston: blj@vt.edu	
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Treatment and Weights No Interviews	Practice Players and coaches available in person after practice for 15 mins; Phones before	Press Luncheon 12:30-2 p.m. Shott Media Center Practice Players and coaches available after practice for 15 mins; Phones before	Beamer on ACC Teleconference 10:50 a.m. Practice Players and coaches available after practice for 15 mins; Phones before	Practice Coach Beamer available for interviews only	Team Travel or Walk-through No Player Interviews Coach Beamer available for group interview.	Post Game Coach Beamer and top requested players available.

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request your own phone, please notify the Athletics Communications Office so we can give the phone company the proper location. The same applies for photographers wishing to activate a phone or ethernet line in the south end zone work room, where two pool phones and one pool ethernet line are provided. Please make all requests well in advance of the game.

Wireless Internet

For the fourth year, Virginia Tech will offer free wireless internet to members of the media working the game. To be able to use this feature, you must have a wireless (802.11 compatabile) card in your laptop, tested and configured prior to arriving. To register for this service, you are encouraged to sign up prior to arriving on game day, or in the press box or south end zone when you arrive. To obtain the URL, please contact Tommy Regan in Athletic Computing Services at vtacs@vt.edu. After registering, your email address will serve as both your user name and password.

Postgame Interviews

All postgame interviews take place in the June Oblinger Shott

Media Center, located on the ground level of the south end zone. After a short cool-down period, Coach Frank Beamer and 7-10 of the top requested players will meet with the news media after each home game. Media members with special player requests need to make those known prior to the fourth quarter.

A separate room, located directly across the hall from the Tech interview room, is available for interviews with the coaches and players from the visiting team. Directions to both interview areas will be available in the press box or through the Athletics Communications Office. Media access to visiting players will be determined by the visiting STD.

Virginia Tech Web Site

Notes, releases, statistics and other pertinent information are available on Tech's official Web site (hokiesports.com). Tech's football statistics will be available on the same day of games. Notes on the upcoming game will be updated Monday afternoon.

Media who would like game notes, as well as general releases,

e-mailed to them need to contact Bryan Johnston (blj@vt.edu) to be placed on the group e-mail list.

Virginia Tech also has a mediaonly Web site, where members of the media can access high-quality head shots, logos and other pertinent information. For the address to this site, please contact Bryan Johnston.

The ACC on the Web

The ACC site on the Internet is available at www.theacc.com. The site contains current information on all facets of the Atlantic Coast Conference. In addition, in-game scores for football contests involving ACC teams will be updated in-progress. Please contact Mike Finn in the ACC media relations department for more information.

ACC Media Site

CollegePressBox.com is the official media website for ACC football. Access and download weekly game notes, quotes, statistics, media guides and more for the conference and each of its 12 member schools throughout the season. Login information will be distributed to accredited media.

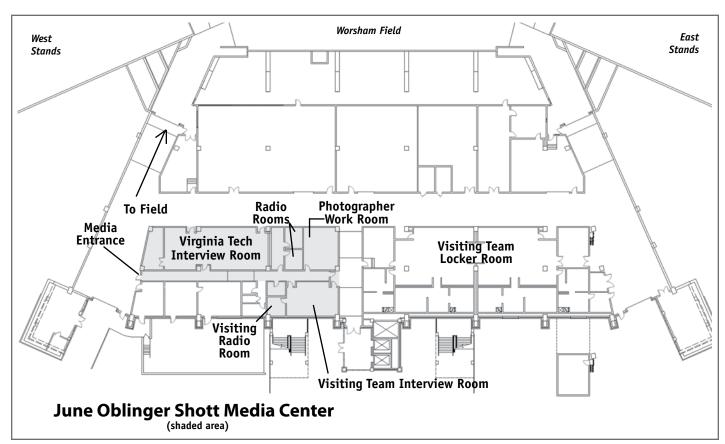
Interview Policy

Virginia Tech's coaches and players will be available throughout the season for interviews with members of the news media. It is important, however, that all requests for interviews be made through the Tech Athletics Communications Office.

All requests for players to appear at the press luncheons must be submitted to Bryan Johnston by noon on Monday of that week. You may call him at (540) 231-3387 or e-mail him at bli@ vt.edu. Any other requests for individual interviews, whether by phone or after practice, need to be submitted on Monday as well. Player availability for the press luncheons is determined by each player's class and lifting schedule and some players may not be available. In that case, all efforts will be made to get the player at some point during the week.

Any media person wishing to come to practice and talk to a specific player or coach needs to contact the Athletics Communications Office the day before to allow time to contact

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the desired people.

Players and coaches will be available after practice for in-person interviews on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday only. All phone interviews must be done before practice.

At no time will a players' phone number be given out and media are asked not to call or e-mail the players at home or ask for their contact information.

Beamer Teleconference Session

On Mondays during the season, Coach Frank Beamer will be available via teleconference for approximately 15-20 minutes. The interview session will begin at 11:40 a.m. Media interested in this opportunity are asked to call the Athletics Communications Office at (540) 231-6726 for the phone number.

Weekly Press Interview Session

On Tuesdays prior to each Tech game, Coach Frank Beamer and select members of the Tech team will be available to meet accredited media in the Shott Center, located in the south end zone. A light lunch will be served at approximately 12:30 p.m. Coach Beamer will begin the interview session at 1 p.m., followed by player interviews at approximately 1:20. The interview session will conclude by 2 p.m.

An audio copy of Beamer's session with the media will be available by 4 p.m. The telephone number for these reports is (540) 232-3719. A video feed of Beamer, along with the players, is available both live and archived on hokietv.com.

Talking to Coach Beamer

The best ways to reach Coach Frank Beamer are on his Monday teleconference, his weekly press interview session on Tuesdays, on the ACC teleconference on Wednesdays or after practice. Any additional requests should be made through Dave Smith at (540) 231-6726.

ACC Teleconference

The ACC football coaches will be featured on a weekly teleconference, beginning on Wed., Aug. 29. The final teleconference, for the Virginia

game, will be on Tues., Nov. 20. Each coach will be available for 10 minutes with Coach Beamer scheduled to start at 10:50 a.m. The teleconference number will

War Memorial Hall

be mailed to media members who cover Virginia Tech football. Members of the media can also secure the number by contacting the ACC office at (336) 851-6062.

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Satellite Feed

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The ACC provides weekly feeds with highlights, along with coach and player interviews. Information is available through the ACC office.

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Virginia Tech Media Outlets

Wire Service	CONTACTS	PHONE	FAX	INTERNET SITE
The Associated Press (Richmond)	Hank Kurz, Jr.	804-643-6646	804-643-6223	www.ap.org
The Associated Press (Roanoke)	Bob Lowry	540-344-5860	540-342-2482	www.ap.org
Newspapers	CONTACTS	PHONE	FAX	INTERNET SITE
hokiesports the newspaper	Jimmy Robertson	540-231-4134	540-231-6984	www.hokiesports.com/newspaper
Bluefield Daily Telegraph	Brian Woodson	304-327-2811	304-327-6179	www.bdtonline.com
Bristol Herald Courier	Alan Gergory,	276-669-2181	276-669-3696	www.tricities.com
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Charlottesville Daily Progress	Jerry Ratcliffe	434-978-7246	434-975-7104	www.dailyprogress.com
Collegiate Times	Sports Editor	540-231-9865	540-231-5057	www.collegiatetimes.com
Danville Register & Bee	Drew Wilson	434-791-7995	434-797-2299	www.registerbee.com
Fredericksburg Free Lance Star	Steve DeShazo,	540-373-5000	540-373-8450	www.freelancestar.com
Tredericksburg Free Lunice Star	Jim McConnell	310 373 3000	310 373 0130	www.rectaneestaneesia
Harrisonburg News-Record	Chris Simmons	540-574-6200	540-433-9112	www.dnronline.com
Hopewell News	Hank Bilyeau	804-458-8511	804-458-7556	www.hopewellnews.com
Kingsport Times News	Pat Kenney,	423-246-8121	423-392-1385	www.timesnews.net
Kingspore Times News	John Moorehouse	425 240 0121	423 332 1303	www.timesnews.net
Lynchburg News	Nathan Warters	434-385-5528	434-385-5538	www.newsadvance.com
Martinsville Bulletin	Doug Kates	276-638-8801	276-638-7409	www.martinsvillebulletin.com
Newport News Daily Press	Norm Wood,	757-247-4642	757-247-9420	www.dailypress.com
newport news barry riess	David Teel	737-247-4042	737-247-3420	www.daitypicss.com
News-Messenger	Jason Pounds	540-382-6171	540-382-3009	www.mainstreetnewspapers.com
Norfolk Virginian Pilot	Kyle Tucker,	757-446-2630	757-533-9004	www.pilotonline.com
Norrotk Virginian Fitot	Tom Robinson	737-440-2030	737-333-3004	www.pitotontine.com
Petersburg Progress-Index	David Dexter	804-732-3456	804-861-9452	www.progress-index.com
retersburg riogress-fildex	Chip Knighton	004-732-3430	004-001-9432	www.progress-maex.com
Potomac News	Dave Fawcett	703-878-8000	703-878-8099	www.potomacnews.com
Pulaski Southwest Times	Dave Bisset	540-980-5220	540-980-3618	www.southwesttimes.com
Richmond Times Dispatch	Mike Harris,	804-649-6445	804-775-8085	www.inrich.com
Richmond Times Dispatch	Darryl Slater	004-049-0445	004-775-0005	www.mincin.com
Roanoke Times	Jeff Gilbert,	540-981-3221	540-981-3392	www.roanoketimes.com
Rodiloke Tilles	Randy King	540-961-5221	340-901-3392	www.roanokecimes.com
South Boston News & Record	Tucker McLaughlin	434-572-2928	434-572-2920	www.thenewsrecord.com
Staunton Daily News Leader	Hubert Grimm	540-885-7281	540-885-1904	www.newsleader.com
Washington Post	Matt Rennie	202-334-7350	202-334-7685	www.mewsteader.com www.washingtonpost.com
Washington Fost	Adam Kilgore	202-334-7330	202-334-7003	www.washingtonpost.com
Washington Times	John Taylor	202-636-3253	202-363-8906	www.washingtontimes.com
Waynesboro News Virginian	Jim Sacco	540-949-8213	540-942-4542	www.newsvirginian.com
Winchester Star	Ben Brooks	540-667-3200	540-667-1649	www.winchesterstar.com
	Dell Blooks	540-007-3200	540-007-1049	www.wilichesterstar.com
Local Radio	CONTACTS	PHONE	FAX	INTERNET SITE
ISP SPORTS	Bill Roth,	540-961-7604	540-961-7606	www.ispsports.com
	Mike Burnop			
WBRW-Radio	Rick Watson	540-633-5330	540-633-2998	
Virginia News Network	Gary Hess	804-474-0155	804-474-0167	www.virginianewsnetwork.com
WUVT-Radio	Sports	540-231-9881		•
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Local Television	CONTACTS	PHONE	FAX	INTERNET SITE
WDBJ-TV (Roanoke, Va.)	Mike Stevens	540-985-3623	540-343-7269	www.wdbj7.com
WSLS-TV (Roanoke, Va.)	John Appicello	540-981-9126	540-343-2059	www.wsls.com
WSET-TV (Lynchburg, Va.)	Dennis Carter	434-528-1315	434-847-8800	www.wset.com
WCYB-TV (Bristol, Va.)	Jenna Herb	276-645-1555	276-645-1554	www.wcyb.tv
WTVR-TV (Richmond, Va.)	Lane Casadonte	804-254-3645	804-254-3697	www.wtvr.com
WAVY-TV (Portsmouth, Va.)	Bruce Radar	757-393-1010	757-397-8279	www.wavy.com
WTKR-TV (Norfolk, Va.)	Cory Curtis	757-446-1000	757-446-1376	www.wtkr.com
WVEC-TV (Norfolk, Va.)	Scott Cash	757-625-1313	757-628-5855	www.wvec.com
WVIR-TV (Charlottesville, Va.)	Marty Hudtloff	434-977-7082	434-220-2905	www.nbc29.com
WWBT-TV (Richmond, Va.)	Ben Hamlin	804-233-5461	804-230-2789	www.nbc12.com
WRIC-TV (Richmond, Va.)	Chip Tarkenton	804-330-8888	804-330-8883	www.wric.com
WVVA-TV (Bluefield, W.Va.)	P.J. Ziegler	304-325-5487	304-327-5586	www.wvva.com



Charles W. Steger **University President** making the impossible a reality.

Now in his eighth year as President of Virginia Tech, Dr. Charles Steger has charted a course to bolster the university's research enterprise and compete among the nation's premier research institutions. Under his direction, the university has adopted a strategic plan, which is guiding the growth of the research enterprise, fostering outreach initiatives, and increasing quality across all aspects of the academic community.

Earlier this year, the tranquil learning environment of Virginia Tech was suddenly shattered by an outburst of incomprehensible violence that left more than 50 students and faculty killed or injured. During this crisis, President Steger showed tremendous courage, compassion and leadership in bringing the university community together in the immediate aftermath of the tragedy and in the beginning stages of recovery. His leadership continues to draw praise from students, parents, alumni as well as from those with no direct connection with the university but who, from points around the world, witnessed the events.

Also this year, Steger joined with Gov. Tim Kaine and Carilion Health Systems president Dr. Ed Murphy to announce the creation of a new medical school in Virginia. Virginia Tech and Carilion will create a jointly operated private medical school, located in downtown Roanoke, adjacent to Carilion Roanoke Memorial Hospital. Gov. Kaine said it was an "important initiative to help meet the health workforce and medical research needs of our state, as well as to strengthen the economy of the region."

In the minds of many, Steger will best be remembered for

He will be forever credited with negotiating Virginia Tech's entrance into the Atlantic Coast Conference — a 50-year dreamcome-true for Hokie fans.

Another of the most memorable contributions of Steger's administration was his role in the Higher Education Restructuring Act, which took effect in July, 2006. Steger was one of the leaders among university presidents to help define a ground-breaking new relationship between the Commonwealth of Virginia and its colleges and universities, which enables greater institutional flexibility and potential for growth. This legislation allows Virginia Tech to perform longrange planning, ensure a stable and predictable revenue stream, and ultimately ensure a quality education for its students.

A hallmark of Steger's administration is his commitment to the students. With Steger's leadership, the university has reaffirmed its core mission of undergraduate education. The university is dedicated to fostering a research intensive environment that offers students an opportunity to learn the scientific process while enhancing their critical-thinking skills.

Recognizing that students, upon graduation, will be entering a global economy, Virginia Tech initiated a comprehensive International Strategic Plan and has doubled the number of students participating in international education opportunities.

Research activity continues to steadily increase, and the focus of the research enterprise continues to widen. Shortly after Steger took office, the university launched the Virginia Bioinformatics Institute, which in seven years has already secured well over \$50 million in external research funding. Virginia Tech has also partnered with a number of other universities to further leverage its research strengths and resources, including Johns Hopkins University, Wake Forest University, University of

Virginia, University of Maryland and Georgetown University.

Concurrent with the expanding research agenda, the university has expanded its outreach efforts like never before. For example, Virginia Tech has partnered in numerous initiatives in Southside Virginia, including the renowned Institute for Advanced Learning and Research (IALR), which are advancing both educational and economic development opportunities.

Virginia Tech remains one of the most competitive institutions in the state. The university received a record 19,579 applications for the class entering in the fall of 2007. Students offered admission raised the academic bar with an average math and critical reading SAT score of 1229 and an average high school GPA of 3.82. The 2007 application pool also was more diverse by gender and race, with greater numbers of Asian, African-American and Hispanic-American students. The university also has established the Virginia Tech Principles of Community, which affirm the university's commitment to civility and respect for all people.

In his previous role as Vice President for Development and University Relations, Steger built a critical base of private support when he led the Campaign for Virginia Tech, which raised more than \$337 million. Today, private support from Virginia Tech's alumni and friends continues to play an essential role in this university community. Last year, the university raised more than \$67 million, a 23.5 percent increase over the previous year.

Steger's ties to Virginia Tech span five decades as a student, professor, dean, vice president and now president. While on the faculty, he twice won teaching excellence awards. When he became dean of the College of Architecture and Urban Studies in 1981, he was, at age 33, the youngest architecture dean in the nation. His most recent

publications include book chapters on the topics of the business of education and the university presidency.

Steger is past-Chairman of the Virginia Council of Presidents and is currently chair of the Virginia Space Grant Consortium. He is a member of the National Council on Competitiveness and the Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges. For his significant contributions to the mission of The National Conference for Community and Justice, he received the NCCJ Humanitarian Award in 2002. The New Century Technology Council awarded him its 2004 Compass Award for visionary thinking and leadership in the field of information technology.

Steger also serves on the boards of several organizations including the Carilion Biomedical Institute, the Council of Higher Education's General and Professional Advisory Committee, the Virginia Business Higher Education Council, the World Institute for Disaster Risk Management, and the Roanoke Economic Development Partnership. He has been appointed by four Governors of Virginia to serve on various boards, study commissions and work groups including, the Steering Committee of the Governor's Higher Education Summit, Virginia Institute for Defense and Homeland Security, Secure Virginia Initiative, and the Board of Directors of the Innovative Technology Authority.

He is a Fellow in the American Institute of Architects, and holds the William C. Noland Award for distinguished service and accomplishments from the Virginia Society of the AIA. The First Virginia Chapter of the National Society of Fundraising Executives recognized him as the Outstanding Fundraising Executive in 1999.

Steger received his Bachelor of Architecture degree, Master of Architecture degree and Ph.D. in Environmental Science and Engineering from Virginia Tech.





James C. Weaver, whose innovative ideas and work as a reformer have made him one of college athletics' most popular administrators, is the director of athletics at Virginia Tech.

Weaver, 61, was appointed on Sept. 24, 1997 and has been a tireless leader on behalf of Tech athletics.

In his years on the job at Tech, Weaver has taken steps to place increased emphasis on projects benefiting student-athletes. He created a comprehensive awards program for letterwinners and has initiated and funded an annual awards banquet. The Monogram Club was revitalized in 1998 and provides several benefits to former Hokie athletes, trainers and managers.

A top personal priority for Weaver is the continuing improvement of Tech's facilities. Progress is evident in a number of projects which have recently concluded, while several major endeavors are on the horizon.

The remodeling of Lane Stadium's west side was completed in time for Tech's 2006 home opener. It involved the construction of additional new luxury suites, a new President's area, four private club seating areas, a ticket office, athletic fund offices, a memorabilia area and a new student academic services area. In addition, a satellite truck staging area was constructed on the west site for local television stations to use

A \$20 million basketball practice facility has been approved by the Board of Visitors. It will boast two practice gyms, a 10,000 square-foot Olympic Sport weight room, a 3,000 square-foot basketball weight room, coach's offices, film rooms and locker rooms. Groundbreaking is

Jim Weaver

Director of Athletics

projected for summer 2008 so as to be finished in time for the 2009 basketball season.

Weaver presided over Tech's move into the Atlantic Coast Conference in 2004-05, when Virginia Tech and Miami were officially introduced as the 10th and 11th members of the ACC, effective July 1, 2004.

Weaver renegotiated Tech's multimedia rights contract with ISP Sports, creating a new business relationship and enhanced revenue for the athletics department. In the Fall of 2000, Weaver arranged a joint venture with ISP to commit \$2 million to purchase new scoreboards, upgrade sound systems, install an L.E.D. video display screen at Lane Stadium (which was enlarged for the 2005 season) and place two wall-mount L.E.D. video screens in Cassell Coliseum.

Weaver came to Tech from Western Michigan University where he was director of athletics from January, 1996 until he came to Blacksburg. Prior to that, he

was AD for three and a half years at UNLV, where he reconstructed a troubled athletic department.

Weaver brings a "Penn State mentality" to the position. He says that various schools' interest in him as a reformer through the years can be traced to Penn State and its reputation for how it conducts business in intercollegiate athletics.

It was with the Nittany Lions' football team that Weaver first made a name for himself in athletics. He was a center and linebacker on Penn State teams coached by the legendary Rip Engle and Joe Paterno.

A native of Harrisburg, Pa., Weaver was recruited to Penn State by Engle. He played three seasons under Engle and one under Paterno, who is still the coach of the Nittany Lions.

"I learned a lot from Joe Paterno," Weaver says. "One thing he said certainly has stuck with me. 'You either get better or you get worse. You never stay the same."

Weaver graduated from Penn State in 1967 with a bachelor's in psychology and rehabilitation education. He received a master's in college counselor education, also from Penn State, in 1968.

Weaver started a coaching career as an assistant at Penn State for six seasons. During that time, the Lions played in five bowl games — the Cotton, Gator, Sugar and Orange (twice).

He later was the offensive coordinator at Iowa State and head coach for one season at Villanova in 1974. He also spent five years as an assistant professor at Clarion State and three years as director of franchise sales at Athletic Attic.

Prior to landing the athletic director's job at UNLV, Weaver spent nine years at the University of Florida. He was a strong force at Florida in the field of compliance and concluded his time there as associate athletics director.

Weaver drew rave reviews at UNLV for his fund-raising expertise. He generated nearly \$15 million in his time there.

While at Western Michigan, Weaver announced creation of a \$7 million football center, stabilized fluctuating revenues and installed a CHAMPS Life Skills program.

Weaver and his wife Traci have four sons — Josh, Paul, Cole and Craiq.



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The Regimental Band of the Corps of Cadets, the Highty-Tighties, heads toward Lane Stadium to put on a display of precision marching and music.



"The Walk," one of Tech's newer traditions, features thousands of Hokie fans greeting the team when it arrives at the stadium on game day.



Skipper, a full-size cannon, is fired prior to each game during the National Anthem and every time Tech scores at Lane Stadium.

Tech's entertaining HokieBird mascot is a fan favorite from the time he steps out of the tunnel leading into Lane Stadium.

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