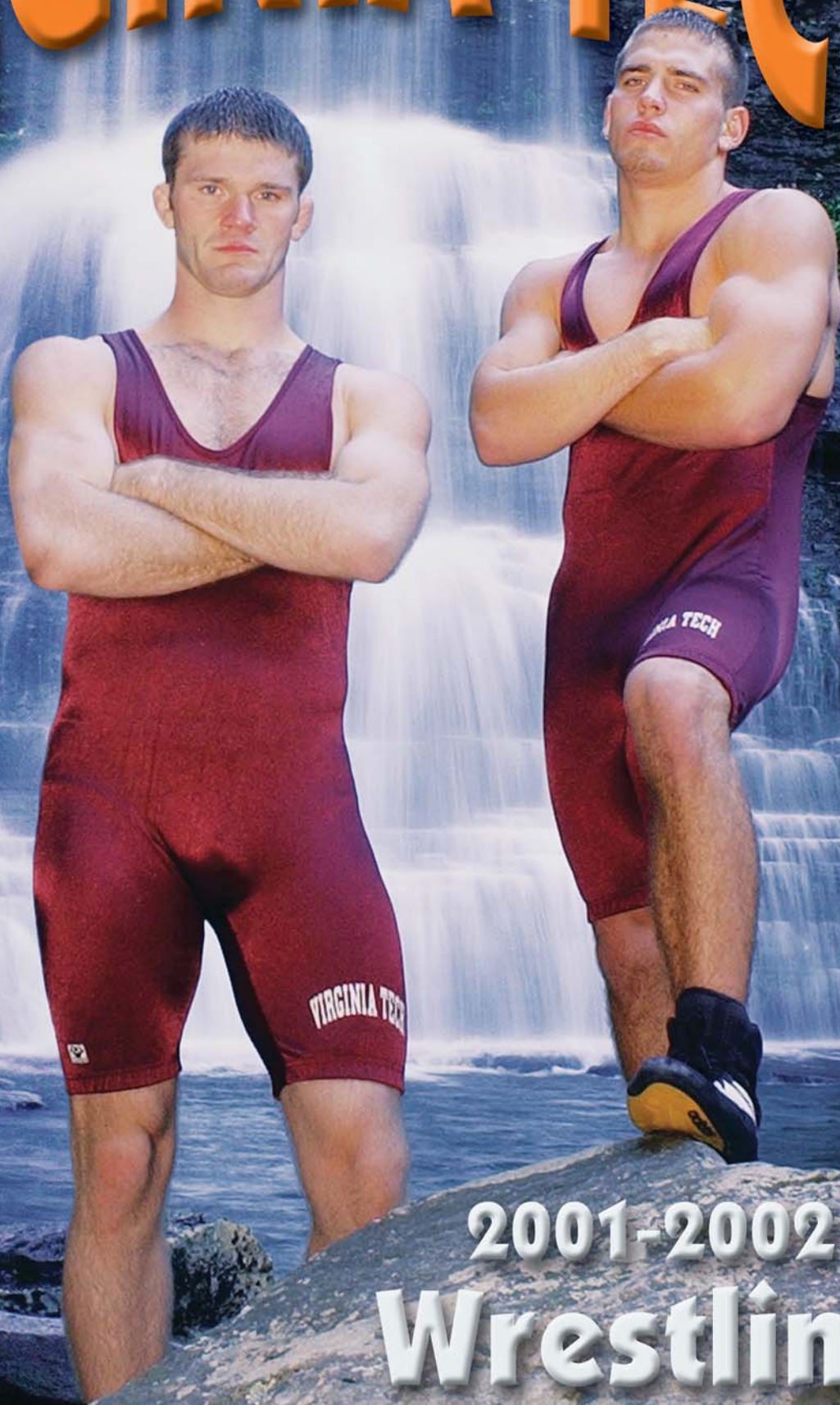


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VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE
AND STATE UNIVERSITY

2001-2002
Wrestling

Virginia Tech

Since its founding in 1872, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, commonly known as Virginia Tech, has grown to become the state's largest university and its top research institution. It has evolved into a comprehensive university of national and international prominence.

Recognizing that higher education is a key force behind the quality of American life, its economic competitiveness, and our democratic form of government, President Charles W. Steger has now challenged the university to become one of the nation's top 30 research schools by the end of the decade.

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Many of Virginia Tech's traditions and strengths are rooted in the university's motto, Ut Prosim: "That I May Serve," and its land-grant missions of instruction, research, and solving the problems of society through public service and outreach activities. Through the generation of new knowledge and the outreach mandate, Virginia Tech disseminates practical knowledge through the classroom and to society as a whole. It is a university that puts knowledge to work.

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One of America's best college towns, Blacksburg is a perfect setting for Virginia Tech. The town is located 2,100 feet above sea level on a plateau between the Blue Ridge and Alleghany Mountains in Southwest Virginia. It features a laid-back lifestyle of a small town while still offering the amenities one would expect to find around a major center of higher education.

Virginia Tech and Blacksburg are nearly indistinguishable, but the town and university really come together to support their beloved Hokies.



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2001-02 Wrestling

Quick Facts

Location	Blacksburg, Va.
Founded	1872
President	Dr. Charles Steger
Director of Athletics	Jim Weaver (Penn State, 1967)
Enrollment	25,000
Conference	Eastern Wrestling League (BIG EAST for all other sports)
Nickname	Hokies
Colors	Chicago maroon & burnt orange
2000-2001 Record	8-7-1
2000-2001 Conference Record/Finish	2-4-1/5th
2000-2001 NCAA Finish	T-23rd
Head Coach/Years	Keith Mourlam/Five
Alma Mater/Year	Iowa/1977
Record at Tech	39-39-1
Overall Record	Same
Assistant Coach/Years	Dan Wirnsberger/Five
Alma Mater/Year	Michigan State/1994
Graduate Assistant Coach	Eric Hall
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Wrestling Via Email	kmourlam@vt.edu
Home Facility	Cassell Coliseum (10,052)
Starters Returning/Lost	2/8
Returning NCAA Qualifiers	
	Sean Gray (141 – 1998, 2000, 2001)
	Scott Justus (184 — 2000, 2001)

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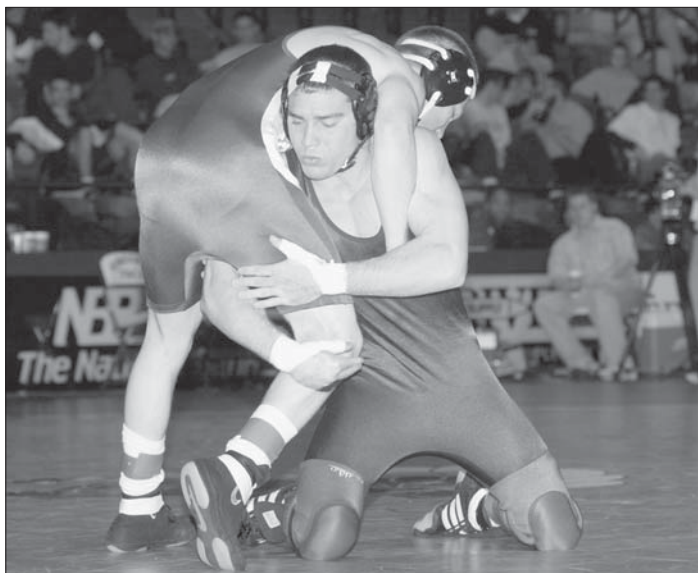
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Senior Sean Gray will be counted on for big things this year. The two-time All-American enters this season ranked in the top five of every poll in his 141-pound weight class.

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ON THE COVERS: The front cover features Scott Justus (left) and Sean Gray, Tech's two returning NCAA qualifiers. The back cover features action photos of the two and the 2001-02 schedule.

Media Information

Credentials

Home matches are held at Cassell Coliseum and are free of charge. No credentials are needed for entrance. Media interested in attending the matches are encouraged to call the Virginia Tech Sports Information office for further information.

Interviews

Please schedule all interviews through the Virginia Tech Sports Information Office — (540) 231-3387.

For interviews with head wrestling coach Keith Mourlam or any of the Hokie wrestlers, please contact Assistant Sports Information Director Bryan Johnston at the Virginia Tech Sports Information Office — (540) 231-3387.

Coach Mourlam is usually available for interviews between 10 a.m. and noon, Monday through Thursday. Players will be available for interviews according to class and practice schedules. At no time will an athlete's phone number be released to the media.

Post-Match Interviews

Coach Mourlam and players will be available after matches following a short cool-down period. Please make all requests for interviews with Bryan Johnston at the matside scorer's table.

Match Results

Match results will be available immediately following the conclusion of the match, and will also be faxed to the opposing team's sports information office. Media can access the statistics either in the sports information office or via the internet. Log onto the official Web site for Tech athletics, www.hokiesportsinfo.com, for complete results, stats, bios and stories.

Directions to Blacksburg

From the north, south or east, take Interstate 81 south to exit 118C. Follow US 460 west to Blacksburg.

From West Virginia, take Interstate 77 south (West Virginia Turnpike) to exit 9. Exit and turn left. Follow 460 east to Blacksburg.

Once in Blacksburg, use the 460 bypass around the downtown

2001-02 Roster

Name	Wt.	Year	Hometown/High School/Last School
Ariston Bowers	157	Fr.	Fayetteville, Ga./Starr's Mill
Reed Carpenter	149	Fr.	Arlington, Va./Bishop O'Connell
Michael Carr	197	So.-Tr.	Flemington, N.J./Hunterdon Central/U. of Penn.
Mike Cox	157	Jr.-Tr.	Galena, Ohio/Sandusky Perkins/Campbell U.
Kristofer Edelberg	157	Jr.	Orange, Va./Orange County
David Friedman	125	Fr.	Vienna, Va./George C. Marshall
Sean Gray	141	r-Sr.	Flemington, N.J./Blair Academy
Ben Guerrina	141/149	Fr.	Springfield, Va./Woodberry Forest
Shaun Guttridge	157	Fr.	Manassas Park, Va./Manassas Park H.S.
Dalton Head	133	So.-Tr.	Virginia Beach, Va./Ocean Lakes/JMU
Geoff Head	125	So.-Tr.	Virginia Beach, Va./Ocean Lakes/JMU
David Hoffman	133	Fr.	Spring City, Pa./The Hill School
Scott Justus	184	r-Jr.	Grundy, Va./Grundy
Ryan Kavanaugh	165	So.	West Chester, Pa./Archmere
Ryan Kilpatrick	165/174	Fr.	Easton, Pa./Easton H.S.
Justin Knapp	157	Fr.	Utica, N.Y./Whitesboro Central H.S.
Tomas Ovalle	174/184	Fr.	Lorton, Va./Hayfield
Pete Pool	285	Jr.	Gresham, Ore./Gresham/Lower Columbia C.C.
Canaan Prater	184	Fr.	Grundy, Va./Grundy
Tripp Seed	141/149	Fr.	Chesapeake, Va./Western Branch
Jerome Villanueva	174	So.	Alexandria, Va./Hayfield
Joshua Walker	165	Fr.	Gainesville, Va./Stonewall Jackson
Jake Wareing	157/165	Fr.	Virginia Beach, Va./Ocean Lakes
Kris Wiedegreen	285	So.	Blacksburg, Va./Blacksburg
Jim Wolfe	125/133	Fr.	Norristown, Pa./Norristown

area. Follow 460 to the signal at Southgate Drive (Va. 314). Turn into campus, and proceed one-half mile on Southgate Drive. Turn left onto Duck Pond Drive then right on Washington Street. Cassell Coliseum will be on the right. There is a parking lot on Spring Road, beside Cassell Coliseum.

Media Outlets

A story, complete with agate, will be sent to the following media outlets which cover Virginia Tech wrestling.

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Richmond Times-Dispatch	(804) 649-6554	(804) 775-8085
Bristol Herald-Courier	(540) 669-2181	(540) 669-3696
The News Messenger, Christiansburg	(540) 382-6171	(540) 382-3009
Collegiate Times, Blacksburg	(540) 231-9867	(540) 231-5057
WDBJ-TV, Roanoke	(540) 985-3623	(540) 343-7269
WLSL-TV, Roanoke	(540) 981-9126	(540) 343-2059

WHAT IS A HOKIE?

Mechanical College changed its name to Virginia Polytechnic Institute. With the change came the necessity for writing a new cheer and a contest for such a purpose was held by the student body.

Senior O.M. Stull won first prize for his "Hokie" yell which still is used today. Later, when asked if "Hokie" had any meaning to it, Stull explained the word was solely the product of his imagination and was only used as an attention-getter for his yell.

It soon became a nickname for all Tech teams and for those people loyal to Tech athletics.

That's the most often-asked question at Virginia Tech athletics. The answer leads all the way back to 1896 when Virginia Agricultural and



The HokieBird — Tech's lovable mascot.

The Outlook

Young Hokies Looking To Turn Heads This Year

On paper, it appears the Hokie wrestling team will have a long season. But what's on paper can often be deceiving. Granted, the Hokies return only two starters from last year's squad and could have as many as 20 new faces on this year's team.

But look at the two starters returning — two-time All-American Sean Gray and EWL runner-up Scott Justus — plus the quality of freshmen and transfers who will be wrestling for the Hokies this year. Although it will be a young and untested group, this year's Virginia Tech wrestling squad is looking to make a surprise run not only in the Eastern Wrestling League, but at the NCAA Championships.

"This will be a young team, but it will be, by far, the best collective group of athletes I've had in here," said head wrestling coach Keith Mourlam. "In terms of athleticism, work ethic and attitude, it's the best group I've had. We have some leadership with the older guys and the younger guys will contribute right away and should be a factor."

Gray will be the big point scorer for the Hokies this year. The redshirt senior is poised to make a run at the NCAA title at 141 pounds this year and will be satisfied with nothing less.

Justus was a big surprise at the NAAs last year. He was unseeded, but pulled some major upsets en route to honorable mention All-America honors.

The other eight weight classes will feature new faces. A total of five wrestlers have transferred in for this year and several highly-touted freshmen will take the mat this season.

Here's a look at each weight class and who figures into the mix:

125 — Geoff Head, a transfer from James Madison, or freshman Jim Wolfe, will likely handle the job at 125 pounds. Head was a starter for the Dukes last year.

133 — David Hoffman was one of Tech's biggest signees in school history and he will be put to the test right away. The Pennsylvania native was a two-time national prep champion. Dalton Head, a transfer from JMU, could also factor into this weight class. Head, like his twin brother, was a starter last year for the Dukes.

141 — Sean Gray comes into the season as the top contender to once again win the EWL at 141 and is ranked second nationally at that weight class. He finished last season with a 30-3 record and earned his second All-America honors. With a strong season, he could not only break the school record for career victories, but make a run at the national title.

149 — Mourlam more than likely will be relying on one of two freshmen to compete at 149 pounds. Reed Carpenter was a four-time Virginia state champion who posted a 210-17 career record with 122 pins. Shaun Guttridge, who won a state title in high school, will also make a push for this slot.

157 — At 157, Mourlam will get the services of transfer Mike Cox. The junior competed at Campbell University for two years and was an Ohio state champion in high school. Joshua Walker, who won a state title in high school, will try to wrestle at this weight.



Scott Justus was one round away from becoming an All-American at the 2001 NCAA Championships.

165 — Ryan Kilpatrick likely be the starter here unless Walker can't make weight and has to move up to 165 pounds. Then, it will be a battle between these two for the job. Kilpatrick placed third at the Pennsylvania state meet.

174 — Freshman Tomas Ovalle appears to be the man here. He placed third in the state as a senior and posted a career record of 106-28.

184 — Justus, who was one win away from All-America status last year, comes into the season ranked eighth nationally at 184 pounds. He took second in the EWL last year and should make a run at that title this year.

197 — At 197, Mourlam will be going with Michael Carr, a redshirt sophomore who transferred from the University of Pennsylvania. He did not wrestle there, but was a New Jersey state champion in high school.

Heavyweight — At heavyweight, Mourlam will use junior-transfer Pete Pool. The 29-year-old rookie wrestled for four years with the United States Marine Corps. Before enlisting, he spent a year and a half at Lower Columbia Community College. Pool has the ability to become a dominant heavyweight for the Hokies, but must get back into wrestling shape after a long break from the sport.

As a team, Tech will find out how good it is quickly. Mourlam put together a rugged schedule for this team, including appearances at the Virginia Duals and the Virginia State Meet. Those two events feature some of the best wrestlers in the country and should prepare the Hokies for what they'll see come tournament time.

Toss in a tough EWL schedule and this young squad will be tested every time it steps on the mat. The Hokies will have to battle defending champion Edinboro on the road to open the season. Count on Pittsburgh, West Virginia and Lock Haven to also be tough in the league this year.

The circled date on the Hokies' schedule is Dec. 8, when they host defending national champion Minnesota in a dual meet at Cassell Coliseum. The Golden Gophers had 10 All-Americans last year and will return eight of them for this year.

"We'll be a very good tournament team at the end of the season," Mourlam said. "A lot of people are expecting us to go through a rebuilding year, but I think we're going to surprise some people and be better than most think."

The Coaches

KEITH MOURLAM • Head Coach



Since taking over the Virginia Tech wrestling program prior to the 1997 season, head coach Keith Mourlam has turned Tech into a national-caliber program, capable of contending for conference titles and putting top-notch wrestlers on the mat against quality opponents.

In four years, he has led the Hokies to league championships, coached numerous league champions and helped Sean Gray and Chris Martin earn All-America honors.

Recognized nationally for his feats, Mourlam was named *Amateur Wrestling News*' Rookie Coach of the Year in 1997 and Colonial Athletic Association Coach of the Year in 1998.

Last year, he led the Hokies to another top-25 finish at the NCAA Championships as Gray once again earned All-America honors. Couple that with the strongest recruiting class in recent history and Mourlam has the Hokies on the path to greatness.

Every coach dreams of the opportunity to build an athletic program from the ground up, which is virtually what Mourlam has accomplished in his four short years at the helm. With a final record of 10-8 in 1997, Mourlam became the first Tech head coach to lead his squad to a season finish above .500 and earn double-digit wins in his inaugural year.

In the 1999-2000 season, Mourlam led the Hokies to a 10-7 overall record, a third-place finish in the Eastern Wrestling League and a 19th-place finish at the NCAA Championships. Five of his wrestlers qualified for the NCAAs while Gray and Martin earned All-America honors. For his efforts, Mourlam was named both the Virginia state and EWL Coach of the Year.

A championship wrestler at the University of Iowa — one of the top wrestling programs in the nation — Mourlam began his first year as the head wrestling coach at Virginia Tech after serving as coach Jerry Cheynet's top assistant during the 1995-96 season. As the recruiting coordinator during that year, Mourlam signed an outstanding recruiting class which earned accolades from *Amateur Wrestling News* as the 21st-best incoming class in the nation, a first for a Tech wrestling team.

Four years ago, Mourlam guided Tech to a 9-4 record, a perfect 5-0 mark in the CAA, the CAA dual-meet title, the CAA Tournament title and sent four wrestlers to the NCAA Championships.

During Mourlam's first season as head coach, John Dattalo and Eric Hall earned bids to the NCAA Championships after winning their respective weight classes at the Colonial Athletic Association Tournament, while Martin claimed one of only two wild-card selections.

Mourlam tutored Dattalo and Hall to conference honors as well during the 1996-97 season as Dattalo was named the Colonial Athletic Association's Wrestler of the Year and Hall

earned Rookie of the Year honors. In addition to CAA awards, the standout freshmen, Hall and Martin, garnered spots on *Amateur Wrestling News*' Freshman All-America Team at their respective weight classes.

Mourlam continues to put Virginia Tech wrestling on the map as the Hokies accepted an invitation four years ago to join the highly-competitive Eastern Wrestling League.

Mourlam had the opportunity to use his coaching expertise in national competition as he served as the head coach for the United States freestyle team at the Pan American Games in Winnipeg, Canada in 1998. The previous year he served as the assistant coach for the United States Senior team at the Pan American Games in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Mourlam came to Tech as a standout coach and collegiate wrestler. The 1977 Iowa graduate has been a part of four NCAA Championship teams — two as a student-athlete in 1975 and '76, and two as the assistant coach at his alma mater in 1985 and '86. During his senior year, Mourlam was the Big Ten Conference champion and runner-up for the NCAA title at 126 pounds.

Following his illustrious college career, Mourlam continued competing and was a two-time United States Wrestling Federation freestyle champion in 1981 and '82. During those two years, he traveled as a member of an international team competing in Germany, Cuba and Hungary.

Immediately out of college, Mourlam became the assistant coach at the University of Northern Iowa for a two-year stint. He then moved on to assist nationally-recognized head coach Dan Gable at his alma mater, Iowa, for three years. Gaining considerable experience with a highly respected coach and

collegiate program, Mourlam worked as an assistant from 1984 until 1987 when he took over the position of administrative assistant. In that position, Mourlam had the opportunity to run the Dan Gable Training Camps.

"Keith is very intense and knows the sport inside and out," former Iowa head coach Dan Gable said. "He is an excellent teacher and has a great ability to communicate his knowledge of the sport to his athletes. Keith has been around championship teams and knows what it takes to win. He will do an excellent job at Virginia Tech."

Mourlam was named the Wrestling Coach of the Year for Division II & III Virginia collegiate state champion Newport News Apprentice School for two consecutive years in 1994 and 1995. He was head coach there until accepting the assistant job at Tech.

Mourlam expanded his coaching expertise from the collegiate ranks to international competition beginning in 1992 when he was the assistant coach of the Senior United States wrestling team. Among his long list of coaching accomplishments, Mourlam has acted as the head coach of the championship East team in the 1994 Olympic Festival, head coach of the 1995 USA Senior Freestyle team and head coach of the 1995 USA World Espior Freestyle team.



DAN WIRNSBERGER • Assistant Coach



In keeping with the notion that successful teaching leads to successful learning, head coach Keith Mourlam will once again team up with NCAA All-American Dan Wirnsberger to tutor the 2001-02 Virginia Tech wrestling team for the sixth consecutive year.

Serving as a workout partner to all of Tech's NCAA participants from 1997 to last year, Wirnsberger played a large role in some of the Hokies' most successful consecutive wrestling seasons to date. He helped lead senior John Dattalo to CAA Wrestler of the Year honors, as well as freshmen Eric Hall and Chris Martin to *Amateur Wrestling News* Freshman All-America accolades in 1997. He helped guide the Hokies to the CAA dual-meet title, CAA Tournament title and a school-record four wrestlers to the NCAA Championships in 1998.

Two years ago, he was instrumental in helping Mike Akers, Sean Gray, Hall, Scott Justus and Martin qualify for the NCAA Championships. He also helped Mourlam and the squad take a surprising third place at the EWL Championships and 19th at the NCAA Championships. Last year, he helped lead Gray, Justus, Hall and Martin back to the NAAs, where they placed in the Top 25 once again.

Wirnsberger joined the Dave Schultz Wrestling Club while training for the 1997 World Team Trials. He qualified for the trials after placing sixth at the USA Senior Freestyle Tournament, his first senior competition. Participating at a higher weight class of 167 pounds, Wirnsberger defeated such renowned opponents as two-time NCAA champion Marcus Mollica of Arizona State and Iowa's NCAA champion Darryl Weber.

Wirnsberger, a 1995 graduate of Michigan State University, was a highly-touted grappler at his alma mater in the 158-pound

weight class from 1990-95. The Greer, S.C., native earned All-America honors during his sophomore, junior and senior seasons under head coach Tom Minkel.

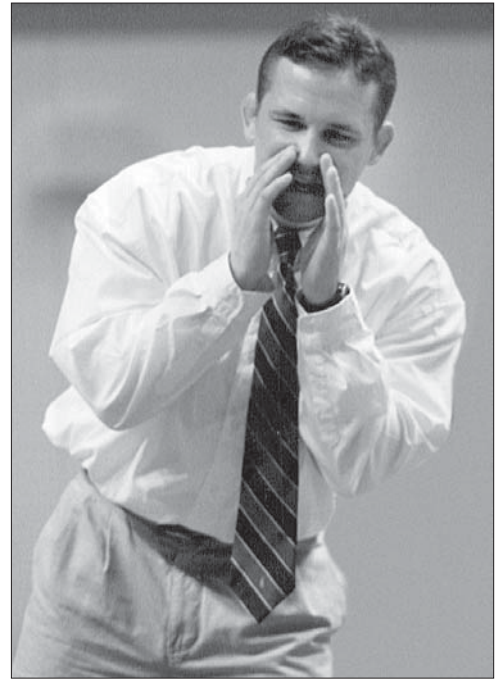
A three-year captain of the squad, Wirnsberger was named the team's MVP in 1995. During the season, he captured Big Ten honors as the wrestling champion in his weight division. Continuing on to national competition, he was runner-up for the title of NCAA champion.

Michigan State wrestling was struggling in 1990 when Wirnsberger entered the program as a freshman. The grapplers finished at the bottom of the Big Ten rankings that year, but worked up to an 11th-place national ranking in his second year, seventh in his third and third in the nation during his senior season.

After graduation, Wirnsberger began work as a coach for the Mason (Michigan) Youth Wrestling Program. He later moved back to South Carolina where he served as head wrestling coach at Greer High School. In addition to his head coaching duties, Wirnsberger was the junior varsity football coach and taught classes for autistic students at the Greer Middle School.

At Tech, Wirnsberger is responsible for organizing practices, supervising the strength and conditioning program and individual workouts. He also organizes Tech's team and individual summer camps and recruiting efforts.

Wirnsberger was married to the former Dana Bottiglieri this past summer.



FORMER HOKIES AS COACHES



Eric Hall
G.A. Coach

This year, two former Hokie wrestlers will be helping out with the team. Chris Martin (right) earned All-America honors in 2000 while Eric Hall posted a 113-39 career record.



Chris Martin
Volunteer Assistant

SUPPORT STAFF



Marianne Baffi
Secretary



Eric Cross
Equipment Manager



Amy Freel
Student Life



Jermaine Holmes
Student Life



Gary Tedeschi
Student Trainer

Meet The Hokies



ARISTON BOWERS



157 • Freshman
Fayetteville, Ga.
Starr's Mill H.S.

A very talented freshman ... Will add depth to the middle weight classes ... May be redshirted this year ... Will possibly be required to have knee surgery this season.

High School: Lettered four times at Starr's Mill High School for Coach Mickey Statham ... Capped off a stellar senior season with a state championship at 152 pounds ... Went 61-1 in his final year ... Placed fourth in the state as a junior and fifth as a sophomore ... A three-time area champion ... Holds the school records for most career victories (172), most pins (111) and most takedowns (475) ... Named a NHSCA High School All-American as well as a national duals All-American ... Named the most outstanding wrestler at the Region 4AAAAA tournament ... Helped lead his team to two state championships ... All-county, all-region and all-state three times.

Personal: Ariston Paul Bowers was born March 7, 1983 in Pensacola, FL ... The son of Paul and Karen Bowers ... Majoring in business.



REED CARPENTER



149 • Freshman
Arlington, Va.
Bishop O'Connell H.S.

A very hard worker ... A strong athlete ... Will likely see action right away ... Will battle for the starting 149-pound spot.

High School: Lettered four times at Bishop O'Connell High School for Coach Bill Carpenter ... Finished his career with a 210-17 record with 122 pins ... Holds the Virginia state record for career victories ... Was a four-time state champion.

Personal: William Reed Carpenter was born August 2, 1982 in Fairfax, VA ... The son of Bill and Debbie Carpenter ... Majoring in business.



MICHAEL CARR



197 • Freshman-Transfer
Flemington, N.J.
Hunterdon Central/Univ. of Penn

One of five transfers on the squad this year ... Comes to Tech after attending the University of Pennsylvania for one year ... A

very hard worker ... A great athlete ... Needs to get better technically ... Will likely see action right away for the Hokies ... The preseason favorite to start at 197 pounds.

Univ. of Penn: Did not wrestle while at Penn ... Also played football ... Caught one ball for 10 yards and rushed once for four yards against Lehigh.

High School: Lettered four times at Hunterdon Central High School for Coach Steve Gible ... Was a state champion, a three-time district champion and a two-time region champ ... Had over 100 career wins ... Went a perfect 37-0 his senior year ... Holds the school record for falls and wins in a season ... Also lettered three times in football ... Helped lead his team to two New Jersey state titles and was a first-team all-state player.

Personal: Michael T. Carr was born January 5, 1982 in Flemington, NJ ... The son ofom and Josephine Carr ... Majoring in physical education.



MIKE COX



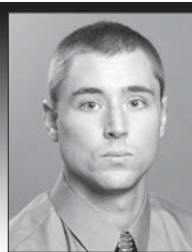
157 • Junior-Transfer
Galena, Ohio
Sandusky Perkins H.S./Campbell U.

One of five transfers on the squad this year ... Comes to Tech after wrestling at Campbell University for two years ... Has two years of varsity experience in the CAA ... Will battle for the starting spot at 157 pounds.

Campbell University: Wrestled two years at Campbell ... Posted a 12-14 record at 157 pounds in 2000-01 ... Was 6-10 in dual matches and 1-3 in conference action.

High School: Lettered four times at Sandusky Perkins High School for Coach Steve Finn ... Won the Ohio state championship at 135 pounds in 1998.

Personal: Michael T. Cox was born June 17, 1979 in Hamilton, Ohio ... The son of Jim and Sue Cox ... Majoring in interdisciplinary studies.



KRISTOFER EDELBERG



157 • Junior
Orange, Va.
Orange County H.S.

A returning veteran ... Will bring experience and leadership to the squad ... Adds quality depth at the middle weights ... A very hard working walk-on ... Needs to get some quality experience.

2000-01: Was 0-2 on the year, dropping both matches at the Navy Classic.

1999-00: Saw limited time on the mat ... Went 0-1 on the season.

High School: Wrestled at 145 pounds at Orange County High School ... Earned four varsity letters ... Was the champion at the

Stuarts Draft tournament ... Two-time Battlefield district champion ... All-area and all-central Virginia first team as a senior ... Captain his senior year ... Also participated on the football team.

Personal: Kristofer Adam Edelberg was born September 12, 1980 in Charlottesville, VA ... Son of August and Janice Edelberg ... Majoring in biology.

Edelberg's Career Stats

Year	Overall	Dual	Leag.	M.Dec.	T.Fall	Falls	Time	Pts.
1999-00	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	-	0
2000-01	0-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	-	0
Total	0-3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	-	0



DAVID FRIEDMAN

125 • Freshman
Vienna, Va.
George C. Marshall H.S.



Will help out the Hokies in the lighter weights ... Brings good high school credentials to the team ... Will provide much-needed depth at 125 pounds.

High School: Lettered four times at George C. Marshall High School for Coach Phillip Cronin ... Was a two-time district champion and three-time regional qualifier ... Finished sixth at the Virginia State Championships as a senior ... Finished with a career record of 131-30 ... Was a four-time member of the Virginia/USA National team.

Personal: David Friedman was born September 9, 1982 in Baltimore, MD ... The son of Joel and Lisa Friedman ... Majoring in English.



SEAN GRAY

141 • r-Senior
Flemington, N.J.
Blair Academy



One of the top wrestlers in the nation ... A two-time All-American, a first in Tech wrestling ... Expected to contend for the national title ... Needs to get a little bit better on his feet ... A hard-nosed competitor with a good work ethic in the wrestling room ... A gifted athlete ... Enters the 2001 season ranked second in the nation by both InterMat and *Amateur Wrestling News* ... Is third on Tech's all-time victories list with 102.

2000-01: Finished sixth in the nation, garnering All-America honors once again ... Hurt his knee in his semifinal match of the NCAA Championships, forcing him to take medical forfeits on the final day ... Went 30-3 overall on the year, 16-0 in dual meets and 7-0 in Eastern Wrestling League matches ... Won his 141-pound weight class at the EWL Tournament for the second consecutive year ... Qualified for the NCAA Championships for the third time ... Had six major decisions, four technical falls and seven falls ... Also won the Navy Classic and placed second at the Las Vegas Open ... Won the EWL title for most points scored in EWL dual meets ... Only losses on the year came to No. 3 Michael Lightner

of Arizona State in Las Vegas and No. 1 Doug Schwab of Iowa at the NWCA All-Star Classic and at the NCAA Championships.

1999-00: Placed seventh at the NCAA Championships ... Earned All-America honors ... Also won his weight class at the Navy Classic, Sheridan Classic, Virginia State Championships and EWL Championships ... Went 40-3 overall and 8-0 in the EWL ... Winning percentage was third highest in school history.

1998-99: Sat out the season for a redshirt ... Won the 138-pound weight class at the Junior National Championships over the summer ... Finished sixth at the World Championships in Australia.

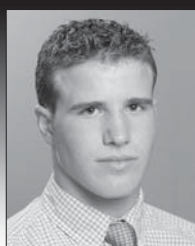
1997-98: Posted one of the best seasons in school history as a freshman ... Was one victory short of All-America honors at the NCAA Championships ... Completed his spectacular freshman season with a 32-8 record, the sixth best in Tech history for wins in a season ... Captured the CAA title at 134 pounds ... Was a perfect 5-0 in CAA dual meets ... Named CAA Rookie of the Year ... Went 12-1 in dual meets ... Had a team-best 14 falls ... Recorded 61 points in dual meets and 27 in CAA dual meets ... Won the 134-pound title at the North Carolina Open ... Finished in second place at the Navy Classic, Sheridan Invitational and Virginia State Championships ... Went 3-2 at the NCAA Championships ... Opened the tournament with a 6-5 decision over 12th-seeded Jeff Bucher of Ohio State ... Lost to Northwestern's Scott Schatzman in the second round before defeating Wyoming's Bryce Bochy and Minnesota's Troy Marr in the wrestleback round ... Lost to Mark Angle of Clarion in the placing round ... Seven of his eight losses came to nationally-ranked wrestlers.

High School: Was the team captain for the national champion Blair Academy ... Was the 1995 Cadet National Freestyle champion ... Finished seventh in Junior Nationals ... Earned top honors at the 1997 Reno Tournament of Champions ... Three-time National Prep Tournament champion ... First person in New Jersey history to win the Cadet Nationals.

Personal: Geoffrey Sean Gray was born July 1, 1979 in New Jersey ... Son of Geoffrey and Ingrid Gray ... Majoring in physical education.

Gray's Career Stats

Year	Overall	Dual	Leag.	M.Dec.	T.Fall	Falls	Time	Pts.
1997-98	32-8	12-1	5-0	4	1	14	0:46	61
1998-99	<i>Was redshirted</i>							
1999-00	40-3	16-1	5-0	6	4	9	2:10	68
2000-01	30-3	16-0	7-0	6	4	7	2:00	72
Total	102-14	44-2	17-0	16	9	30	0:46	201



BEN GUERRINA

141/149 • Freshman
Springfield, Va.
Woodberry Forest H.S.



A good athlete ... A good mat technician ... Will give the Hokies depth at 141 pounds ... Could also move up to 149 pounds if needed.


High School: Lettered two times at both Woodberry Forest High School and West Springfield High School ... Wrestled for

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Coach Dick Glover at W.F.H.S. ... A two-time Virginia Prep League champion ... Finished third in the nation one year and fourth another ... Finished fourth at the AAA State Tournament as a freshman at W.S.H.S.

Personal: Benjamin Ross Guerrina was born August 23, 1982 in Fairfax, VA ... The son of Allan and Mary Lou Guerrina ... Father was a two-time Virginia AAA High School State Wrestling Champion in 1963 and 1964 ... Major is undecided.



**SHAUN
GUTTRIDGE**

149/157 • Freshman
Manassas Park, Va.
Manassas Park H.S.



A very good freshman ... Could contend for the starting job at 157 pounds ... A walk-on who should help the Hokies out right away ... Could also move down to 149 pounds to help out.

High School: Lettered four times for Coach Richard Fitzsimmons at Manassas Park High School ... Posted a career record of 112-39 ... Capped off his career with a Group A State Championship as a senior at 152 pounds ... Went 41-1 in his final year ... Took second in the state at 140 pounds as a junior and qualified for the state tourney as both a freshman and a sophomore ... Also lettered three times in football, four times in baseball and once in cross country.

Personal: Shaun Michael Guttridge was born July 20, 1983 in Alexandria, VA ... The son of Bruce and Tamara Guttridge ... Enrolled in university studies.



**DALTON
HEAD**

133 • Sophomore-Transfer
Virginia Beach, Va.
Ocean Lakes H.S./J.M.U.



One of five transfers on this year's squad ... Was a starter at James Madison last year ... Brings collegiate experience to the team ... Will battle for the 133-pound starting job.

James Madison University: Went 10-18 overall at the 133-pound weight class as a freshman ... Posted a 3-8 record in dual matches ... Went 1-3 in Colonial Athletic Association competition ... Had two major decisions, three technical falls and two falls ... Earned 15 points for his team in dual meets ... Placed second at the 2001 Virginia State Meet.

High School: Posted a career mark of 107-26 at Ocean Lakes High School for coaches Jack Harcourt and Wayne Gibson ... Went 40-2 as a senior ... Was the 2000 Virginia High School League Group AAA State champion at 125 pounds ... Captured first place and was named Most Outstanding Wrestler in the Beach District Tournament ... Placed second in the Eastern Region ... Finished second in the district and fifth in the region as a junior at 119 pounds ... Finished third in the district and sixth in the region at 112 as a sophomore ... Was fourth in the district at 103 as a freshman ... Finished fifth in the AAU Junior Olympics as

a freshman and eighth as a senior ... Helped lead his team to a fourth-place finish in the state his senior year ... Graduated in the top 15 of his class.

Personal: Dalton Thomas Head was born August 13, 1981 in Franklin, VA ... Son of Connie Jones and Mike Head ... Twin brother of Tech's Geoff Head ... Majoring in physical education.



**GEOFF
HEAD**

125 • Sophomore-Transfer
Virginia Beach, Va.
Ocean Lakes H.S./J.M.U.



One of five transfers on this year's squad ... Was a starter at James Madison last year ... Has a year of collegiate action under his belt ... Will likely be the starter at 125 pounds.

James Madison University: Went 10-9 as a freshman at James Madison ... Wrestled at 125 pounds for the Dukes ... Posted a 4-4 record in dual meets and a 1-2 record in Colonial Athletic Association competition ... Placed second at the 2001 Virginia State Meet and fourth at the CAA meet ... Recorded two major decisions and two falls ... Earned 20 points for his team in dual meet action.


High School: Wrestled at Ocean Lakes High School for coaches Jack Harcourt and Wayne Gibson ... Placed third at 119 pounds in the 2000 Virginia High School League Group AAA State Tournament ... Went 40-4 as a senior and 102-28 in his career ... Was the Beach District champion and third in Eastern Region as a senior ... Finished seventh at the AAU Junior Olympics at 132 pounds in Orlando in August of 2000 ... Was the runner-up in the district, region and state tournaments as a junior at 112 ... Placed second in the district and fifth in the region at 103 as a sophomore ... Finished sixth in the district and third at the AAU Junior Olympics.

Personal: Geoffrey Wayne Head was born August 13, 1981 in Franklin, VA ... Son of Connie Jones and Mike Head ... Twin brother of Tech's Dalton Head ... Majoring in secondary education.



**DAVID
HOFFMAN**

133 • Freshman
Spring City, Pa.
The Hill School



One of Tech's biggest signees in recent years ... Won the national prep championship twice ... Very talented wrestler ... Placed second in the 2001 National Freestyle Championships and third in the NHSCA Senior Nationals ... Coaches expect him to qualify for NCAAAs if he wrestles up to the level he is capable of.

High School: Lettered five times at The Hill School for Coach Tom Hutchinson ... Is a five-time Pennsylvania prep state champion ... Finished his career with a 195-17 record ... Also finished as the runner-up one year and in third place another year at the prep national championships.

Personal: David Allan Hoffman was born August 18, 1982 in

Bryn Mawr, PA ... The son of Steve and Donna Hoffman ... Enrolled in university studies.



SCOTT JUSTUS

184 • r-Junior
Grundy, Va.
Grundy H.S.



Was one round away from All-America status at last year's NCAA Championships ... Coaches are looking for him to be an All-American this year ... A proven returning veteran ... Hard-nosed competitor with a tremendous work ethic ... Comes from a rich wrestling background ... Enters this season ranked eighth in the nation by InterMat and ninth by *Amateur Wrestling News*.

2000-01: Qualified for the NCAA Championships by taking second at the EWL Tournament ... Won two matches at the NAAs, advancing one round from becoming an All-American ... Upset fifth-seeded Damion Hahn of Minnesota in the first round ... Started slow, but finished up the season strong ... Went 20-9 on the year and 12-4 in dual meets ... Went 5-2 in EWL matches ... Pinned top-seeded Bob Topper of Clarion in the semifinals of the EWL Tournament ... Recorded three major decisions, three technical falls and five pins this year ... Scored 50 points in dual meets for the team ... Won his weight class at the Navy Classic.

1999-00: Qualified for the NCAA Championships as a redshirt freshman ... Took fourth place at 187 at the EWL Championships ... Went 25-13 overall and 11-6 in dual meets ... Recorded five major decisions ... Had eight falls.

1998-99: Took a redshirt year.

High School: Three-time Virginia AA state champion at Grundy High School ... Finished his high school career with a record of 124 wins and 17 losses ... Captured state titles in 1996, 1997 and 1998 at the 171-pound weight class ... Led the team in takedowns (133), major decisions (6), first takedowns (32) and wins (34) in 1998 ... Lettered four years for coach Travis Fiser ... Earned Junior National All-America honors ... Also a four-year letterwinner in football ... Earned first-team all-state honors as a defensive end.

Personal: Scott Justus was born May 19, 1979 in Grundy, VA ... Son of John and Harriet Justus ... Majoring in physical education.

Justus' Career Stats

Year	Overall	Dual	Leag.	M.Dec.	T.Fall	Falls	Time	Pts.
1998-99	<i>Was redshirted</i>							
1999-00	25-13	11-6	3-3	5	2	8	1:06	48
2000-01	20-9	12-4	5-2	3	3	5	1:38	50
Total	45-22	23-10	8-5	8	5	13	1:06	98



RYAN KILPATRICK

165/174 • Freshman
Easton, Pa.
Easton H.S.



Comes from a very good wrestling program ... A very talented athlete ... Will likely contribute immediately ... Is the preseason favorite to be the starter at 165 pounds.

High School: Lettered three times for Coach Steve Powell at Easton High School ... Finished third in Pennsylvania for the AAA group as a senior ... A two-time all-area pick and two-time district champion ... Also the runner-up in the northeast region ... Lettered three times in football ... A first-team AAAA all-state pick as a defensive back on the football team.

Personal: Ryan Kilpatrick was born September 24, 1982 in Easton, PA ... The son of James and Cynthia Kilpatrick ... Majoring in architecture.



JUSTIN KNAPP

157 • Freshman
Utica, N.Y.
Whitesboro Central H.S.



A talented walk-on from New York ... Should provide the Hokies with some depth at the 157-pound weight class.

High School: Lettered four times for Coach David Caruso at Whitesboro Central High School ... Finished third in Section 3 in 2000 ... Also was the CNY champion ... Was a CNY and TVL first-team all-star ... Also lettered once in football ... Club team was the Mohawk Valley Wrestling Club.

Personal: Justin R. Knapp was born August 4, 1983 in Utica, NY ... The son of Thomas and Susan Knapp ... Majoring in computer science.



TOMAS OVALLE

174 • Freshman
Lorton, Va.
Hayfield H.S.



A great athlete ... Will contribute immediately ... Hard working ... Is the preseason favorite to capture the starting job at 174 pounds ... Will get better with experience.

High School: Lettered four times at Hayfield High School for Coach Roy Hill ... Finished third in the AAA State Meet at 171 pounds ... Finished his career with a 106-28 record ... Placed at the state meet twice ... Was a two-time Patriot District and Northern Region champion ... A member of the Virginia/USA National Wrestling Team ... Gained a decision over Jonas Corl of

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Lord Botetourt H.S., 6-5, in the 2001 Virginia Challenge.

Personal: Gonzalo Tomas Ovalle was born March 8, 1982 in Chile ... The son of Gonzalo Ovalle ... Enrolled in university studies.



PETE POOL

285 • Junior-Tansfer
Gresham, Ore.
Gresham H.S./Lower Columbia C.C.




Could be an impact wrestler ... Will contribute immediately at heavyweight ... Still trying to get into wrestling shape ... Served in the Marines the past four years ... Coaches expect big things from him ... A good technical wrestler ... Easily the elder member of the squad at 29 years old.

United States Marine Corps: Wrestled for four years in the Marine Corps for Coach Dan Mello ... Spent two tours of duty in the Mediterranean ... Wrestled in tournaments in Sweden and Finland ... Placed third in the U.S. Olympic Festival in Greco-Roman ... Placed seventh at the National Greco-Roman Re-Ranking Tournament ... Placed multiple times at university nationals.

Lower Columbia C.C.: Spent a year and a half at LCCC ... Lettered twice for Coach Dab Jacobsen ... Was a two-time NJCAA qualifier ... Placed third in the Espior Greco-Roman Nationals ... Also placed eighth at the Espior Freestyle Nationals ... Wrestled 2000 Greco-Roman Olympic gold medalist Rulon Gardner while Gardner was at Ricks (Idaho) College.


High School: Lettered twice at Gresham H.S. ... Was a two-time state qualifier ... Finished second in the state at heavyweight ... Was first-team all-conference and honorable mention all-state in football.

Personal: Peter Scott Pool was born March 9, 1972 in Redwood City, CA ... Married to the former Brett Thompson ... The son of David and Sheron Pool ... Majoring in history.



CANAAN PRATER

184/197 • Freshman
Grundy, Va.
Grundy H.S.



A very good athlete ... Will likely redshirt this year ... Will serve as a backup at both 184 and 197 pounds ... Comes from an excellent high school program ... Needs to mature physically.

High School: Lettered four times at Grundy High School for Coach Travis Fiser ... A two-time state champion and a three-time finalist ... Regional champion twice and Southwest District champion three times ... Also lettered in football four times ... Earned All-Southwest Virginia honors three times and all-region once.

Personal: Michael Canaan Prater was born February 7, 1982 in Grundy, VA ... The son of Gary and Tammy Prater ... Enrolled in university studies.



TRIPP SEED


141/149 • Freshman
Chesapeake, Va.
Western Branch H.S.



A quality walk-on who will provide depth at 141 pounds ... Will serve as one of the top reserves behind All-American Sean Gray ... A good athlete from Virginia.


High School: Lettered four times at Western Branch High School for Coach Brian Dugan ... Took second place in the district, region and state at 130 pounds as a senior ... Was a district champion as a junior ... Finished his career with a 119-37 record ... Was captain of the squad his final two years ... Won his weight class at the Pepsi One Tournament and took second at the Sunshine Open ... Gained a major decision over Tim Ormsby of Chancellor H.S., 14-5, in the 2001 Virginia Challenge, which pitted wrestlers from Group AAA against wrestlers from Groups AA and A ... A two-time member of the national team.

Personal: James Rudolph Seed III was born March 9, 1983 in Portsmouth, VA ... Son of Jim and Marsha Seed ... Has one sister, Kara ... Majoring in physical education.



JEROME VILLANUEVA

174 • Sophomore
Alexandria, Va.
Hayfield H.S.




One of the few returnees on this year's squad ... Will provide leadership to a young squad ... Adds depth at 174 pounds ...

2000-01: Did not see any action for the Hokies.


High School: Lettered three times at Hayfield High School for Coach Roy Hill ... Placed third in the district and fourth in the regionals ... Was the Maryland freestyle state champion ... Finished first in both the Greco-Roman and freestyle at the Virginia State Games ... Also lettered twice in football.

Personal: Jerome Villanueva was born April 28, 1982 in Detroit, MI ... The son of John and Francine Villanueva ... Majoring in chemistry.



JOSHUA WALKER

157/165 • Freshman
Gainesville, Va.
Stonewall Jackson H.S.



Will battle for the starting job at 157 if he can lose the weight ... Will wrestle at 165 pounds otherwise ... A very talented wrestler ... A good mat technician ... A good athlete.

High School: Lettered four times at Stonewall Jackson High School for Coach Kevin Turner ... Was the 2001 AAA Virginia State Champion at 171 pounds ... A two-time district champion ...

Won the regional tournament ... Placed seventh in the AAA State Tourney his junior year ... Finished with a career record of 126-23.

Personal: Joshua Scott Walker was born July 22, 1982 in Brockton, MA ... The son of Scott and Joanne Walker ... Majoring in business.



JAKE WAREING

157/165 • Freshman
Virginia Beach, Va.
Ocean Lakes H.S.



A walk-on from Virginia Beach ... A very hard worker ... Needs to improve some more before he's ready for collegiate wrestling ... Needs to gain some strength and experience.

High School: Lettered four times at Ocean Lakes High School for Coach Wayne Gibson.

Personal: Jacob John Wareing was born September 7, 1982 in Virginia Beach, VA ... The son of Mike and Jackie Wareing ... Majoring in physical education.



KRIS WIEDEGREEN

285 • Sophomore
Blacksburg, Va.
Blacksburg H.S.



Will add depth at the heavyweight spot ... Looking to get back into wrestling shape after serving in the Navy ... Is a mature athlete ... Will bring leadership to a young team.

High School: Lettered once at Blacksburg High School for Coach Lee Worley ... Placed fifth in the regionals in 1996.

Personal: Kristian Erik Wiedegreen was born March 12, 1978 in Gainesville, FL ... The son of Eric and Sandy Wiedegreen ... Majoring in sociology.



JIM WOLFE

133 • Freshman
Norristown, Pa.
Norristown H.S.



Will serve as one of the main reserves at 133 pounds ... Adds quality depth ... Will likely redshirt this year.

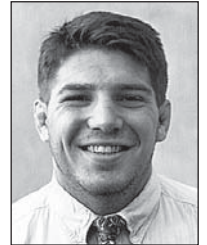
High School: Lettered four times at Norristown High School for Coach Stephen Harner ... Placed eighth in the Pennsylvania AAA State Championships ... Recorded 110 wins in his career ... Named to the all-academic team four times ... Two-time Junior Olympic team member ... Pennsylvania Junior National team member ... Also lettered twice in cross country.

Personal: James Ryan Wolfe was born August 11, 1982 in Norristown, PA ... The son of James and Pat Wolfe ... Majoring in engineering.

Virginia Tech Wrestling All-Americans



Brandon Glover
1959,
3rd place
(130 pounds)



Josh Feldman
1994,
7th place
(Heavyweight)



Chris Martin
2000,
4th place
(165 pounds)



Sean Gray
2000,
7th place;
2001
6th place
(141 pounds)

2001-02 Review

After a 19th-place finish with two NCAA All-Americans at the 2000 NCAA Championships, head coach Keith Moulam knew it would be tough to repeat that performance in the 2000-01 season. His wrestlers came close.

The Hokies had four wrestlers — Sean Gray, Eric Hall, Scott Justus and Chris Martin — qualify for the NCAA Championships while Gray earned his second All-America honors, a first in Tech wrestling history. Justus was one match away from All-America honors while Martin and Hall each won at least one match at the Championships. The four of them helped lead the Hokies to a 23rd-place finish.

Virginia Tech hosted the Eastern Wrestling League Tournament and put on a good show for the locals. Gray won his 141-pound class while Hall and Justus placed second. Martin took third while Mike Mercado (125 lbs.) and Damian Hamlin (HWT) surprised everyone with fifth-place finishes.

The Hokies opened the 2000-01 season with a

resounding 56-0 dual meet win over Gardner-Webb at home. Up next was the annual trip to the Navy Classic. Tech took the title in the tournament. Gray (141 lbs.), Martin (165 lbs.), Hall (174 lbs.) and Justus (184 lbs.) each won their respective weight classes.

Following the Navy Classic, the team went to the tough Las Vegas Open and earned an 11th-place finish out of over 50 teams.

Next, Tech opened its EWL schedule with an exciting 16-16 tie with Edinboro at home. After a loss to Lock Haven on the road, the Hokies bounced back to win four in a row.

The Hokies went on to win three of their final five matches on the year to finish with an 8-7-1 overall record and a 2-4-1 mark in the EWL.

Tech wrapped up the season by competing in its third Eastern Wrestling League Tournament. The Hokies took fifth place with several Hokies wrestling well in front of the hometown crowd.

At the NCAAs, Tech scored 19.00 points to finish in a tie for 23rd-place finish in the nation. The finish was third-best among EWL schools.

2000-01 Results

Overall Record: 8-7-1; EWL Record: 2-4-1

Date	Opponent	Site	Result/Score
Nov. 15	Gardner-Webb	Blacksburg, Va.	W, 56-0
18	at Navy Classic	Annapolis, Md.	1st/8 teams
Dec. 1-2	Las Vegas Open	Primm, Nev.	T-11th/52 teams
9	Edinboro *	Blacksburg, Va.	T, 16-16
Jan. 5	Lock Haven *	Lock Haven, Pa.	L, 14-26
6	Bloomsburg *	Bloomsburg, Pa.	W, 23-21
13	Howard	Blacksburg, Va.	W, 34-6
13	American	Blacksburg, Va.	W, 29-16
13	UNC Greensboro	Blacksburg, Va.	W, 30-14
20-21	National Dual Championships		
20	Michigan	State College, Pa.	L, 6-35
20	Edinboro	State College, Pa.	L, 12-25
26	Pittsburgh *	Pittsburgh, Pa.	L, 12-28
27	Pitt-Johnstown	Johnstown, Pa.	L, 18-24
31	VMI	Blacksburg, Va.	W, 38-9
Feb. 2	West Virginia *	Morgantown, W.Va.	L, 23-24
10	Virginia	Roanoke, Va.	W, 27-13
16	Clarion *	Blacksburg, Va.	L, 21-23
17	Cleveland State *	Blacksburg, Va.	W, 34-13
Mar. 3-4	EWL Tournament	Blacksburg, Va.	5th
15-17	at NCAA Championships	Iowa City, Iowa	T-23rd



With such a young team, senior Sean Gray (top) — Tech's only two-time All-American in wrestling — will be counted on for big points at his 141-pound weight class.

* Eastern Wrestling League match

2000-01 Wrestling Statistics

	Records			Major Dec.	Tech Fall	Fall	Time	Points own/opp.	EWL Pts own/opp.	Career Overall	Career Duals
	Overall	Dual	EWL								
Jeff Cies	4-3	1-0	0-0	0	0	2	1:05	3/0	0/0	24-29	10-11
Wes Cummings	11-14	7-8	1-8	1	1	4	:51	18/30	0/21	11-14	7-8
Kristofer Edelberg	0-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	—	0/0	0/0	0-3	0-0
Ben Fisher	4-12	1-6	0-4	1	0	1	3:00	4/24	0/13	6-20	1-8
Jeremy Gaysek	14-12	10-6	2-7	3	0	5	1:17	44/21	9/17	48-48	24-21
Sean Gray	30-3	16-0	10-0	6	4	7	2:00	72/0	38/0	102-14	44-2
Eric Hall	23-9	13-3	8-2	5	2	9	1:47	70/9	30/3	113-39	51-11
Damian Hamlin	4-6	2-2	2-2	1	0	0	—	9/10	6/4	9-29	6-11
Scott Justus	20-9	12-4	7-3	3	3	5	1:38	50/17	18/6	45-22	23-10
Ryan Kavanaugh	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	—	0/0	0/0	0-0	0-0
Will Linsmeier	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	—	0/0	0/0	0-0	0-0
Tom Long	0-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	—	0/0	0/0	0-2	0-0
Chris Martin	28-5	14-1	9-2	4	6	7	:36	62/3	27/3	126-27	58-5
Mike Mercado	2-2	0-0	2-2	0	0	0	—	0/0	0/0	67-41	27-17
Phill Niklowicz	7-4	2-1	1-0	0	1	2	2:08	9/3	3/0	7-4	2-1
Brent Rider	8-17	5-11	2-7	2	1	2	4:31	18/35	6/16	8-17	5-11
Nathan Schneider	1-5	1-3	1-1	0	0	0	—	6/13	6/6	1-5	1-3
Andrew Shuler	1-5	1-1	0-1	0	0	1	3:01	6/3	0/3	5-13	1-8
Jesse Street	2-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	—	0/0	0/0	7-33	1-11
David Thurston	0-3	0-3	0-2	0	0	0	—	0/10	0/7	0-3	0-3
Matt Tormenti	0-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	—	0/0	0/0	1-6	0-0
Jeff Wills	0-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	—	0/0	0/0	0-2	0-0
Brian Wilson	2-15	1-12	0-7	0	0	0	—	3/50	0/24	12-48	3-27
Team Totals	161-132	85-63	45-48	26	18	40	:36	374/228	143/123		
Opponent	132-161	63-85	48-45	27	6	17	:09	228/374	123/143		

2000-01 Tournament Results

Navy Classic (1st of 8 teams):
 Jeff Cies (6th at 165 pounds);
 Wes Cummings (2nd at 197 pounds);
 Ben Fisher (6th at HWT);
 Jeremy Gaysek (5th at 133 pounds);
 Sean Gray (1st at 141 pounds);
 Eric Hall (1st at 174 pounds);
 Scott Justus (1st at 184 pounds);
 Chris Martin (1st at 165 pounds);
 Phill Niklowicz (3rd at 125 pounds);
 Brent Rider (5th at 149 pounds)

Las Vegas Open (T-11th of 52 teams):
 Sean Gray (2nd at 141 pounds);
 Eric Hall (6th at 174 pounds);
 Chris Martin (2nd at 165 pounds)

EWL Tournament (5th of 8 teams):
 Wes Cummings (5th at 197 pounds);
 Sean Gray (1st at 141 pounds);
 Damian Hamlin (5th at HWT);
 Eric Hall (2nd at 174 pounds);
 Scott Justus (2nd at 184 pounds);
 Chris Martin (3rd at 165 pounds);
 Mike Mercado (5th at 125 pounds)

NCAA Championship (T-23rd of 78)
 Sean Gray (6th at 141 pounds)



Records by Weight

	125	133	141	149	157	165	174	184	197	Hwt.
Jeff Cies	—	—	—	—	—	4-3	—	—	—	—
Wes Cummings	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	11-14	—
Kristofer Edelberg	—	—	—	—	0-2	—	—	—	—	—
Ben Fisher	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4-12
Jeremy Gaysek	—	14-12	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sean Gray	—	—	29-3	1-0	—	—	—	—	—	—
Eric Hall	—	—	—	—	—	—	23-9	—	—	—
Damian Hamlin	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2-2	2-5
Scott Justus	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	20-9	—	—
Ryan Kavanaugh	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Will Linsmeier	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tom Long	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0-2
Chris Martin	—	—	—	—	—	28-5	—	—	—	—
Mike Mercado	2-2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Phill Niklowicz	7-4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Brent Rider	—	—	—	8-14	0-3	—	—	—	—	—
Nathan Schneider	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1-5
Andrew Shuler	—	—	—	—	1-5	—	—	—	—	—
Jesse Street	—	—	—	—	—	—	2-2	—	—	—
David Thurston	0-3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Matt Tormenti	—	—	—	—	—	—	0-2	—	—	—
Jeff Wills	—	—	—	0-2	—	—	—	—	—	—
Brian Wilson	—	—	—	1-4	1-11	—	—	—	—	—
Team Totals	9-9	14-12	29-3	10-20	2-20	32-8	25-13	20-9	13-15	7-24
Opponent	9-9	12-14	3-29	20-10	20-2	8-32	13-25	9-20	15-13	24-7

The Record Book

Team Records

Season Wins	238	1997-98
Dual Wins	115	1978-79, 89-90
Best Dual Record	14-4-0	1979-80
Dual Team Wins	14	1978-79, 79-80, 89-90
Major Decisions	38	1979-80
Technical Falls	17	2000-01
Falls	58	1979-80
Fastest Fall	0:13	1980-81
Points	740	1979-80

Virginia Tech Sports Hall of Fame Inductees

Martin Andes; Brandon Glover;
Frank Teske; Sherman Vandevender

NCAA Tournament Participants (since 1977)

Bill Pfeffer	(1-2)	1977
Rick Stageberg	(1-2)	1984
Jason Diggs	(0-1)	1983
Chuck Broderick	(0-1)	1979
Mark Miller	(0-3)	1978, 1979, 1980
Rob Fair	(1-2)	1986
Dante Winslow	(0-3)	1991, 1993
Josh Feldman	(7-6)	1991, 1992, 1993
John Dattalo	(2-4)	1996, 1997
Eric Hall	(4-6)	1997, 1998, 2000, 2001
Chris Martin	(7-8)	1997, 1998, 2000, 2001
Sean Gray	(11-5)	1998, 2000, 2001
David Inkman	(0-2)	1998
Mike Akers	(0-2)	2000
Scott Justus	(3-4)	2000, 2001

NCAA Championships Results

1999-00	19th	27.50 points
2000-01	T-23rd	19.00 points

Colonial Athletic Association Tour. Results

1991-92	Fourth	43 points
1992-93	First	63 points
1993-94	Fifth	38.75 points
1994-95	Fourth	42.5 points
1995-96	Fourth	48.5 points
1996-97	Fourth	61.0 points
1997-98	First	93.5 points

Colonial Athletic Association Tournament Individual Champions

Josh Feldman	1991-92, 92-93, 93-94	HWT
Dante Winslow	1994-95	158
John Dattalo	1995-96	177
John Dattalo	1996-97	167
Eric Hall	1996-97, 97-98	158
Sean Gray	1997-98	134
David Inkman	1997-98	142

Colonial Athletic Association Coach of the Year

Jerry Cheynet	1992-93
Keith Mourlam	1997-98

CAA Wrestler of the Year

John Dattalo	1996-97	167 pounds
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Colonial Athletic Association Rookie of the Year

Eric Hall	1996-97	158 pounds
Sean Gray	1997-98	134 pounds

NCAA Eastern Regional Championships

2nd Place	1978-79; 1979-80
3rd Place	1977-78; 1972-73
4th Place	1976-77
5th Place	1980-81; 1981-82

NCAA Eastern Regional Individual Champions

Bill Pfeffer	1976-77
Mark Miller	1977-78, 78-79, 79-80
Chuck Broderick	1978-79
Jason Diggs	1982-83
Rick Stageberg	1983-84

Virginia State Championships

1st Place	2000
2nd Place	1979, 1980, 1998
3rd Place	1983

Virginia State Champions

Bill Pfeffer	1978, 1980
Steve Brown	1976
Mark Miller	1979
Chuck Broderick	1979
Chuck Taylor	1980
Joe Oleszewski	1982
Rick Stageberg	1982
Richard Coates	1983
Vic Amada	1984
Rob Fair	1985
Matt Burlingame	1992
Dante Winslow (158)	1992, 1994
Josh Feldman (HWT)	1994
David Inkman (142)	1996
John Dattalo (167)	1997
Mike Mercado (118)	1997
Christian Basnight (197)	2000
Doug Easlick (HWT)	2000
Sean Gray (141)	2000
Eric Hall (174)	2000
Chris Martin (165)	2000

Virginia State Coach of the Year

Keith Mourlam	2000
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Career Individual Wins

1. Chris Martin	(1996-01)	126-25-0
2. Eric Hall	(1996-01)	113-39-0
3. Sean Gray	(1997-)	102-14-0
4. Rob Fair	(1981-85)	93-29-6
5. Jason Diggs	(1979-83)	88-32-2
6. Josh Feldman	(1989-94)	85-23-1
7. Dante Winslow	(1989-94)	84-29-2
Matt Mogel	(1992-96)	84-39-1
9. Mark Miller	(1976-80)	82-24-0
Bill Aschenbach	(1988-92)	82-44-1
11. Chris Taylor	(1979-83)	77-38-1
12. Jeff Lally	(1989-92)	73-39-1
13. John Dattalo	(1995-97)	72-12-0
Baird Kilpatrick	(1987-91)	72-25-6
Matt Burlingame	(1991-95)	72-39-1

Career Dual Meet Wins

1. Chris Martin	(1996-01)	58-5-0
2. Eric Hall	(1996-01)	51-11-0
3. Baird Kilpatrick	(1987-91)	49-11-6
4. Jason Diggs	(1979-83)	48-13-2
5. Mark Miller	(1976-80)	47-8-0

Single Season Wins

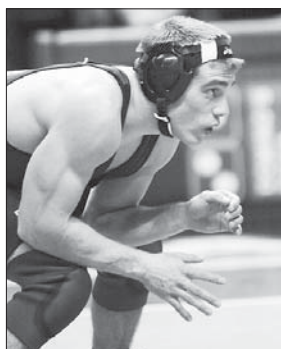
1. John Dattalo	(1996-97)	43-6-0
2. Eric Hall	(1996-97)	41-10-0
3. Sean Gray	(1999-00)	40-3-0
4. Rob Fair	(1984-85)	35-3-0
5. Chris Martin	(1999-00)	34-5-0
6. Chris Martin	(1996-97)	32-8-0
Sean Gray	(1997-98)	32-8-0
Chris Martin	(1997-98)	32-9-0
9. Sean Gray	(2000-01)	30-3-0
10. Josh Feldman	(1991-92)	29-5-1
John Dattalo	(1995-96)	29-6-0
12. Josh Feldman	(1993-94)	28-7-0
Chris Martin	(2000-01)	28-5-0
14. Bill Pfeffer	(1979-80)	27-4-0
Jason Diggs	(1982-83)	27-6-1
Josh Feldman	(1992-93)	27-7-0

Single-Season Dual Meet Wins

1. Baird Kilpatrick	(1989-90)	19-1-0
2. John Dattalo	(1996-97)	18-0-0
3. Eric Hall	(1996-97)	17-1-0
Chris Martin	(1996-97)	17-1-0
Bill Aschenbach	(1989-90)	17-4-0
6. Josh Feldman	(1991-92)	16-0-1
Sean Gray	(1999-00)	16-1-0
Sean Gray	(2000-01)	16-0-0
Mark Miller	(1978-79)	16-1-0
Bo O'Dea	(1990-91)	16-3-0

Career Winning Percentage (at least two seasons and 60 wins)

1. Sean Gray	(1997-)	.879	102-14-0
2. John Dattalo	(1995-97)	.857	72-12-0
3. Chris Martin	(1996-01)	.824	126-27-0
4. Josh Feldman	(1989-94)	.784	85-23-1
5. Mark Miller	(1976-80)	.773	82-24-0
6. Rob Fair	(1981-85)	.750	93-29-6
7. Eric Hall	(1996-01)	.743	113-39-0
8. Dante Winslow	(1989-94)	.739	84-29-2
9. Jason Diggs	(1979-83)	.730	88-32-2
10. Baird Kilpatrick	(1987-91)	.728	72-25-6
11. Matt Mogel	(1992-96)	.681	84-39-1
12. Bo O'Dea	(1986-90)	.677	66-31-2
13. Chris Taylor	(1979-83)	.668	77-38-1
14. Bill Aschenbach	(1988-92)	.650	82-44-1
Jeff Lally	(1989-92)	.650	73-39-1



Sean Gray is Tech's all-time leader in career and single-season winning percentage.

Single Season Winning Percentage (at least 24 wins)

1. Sean Gray	(1999-00)	.930	40-2-0
2. Dante Winslow	(1993-94)	.929	26-2-0
3. Rob Fair	(1984-85)	.921	35-3-0
4. Sean Gray	(2000-01)	.909	30-3-0
5. John Dattalo	(1996-97)	.878	43-6-0
6. Chris Martin	(1999-00)	.872	34-5-0
7. Bill Pfeffer	(1979-80)	.871	27-4-0
8. Bob Pincus	(1973-74)	.857	24-4-0
9. Josh Feldman	(1991-92)	.843	29-5-1
10. John Dattalo	(1995-96)	.829	29-6-0
11. Jason Diggs	(1982-83)	.809	27-6-1
12. Eric Hall	(1996-97)	.803	41-10-0
12. Chris Martin	(2000-01)	.800	28-5-0
Sean Gray	(1997-98)	.800	32-8-0
Chris Martin	(1996-97)	.800	32-8-0
Josh Feldman	(1993-94)	.800	28-7-0
Chuck Broderick	(1978-79)	.800	24-6-0

Administration

DR. CHARLES STEGER • *University President*



Item: Virginia Tech applications up 15 percent. Entering students have highest SAT average ever. Virginia Tech competes for national championship in football. University announces two new mega bio-tech programs. Things are looking pretty rosy for Virginia Tech, right?

Enter Charles W. Steger. His assessment? "We have to rev the engines even higher. If you're not moving quickly forward, you might as well be standing still," says the energetic 54-year-old president.

Appointed president by the university board effective January 7, 2000, Steger possesses the breadth and depth of experience to lead Virginia Tech at the point when higher education must learn to cope with major technology changes permeating education.

Steger has lofty goals for Virginia's leading research university. "I would like to see us ranked among the nation's top 30 universities before the end of the decade," says Steger.

A registered architect and former dean of Tech's college of architecture and urban studies, Steger was the architect of a different sort as the leader of the university's successful fund raising campaign. Under his leadership as vice president for development and university relations, the Campaign for Virginia Tech, which concluded in 1998, raised \$337 million, \$87 million over its goal.

Steger's ties to Virginia Tech span four 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 in 1981, he was the youngest architecture dean in the nation at 33 years of age.

Steger received his Bachelor and Masters of Architecture and a Ph.D. in Environmental Science and Engineering from Virginia Tech. He and his wife, Janet, have two sons — David and Christopher.

JIM WEAVER • *Director Of Athletics*



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, 56, was appointed on September 24, 1997 and has been a tireless leader in behalf of Tech athletics. In his four 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.

Weaver's biggest accomplishment thus far has been getting Tech admitted into an all-sports conference. Tech entered competition in the BIG EAST Conference for most sports during the 2000-2001 season.

A top personal priority for Weaver is the area of facilities, where he has major plans for the expansion of Lane Stadium/Worsham Field. Already complete is the expansion of the North end zone that totals over 5,000 permanent seats.

Weaver has spearheaded a construction project to expand stadium seating capacity to 65,000 for the 2002 season. The \$37 million expansion project will include an 11,000-seat double deck and provide 15 luxury suites, as well as club level seating and amenities.

Plans are underway for a West side pressbox and suite expansion for 2003. The West side expansion, along with 36 suites, will include an enhanced pressbox tower, as well as office space for ticket operations and the Virginia Tech Athletic Fund.

In the Fall of 2000, Weaver arranged a joint venture with ISP to commit \$2 million to purchase new scoreboards, upgraded sound systems, a 21x28 L.E.D. video display screen at Lane Stadium and two 9x12 wall mount L.E.D. video screens in Cassell Coliseum. A state of the art television control studio provides in-house production and operations for the video screens. The video screens and new sound systems have noticeably heightened game

entertainment and the overall fan experience at Lane Stadium and Cassell Coliseum.

A native of Harrisburg, Pa., 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 athletics department.

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 athletic director.

"Jim Weaver was the unanimous choice of our search committee," retired Tech President Paul Torgersen said at a Blacksburg news conference when the new AD was introduced. "The committee was searching for someone with extensive Division I experience, a commitment to compliance, a commitment to gender equity, a commitment to all 21 varsity sports and a vision for conference alignment."

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

Weaver and his wife Traci have four sons - Josh, Paul, Cole and Craig.

SENIOR ATHLETICS ADMINISTRATORS



Sharon McCloskey
Senior Associate
Director of Athletics



David Chambers
Senior Associate
Director of Athletics
for External Affairs



Tom Gabbard
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of Athletics for
Internal Affairs



Jon Jaudon
Associate Director
of Athletics for
Administration

Student-Athlete Academic Support Services

The success of Virginia Tech's wrestling program rests largely on the academic progress of each student-athlete. The academic performance of Tech student-athletes has improved each year due in part to the Student-Athlete Academic Support Services (SAASS).

The Virginia Tech graduation rate for student-athletes has risen significantly in recent years and reached 67 percent in 2001 as compared to the national average of 58 percent. The projected 2002 student-athlete graduation rate is over 70 percent which will mark the fourth time in the last nine years that Tech has reached that level.

Last spring, the Athletic Director's Honors Breakfast paid tribute to a record 337 student-athletes, student trainers, student managers, cheerleaders and HighTechs who posted 3.0 or greater QCAs in the 2000 calendar year.

To accommodate the many facets of assistance needed for student-athletes, Virginia Tech's mission is eight fold:

1. To provide services to all student-athletes, including any student participating in any varsity sport, managers, trainers, cheerleaders and HighTechs.

2. To provide academic support through tutoring programs, computer facilities and software which are necessary for the individual needs of each student.

3. To require a mandatory study hall for students below expected QCA levels in order that the staff might better assist the at-risk student-athletes.

4. To provide adequate study facilities and a computer lab which are conveniently located near the training areas and coaching areas.

5. To provide mentoring, counseling, academic assistance, advising and to work closely with other academic offices on campus for the welfare of the students.

6. To work closely with the athletic department for the academic welfare of each student-athlete and to help in the development of an effective student life program.

7. To closely monitor the academic success of each student to help ensure academic progress toward a degree and maintenance of academic and athletic eligibility.

8. To encourage former athletes to be actively involved with our present athletes

and to provide our services to former athletes who did not graduate and assist them in their academic planning toward a degree. The ultimate goal is for all student-athletes to successfully complete their degree.

Student-Athlete Academic Support Services provides programming for student-athletes from their freshman year through graduation.

This includes a comprehensive orientation to Tech, study hall, mentoring, tutoring, academic monitoring, academic recognition, and eligibility education.

Chris Helms, in his third year at Tech, is the director and is responsible for the development and leadership of the Student Athlete Academic Support Services office.

Assisting him are associate directors Lois Berg and Colin Howlett, Katie Ammons, Renia Edwards, Becky Kolenbrander and Terrie Repass.



Chris Helms

Athletic Performance

Thanks to the direction of Assistant Athletic Director for Athletic Performance Mike Gentry, the Virginia Tech strength and conditioning program is among the best in the nation.

The wrestling team trains in the Jim "Bulldog" Haren Weight Room. Located in Jamerson Athletic Center, the 5,000-square foot weight room was officially dedicated in September 1985 to Haren, a former Hokie football player and long-time supporter of the Virginia Tech Athletic Department.

Gentry is in his 14th season as the Hokies' director of strength and conditioning. As assistant athletics director for athletic performance, his duties include overseeing the strength and conditioning training of athletes in all 21 varsity sports at Virginia Tech.

A native of Durham, N.C., Gentry received his bachelor's degree in physical education from Western Carolina University in 1979 and received his master's from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1981. He received his doctorate in curriculum and instruction, with an emphasis in motor behavior, from Virginia Tech in 1999.

Assisting Gentry in the weight room this year are three full-time assistant strength and conditioning coaches: Jay Johnson, assistant

director of strength and conditioning, Terry Mitchell, strength and conditioning coordinator of men's Olympic sports and Emily Chones, strength and conditioning coordinator for women's Olympic sports.



Jay Johnson

Gentry will also have the services of three graduate assistants — Erin O'Neil, Tim Ralph and Shannon Turly.

Sports Nutrition

A new program was added to the athletics department in July 2000 — sports nutrition.

In addition to her responsibilities as coordinator of student life, Amy Freel also has the duties of being the athletics department's sports nutritionist.

Freel works one-on-one with student-athletes to provide them with information that they need on their diet. She also provides individual players with diet counseling on issues such as gaining lean muscle mass, losing body fat, and how to eat to improve performance.

The sports nutritionist works with the "Training Edge", a dining option for health-conscious students and athletes, to design

menus for training tables and daily menu selections.

Sports Psychology

A new addition to the athletics department as of August 2000 is sports psychology. The licensed psychologists, Dr. Brenna Chirby, Dr. Gary Bennett, and Dr. Robert Miller, Associate Director of the Thomas E. Cook Counseling Center, counsel student-athletes either individually or as a team.

The psychologists meet with student-athletes on an individual basis for personal counseling, performance enhancement and to discuss the mental aspects of the game. As a team, the sports psychologists work on team building, communication and performance enhancement.

The psychologists also offer an injury group to afford injured athletes the opportunity to meet with other injured athletes and talk about their recovery process. Injured athletes may also meet individually with the sports psychologists if they do not feel comfortable in the group or cannot make the sessions.

The sports psychology office reaches out to athletes who may not have considered going to the counseling service that is offered to all students at Virginia Tech.

The Hokies' Outstanding Athletic Facilities



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