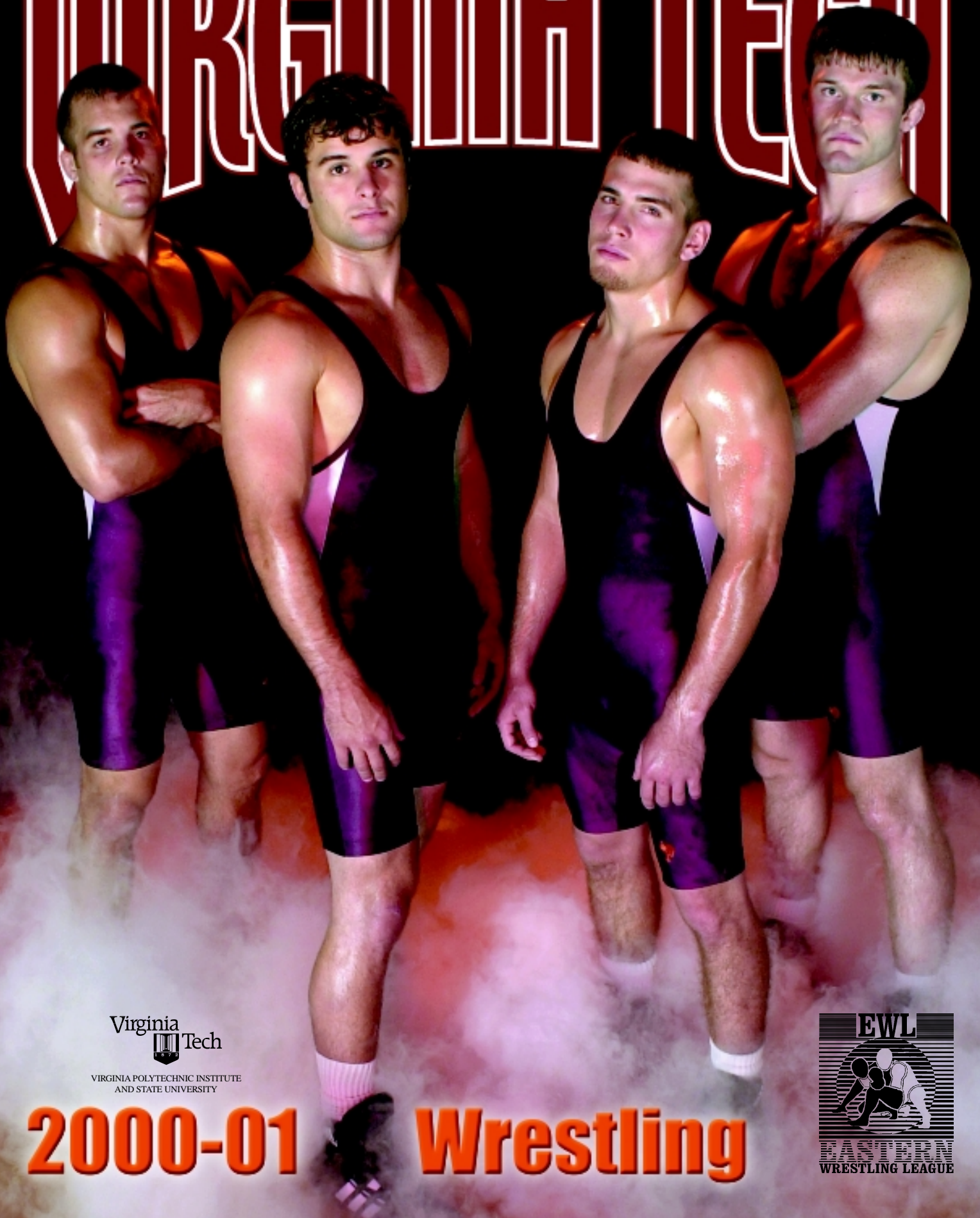


# VIRGINIA TECH



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VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE  
AND STATE UNIVERSITY

2000-01 Wrestling



# 2000-01 Wrestling

## QUICK FACTS

Location ..... Blacksburg, Va.  
 Founded ..... 1872  
 President ..... Dr. Charles Steger  
 Enrollment ..... 25,000  
 Conference ..... Eastern Wrestling League  
 (BIG EAST for all other sports)  
 Nickname ..... Hokies  
 Colors ..... Chicago maroon & burnt orange  
 1999-2000 Record ..... 10-7  
 1999-2000 Conference Record/Finish ..... 2-5/3rd  
 Head Coach/Years ..... Keith Mourlam/Four  
 Alma Mater/Year ..... Iowa/1977  
 Record at Tech ..... 21-25  
 Overall Record ..... Same  
 Assistant Coach/Years ..... Dan Wirnsberger/Four  
 Alma Mater/Year ..... Michigan State/1994  
 Volunteer Assistant Coach/Years ..... Chris Viola/First  
 Alma Mater /Year ..... Michigan/1998  
 Wrestling Office Phone ..... (540) 231-9357  
 Home Facility ..... Cassell Coliseum (10,052)  
 Letterwinners Returning/Lost ..... 14/5  
 Starters Returning/Lost ..... 6/4  
 Returning NCAA Qualifiers .... Sean Gray (141 – 1998, 2000)  
 Chris Martin (165 – 1997, 1998, 2000)  
 Eric Hall (174 – 1997, 1998, 2000)  
 Scott Justus (187 - 2000)  
 Director of Athletics ..... Jim Weaver (Penn State, 1967)  
 Assistant SID (Wrestling Contact) ..... Bryan Johnston  
 E-Mail ..... blj@vt.edu  
 SID Office Phone ..... (540) 231-3387  
 SID Fax ..... (540) 231-6984  
 VT Athletics on the Internet ..... hokiesportsinfo.com

Sports Information  
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 460 Jamerson Athletic Center  
 Blacksburg, Va. 24061

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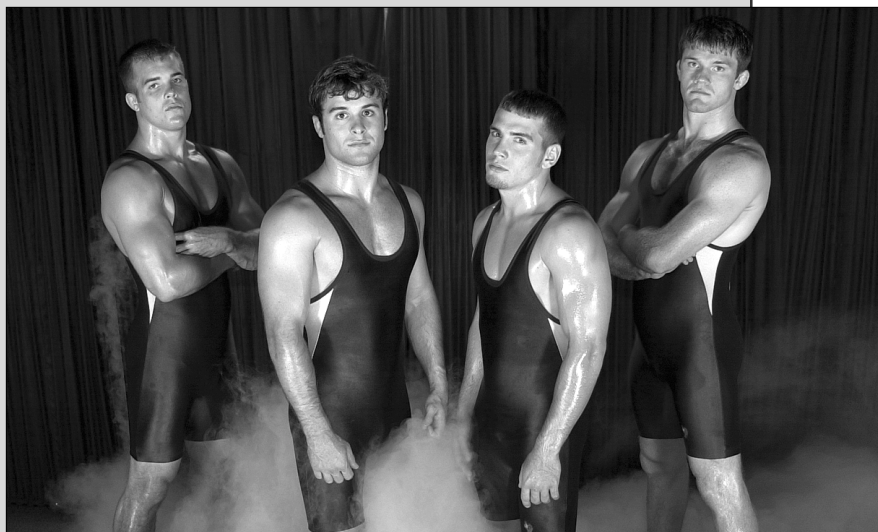
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## 2000-01 SCHEDULE

Nov. 15	GARDNER-WEBB	7 p.m.
18	at Navy Classic ^	9 a.m.
Dec. 1-2	at Collegiate Wrestling Championships #	9 a.m.
9	EDINBORO *	6 p.m.
Jan. 5	at Lock Haven *	7:30 p.m.
6	at Bloomsburg *	2 p.m.
13	AMERICAN and HOWARD	6 p.m.
20-21	at National Dual Championships @	TBA
26	at Pittsburgh *	7:30 p.m.
27	at Pitt-Johnstown	7 p.m.
31	VIRGINIA MILITARY INSTITUTE	7 p.m.
Feb. 2	at West Virginia *	7:30 p.m.
10	vs. Virginia \$	7 p.m.
16	CLARION *	7 p.m.
17	CLEVELAND STATE *	7 p.m.
Mar. 3-4	EWL CHAMPIONSHIPS	TBA
22-24	at NCAA Championships †	TBA

### HOME MATCHES IN ALL CAPS

\* Eastern Wrestling League match  
 ^ at Annapolis, Md.  
 # at Las Vegas, Nev.  
 @ at State College, Pa.  
 \$ at Northside H.S. (Roanoke, Va.)  
 % at Pittsburgh, Pa.  
 † at Iowa City, Iowa



### On the Covers

The front cover features returning 1999 NCAA qualifiers (from l to r) Eric Hall, Chris Martin, Sean Gray and Scott Justus. The back cover features (clockwise from top left) Justus, Gray, Martin and Hall. Photographs and cover design by assistant sports information director Dave Knachel.

# 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 courtside 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. A story, complete with agate, will be sent to the Associated Press in Richmond, as well as to selected covering newspapers. Team and individual statistics will be updated and available following each match. Media can access the statistics either in the sports information office or via the internet. Log onto the official website for Tech athletics, [www.hokiesportsinfo.com](http://www.hokiesportsinfo.com), for complete results, stats and stories.

## Directions to Blacksburg

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

From the south, take Interstate 81 north to exit 114. Turn left onto Va. 8 north. Turn left at the third signal onto US 460 west, at the county courthouse. Follow 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 area. Follow 460 to the signal at Southgate Drive (Va. 314). Turn

## 2000-01 ROSTER

Name	Wt.	Year	Hometown/High School
Jeff Cies	165	Sr.	Oak Ridge, N.J./Pope John XXIII
Wes Cummings	197	r-Fr.	Silver Spring, Md./DeMatha
Kristofer Edelberg	157	So.	Orange, Va./Orange County
Ben Fisher	HWT	Jr.	Woodbridge, Va./Woodbridge
Jeremy Gaysek	133	Sr.	Pittsburgh, Pa./North Allegheny
Sean Gray	141	r-Jr.	Flemington, N.J./Blair Academy
Eric Hall	174	r-Sr.	Highbridge, N.J./Voorhees
Damian Hamlin	197	Sr.	Silver Spring, Md./Walter Johnson
Scott Justus	184	r-So.	Grundy, Va./Grundy
Ryan Kavanaugh	165	Fr.	West Chester, Pa./Archmere
Will Linsmeier	165	So.	Saxe, Va./Randolph-Henry
Tom Long	HWT	Fr.	Blacksburg, Va./Blacksburg
Chris Martin	165	r-Sr.	Norfolk, Va./Granby
Phill Niklowicz	125	Fr.	Caro, Mich./Caro
Brent Rider	149	Fr.	Waverly, N.Y./Tioga Center
Nathan Schneider	197	Fr.	Mechanicsville, Va./Atlee
Andrew Shuler	157	So.	Lynchburg, Va./Brookville
Jesse Street	165	Sr.	Centreville, Va./Broad Run
Matt Tormenti	165	Jr.	Pittsburgh, Pa./Fox Chapel
Jeff Wills	141	Fr.	Stafford, Va./Brooke Point
Brian Wilson	141	Sr.	Falls Church, Va./Dennis O'Connell

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 of Cassell Coliseum.

## Media Outlets

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

Outlet	Phone	Fax
Roanoke Times	(540) 981-3221	(540) 981-3392
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
The News & Advance, Lynchburg	(804) 385-5554	(804) 385-5538
Bluefield Daily Telegraph	(304) 327-2811	(304) 327-6179
Virginian Pilot, Norfolk	(800) 446-2012	(757) 533-9004
Daily Press, Newport News	(757) 247-4600	(757) 247-9420
WDBJ-TV, Roanoke	(540) 985-3623	(540) 343-7269
WSLS-TV, Roanoke	(540) 981-9126	(540) 343-2059
WSET-TV, Lynchburg	(804) 528-1315	(804) 847-8800
Associated Press Richmond	(804) 643-6646	(804) 643-6223
Amateur Wrestling News	(405) 843-9992	(405) 843-8022
Courier Post, Cherry Hill, N.J.	(609) 486-2422	(609) 663-2831
Intermat Online Service	(515) 628-2662	(515) 628-2666
Wrestling USA Magazine	(216) 842-6421	(216) 842-6421

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**Wrestling Contact**  
**Bryan Johnston**  
**Assistant SID**



# THE OUTLOOK

## Wrestling Team Looking For First EWL Championship

A few years ago, Tech wrestling coach Keith Mourlam, knowing he possessed a talented group of young wrestlers, would whisper to anyone who would listen.

"Just give me three years," he would say.

Well, this is year No. 3, and true to Mourlam's words, the Hokies go into this season with perhaps the best squad in school history. Coming off a 19<sup>th</sup>-place finish at the NCAA Wrestling Championships this past March in which Tech crowned two All-Americans, the Hokies enter this season with all their top guns back and ranked No. 19 in the preseason *Amateur Wrestling News* poll.

"I don't think it's any added pressure for us," Mourlam said. "Not for these guys. They're looking forward to this. This is what we've worked for and talked about for so long. Last year was key for us. It gave us confidence and confidence is what it's all about. You've got to think you're good first before you can win."

Last year marked a turning point in Tech's program. The previous year — with Mourlam redshirting all his top wrestlers to get them stronger mentally and physically — the Hokies won just two dual meets in their inaugural season in the powerful Eastern Wrestling League. But last season, with everyone in the fold, Tech surprised people in the wrestling world by finishing third at the EWL tournament and sending five guys to the NCAA Championships. This season, four of those guys who made it to the NCAA Championships return.

"We're looking for a finish in the top half in the EWL and then compete for that title come tournament time," Mourlam said. "I think we can finish in the top three again. We've got some great individuals, but we're going to need some of our other guys to come through and place."

Here's a look at each weight class and who looks to figure into the mix:

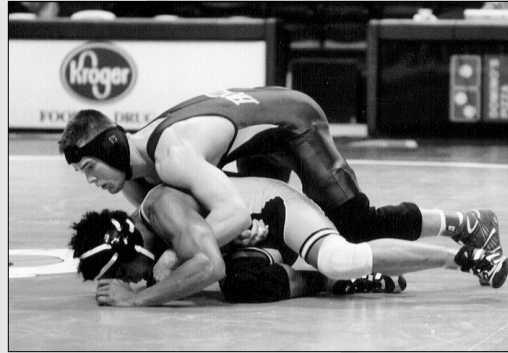
**125** — Mourlam will be putting freshman Phill Niklowicz in at 125. Niklowicz, a native of Caro, Mich., was a two-time Michigan state champion for Caro High School. He holds the school record for most wins in a season (58) and for most career wins (218).

**133** — Mourlam will turn to senior Jeremy Gaysek. Gaysek provides Tech with EWL experience and is looking to have a very good final season at Tech.

**141** — Sean Gray comes into the season as the top contender to win the EWL at 141 and is currently ranked fourth nationally at that weight class. He finished last season with a 40-3 record, the third-most wins in a season at Tech, and his winning percentage (93.2) is the highest single-season winning percentage in school history.

**149** — Mourlam more than likely will be relying on another freshman to compete at 149 pounds. Brent Rider, a native of Waverly, N.Y., comes to Tech after capturing the New York state championship at 140 pounds for Tioga High School in 1999. As a senior, Rider earned a second-place finish at the same weight. Mourlam also could go with Brian Wilson here.

**157** — At 157, Mourlam needs a big year from Andrew Shuler. The sophomore from Lynchburg, Va., possesses a ton of



*Eric Hall was one round away from placing at the 2000 NCAA Championships. Hall is looking to end his college career on a high note by winning the EWL Championship and earning All-America honors.*

talent, but a knee injury kept him from reaching his full potential last season. The knee is fine now, and without question, he possesses the talent to get the job done.

**165** — Chris Martin, the top contender for the EWL title at 165, went 34-5 last season and now stands as Tech's all-time win leader with 98. He enters the season as the fourth-ranked 165-pounder in the nation in what could be the country's toughest weight class.

**174** — Hall, who went 22-8 last season and fell one win short of earning All-America honors last year at the NAAs, comes into this year ranked sixth nationally at 174.

**184** — Justus, who went 1-2 at the Championships in his first appearance a year ago, comes into the season ranked 15<sup>th</sup> nationally at 184. But in the EWL, the weight class isn't the strongest, so Justus stands a great shot at winning the title.

**197** — At 197, Mourlam will be going with Wes Cummings, a redshirt freshman who transferred from Cal-Bakersfield this past spring. Cummings replaces steady Christian Basnight, the lone loss off last year's starting lineup.

**Heavyweight** — Finally, at heavyweight, Mourlam will use junior Ben Fisher. Last season, Doug Easlick, now a walk-on on Tech's football squad, wrestled at heavyweight. Easlick decided to concentrate on football, leaving the door open for Fisher.

As a team, Tech will find out how good it is quickly. Mourlam put together a rugged schedule for this team, including an appearance at the Cliff Keen Collegiate Wrestling Invitational and the National Wrestling Coaches Association Dual Meet Championship. Those two tournaments feature some of the best wrestlers in the country and should prepare the Hokies for what they'll see come tournament time.

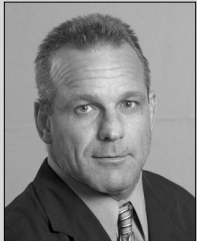
Tech opens its EWL schedule on Dec. 9 at Cassell Coliseum against defending league champion Edinboro. The Fighting Scots come in as one of the nation's top 10 teams and feature a lineup with seven potential All-Americans.

"I think we'll be alright in dual meets, but I think we have the potential to be the best tournament team of anyone in the EWL," Mourlam said. "We've got three guys [Martin, Gray and Justus] who are ranked at the top of their weight classes and those guys along with Hall will bring in a lot of points. We need the other guys to help us too. That's the key for us."

"But this is the year we've been pointing to for a long time. We redshirted all those guys to get stronger and we took our lumps that one year. But hopefully, it will come together for us this year."

# THE COACHES

## KEITH MOURLAM • HEAD COACH



They say you never get a second chance to make a first impression. And the impression fifth-year head coach Keith Mourlam has made on Virginia Tech wrestling during his first four seasons is unprecedented.

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.

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 head coach to lead his squad to a season finish above .500 and earn double-digit wins in his inaugural year.

A year ago, 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 — Mike Akers, Sean Gray, Eric Hall, Scott Justus and Chris Martin — 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. The grapplers proved their worth as three wrestlers continued to national competition at the NCAAs.

Three 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 a school-record four wrestlers — Sean Gray, David Inkman, Chris Martin and Eric Hall — to the NCAA Championships. Gray, Inkman and Hall earned bids to the NCAA Championships after winning their respective weight classes at the CAA Championships, while Martin claimed a wild-card selection. Gray, a true freshman, was one win away from earning All-America honors at the NCAA Championships at 134 pounds. For his efforts, Gray earned a spot on the *Amateur Wrestling News*' Freshman All-America Team at 134 pounds and was named Rookie of the Year by the Colonial Athletic Association.

During Mourlam's first season as head coach, John Dattalo and 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 three years ago to join the highly-competitive Eastern Wrestling League.

Mourlam had the opportunity to continue 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

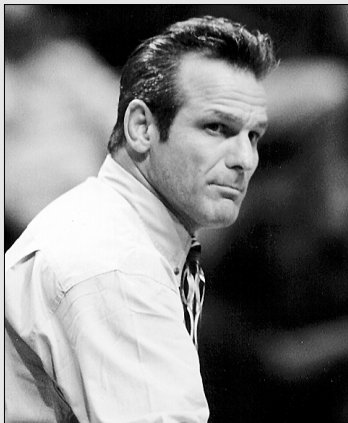
considerable experience with a highly respected coach and collegiate program, Mourlam worked as an assistant from 1984 until 1987 when he took over the position of administrative assistant. In that position, Mourlam had the opportunity to run the Dan Gable Training Camps.

"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 1999-2000 Virginia Tech wrestling team for the fifth consecutive year.

Serving as a workout partner to all three of Tech's 1997 NCAA participants, all four of the Hokies' 1998 NCAA qualifiers and all five of the 1999 qualifiers, Wirnsberger played a large role in what could be three 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 last season.

Last year, he was instrumental in helping Mike Akers, Sean Gray, Eric Hall, Scott Justus and Chris 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.

Still competing, 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.

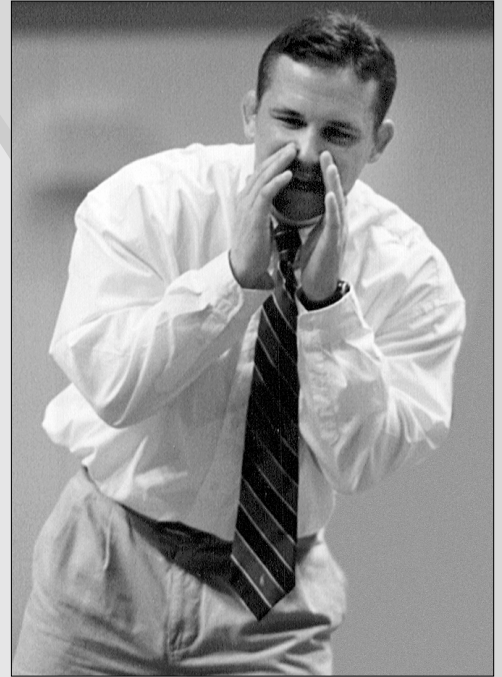
A three-year captain of the squad, Wirnsberger was named the team's MVP in 1995. During the season, he captured Big Ten honors as the wrestling champion in his weight division. Continuing on to national competition, he was runner-up for the title of NCAA champion.

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.

Wirnsberger is engaged to Dana Bottiglieri. The couple will be married in July, 2001.



**CHRIS VIOLA  
VOLUNTEER ASSISTANT COACH**



Chris Viola joins coach Keith Mourlam's staff as a volunteer assistant coach this year.

Viola comes to Virginia Tech after graduating from the University of Michigan, where he wrestled.

A native of Chesapeake, Va., Viola was a standout wrestler at Western Branch High School.

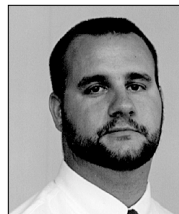
**SUPPORT STAFF**



**Marianne Baffi**  
Secretary



**Chris Ball**  
Equipment Manager



**Robbie Davis**  
Student Manager



**Jay Johnson**  
Strength & Conditioning

# MEET THE HOKIES

## Profiles of the 2000-2001 Virginia Tech Wrestlers

### JEFF CIES



**165 • Senior • Oak Ridge, N.J.**

A good wrestler ... Will likely redshirt this year ... A very coachable wrestler with a strong work ethic ... Possesses a great deal of skill ... An outstanding student in the classroom.

**1999-00:** Went 3-8 as a junior ... W on a match at the University of North Carolina Open and at the Sheridan Open.

**1998-99:** Wrestled at 165 pounds ... Became the first Tech wrestler to place at the Eastern Wrestling League Championship ... Took fifth at 165 pounds ... Earned a second-place finish at the Virginia State Championship ... Posted an overall record of 14-13 ... Went 8-6 in dual meets and 2-5 in EWL duals ... Recorded one major decision, two technical falls and three falls ... Led the team in falls ... Registered 30 points in dual meets.

**1997-98:** Competed at both 150 and 158 pounds as a freshman ... Went 1-1 at 150 and 2-4 at 158 ... Turned in an overall record of 3-5 with all of those matches coming in tournament action ... Went 1-1 at the Navy Classic, 1-2 at the Penn State Open and 1-2 at the Virginia State Championships ... Helped Tech to a second-place finish at the Virginia State Championships by pinning John Muse of Norfolk St. in 6:58.

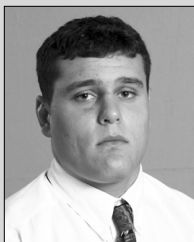
**High School:** Attended Pope John XXIII High School in Oak Ridge, N.J. ... Three-time district champion and placed seventh in the New Jersey state tournament ... Placed seventh at the Cadet World Team Trials and ninth in the Junior Greco-Roman National Championships ... Captain his senior year and earned four letters.

**Personal:** Jeffrey John Cies was born March 26, 1979 in New Jersey ... Son of John and Joann Cies ... Majoring in chemistry.

#### Cies' Career Stats

Year	Overall	Dual	Leag.	M.Dec.	T.Fall	Falls	Time	Pts.
1997-98	3-5	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	6:58	0
1998-99	14-13	8-6	2-5	1	2	3	2:41	30
1999-00	3-8	1-5	0-1	2	0	0	-	4
Total	20-26	9-11	2-6	3	2	4	2:41	34

### WES CUMMINGS



**197 • r-Freshman • Silver Spring, Md.**

A transfer from Cal-State Bakersfield ... A very talented high school wrestler ... Very good on the mat ... Needs to get better on his feet.

**Cal-State Bakersfield:** Was redshirted.

**High School:** Lettered four times at DeMatha High School ... Coached by Dick Messier ... A three-time state champion ... A two-time national prep champion ... A high

school All-American ... Named to the Asic Third-Team All-America squad.

**Personal:** Wesley Paul Cummings was born September 7, 1980 in Silver Spring, Md. ... Son of Stacy and Kathy Cummings ... Majoring in hotel and restaurant management.

### KRISTOFER EDELBERG



**157 • Sophomore • Orange, Va.**

Adds quality depth at the middle weights ... A very hard working walk-on ... Needs to get some quality experience.

**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

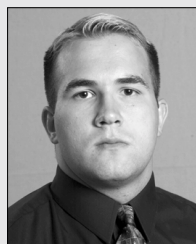
Stuarts Draft tournament ... Two-time Battlefield district champion ... All-area and all-central Virginia first team as a senior ... Captain his senior year ... Also participated on the football team.

**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

### BEN FISHER



**HWT • Junior • Woodbridge, Va.**

Has improved tremendously, offensively ... A big and strong athlete ... Coaches are expecting bigger things from him this year ... Spent two years on a Mormon mission.

**1999-00:** Went 0-3 on the season.

**1996-97:** Went 2-5 on the year at heavyweight ... Was 0-2 in dual meets.

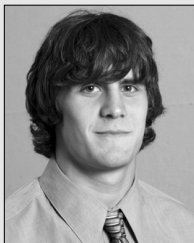
**High School:** Four-sport participant during high school ... Four-year letterwinner as a heavyweight wrestler at C.D. Hylton High School ... Was named the team's MVP his senior year ... Awarded first-team all-Metro for the Washington, D.C. area ... Placed first in the district, region and state in 1996 ... Also competed in football, lacrosse and track ... Captain and MVP of the football team ... Named to the first-team all-state and second team all-region teams ... As a thrower on the track team, was sixth in the district in the discus ... Was a U.S.M.C. National Student Athlete ... Also named a U.S.A.R. National Scholar Athlete.

**Personal:** Benjamin D. Fisher was born June 22, 1978 ... Son of David and Jackie Fisher ... Majoring in communications.

#### Fisher's Career Stats

Year	Overall	Dual	Leag.	M.Dec.	T.Fall	Falls	Time	Pts.
1996-97	2-5	0-2	0-0	0	0	0	-	0
1999-00	0-3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	-	0
Total	2-8	0-2	0-0	0	0	0	-	0

# JEREMY GAYSEK



**133 • Senior • Pittsburgh, Pa.**

Fourth year in the Tech lineup ... A very reliable and dependable person ... Always gives his all ... Comes from a tremendous wrestling background.

**1999-00:** Went 4-5 on the year ... Went 2-1 in dual matches and 1-1 in Eastern Wrestling League matches ... Had one technical fall and one fall.

**1998-99:** Tallied 19 wins at 133 pounds ... Finished with a record of 19-15 ... Led the team in wins ... Recorded a fifth-place finish at the Sheridan Invitational ... Finished sixth at the Navy Classic ... Placed fourth at the Virginia State Championships ... Went 8-7 in dual meets ... Earned 36 points in dual meets for the Hokies.

**1997-98:** Saw action at both 118 pounds and 126 pounds as a true freshman ... Posted an overall record of 11-18, including a 4-8 mark in dual meets ... Went 2-2 in CAA dual meets ... Picked up two victories at both the North Carolina Open and the Penn State Open ... Went 2-2 at the Virginia State Championships ... Had dual-meet victories against VMI, George Mason, American and Appalachian State ... Scored 15 points for the Hokies.

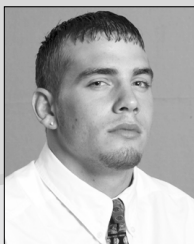
**High School:** Pennsylvania state qualifier at North Allegheny High School ... Earned four varsity letters ... Finished fourth in the southwest regional his senior year.

**Personal:** Jeremy John Gaysek was born June 1, 1979 in Pittsburgh, Pa. ... Son of Frank and Sheila Gaysek ... Majoring in family and child development.

## Gaysek's Career Stats

Year	Overall	Dual	Leag.	M.Dec.	T.Fall	Falls	Time	Pts.
1997-98	11-18	4-8	2-2	0	1	0	-	15
1998-99	19-15	8-7	1-6	2	0	3	2:46	36
1999-00	4-5	2-1	1-1	0	1	1	2:36	9
Total	34-38	14-15	4-9	2	2	4	2:36	60

# SEAN GRAY



**141 • r-Junior • Flemington, N.J.**

One of the top wrestlers in the nation ... Expected to contend for the national title ... A hard-nosed competitor with a good work ethic in the wrestling room ... A gifted athlete ... Enters the 2000-01 season ranked fourth in the nation by *Amateur Wrestling News*.

**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.

**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 fourth 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	8-0	6	4	9	2:10	68
Total	72-11	28-2	13-0	10	5	23	0:46	129

# ERIC HALL



**174 • r-Senior • Highbridge, N.J.**

Was injured most of last season ... Was one round away from placing at the 2000 NCAA Championships ... Coaches expect big things from him this year ... An outstanding all-around athlete ... Has a tremendous work ethic and unlimited potential ... Enters the 2000-01 season ranked sixth in the nation by *Amateur Wrestling News*.

**1999-00:** Was one round away from placing at the NCAA Championships ... Placed second at the EWL Championships ... Went 22-8 overall and 12-4 in dual matches ... Went 7-3 in EWL matches ... Had six major decisions, one technical fall and three falls.

**1998-99:** Took a redshirt year.

**1997-98:** Made his second-straight appearance at the NCAA Championships ... Registered an overall record of 26-12 and a 9-3 mark in dual meets ... Won his second-consecutive CAA title at 158 pounds ... Defeated Old Dominion's Jamie Kelly, 3-1, in overtime to advance to the national showcase ... Went 1-2 at the national tournament ... Defeated Lehigh's Travis Doto, 11-5, at the tourney ... Posted a 3-1 records in CAA dual meets ... Had a team-best eight major decisions to go with three falls ... Recorded 34 points in dual meets, including 13 in CAA meets ... Finished second at the Navy Classic and Virginia State Championships ... Placed third at the North Carolina Open and fourth at the Sheridan Invitational.

**1996-97:** Named the Colonial Athletic Association Rookie of the Year, Tech's first-ever wrestler to receive the honor ... Won two straight matches to claim the 158-pound title at the CAA

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Championships ... Earned a bid to the NCAA Championships, where he lost two straight matches ... Posted a 41-10 record at 158 pounds, starting every match for the Hokies ... Broke a 12-year-old school record for most wins in a single season with his 22-5 tech fall against Carson-Newman ... Was a perfect 5-0 in Colonial Athletic Association competition during the regular season ... Had a team-second six falls with the fastest coming at 1:00, a team best ... Recorded six major decisions and a team-best three tech falls ... Placed third at the Wilkes Open in Pennsylvania ... Had more wins than any other nationally-ranked wrestler at 158 pounds ... Won the 158 weight class at the Appalachian State Open ... Placed third at the Virginia State Meet ... Had a 16-match winning streak.

**High School:** Four-year letterwinner at Voorhees High School under coach Robert Hall ... Compiled a career record of 126-20 ... Runner-up in the 1996 New Jersey state wrestling tournament ... Placed fourth and eighth at the New Jersey state tournament during his junior and sophomore seasons ... Turned in a third-place finish at the National High School Wrestling Championships ... Was a four-time district and regional champion ... Three-sport athlete, also participating in football and baseball ... Played quarterback and cornerback on the 1995 group 2A state championship team ... Garnered first-team all-conference and all-state honors ... Was a member of the 1995 and 1996 divisional baseball championship teams.

**Personal:** Eric Michael Hall was born February 14, 1978 in Flemington, N.J. ... Son of Robert and Nancy Hall ... Is taking graduate classes in curriculum and instruction.

**Hall's Career Stats**

Year	Overall	Dual	Leag.	M.Dec.	T.Fall	Falls	Time	Pts.
1996-97	41-10	17-1	5-0	6	3	6	1:00	68
1997-98	26-12	9-3	3-1	8	1	3	1:41	34
1998-99	<i>Was redshirted</i>							
1999-00	22-8	12-4	7-3	6	1	3	4:39	44
Total	89-30	36-8	15-4	20	5	12	1:00	146

**DAMIAN HAMLIN**



**197 • Senior • Silver Spring, Md.**

A good athlete who has improved tremendously ... Could see time on the mat this year.

**1999-00:** Went 0-2 on the year.

**1998-99:** Went 5-17 at 184 pounds and heavyweight ... Only wrestled one match at heavyweight ... Went 4-9 in dual meets ... Recorded one fall in 3:54.

**1997-98:** Competed in four matches at 177 pounds, going 0-4 ... Wrestled in both the Navy Classic and the UNC Open.

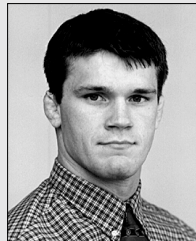
**High School:** Wrestled at Walter Johnson High School ... Competed for three years and was captain his senior year ... Placed second in the Bethesda Chevy Chase Tournament.

**Personal:** Damian DuBois Hamlin was born October 18, 1978 in Washington, D.C. ... Son of Ann and Willie Hamlin ... Majoring in architecture.

**Hamlin's Career Stats**

Year	Overall	Dual	Leag.	M.Dec.	T.Fall	Falls	Time	Pts.
1997-98	0-4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	-	0
1998-99	5-17	4-9	0-6	0	0	1	3:54	15
1999-00	0-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	-	0
Total	5-23	4-9	0-6	0	0	1	3:54	15

**SCOTT JUSTUS**



**184 • r-Sophomore • Grundy, Va.**

Won one match at the NAAs as a redshirt freshman ... Coaches are looking for him to be an All-American this year ... Hard-nosed competitor with a tremendous work ethic ... Comes from a rich wrestling background ... Enters the 2000-01 season ranked 15th in the nation by *Amateur Wrestling News*.

**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.

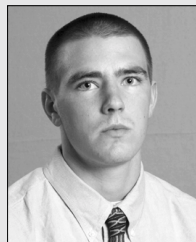
**High School:** Three-time Virginia AA state champion at Grundy High School ... Finished his high school career with a record of 124 wins and 17 losses ... Captured state titles in 1996, 1997 and 1998 at the 171-pound weight class ... Led the team in takedowns (133), major decisions (6), first takedowns (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.
1999-00	25-13	11-6	5-5	5	2	8	1:06	48

**RYAN KAVANAUGH**



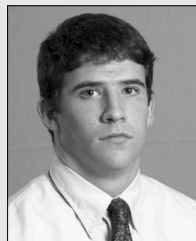
**165 • Freshman • West Chester, Pa.**

A hard-working walk-on ... Needs to develop physically and technically.

**High School:** Lettered four times at Archmere Academy ... Coached by Greg Kling ... A captain his senior year ... Placed third at 189 pounds in a Christiana tournament ... Lettered in football, helping lead the team to a state runner-up finish.

**Personal:** Ryan Taylor Kavanaugh was born July 13, 1981 in St. Louis, Mich. ... Son of Leslie and Richard Kavanaugh ... Majoring in mechanical engineering.

**WILL LINSMEIER**



**165 • Sophomore • Saxe, Va.**

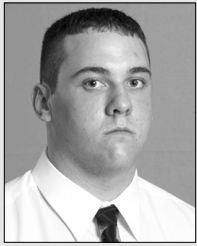
Will probably redshirt this year ... Very strong athlete ... Needs to develop technique.

**1999-00:** Did not see any action as a freshman.

**High School:** Was a VISWA state champion for The Miller School (postgraduate) ... Finished first in the North Carolina-Virginia Eden Holiday Classic and second in the Virginia Holiday Classic ... Wrestled at Randolph-Henry High School ... Earned a fifth-place finish in the state as a senior ... Also lettered twice in baseball.

**Personal:** William Linsmeier was born October 25, 1979 in Houston ... Son of Robert and Susan Linsmeier ... Majoring in hospitality and tourism management.

## TOM LONG



**HWT • Freshman • Blacksburg, Va.**

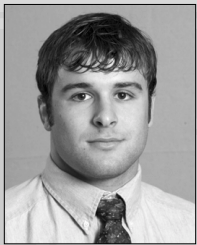
A local product, coming from Blacksburg High ... A walk-on ... Very hard working ... Needs to develop technique.

**High School:** Lettered four times at Blacksburg High School ... Coached by Rob Weneck ... Qualified for the Virginia AA State Championships ... Finished third in the region in 2000 and fifth in the region in 1999

... Posted a record of 35-7 as a senior ... Also played football and threw the shot put ... Named all-district in football ... Earned all-state honors in track and field in 2000.

**Personal:** Thomas Carl Long was born October 2, 1981 in Philadelphia, Pa. ... Son of William Long and Jean Chance ... Legal guardians are Carl and Charlotte Long ... Enrolled in university studies.

## CHRIS MARTIN



**165 • r-Senior • Norfolk, Va.**

Three-time NCAA qualifier who returns for his senior season as a Hokie ... Earned All-America honors last season ... Looking to contend for the national title ... Has had three solid years at Tech ... His competitive attitude will take him a long way ... Is a proven leader ... Is Tech's leader in all-time victories ...

Owens a 98-22 career record ... Enters the

2000-01 season ranked fourth in the nation by *Amateur Wrestling News*.

**1999-00:** Finished fourth at the NCAA Championships ... Earned All-America honors ... Fourth place is the second-highest place ever at NCAAAs by a Tech wrestler ... Also won the EWL title and the Virginia State Championships title ... Took second place at the Sheridan Invitational ... Went 34-5 at the 165-pound weight class ... Went 15-2 in dual matches and 10-0 in EWL matches ... Had eight major decisions, four technical falls and six falls ... Outscored his opponents, 262-96.

**1998-99:** Took a redshirt year.

**1997-98:** Made his second straight appearance at the NCAA Championships at 150 pounds ... Compiled a 32-9 overall record ... Went 12-1 in dual meets and 5-0 in CAA dual meets ... Fell to Old Dominion's Mark Strickland in the finals, but earned a wild card to the NCAA Championships ... Went 1-2 at the NCAA Championships ... Recorded eight falls, seven technical falls and seven major decisions on the year ... Registered 49 points in dual meets, including 20 in CAA duals ... Finished first at the North Carolina Open ... Placed second at the Navy Classic ... Posted third-place finishes at the Sheridan Invitational and Virginia State Championships.

**1996-97:** Compiled a 32-8 overall record, fourth-best in Tech history during a single season ... Started every dual match for the Hokies ... Lost two straight at the NCAA Championships, falling by a total of three points ... Wrestled primarily at 150 pounds ... Pinned Ian Lewis of Old Dominion in 1:47 to make the finals of the CAA Championships in the 150-pound weight class ... Fell to George Mason's Kevin Brandon in the finals, but earned a wild

card to the NCAA Championships ... Was undefeated in the CAA during the dual match season with a 5-0 record ... Had a 15-match winning streak during the season until the CAA finals ... Had the school's third-best dual meet record for a single season at 17-1 ... Led the team in major decisions with 12 ... Pinned four opponents in true-freshman season ... Placed third at the Appalachian State Open and North Carolina Open ... Also turned in a third-place finish at the Virginia State Meet.

**High School:** Four-year letterwinner for coach John Cermin at Granby High School ... Three-time national team member ... Was the district champion for three seasons ... State and regional champion in 1996 and runner up in 1995.

**Personal:** Chris M. Martin was born November 2, 1978 in Norfolk, Va. ... Son of Mike and Virginia Martin ... Majoring in physical education.

### Martin's Career Stats

Year	Overall	Dual	Leag.	M.Dec.	T.Fall	Falls	Time	Pts.
1996-97	32-8	17-1	5-0	12	2	4	1:43	68
1997-98	32-9	12-1	5-0	7	7	8	1:01	49
1998-99	<i>Was Redshirted</i>							
1999-00	34-5	15-2	10-0	8	4	6	2:07	51
Total	98-22	44-4	20-0	27	13	18	1:01	168

## PHILL NIKLOWICZ



**125 • Freshman • Caro, Mich.**

A talented freshman from Michigan ... Is very competitive ... Needs to improve his technique ... Will likely see action right away.

**High School:** Attended Caro High School, where he lettered four times ... Coached by Bob Suranye ... A two-time state champion ... Also placed third and fifth at the Michigan State Championships ... A three-time regional champion ... Had a career record of 214-22

and went 58-1 one season ... Holds the school record for career and single-season victories ... A four-time state placer ... Also played football, earning second-team all-conference and all-area honors ... Lettered twice in cross country, earning second-team all-conference honors.

**Personal:** Phillip Edward Niklowicz was born September 28, 1982 in Gross Point, Mich. ... Son of Phil and Monica Niklowicz ... Enrolled in the business school.

## BRENT RIDER



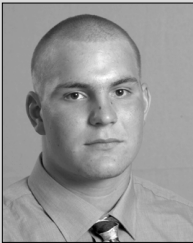
**149 • Freshman • Waverly, N.Y.**

A talented freshman ... Placed first and second in the state of New York ... Knows how to wrestle ... Will likely see action this year ... In a very tough weight class ... Coaches feel he will be very good, but it may take a year or two.

**High School:** Lettered five times at Tioga Center ... A state champion in 1999 ... The state runner-up in 2000 ... Finished his high school career with a 188-18 record ... A four-time team MVP ... Also lettered in baseball four times ... A three-time division all-star ... Lettered twice in football.

**Personal:** Brent L. Rider was born April 26, 1982 in Binghamton, N.Y. ... Son of Gene and Barb Rider ... Majoring in health and physical education.

## NATHAN SCHNEIDER



**197 • Freshman • Mechanicsville, Va.**

A walk-on in the program ... Very strong, physically ... Has a strong work ethic ... Is very competitive ... Needs to develop technique.

**High School:** Lettered four times at Atlee High School ... A four-time district champion ... A two-time regional champion ... Finished fourth and third in the state ... Was also a three-year starter on the varsity football team.

**Personal:** Nathan Schneider was born July 1, 1982 in Wheeling, W.Va. ... Son of Patti and David Schneider ... Enrolled in university studies.

## ANDREW SHULER



**149 • Sophomore • Lynchburg, Va.**

A returning starter for the Hokies ... Was injured a lot last season ... Coaches are expecting big things from him this year.

**1999-00:** Went 4-8 at 149 pounds ... Posted an 0-7 record in duals and an 0-2 record in EWL dual meets.

**High School:** Posted a career record of 139-9 at Brookville High School, including a

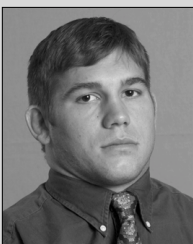
perfect 39-0 record as a senior ... Was a three-time state champion and a three-time state freestyle champion at 145 pounds ... Named a High School All-American by *Wrestling USA* magazine ... A four-year varsity letterwinner ... A member of the National Honor Society.

**Personal:** Andrew Shuler was born November 16, 1980 in Santa Anna, Calif. ... Son of Don and Robin Shuler ... Enrolled in university studies.

### Shuler's Career Stats

Year	Overall	Dual	Leag.	M.Dec.	T.Fall	Falls	Time	Pts.
1999-00	4-8	0-7	0-2	0	0	0	-	0

## JESSE STREET



**157 • Senior • Centreville, Va.**

Has been in and out of the lineup ... Will look to see time at 157 pounds ... Adds extra stability to the upper weights ... Has a strong work ethic.

**1999-00:** Wrestled in 16 matches as a junior ... Posted a 2-14 record ... Had one major decision and one fall.

**1998-99:** Posted a record of 3-11 between 174 pounds and 197 pounds ... Went 1-5 in dual meets ... Earned six points in dual meets.

**1997-98:** Wrestled in six matches, splitting time at 158 and 177 pounds ... Went 0-4 at 158 pounds and 0-2 at 177 pounds ... Competed in the Navy Classic, North Carolina Open and Sheridan Invitational.

**High School:** Wrestled at Broad Run High School for coach Ed Steele ... Earned three varsity letters and was team captain his senior year ... Received the Coach's Award in 1996 ... Also was the captain of the football team ... Played fullback for four years ... Named Athlete of the Year in 1996.

**Personal:** Jesse Philip Street was born February 21, 1978 in Fairfax, Va. ... Son of Connie M. Street ... Majoring in biology.

### Street's Career Stats

Year	Overall	Dual	Leag.	M.Dec.	T.Fall	Falls	Time	Pts.
1997-98	0-6	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	-	0
1998-99	3-11	1-5	0-3	0	0	0	-	6
1999-00	2-14	0-6	0-5	1	0	1	3:35	0
Total	5-31	1-11	0-8	1	0	1	3:35	6

## MATT TORMENTI



**157 • Junior • Pittsburgh, Pa.**

A very hard worker ... A solid wrestler who could push for time at 157 pounds ... Very coachable individual who is willing to put in the time ... A good student in the classroom.

**1999-00:** Did not see action in dual matches as a sophomore.

**1998-99:** Wrestled in five matches, going 1-4 ... All four matches came in tournament

action.

**High School:** Comes to Tech from Fox Chapel High School in Pittsburgh, Pa. ... Earned three varsity letters in wrestling ... Compiled a 21-8 record his senior year ... Garnered academic all-state honors ... Also lettered three years in football.

**Personal:** Matthew Justin Tormenti was born August 17, 1980 in Pittsburgh ... Son of Attilio and Rachel Tormenti ... Majoring in biochemistry.

### Tormenti's Career Stats

Year	Overall	Dual	Leag.	M.Dec.	T.Fall	Falls	Time	Pts.
1998-99	1-4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	-	0

## JEFF WILLS



**141 • Freshman • Stafford, Va.**

A walk-on for the Hokies ... A very hard worker ... Has great potential ... Needs to develop.

**High School:** Lettered four times at Brooke Point High School ... Coached by Mike Smoot ... The 1998 district champion ... Took second place in the 2000 regionals ... A two-time captain ... Helped lead his team to a district title in 1997 ... Also pole vaulted for one year.

**Personal:** Jeffrey David Wills was born April 29, 1982 in Woodbridge, Va. ... Son of Catherine Williams and Richard Wills ... Enrolled in university studies.

## BRIAN WILSON



**141 • Senior • Falls Church, Va.**

Has been in and out of the lineup for three years ... Serves as a good fill-in at either 141 or 149.

**1999-00:** Wrestled in 17 matches as a junior ... Posted a 4-13 record ... Had one major decision and one fall.

**1998-99:** Posted a record of 4-17 as a sophomore ... Went 0-2 at 133 pounds and 4-15 at 141 pounds ... Finished fourth in the Virginia State

Championships ... Recorded two wins in dual meets, including one win in the Eastern Wrestling League.

**1997-98:** Wrestled in five matches at 126 pounds ... Posted an overall mark of 2-3 ... All five matches came in tournaments ... Picked up his first collegiate victory over Mark Williams of North Carolina ... Went 2-2 at the UNC Open ... Dropped his other decision in the Virginia State Championships.

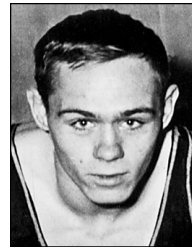
**High School:** Attended Bishop Dennis J. O'Connell High School ... Four-year varsity letterwinner ... Won the state prep tournament as a junior ... Two-time WCAC Conference champion ... Took seventh at national preps as a senior ... Also ran cross country.

**Personal:** Brian Michael Wilson was born June 30, 1979 in Arlington, Va. ... Son of Theresa and Tony Wilson ... Majoring in economics.

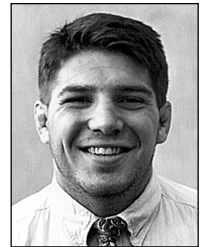
**Wilson's Career Stats**

Year	Overall	Dual	Leag.	M.Dec.	T.Fall	Falls	Time	Pts.
1997-98	2-3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	-	0
1998-99	4-17	2-11	1-6	0	0	0	-	6
1999-00	4-13	0-4	0-4	1	0	1	3:19	0
Total	10-33	2-15	1-10	1	0	1	3:19	6

**VIRGINIA TECH WRESTLING  
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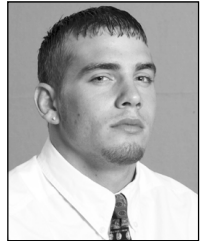
**Brandon Glover**  
1959,  
3rd place  
(130 pounds)



**Josh Feldman**  
1994,  
7th place  
(Heavyweight)



**Chris Martin**  
2000,  
4th place  
(165 pounds)

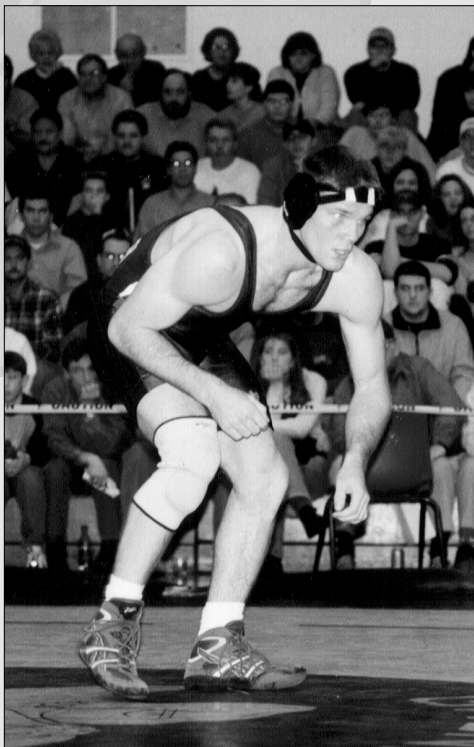


**Sean Gray**  
2000,  
7th place  
(141 pounds)

# 1999-2000 REVIEW

## Hokies Placed 19th at NCAA Championships, Third at EWLs

Coming off a long 1998-99 campaign, Virginia Tech wrestling coach Keith Mourlam knew that the 1999-00 wrestling season could only go up. And after redshirting most of his top stars a year ago, he had high hopes for the Hokies in 1999-00.



*Scott Justus was one of five Tech wrestlers who qualified for the NCAA Championships last year.*

After a 2-13 campaign the year before, the Hokies rebounded with a successful 10-7 campaign. Although Tech went just 2-5 in Eastern Wrestling League dual matches, the team came together to pull off a surprising third-place finish at the conference tournament. Mourlam pulled another surprise when the Hokies placed 19th at the NCAA Championships.

The Hokies had five wrestlers — Mike Akers, Sean Gray, Eric Hall, Scott Justus

and Chris Martin — qualify for the NCAA Championships while Gray and Martin each earned All-America honors. Martin took fourth place at 165 pounds while Gray placed seventh at 141 pounds. Both won the EWL Championships at their respective weight classes.

The Hokies opened the 1999-00 season with a resounding 47-6 dual meet win over Anderson College at home. Up next was the Hokies' annual trip to the Navy Classic. Tech finished sixth in the tournament. Sean Gray (141 pounds) and Chris Martin (165 pounds) each won their weight classes while Christian Basnight (107 pounds) took second and Scott Justus (184) took third.

Following the Navy Classic, Mourlam's grapplers went to the tough Sheridan Invitational and earned a fourth-place finish. Tech had six wrestlers place and Gray won his weight class.

Next, Tech opened its EWL schedule with a 27-6 loss to Edinboro on the road. The Hokies bounced right back, winning three matches at the Virginia Duals. Tech knocked off Rider, North Carolina and Harvard.

Tech then recorded a split, defeating Bloomsburg, 24-15, before falling to Lock Haven, 31-14, the next day. The Hokies then hosted the Virginia State Championships and came away with the title. Basnight, Gray, Martin and Doug Easlick each won the title at their respective weight classes.

The Hokies would then go on to beat VMI and Virginia while dropping matches to Pittsburgh, West Virginia and Cleveland State. Tech won its final two matches of the regular season, beating Findlay and EWL foe Clarion.

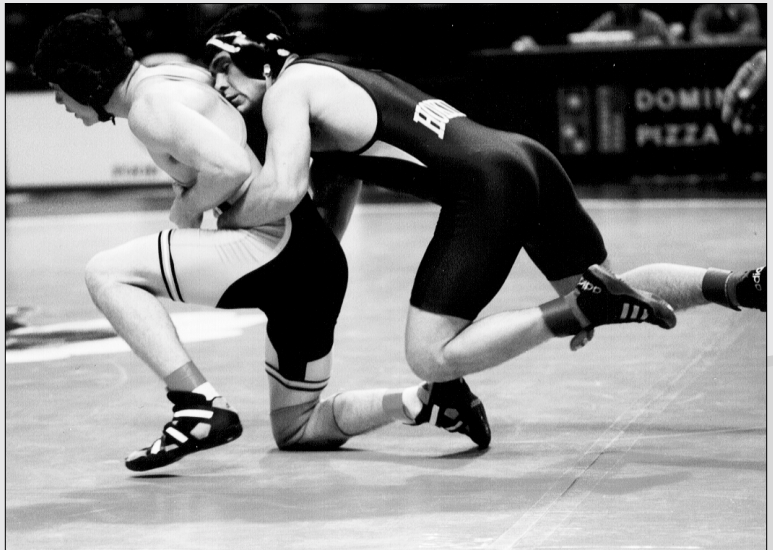
Tech wrapped up the season by competing in its second Eastern Wrestling League tournament. The Hokies took a surprising third place with Gray and Martin winning titles.

At the NCAA Championships, Tech scored 27.50 points to earn a 19th-place finish in the nation. Nineteenth place was third-best among EWL schools.

# 1999-2000 RESULTS

## Overall Record: 10-7; EWL Record: 2-5

Date	Opponent	Site	Result/Score
Nov. 16	Anderson College	Blacksburg, Va.	W, 47-6
20	Navy Classic	Annapolis, Md.	6th/8
27	UNC Open	Chapel Hill, N.C.	No Score
Dec. 4	Sheridan Open	Bethlehem, Pa.	4th/16
12	Edinboro *	Edinboro, Pa.	L, 27-6
Jan. 7-8	Virginia Duals	Hampton, Va.	Top 6/16
	Rider		W, 27-13
	Lehigh		L, 27-6
	North Carolina		W, 20-18
	Harvard		W, 19-18
	Michigan		L, 25-12
15	Bloomsburg *	Blacksburg, Va.	W, 24-15
16	Lock Haven *	Blacksburg, Va.	L, 31-14
21-22	Va. State Championships	Blacksburg, Va.	1st/7
29	Pittsburgh *	Blacksburg, Va.	L, 22-19
Feb. 1	VMI	Lexington, Va.	W, 32-8
4	West Virginia *	Grundy, Va.	L, 28-13
12	Virginia	Charlottesville, Va.	W, 23-20
19	Cleveland State * with Findlay	Cleveland, Ohio	L, 20-16
20	Clarion **	Clarion, Pa.	W, 35-9
Mar. 4-5	EWL Championships	Pittsburgh, Pa.	3rd/8
16-18	NCAA Championships	St. Louis, Mo.	19th



Andrew Shuler, who was injured much of last year, must be healthy and productive for the Hokies to be successful this season.

\* Indicates Eastern Wrestling League match

## 1999-2000 WRESTLING STATISTICS

	Records			Major Tech		Fall	Time	Points own/opp.	EWL Pts own/opp.	Career Career	
	Overall	Dual	EWL	Dec.	Fall					Overall	Duals
Mike Akers	23-14	9-7	6-5	1	1	8	:52	40/21	20/16	23-14	9-7
Christian Basnight	21-13	7-10	5-6	2	0	4	2:39	24/34	17/19	61-57	24-35
Jeff Cies	3-8	1-5	0-1	2	0	0	—	4/18	0/3	8-11	9-6
Doug Easlick	10-15	5-11	1-8	2	0	3	2:23	20/33	6/27	10-15	5-11
Kristofer Edelberg	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	—	0/0	0/0	0-1	0-0
Ben Fisher	0-3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	—	0/0	0/0	2-8	0-3
Jeremy Gaysek	4-5	2-1	1-1	0	1	1	2:36	9/6	6/6	34-38	13-16
Sean Gray	40-3	16-1	8-0	6	4	9	2:10	68/3	24/0	72-11	28-2
Eric Hall	22-8	12-4	7-3	6	1	3	4:39	44/12	23/6	89-30	38-12
Damian Hamlin	0-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	—	0/0	0/0	5-23	4-9
Scott Justus	25-13	11-6	5-5	5	2	8	1:06	48/19	19/17	25-13	11-6
Chris Martin	34-5	15-2	10-0	8	4	6	2:07	51/9	38/0	98-22	41-6
Mike Mercado	17-14	8-7	2-7	1	2	1	3:22	21/25	7/21	65-39	27-17
Andrew Shuler	4-8	0-7	0-2	0	0	0	—	0/21	0/6	4-8	0-7
Jesse Street	2-14	0-6	0-5	1	0	1	3:35	0/26	0/15	5-31	1-11
Brian Wilson	4-13	0-4	0-4	1	0	1	3:19	0/26	0/12	10-35	2-15
Team Totals	209-139	86-70	45-47	35	15	45	:52	329/253	160/148		
Opponent	139-209	70-86	47-45	26	9	16	1:51	253/329	148/160		

## 1999-2000

### Tournament Results

#### Navy Classic (6th of 8 teams):

Christian Basnight (2nd at 197 pounds);  
Sean Gray (1st at 149 pounds);  
Scott Justus (3rd at 184 pounds);  
Chris Martin (1st at 165 pounds).

#### Sheridan Invitational (4th of 16 teams):

Mike Akers (5th at 125 pounds);  
Christian Basnight (5th at 197 pounds);  
Sean Gray (1st at 141 pounds);  
Scott Justus (3rd at 184 pounds);  
Chris Martin (2nd at 165 pounds);  
Andrew Shuler (5th at 149 pounds).

#### Va. State Championship (1st of 7 teams):

Mike Akers (2nd at 125 pounds);  
Christian Basnight (1st at 197 pounds);  
Doug Easlick (1st at HWT);  
Sean Gray (1st at 141 pounds);  
Eric Hall (1st at 174 pounds);  
Scott Justus (2nd at 184 pounds);  
Chris Martin (1st at 165 pounds);  
Mike Mercado (3rd at 133 pounds).

#### EWL Championship (3rd of 8 teams):

Mike Akers (3rd at 125 pounds);  
Christian Basnight (5th at 197 pounds);  
Sean Gray (1st at 141 pounds);  
Eric Hall (2nd at 174 pounds);  
Scott Justus (4th at 184 pounds);  
Chris Martin (1st at 165 pounds);  
Mike Mercado (6th at 133 pounds).

#### NCAA Championship (19th place):

Sean Gray (7th at 141 pounds);  
Chris Martin (4th at 165 pounds).

## Records by Weight

	125	133	141	149	157	165	174	184	197	Hwt.
Mike Akers	15-13	8-1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Christian Basnight	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	21-13	—
Jeff Cies	—	—	—	—	3-8	—	—	—	—	—
Doug Easlick	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	10-15
Kristofer Edelberg	—	—	—	—	0-1	—	—	—	—	—
Ben Fisher	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0-3
Jeremy Gaysek	—	4-5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sean Gray	—	—	39-3	1-0	—	—	—	—	—	—
Eric Hall	—	—	—	—	—	—	22-8	—	—	—
Damian Hamlin	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0-2	—
Scott Justus	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	25-13	—	—
Chris Martin	—	—	—	—	—	34-5	—	—	—	—
Mike Mercado	5-4	12-10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Andrew Shuler	—	—	—	4-8	—	—	—	—	—	—
Jesse Street	—	—	—	—	1-10	1-2	0-2	—	—	—
Brian Wilson	—	—	2-4	2-9	—	—	—	—	—	—
Team Totals	20-17	24-16	41-7	7-16	4-19	35-7	22-10	25-13	21-15	10-18
Opponent	17-20	16-24	7-41	16-7	19-4	7-35	10-22	13-25	15-21	18-10

# 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	16	1978-79
Falls	58	1979-80
Fastest Fall	0:13	1980-81
Points	740	1979-80

## NCAA Tournament Participants

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
Chris Martin	(5-6)	1997, 1998, 2000
Sean Gray	(8-4)	1998, 2000
David Inkman	(0-2)	1998
Mike Akers	(0-2)	2000
Scott Justus	(1-2)	2000

## NCAA Championships Results

1999-00	19th	27.50 points
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## Colonial Athletic Association Tourn. 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

## Eastern Wrestling League Tourn. Results

1998-99	Eighth	5.5 points
1999-00	Third	91.0 points

## Eastern Wrestling League Coach of the Year

Keith Mourlam	1999-00
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## Colonial Athletic Association Tournament Individual Champions

Josh Feldman	1991-92	HWT
Josh Feldman	1992-93	HWT
Josh Feldman	1993-94	HWT
Dante Winslow	1994-95	158
John Dattalo	1995-96	177
John Dattalo	1996-97	167
Eric Hall	1996-97	158
Eric Hall	1997-98	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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## Virginia Tech Sports Hall of Fame Inductees

Brandon Glover
Martin Andes
Frank Teske

## Career Individual Wins

1. Chris Martin	(1996-)	98-22-0
2. Rob Fair	(1981-85)	93-29-6
3. Eric Hall	(1996-)	89-30-0
4. Jason Diggs	(1979-83)	88-32-2
5. Josh Feldman	(1989-94)	85-23-1
6. Dante Winslow	(1989-94)	84-29-2
Matt Mogel	(1992-96)	84-39-1
8. Mark Miller	(1976-80)	82-24-0
Bill Aschenbach	(1988-92)	82-44-1
10. Chris Taylor	(1979-83)	77-38-1
11. Jeff Lally	(1989-92)	73-39-1
12. Sean Gray	(1997-)	72-11-0
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. Baird Kilpatrick	(1987-91)	49-11-6
2. Jason Diggs	(1979-83)	48-13-2
3. Mark Miller	(1976-80)	47-8-0
4. Bill Aschenbach	(1988-92)	43-16-1
5. Bo O'Dea	(1986-91)	42-13-4
Dante Winslow	(1989-94)	42-13-2

## Single Season Wins

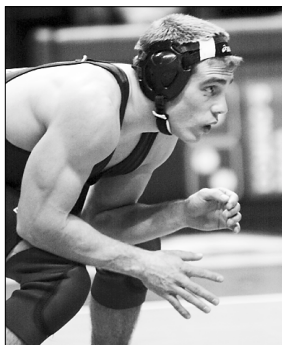
1. John Dattalo	(1996-97)	43-6-0
2. Eric Hall	(1996-97)	41-10-0
3. Sean Gray	(1999-00)	40-3-0
4. Rob Fair	(1984-85)	35-3-0
5. Chris Martin	(1999-00)	34-5-0
6. Chris Martin	(1996-97)	32-8-0
7. Sean Gray	(1997-98)	32-8-0
8. Chris Martin	(1997-98)	32-9-0
9. Josh Feldman	(1991-92)	29-5-1
John Dattalo	(1995-96)	29-6-0
11. Josh Feldman	(1993-94)	28-7-0
12. Bill Pfeffer	(1979-80)	27-4-0
Jason Diggs	(1982-83)	27-6-1
Josh Feldman	(1992-93)	27-7-0
15. Dante Winslow	(1993-94)	26-2-0
Eric Hall	(1997-98)	26-12-0

## 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
Mark Miller	(1978-79)	16-1-0
Bo O'Dea	(1990-91)	16-3-0
10. Rob Fair	(1984-85)	15-0-0
David Wimmer	(1991-92)	15-1-1
Chuck Broderick	(1978-79)	15-2-0
Chris Martin	(1999-00)	15-2-0
Lee Culpepper	(1990-91)	15-3-2

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

1. Sean Gray	(1997-)	.867	72-11-0
2. John Dattalo	(1995-97)	.857	72-12-0
3. Chris Martin	(1996-)	.817	98-22-0
4. Josh Feldman	(1989-94)	.784	85-23-1
5. Mark Miller	(1976-80)	.773	82-24-0
6. Eric Hall	(1996-)	.753	67-22-0
7. Rob Fair	(1981-85)	.750	93-29-6
8. Eric Hall	(1996-)	.748	89-30-0
9. Dante Winslow	(1989-94)	.739	84-29-2
10. Jason Diggs	(1979-83)	.730	88-32-2
11. Baird Kilpatrick	(1987-91)	.728	72-25-6
12. Matt Mogel	(1992-96)	.681	84-39-1
13. Bo O'Dea	(1986-90)	.677	66-31-2
14. Chris Taylor	(1979-83)	.668	77-38-1
15. Bill Aschenbach	(1988-92)	.650	82-44-1
Jeff Lally	(1989-92)	.650	73-39-1



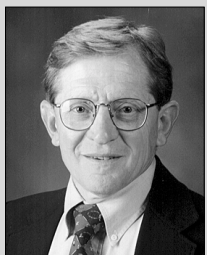
Sean Gray

## 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. John Dattalo	(1996-97)	.878	43-6-0
5. Chris Martin	(1999-00)	.872	34-5-0
6. Bill Pfeffer	(1979-80)	.871	27-4-0
7. Bob Pincus	(1973-74)	.857	24-4-0
8. Josh Feldman	(1991-92)	.843	29-5-1
9. John Dattalo	(1995-96)	.829	29-6-0
10. Jason Diggs	(1982-83)	.809	27-6-1
11. Eric Hall	(1996-97)	.803	41-10-0
12. 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

## YEAR-BY-YEAR RECORDS

Year	Record	Coach	Year	Record	Coach	Year	Record	Coach	Year	Record	Coach
1999-00	10-7	Mourlam	1967-68	8-4-0	Teske	1951-52	5-8-0	Teske	1935-36	1-4-0	Tilson
1998-99	2-13-0	Mourlam	1966-67	9-1-0	Teske	1950-51	4-5-0	Learned	1934-35	2-3-0	Tilson
1997-98	9-4-0	Mourlam	1965-66	7-2-0	Teske	1949-50	7-4-0	Learned	1933-34	2-3-0	Tilson
1996-97	10-8-0	Mourlam	1964-65	5-6-0	Teske	1948-49	3-4-1	Learned	1932-33	2-3-0	Herring
1995-96	6-9-0	Cheyne	1963-64	4-5-1	Teske	1947-48	1-7-0	Altman	1931-32	3-2-0	Herring
1994-95	6-10-0	Cheyne	1962-63	2-7-1	Teske	1946-47	0-6-0	Altman	1930-31	2-3-0	Herring
1993-94	6-7-0	Cheyne	1961-62	7-2-0	Teske	1945-46	No Team		1929-30	3-4-0	Herring
1992-93	9-1-0	Cheyne	1960-61	6-3-0	Teske	1944-45	No Team		1928-29	3-4-0	Anderson
1991-92	9-7-1	Cheyne	1959-60	4-1-0	Teske	1943-44	No Team		1927-28	6-1-0	Herring
1990-91	9-12-0	Cheyne	1958-59	6-1-0	Teske	1942-43	1-6-1	Altman	1926-27	6-0-1	Herring
1989-90	14-7-0	Cheyne	1957-58	6-1-0	Teske	1941-42	4-3-0	Altman	1925-26	3-3-0	Herring
1988-89	12-7-1	Cheyne	1956-57	7-0-0	Teske	1940-41	1-5-0	Altman	1924-25	6-0-0	Herring
1987-88	7-7-0	Cheyne	1955-56	7-0-0	Teske	1939-40	2-4-0	Altman	1923-24	2-2-1	Herring
1986-87	8-6-0	Cheyne	1954-55	8-0-0	Teske	1938-39	1-5-0	Tilson	1922-23	1-2-0	Cabbage
1985-86	4-10-0	Cheyne	1953-54	1-6-1	Teske	1937-38	2-3-0	Tilson	1921-22	2-0-0	Sutton
1984-85	8-10-0	Cheyne	1952-53	6-1-1	Teske	1936-37	0-4-1	Tilson	1920-21	0-1-0	Herring
1983-84	6-13-1	Cheyne									
1982-83	2-9-1	Cheyne									
1981-82	5-15-0	Cheyne									
1980-81	11-5-1	Cheyne									
1979-80	14-4-0	Cheyne									
1978-79	14-5-1	Cheyne									
1977-78	11-5-0	Cheyne									
1976-77	9-5-0	Cheyne									
1975-76	12-4-0	Cheyne									
1974-75	6-9-0	Cheyne									
1973-74	5-9-1	Teske									
1972-73	4-9-0	Teske									
1971-72	1-9-0	Teske									
1970-71	3-7-0	Teske									
1969-70	4-15-0	Teske									
1968-69	7-5-1	Teske									



**Jerry Cheynet**

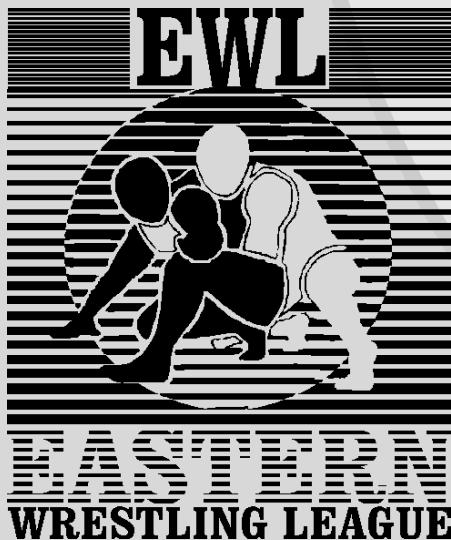
## All-Time Coaching Records

Record	Coach	Years/Year started	Win %	Best Year
31-32-0	Keith Mourlam	4/1996-97	.492	10-7/1999-00
194-171-7	Jerry Cheynet	22/1974-96	.539	14-4/1979-80
123-96-4	Frank Teske	23/1951-74	.561	8-0/1954-55
14-13-1	Allan Learned	3/1948-51	.519	7-4/1949-50
9-31-1	William Altman	6/1939-48	.225	4-3/1941-42
8-22-1	C.E. Tilson	6/1933-39	.267	2-3/1934,35,38
33-19-2	George Herring	10/1920-21, 24-28, 30-33	.635	6-0/1924-25
3-4-0	G.C. Anderson	1/1928-29	.429	3-4
1-2-0	Ben Cabbage	1/1922-23	.333	1-2
2-0-0	S.B. Sutton	1/1921-22	1.000	2-0

# EASTERN WRESTLING LEAGUE

The Virginia Tech wrestling team enters its third season in the Eastern Wrestling League this year. Tech joined the EWL in the summer of 1998, after a seven-year affiliation with the Colonial Athletic Association.

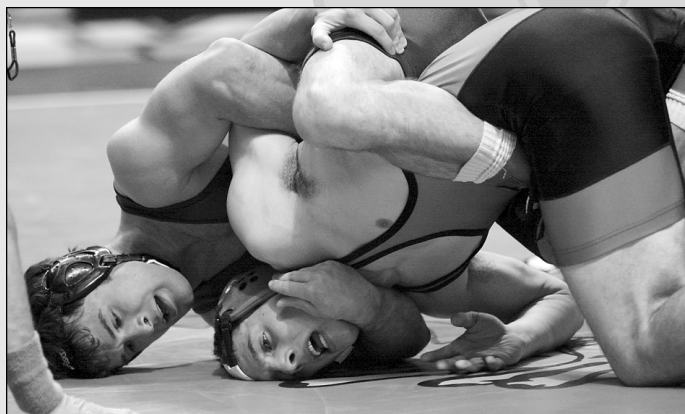
Tech joins Bloomsburg, Clarion, Cleveland State, Edinboro, Lock Haven, Pittsburgh and West Virginia in the eight-



team league. The EWL currently has 39 qualifiers for the NCAA Wrestling Championships, the third most qualifiers in the country behind the Big Ten and Pac-10 Conferences. This past season, the EWL crowned nine All-Americans and had five teams finish in the Top 30 at the NCAA Championships.

The EWL was formed in 1976 with Bloomsburg, Clarion, Lock Haven, Penn State, Pittsburgh and Buffalo as its charter members. After Buffalo left the league in 1978, Cleveland State and West Virginia were added. Millersville was briefly a member from 1982 to 1984. In 1989, Edinboro was added before Penn State left for the Big Ten at the conclusion of the 1992 season.

Virginia Tech is in a transition period in regard to its conference affiliation. The



**Chris Martin** — Tech's all-time leader in career victories — won his weight class at the 2000 EWL Championships. Virginia Tech will host the EWL Championships this year.

Hokies are a member of the BIG EAST Conference in all sports other than wrestling, which competes in the EWL. The volleyball and soccer squads competed as independents this past season and will join the conference for the 2000-01 season. The Virginia Tech Athletics Department administers 21 Division I sports.

# 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 53-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.

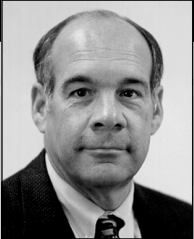
Steger has lofty goals for Virginia's leading research university. "I would like to see us ranked among the nation's top 30 universities before the end of the decade," says Steger.

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, 55, was appointed on September 24, 1997 and has been a tireless leader in behalf of Tech athletics. In his three 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 enters 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 for the 2000 season that will total over 5,000 permanent seats. South end zone bleachers will be replaced by permanent double-deck stands with seating for approximately 12,000 fans.

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 athletic 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 and his wife Traci have four sons — Josh, Paul, Cole and Craig James.

## ATHLETICS ADMINISTRATORS



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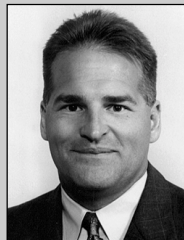
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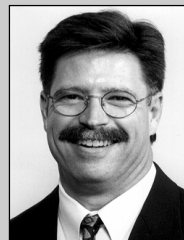
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# ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

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 Office of Academic Enrichment Programs (SAOAE).P).

Student-athletes are the most visible student component of a university. They delight and entertain thousands of fans, students and alumni. Their athletic ability and achievement is the primary focus for national media attention. Student-athletes devote many hours to practice, conditioning and training that are not required of all students. Contrary to popular opinion, not all athletes carry full scholarships and many are only partially funded.

Due to their time commitment and their high visibility, it is an obligation and in the best interest of the university to supply these students with services which will allow them to maximize their academic potential. The ultimate goal is for all student-athletes to successfully complete their degree. The expectations of the Virginia Tech community are that each student-athlete achieves their maximum academic and athletic potential. With the proper assistance, facilities and encouragement, these potentials can become a reality.

Tech has made tremendous strides in recent years. The 1999 NCAA Division I Graduation Report states that for student-athletes who have exhausted their eligibility at Tech, 81 percent have graduated. Last spring, the Athletic Director's Honors Breakfast paid tribute to a record 353 student-athletes, student trainers, student

managers, cheerleaders and HighTechs who posted 3.0 or greater QCAs in the 1998 calendar year.

The Student-athlete Office of Academic Enrichment Programs 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.

Academic facilities for student-athletes include the Monogram Room, a large room used as a study hall area adjacent to the SAOAE office in Cassell Coliseum. The HEAT (Hokies Engaging in Advanced Technology) Lab houses over 20 computers on the second floor of Cassell Coliseum. Room 160 in Cassell Coliseum provides an area for private quiet study for the athletes' convenience. Additionally, student-athletes can use the Center for Academic Enrichment and Excellence site offices located in Hillcrest and Femoyer Halls.

Together, these spaces provide the student-athlete with a variety of study environments conducive to their success. Athletes can use these facilities between classes, after practice, or in the evenings, with flexible hours tailored to make the most of a student-athlete's limited time. The Student-athlete Office of Academic Enrichment Programs is comprised of a coordinator, an associate coordinator, three assistant coordinators and a secretary forming a group of professionals serving the needs of all student-athletes.

The coordinator, Chris Helms, is responsible for the development and

leadership of SAOAE. Helms, in his second year at Tech, is responsible for the wrestling team. Helms comes to Tech from Michigan State University where he served as the assistant director of the Student-athlete Support Services office. Prior to MSU, Helms served as the coordinator of academic affairs for the Florida State University football program.



**Chris Helms**

Lois Berg is in her 11th year at Tech.

She is also in charge of developing the freshman orientation program, which ensures the student-athlete a smooth transition from high school to the university.

Colin Howlett is in his third year with SAOAE and is administratively responsible for the tutorial program that includes hiring, training and assigning of approximately 60 tutors each semester.

Katie Ammons, a former Hokie swimmer, is charged with the operation of the HEAT lab and other computing resources available for student-athletes.

Terrie Repass begins her 25th year of service at Virginia Tech. She serves as the office receptionist and "first contact" person for the SAOAE. She is responsible for organizing special events and meetings for the office. Repass prepares all accounting, purchasing and travel transactions for the office.

## STRENGTH & CONDITIONING

For the Virginia Tech wrestling team, the strength and conditioning program, under the direction of Assistant Athletic Director for Athletic Performance Mike Gentry, plays a very important role.



*The wrestling team trains in the "Bulldog" Haren weightroom.*

A Durham, N.C., native, Gentry received a bachelor's in physical education from Western Carolina University in 1979. Gentry received his master's degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1981 where he worked as an assistant strength coach. He then went to East Carolina University and was elevated to head strength coach there in 1982. He worked at ECU until he came to Virginia Tech in 1987.

Gentry completed work for his Ph. D., at Virginia Tech this past summer.

Assisting Gentry

this year are three full-time assistant strength and conditioning coaches: Sonny Sano, director of strength and conditioning, Jay Johnson, strength and conditioning coordinator of men's Olympic sports and Michelle Boswell, strength and conditioning coordinator for women's Olympic sports.

Sano is in his fourth season at Tech after serving as a graduate assistant at ECU. Boswell, in her first year in Blacksburg, handles strength and conditioning for many of Tech's women's sports.

Johnson handles the strength and conditioning program for the wrestling team. He received his B.A., in physical education from Emory & Henry, where he played football, in 1995 and his master's in physical education from Radford in 1998. A native of Radford, Va., Johnson is working toward his doctorate in health promotions at Tech.

# The Excitement of Virginia Tech Athletics

