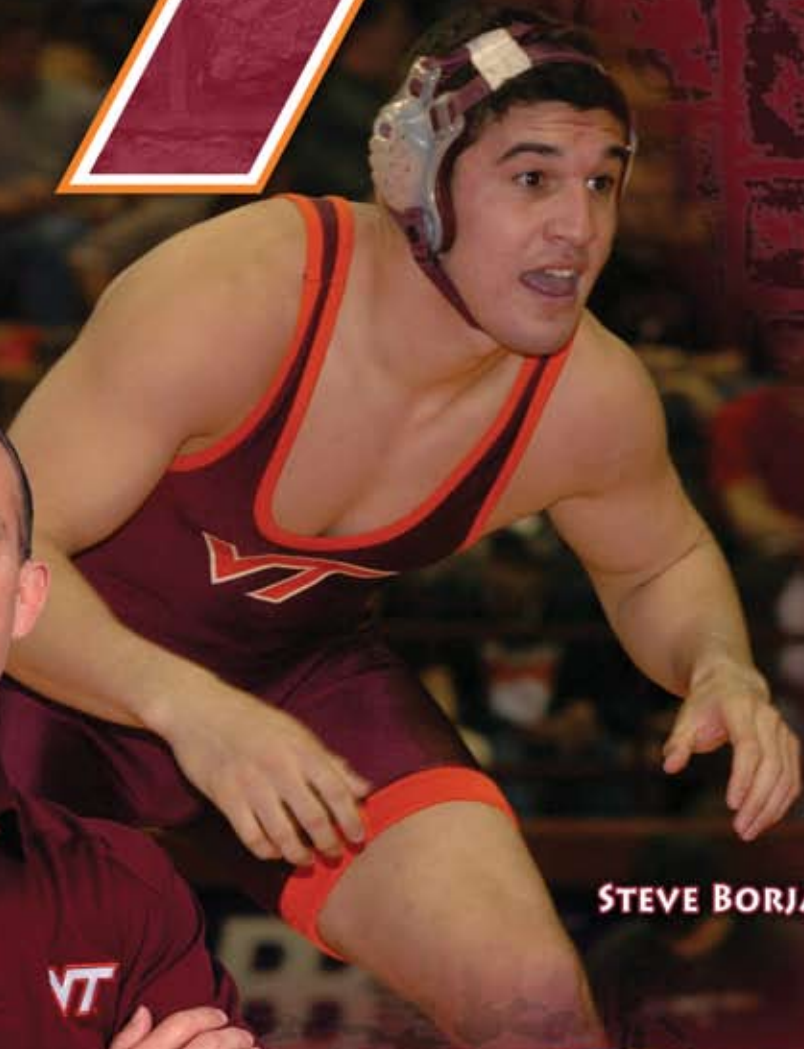


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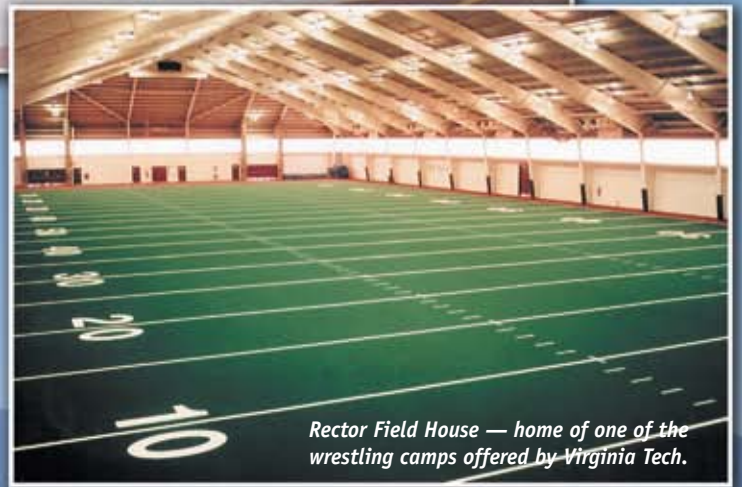
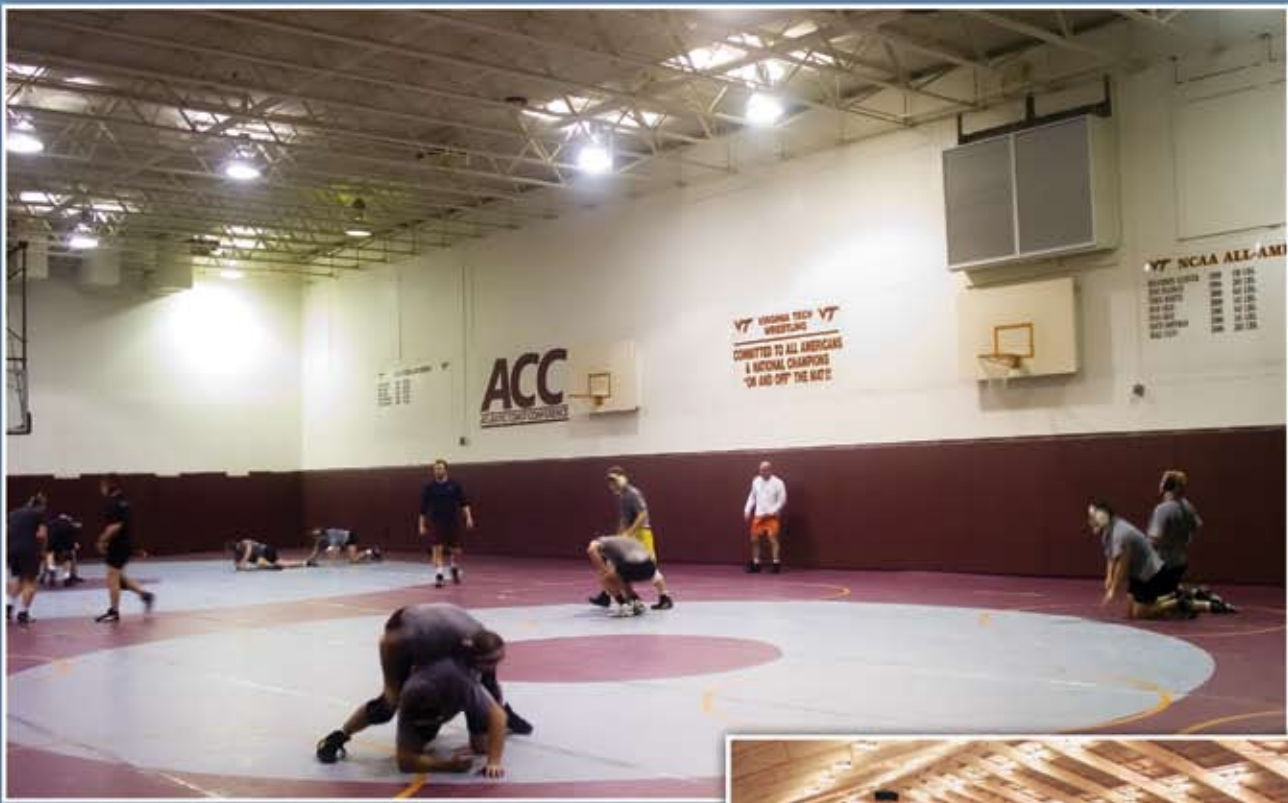
HEAD COACH
KEVIN DRESSER



STEVE BORJA



2006-2007 WRESTLING



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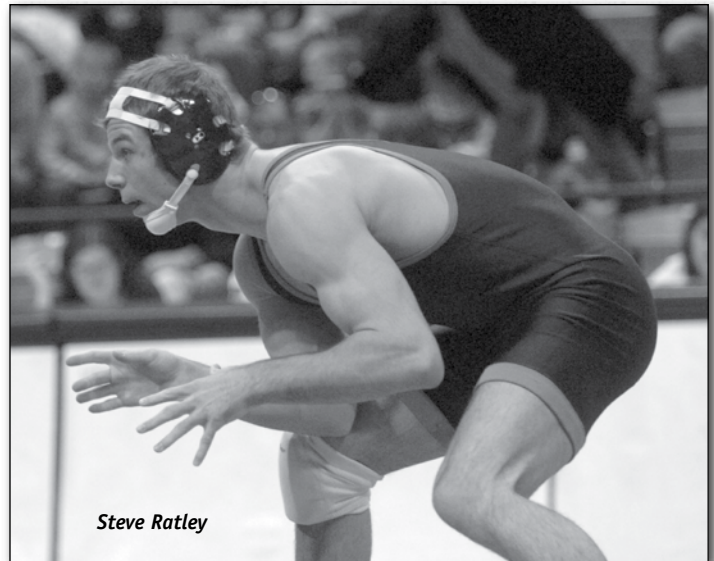
And for all the latest news, rosters, stats and results on the Hokies, go to the source, hokiesports.com



VIRGINIA TECH 2006-07 WRESTLING

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Steve Ratley

QUICK FACTS

Location.....	Blacksburg, Va.
Founded	1872
President	Dr. Charles Steger
Director of Athletics	Jim Weaver (Penn State, 1967)
Enrollment.....	28,000
Conference.....	Atlantic Coast Conference
Nickname.....	Hokies
Colors	Chicago maroon & burnt orange
2005-06 Record	1-16
2005-06 Conference Record	1-5 (Fifth)
2005-06 ACC Tournament Finish	Fifth
2005-06 NCAA Finish	29th
Head Coach/Years	Kevin Dresser/First
Alma Mater/Year	Iowa/1986
Record at Tech.....	0-0
Overall Record	0-0
Associate Head Coach/Years	Tony Robie/First
Alma Mater/Year	Edinboro/1997
Assistant Coach/Years.....	Pat Cummins/First
Alma Mater/Year	Penn State/2004
Volunteer Assistant Coach/Years.....	Nate Yetzer/First
Alma Mater/Year	Edinboro/2005
Wrestling Office Phone	(540) 231-1135 OR (540) 231-3185
Wrestling Via Email	kdresser@vt.edu OR trobie@vt.edu
Home Facility	Cassell Coliseum (9,847)
Starters Returning/Lost	2/8
Newcomers.....	15
Returning NCAA Qualifiers:	Steve Borja (184 — 2005) Justin Staylor (125 — 2006)

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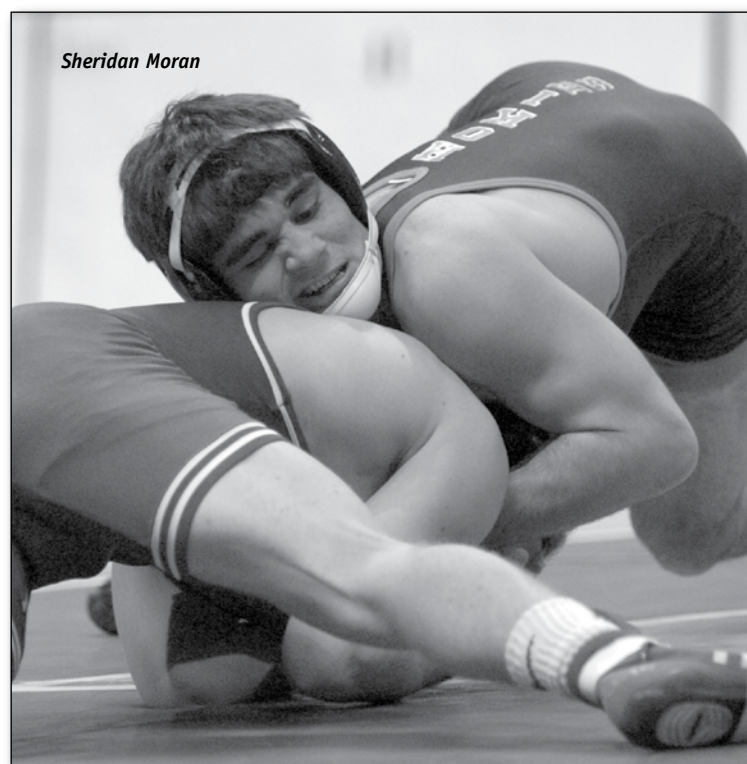
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THE 2006-07 HOKIES

Name	Wt.	Year	Hometown	High School/Other
Eddie Baughan	165	r-Fr.	Potomac, Md.	Quince Orchard
Jon Bonilla-Bowman	149	r-Fr.	Pomona, N.Y.	Ramapo
Steve Borja	184	r-Sr.	Bowmansville, Pa.	Garden Spot
Robert Buck	165	r-Fr.	Christiansburg, Va.	Christiansburg
Josh Cochran	149	Fr.	Eden, N.C.	Morehead
Mark Czarny	157/165	So.	Springfield, N.J.	Seton Hall Prep
Eric Decker	165	Fr.	Wells Bridge, N.Y.	Bainbridge-Guilford
Matt Epperly	157	Fr.	Christiansburg, Va.	Christiansburg
Derek Gallagher	157	Fr.	Chesapeake, Va.	Great Bridge
Eric Hillgartner	141	Fr.	Round Hill, Va.	Loudoun Valley
Andre Johnson	141	Fr.	West Palm Beach, Fla.	Jupiter Christian
Dave Kiley	165	So.	Howell, N.J.	Brick Memorial
Tucker Michels	165/174	Sr.	Rapid City, S.D.	Rapid City Stevens/Iowa Central Community College
Tim Miller	197	Fr.	Bassett, Va.	Bassett
Sheridan Moran	125	So.	Lafayette, La.	Lafayette
Kevin O'Connor	197	So.	Woodbine, Md.	Mt. Saint Joseph's
Jim Powers	285	Fr.	Ramsey, N.J.	Blair Academy
Steve Ratley	174	Jr.	Arlington, Va.	Bishop O'Connell/U.S. Air Force Academy
Tyler Robey	285	Fr.	Summit Station, Ohio	Licking Heights
Matt Rosen	133	Fr.	Chesapeake, Va.	Great Bridge
Will Snyder	197	Fr.	Elizabeth, Pa.	Elizabeth Forward
Justin Staylor	125	Jr.	Chesapeake, Va.	Great Bridge
Corey Taylor	125	Fr.	Salem, Va.	Northside
Jimmy Young	174	Fr.	Crawford, Va.	Turner Ashby
Zack Zitsos	184	Fr.	Charlotte, N.C.	Blair (N.J.) Academy

Head Coach: Kevin Dresser (1st season) • University of Iowa, 1986
Associate Head Coach: Tony Robie (1st season) • Edinboro University, 1997
Assistant Coach: Pat Cummins (1st season) • Penn State, 2004
Volunteer Assistant: Nate Yetzer (1st season) • Edinboro University, 2005
Trainer: Shawn Collins



Sheridan Moran

HOKIES BY STATES

Virginia	10
New Jersey.....	3
Maryland	2
New York	2
North Carolina	2
Pennsylvania	2
Florida	1
Louisiana.....	1
Ohio	1
South Dakota	1

HOKIES BY CLASS

Seniors.....	2
Juniors.....	2
Sophomores	4
Freshmen.....	17

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Eddie BAUGHAN.....	Bawn
Jon BONILLA-Bowman	Bo-NEE-uh
Steve BORJA	BOR-juh
Mark CZARNY	CHAR-nee
Tucker MICHELS	rhymes with nickles
Sheridan MORAN	more-AN

MEDIA INFORMATION

MATCH 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.

COACH/PLAYER INTERVIEWS

PLEASE SCHEDULE ALL INTERVIEWS THROUGH THE VIRGINIA TECH SPORTS INFORMATION OFFICE AT (540) 231-3387.

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

Coach Dresser is usually available for interviews between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., Monday through Thursday. Wrestlers will be available for interviews according to class and practice schedules.

At no time will an athlete's telephone number be released and media are asked not to contact athletes at home, on their cell phones or via E-mail.

POST-MATCH INTERVIEWS

Coach Dresser and wrestlers will be available after matches following a short cool-down period. Please make all requests for interviews with Bryan Johnston at the mat-side 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.hokiesports.com, for complete results, stats, bios and stories.

LIVE STATS AND BROADCASTS

Fans and media can keep up with the Hokies via the Internet with live stats. At all home matches up-to-the-minute team scores, individual scores and match updates are available by clicking on the live stats link on Tech's athletics homepage at www.hokiesports.com.

MEDIA OUTLETS

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Associated Press	804-643-6646	804-643-6223
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Roanoke Times	540-981-3221	540-981-3392
WDBJ-7 (Roanoke, CBS)	540-985-3623	540-343-7269
WSLS-10 (Roanoke, NBC)	540-981-9126	540-343-2059

SPORTS INFORMATION



Bryan Johnston
Assistant Sports Information Director

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

He became a full-time employee at Virginia Tech after serving as an intern in the sports information office during the 1999-2000 school year.

As the SID for wrestling, Johnston oversees the scorer's table at home matches, supervising the official book, live stats, the scoreboard and riding time, as well as the announcer. On the road, he keeps the Web site and team stats updated. Johnston also serves as the SID for the Hokie football and softball teams.

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

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From the south, take Interstate 81 north to exit 118B, following US 460 west to Blacksburg.

From West Virginia, take Interstate 77 south (West Virginia Turnpike) to exit 9. Exit and turn left onto 460 east. 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 onto campus, and proceed one-half mile on Southgate Drive. Turn left onto Spring Road, just before the football stadium. Passing Lane Stadium, Cassell Coliseum will then be on the right, with a large parking lot on your left, across the street from the venue. **Admission is free to all Tech wrestling matches.**



Cassell Coliseum, home of Hokie wrestling, is easily identified among all other buildings on campus.

MEET THE COACHES



KEVIN DRESSER

Head Coach
First Season
University of Iowa (1986)

A new era in Virginia Tech wrestling was kicked off on April 14, 2006, when Tech Director of Athletics Jim Weaver announced the hiring of former NCAA Champion Kevin Dresser as the Hokies' new head wrestling coach. Dresser becomes the 12th man to lead the Tech program since its inception in 1920.

"Kevin has been successful in every coaching opportunity he has occupied," Weaver said. "We know he will continue that tradition of success here at Virginia Tech."

Dresser is a familiar name in the New River Valley as he has been the head coach at Christiansburg High School for the past 10 seasons, winning the last five Group AA state titles and claiming second place three times. Prior to his stint in Christiansburg, he led Grundy High to eight titles in as many years.

"Obviously, we've got a challenge in front of us," Dresser said.

"When I came to Grundy and Christiansburg, we had challenges and I think we met those challenges there. This is what gets me up in the mornings."

A native of Humboldt, Iowa, Dresser was a two-time high school state champion at Humboldt High School. He graduated from the University of Iowa, where he won a national title in 1986 at 142 pounds.

Dresser was a two-time All-American (placing fourth in 1985 at 142 pounds), as well as a two-time Big 10 champion. For his performance in 1986, he was given the Mike Howard Award, given to the most valuable wrestler for the Hawkeyes.

Dresser earned his B.S. in general studies from Iowa in 1986. He and his wife, Penny, have three children: Emma (8), Anna (6) and Jack (4). Penny Dresser is a native of Blacksburg and the family resides in Riner.

THE DRESSER FILE

PERSONAL

Full Name: Kevin John Dresser
Birthdate: November 9, 1962
Birthplace: Fort Dodge, Iowa.

EDUCATION

High School: Humboldt H.S.
(1981)
College: University of Iowa
(B.S. general studies, 1986)

COACHING EXPERIENCE

2006-present: Head Coach, Virginia Tech
1996-06: Head Coach, Christiansburg (Va.)
High School
1988-96: Head Coach, Grundy (Va.) High School
1986-88: Graduate Assistant, University of Iowa

Virginia Tech Record: 0-0 (1st season)

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- NCAA Champion at 142 pounds in 1986
- Two-time NCAA All-American
- Placed fourth at 142 pounds in 1985
- Two-time Big Ten Champion
- 1986 Mike Howard Award at Iowa
- Won 13 Virginia state wrestling titles at Grundy and Christiansburg high schools





TONY ROBIE

**Associate Head Coach
First Season
Edinboro University (1997)**

Tony Robie is in his first year at Virginia Tech, serving as the associate head coach of the Hokies' wrestling program. Robie will coach the middle and upper weights, as well as working with team travel, equipment and recruiting.

Robie comes to Blacksburg after serving as the head coach at Binghamton University in New York last year. A two-time collegiate All-American and 1997 NCAA runner-up, Robie took over a program that had been discontinued after the 2003-04 school year because of budget constraints. Before taking over at Binghamton, he resided in Ann Arbor, Mich., for four seasons as an assistant coach for the University of Michigan.

"I'm very excited to work with Tony Robie," Dresser said. "Tony brings experience, a great work ethic and super people skills to Virginia Tech. We will be a great team."

In six years as a Division I assistant coach, Robie helped coach 23 All-Americans, nine Academic All-Americans and one national champion. As the Wolverines' top assistant coach, Robie recruited three top-10 classes, including the No.-2 ranked class in 2004. His one-on-one work with Michigan student-athlete Ryan Bertin culminated in Bertin's 2003 NCAA championship — the school's first national champion in 18 years. In all, Michigan's team earned national top-10 status all four years that Robie was a coach.

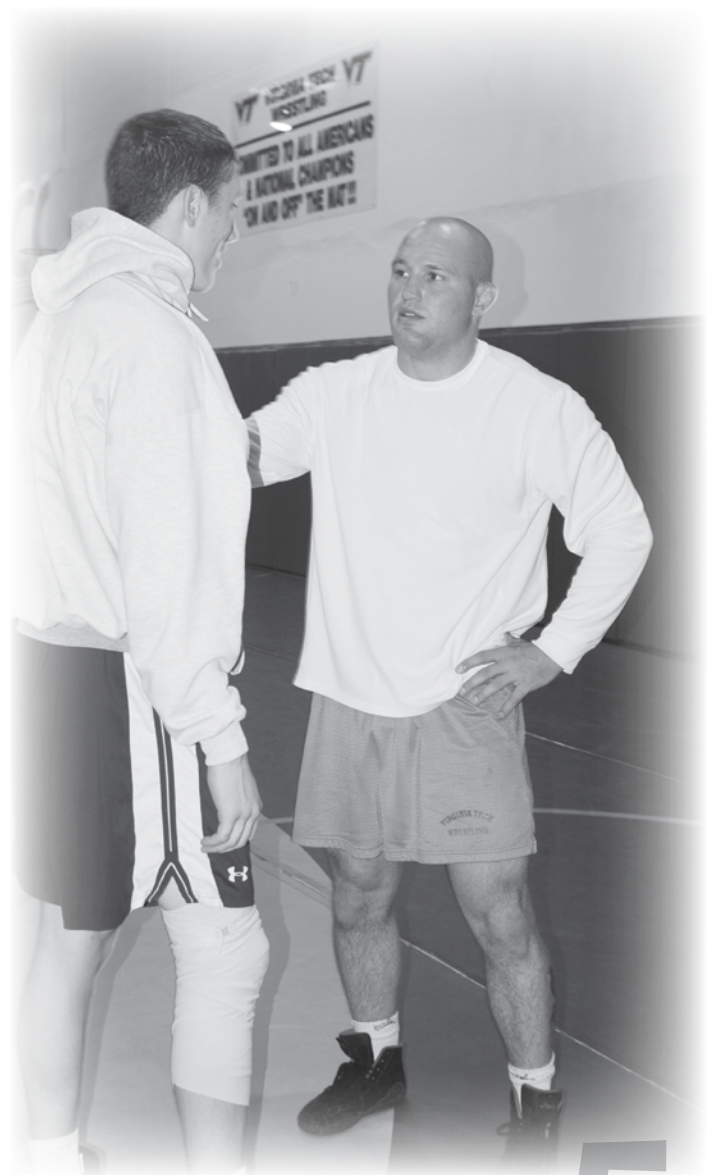
His dedication and influence off the mat resulted in the wrestling team winning the 2003 community service award at the school.

A world-class wrestler in his own right, Robie racked up a 126-23 record on the collegiate mat. A two-time captain for former Olympic gold medalist Bruce Baumgartner at Edinboro University, Robie was a three-

time Eastern Wrestling League Champion and a three-time Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference (PSAC) champion. As a senior, Robie led the Fighting Scots to a sixth-place national finish — the highest in school history. He ranks fourth on the school's all-time wins list and went on to earn a bronze medal at the 1998 U.S. Open Freestyle Championships.

A native of Erie, Pa., Robie was a Dean's List student at Edinboro, and received the school's Academic Achievement Award before graduating with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice in 1997.

Robie brings strong ties to the eastern wrestling hotbed as he also served as an assistant coach at West Virginia (1998-99) and Edinboro (1999-00).



THE ROBIE FILE

PERSONAL

Full Name: Anthony Robert Robie
Birthdate: May 5, 1974
Birthplace: Erie, Pa.

EDUCATION

High School: Erie Strong Vincent H.S. (1992)
College: Edinboro University (B.S. criminal justice, 1997)

COACHING EXPERIENCE

2006-present: Associate Head Coach, Virginia Tech
2005-06: Head Coach, Binghamton (N.Y.) University
2000-04: Assistant Coach, University of Michigan
1999-00: Assistant Coach, Edinboro University
1998-99: Assistant Coach, West Virginia University

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- Two-time captain at Edinboro University
- A three-time Eastern Wrestling League champion
- A three-time Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference (PSAC) champion
- Ranks fourth on the school's all-time wins list
- Earned a bronze medal at the 1998 U.S. Open Freestyle Championships



PAT CUMMINS

**Assistant Coach
First Season
Penn State (2004)**

Former NCAA All-American and Real Pro Wrestling champion Pat Cummins is in his first season as an assistant coach for the Virginia Tech wrestling program. Cummins will work with the upper weights, and will handle a lot of the on-mat training.

Cummins, who is still active in the competitive wrestling scene, comes to Blacksburg after working for the Wildcat Wrestling Club at Northwestern and the Nittany Lion Wrestling Club in State College, Pa. It was in the latter city that Cummins made his mark as a collegiate wrestler.

"Tony and I are very excited to add Pat to our staff," Dresser said. "Obviously, his presence as a big man, as well as his athletic style of wrestling, is a great addition to our program. I have seen Pat as a teacher of wrestling and I was very impressed. I am excited to work with him."

The Lancaster, Pa., native made the NCAA finals in 2004 and finished as a two-time All-American at Penn State University. He also served as an assistant strength and conditioning coach for his alma mater after graduation.

In the first season of RPW, Cummins scored one of the biggest upsets in the finals, beating top-seeded Tolly Thompson, 10-3, in the 264-pound championship match.

In 2005, Cummins won the Sunkist Open and made the Olympic Trials in 2004 by qualifying out of the East Regional Olympic Qualifier. He placed fifth at the U.S. Olympic Team Trials challenge tournament.

Cummins placed fourth in the nation at heavyweight as a junior before taking runner-up honors his final season. He placed third at the Big Ten Tournament in 2003 and second in 2004.

A three-year letterman (2002-04), he went 38-5 as a senior and 38-9 as a junior in 2003. The three-time national qualifier left PSU with a 108-37 career record. His 30 career pins still rank among the best in school history.

Cummins graduated in 2004 from Penn State with a degree in fine arts.

THE CUMMINS FILE

PERSONAL

Full Name: Patrick Durkin Cummins
Birthdate: November 16, 1980
Birthplace: Doylestown, Pa.

EDUCATION

High School: Warwick H.S. (1999)
College: Penn State (B.A. fine arts, 2004)

COLLEGIATE COACHING EXPERIENCE

2006-present: Assistant Coach, Virginia Tech

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- 2004 NCAA Runner-up
- Two-time NCAA All-American
- Real Pro Wrestling 264-pound champion (2005)



NATE YETZER

**Volunteer Assistant
First Season
Edinboro University (2005)**

Nate Yetzer is in his first year as a volunteer coach for the Hokies' wrestling program. Yetzer follows new Tech associate head coach Tony Robie to Blacksburg from New York, where he was an assistant coach at Binghamton last year. Yetzer will work with the lower and middle weights while also handling a lot of on-mat training.

Yetzer is a 2005 graduate of Edinboro University, where he served as captain for the nationally ranked Fighting Scots. A three-time NCAA qualifier and two-time team MVP, Yetzer was an All-American as a junior, placing eighth at 174 pounds after winning three matches at the national championship.

"We're very excited to have Nate join the staff," Robie said. "He's had success at every level he's wrestled at and he knows what it takes for Virginia Tech wrestling to reach the next level."

As a senior, he went 36-7 at 165 pounds, including a 14-1 dual match record. Yetzer also successfully defended his titles at the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference (PSAC) and Eastern Wrestling League (EWL) championships. That year, he was named the PSAC Outstanding Wrestler.

Yetzer was honored with the program's 4-D Award (Dedication, Desire, Determination, Discipline) and also was a recipient of an athletic and memorial scholarship at Edinboro. For his collegiate career, Yetzer was 103-33 overall.

In high school, Yetzer was an Ohio state champion and senior national runner-up for Madison High. He holds school records for career wins, takedowns, technical falls and wins in a season.

Yetzer received his bachelor's degree in business administration from Edinboro in May, 2005.

He has worked four years at the Bruce Baumgartner World-Class Wrestling Camps in Edinboro and has also served as a coach for the Ohio Junior National Team.

THE YETZER FILE

PERSONAL

Full Name: Nathan Phillip Yetzer
Birthdate: November 23, 1981
Birthplace: Mansfield, Ohio

EDUCATION

High School: Mansfield Madison Comprehensive H.S. (2000)
College: Edinboro (B.A. business administration, 2005)

COLLEGIATE COACHING EXPERIENCE

2006-present: Volunteer Assistant Coach, Virginia Tech
2005-06: Assistant Coach, Binghamton (N.Y.) University

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- NCAA All-American
- Three-time NCAA qualifier
- Two-time PSAC and EWL champion
- PSAC Outstanding Wrestler (2005)

THE 2006-07 PREVIEW

First-year head coach Kevin Dresser certainly has his work cut out for him this year as the Hokies sport a roster with just one senior, a junior, a sophomore and seven freshmen in the potential opening-day lineup.

Toss in one of the toughest schedules in the country, including dual meets against Nebraska and Iowa State, plus a challenging ACC season, and you have the recipe for an interesting season.

But that's not the way Dresser sees it.

"Our goal is to come in and win the ACC this year. I know a lot of people will think I'm crazy for saying that considering the situation I've inherited. But we're shooting for the top and that's our goal."

Only two starters from last year's squad return, but the lineup will be built upon potential All-American Steve Borja at 184 pounds. Coming off a redshirt year, the senior is primed and ready for a run at big things this year and will be a leader on a young squad.

Here's a look at each weight class and who figures to help out this season:

125 Sheridan Moran, who started a majority of the season at 133 pounds last year, will drop down and get the nod at 125 pounds. He struggled at times last year at 133, going 7-21 on the season, but looks to improve with the drop in weight class.

"He's made an effort this year to move down a weight class to help us out," Dresser said. "We kind of thought he was a small 133, but he'll be a big 125. I'm excited about the kind of year he could have."

Corey Taylor, a walk-on from Northside High in Roanoke, has impressed the coaches with his work ethic and could see some time on the mat this year.

Justin Staylor, who qualified for the NCAA Championships after winning the ACC Tournament last year, will redshirt this season.

133 Freshman Matt Rosen is going to get the nod at this spot. He comes from the tradition-rich program of Great Bridge High in Chesapeake, Va., and was a four-time placewinner at the Virginia State Championships.

"We don't have a lot of depth at this class this year, but we're excited about what Matt can do for us here," Dresser said. "Matt's got a bright future, but he's going to get thrown in there right away, so we'll see what he's made of."

141 All-American David Hoffman is gone from the 141-pound class, but Dresser is excited about who's going to be stepping in for him. Andre Johnson, from Florida, could be a great wrestler for the Hokies by the time he leaves Blacksburg. He originally signed with Fresno State, but was released when the Bulldogs dropped their program.

"A.J. is one of the hardest workers in the practice room and he's going to have a great career for us," Dresser said. "He's very athletic, but hasn't been around the sport very long, so he's got a great upside."

Walk-on Eric Hillgartner will see some back-up duty here.

149 Jon Bonilla-Bowman gets the nod here after redshirting last season. He wrestled unattached at 157 pounds last year, but drops down a weight class. He's one of the best athletes on the team and has impressed the coaches with his abilities.

"I'm excited to see what Johnny can do this year," Dresser said. "He has tremendous potential. We need to get him a little stronger from the neck up, but I think he could surprise a lot of people this year."

Josh Cochran, a walk-on from North Carolina, could see some mat time here, as well.

157 The frontrunner here is Matt Epperly, whom Dresser coached at Christiansburg High. The four-time group AA state champion also earned All-America honors at the Junior Nationals.

"We think Matt's going to be a great wrestler before he leaves Virginia Tech," Dresser said. "We're excited to see how he competes this year. He's

obviously at a completely new level, but the one thing about Matt Epperly is he is a heck of a competitor and a hard worker."

Backing him up will be Virginia group AAA state champion Derek Gallagher, from Great Bridge High.

165 A slight edge at 165 pounds goes to Eric Decker heading into the season. He was a three-time New York state champion and six-time section 4 champion.

"Eric's got a slight edge, but he's going to have to continue to work hard as we have some good depth here," Dresser said.

This class has some depth as Christiansburg product Robert Buck, a steady competitor in Eddie Baughan and 2005 starer Dave Kiley all could see time on the mat.

174 Junior Steve Ratley, who transferred in from the U.S. Air Force Academy last year for the spring semester, leads the charge here for now. Ratley could also move up to 197 pounds if needed.

Virginia state champ Jimmy Young will push him for the job and Tucker Michels, who will miss the first semester, could also see action here.

184 Steve Borja is back for his senior year and is looking to qualify for the NCAA Championships once again. As a junior, he went 33-10 with 12 falls and placed third at the ACC Championships, earning a wild card berth. He redshirted last year and is firmly entrenched as the starter at this spot. He enters the season ranked as high as fourth in the country.

"Steve is a great leader," Dresser said. "He's got the credentials to be a force this year on the national level. I've challenged him, in that Virginia Tech has never had a wrestler place in the top three at nationals and that's what we need him to try and do this year. His weight is under control and as good as it's ever been, so we're excited about him this year."

Freshman walk-on Zack Zitsos, who wrestled at Blair Academy last year, will be Borja's top back-up.

197 This is the one class where there's not a clear-cut leader heading into the season. Sophomore Kevin O'Connor, who started last year on the team but had to sit out the year because of injury, is one of three competing for the job. Freshman walk-on Will Snyder and Bassett, Va., product Tim Miller will also be in on the action.

"This is our most inexperienced class," Dresser said. "We have three walk-ons battling it out. I'm sure we'll see all three of them at some point as it's wide open."

HWT True freshman Jim Powers, who wrestled at powerhouse Blair Academy, will be the man at this spot. He brings impressive high school credentials to the mat, but will have to step up his game at this level.

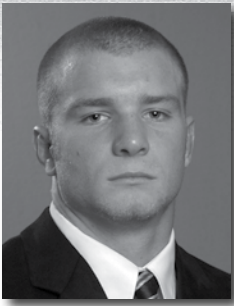
"He understands what it takes to be a good wrestler," Dresser said. "He needs to fight more than anything right now if he's going to be successful at heavyweight. I think he has the wrestling skills, but it's going to be a whole new ballgame out there for him early on."

"We are so young this year," Dresser said. "We've got a lot of good young kids, so we have a good opportunity for the young kids to get in and wrestle at the Division I level right away."

The Hokies will open with several tournaments before competing in several non-conference dual meets, all before Christmas. After that, the Virginia Duals, along with six ACC meets, will highlight the competition.

"We want to improve on our dual meet results and I think if we wrestle well we can qualify four or five guys for the NCAA Championships," Dresser said. "We're going to be a stronger dual meet team this year because we're not going to be forfeiting any matches, so that's huge. And I think we have some guys, who if they wrestle up to their potential, could do well at ACCs and even at nationals."

MEET THE HOKIES



EDDIE BAUGHAN

165 • r-Freshman
Potomac, Md.
Quince Orchard H.S.

2005-06: Was redshirted ... Went 3-6 as an unattached wrestler, picking up two falls.

High School: Lettered four times for Coach Joe Hawkins at Quince Orchard High ... Was the Maryland state champion his senior season ... Also won the regional and county championship his final year.

Personal: Edward Thomas Baughan was born August 22, 1987 ... The son of Tom and Cindy Baughan ... Brother, Frank, wrestles at West Point ... Enrolled in university studies.



JON BONILLA- BOWMAN

149 • r-Freshman
Pomona, N.Y.
Ramapo H.S.

2005-06: Was redshirted ... Went 5-1 as an unattached wrestler ... Placed third at the Kent State Open.

High School: Earned All-America honors with a seventh-place finish at the 2005 High School National Championships ... Was a three-time high school All-American ... Was a two-time gold medal winner at New York State Empire Games scholastic division, at 156 and 145 pounds ... Was a six-year letterwinner at Ramapo High School for head coach Tom Canty ... Was a three-year captain at Ramapo, finishing with a 125-10 career record, 73 wins by fall ... As a senior, placed third at the NYS Large School Championships, first at sectionals at 152 pounds ... Also won four tournaments his final prep year ... Placed fourth at 145 pounds as a junior at the NYS Championships, also winning sectionals and six individual tournaments ... Won sectionals as a sophomore and five individual tournaments ... Was the goalkeeper for the Ramapo men's soccer team ... Member of the Honor Roll and Principal's List as a senior.

Personal: Jonathan Luis Bonilla-Bowman was born November 18, 1986 in Nicaragua ... The son of Luis Bonilla and Carol Bowman ... Also an accomplished musician, winning the NYS Art Teacher's Association Award for his work with drums, guitar and song writing ... Enrolled in university studies.



STEVE BORJA

184 • r-Senior
Bowmansville, Pa.
Garden Spot H.S.

2005-06: Was redshirted ... Went 26-3 as an unattached wrestler with one pin ... Won the Carolina Open, the West Virginia Open and the Kent State Open ... Placed second at the Nittany Lion Open and the Southern Scuffle ... Took third in the Open Division of the Kaufman-Brand Open.

2004-05: Had a breakout season, thriving under new head coach Tom Brands for a career-high 33-10 overall record and his first trip to the NCAA Tournament ... Opened the season with eight-straight wins, five by fall ... Finished the regular season riding a nine-match winning streak, including three major decisions and two falls ... Set a new career high with 17 dual match victories ... Scored a career-high 74 dual points for Tech, finishing 17-3 in dual matches ... Finished the Atlantic Coast Conference regular season undefeated with a 5-0 record, scoring a team-high 20 points ... In ACC dual matches, recorded two major decisions and one fall ... Was runner-up at the ACC Tournament, receiving an at-large bid to his first NCAA Tournament ... Went 1-2 at the NCAAs ... Recorded a career-high 12 falls, third-highest on the squad ... Fastest pin was in 1:22 against Jeremy State of Anderson in a dual match ... Totaled four first-period falls ... Was second on the team with six major decision victories and recorded one technical fall ... Took second at the Navy Classic, third at the Southern Scuffle and fourth at the Carolina-Irwin Open.

2003-04: Went 18-17 on the season, recording a 9-9 mark in dual meets ... Went 2-5 in EWL action ... Had one major decision and four falls ... Placed sixth at 174 pounds at the Keystone Classic ... Earned 40 points for the team in dual meets and 12 points in conference action.

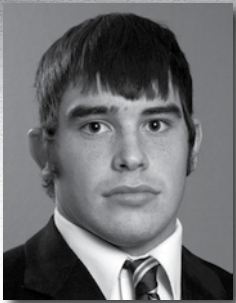
2002-03: Posted an 8-11 overall mark as a true freshman ... Wrestled mostly at 174 pounds, but saw action in two matches at 184 pounds ... Went 4-7 in dual meets and 5-5 in EWL matches ... Had one technical fall, coming against Jack Fleming of Princeton at the PSU Open ... Earned 12 team points in dual meets and nine in EWL meets ... Placed sixth at the EWL Tournament.

High School: Earned four varsity letters at Garden Spot High School for Coaches Steve Borja and Ray Kahler ... Was the state runner-up as a junior ... Won the state championship in his senior season ... Twice named the league wrestler of the year ... A two-time regional champion ... Also lettered in baseball for three years ... A three-time section all-star ... Garnered most valuable player honors at the 2001 Keystone Games ... Named the outstanding senior athlete.

Personal: Steven Thomas Borja, Jr., was born December 2, 1983 in Reading, PA ... The son of Steve and Cheryl Borja ... Father was a two-time wrestling All-American at Division III Lycoming College and is currently a wrestling coach at Garden Spot High School ... Majoring in human nutrition, foods and exercise.

BORJA'S CAREER STATS

Year	Overall	Dual	Leag.	M.Dec.	T.Fall	Falls	Time	Pts.
2002-03	8-11	4-7	5-5	0	1	0	—	12
2003-04	18-17	9-9	2-5	1	0	4	2:43	40
2004-05	33-10	17-3	5-0	6	1	12	1:22	74
Totals	59-38	30-19	12-10	7	2	16	1:22	126



ROBERT BUCK

165 • r-Freshman
Christiansburg, Va.
Christiansburg H.S.

High School: Wrestled under now Tech head coach Kevin Dresser at Christiansburg High ... Originally signed with George Mason, but never wrestled there ... A 2004 state champion at 145 pounds ... Was also a two-time state placewinner ... Graduated with honors from CHS.

Personal: Robert D. Buck was born July 1, 1986 in Monterey, CA ... The son of Stephen and Barbara Buck ... Earned Dean's List honors while at GMU ... Has one brother, Nick ... Enrolled in university studies.



JOSH COCHRAN

149 • Freshman
Eden, N.C.
Morehead H.S.

High School: Lettered four times for Coach Greg Frey at Morehead High ... Placed fifth at the state tournament ... Was all-conference in both 2004 and 2006 ... Won the Sarah Wilkes Award ... Also lettered four times in cross country and once in baseball ... Was all-conference

in cross country, placing fourth at the conference championship.

Personal: Joshua Ryan Cochran was born January 3, 1988 in Eden, NC ... The son of John and Carla Cochran ... A member of the National Honor Society and a North Carolina State Scholar ... Enrolled in university studies.



MARK CZARNY

157/165 • Sophomore
Springfield, N.J.
Seton Hall Prep

2005-06: Served as an unselfish team member, wrestling at three different weight classes ... Often wrestled up weight classes so the Hokies would not have to forfeit matches ... Went 0-25 on the year, 0-17 in dual meets ... Saw action at 165 pounds, 174 pounds and 184 pounds.

High School: A four-time letterwinner for Coach Dino DeBellonia at Seton Hall Prep ... A two-time district placewinner, earning runner-up honors once ... A Region III placewinner ... Was the Essex County champion and Morris Knolls Christmas Tournament champion ... Earned first-team all-conference honors.

Personal: Mark Orest Czarny was born April 4, 1987 in Princeton, NJ ... The son of Maria and Jerzy Czarny ... Enrolled in university studies.

CZARNY'S CAREER STATS

Year	Overall	Dual	Leag.	M.Dec.	T.Fall	Falls	Time	Pts.
2005-06	0-25	0-17	0-5	0	0	0	-	0



STEVE BORJA



ERIC DECKER

165 • Freshman
Wells Bridge, N.Y.
Bainbridge-Guilford H.S.

High School: Lettered six times for Coach Brandon McNaught ... A three-time NY3 champion and six-time section 4 champion — a first in section 4 history ... Placed third at 171 pounds at the Junior Nationals, earning All-America honors ... Was ranked the No. 99 overall prospect in the nation by *InterMat* and the No. 10 national prospect at 160 pounds.

Personal: Eric Jason Decker was born September 25, 1987 in Oneonta, NY ... The son of Debbie and Eugene Decker ... Has one sister, Nichole ... Majoring in accounting.



MATT EPPERLY

157 • Freshman
Christiansburg, Va.
Christiansburg H.S.

High School: Lettered four times for Coach Kevin Dresser ... A four-time Virginia Group AA state champion ... Placed sixth at 160 pounds at the Junior Nationals, earning All-America honors ... Placed fifth at the 2005 Walsh Jesuit-ASICS Ironman Wrestling Tournament, one of the top tournaments in the country ... Was ranked the No. 55 overall national prospect and the No. 7 160-pounder in the country by *InterMat*.

Personal: Matthew Scott Epperly was born June 25, 1987 in Christiansburg, VA ... The son of Jeff and Elise Epperly ... Has two brothers, Brady and Zack ... Enrolled in university studies.



DEREK GALLAGHER

157 • Freshman
Chesapeake, Va.
Great Bridge H.S.

High School: Lettered three times at Great Bridge High after lettering at Lafayette High his freshman season ... A two-time Virginia Group AAA state champion.

Personal: Derek Alexander Gallagher was born December 17, 1987 in Atlanta, GA ... The son of Bill and Bea Gallagher ... Has one brother, Will ... Enrolled in university studies.



DAVE KILEY

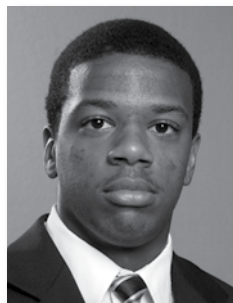


ERIC HILLGARTNER

141 • Freshman
Round Hill, Va.
Loudoun Valley H.S.

High School: Lettered four times for Coach Tory Mezzatesta at Loudoun Valley High ... Was a district champion and region placewinner ... Also lettered twice in lacrosse, where his team was a two-time district and regional champion.

Personal: Eric Hillgartner was born January 14, 1988 in Kingsville, TX ... The son of Brenda and Bruce Hillgartner ... Has two siblings, Natasha and Oliver ... Majoring in animal and poultry sciences.



ANDRE JOHNSON

141 • Freshman
West Palm Beach, Fla.
Jupiter Christian H.S.

High School: Lettered a combined four times for coaches Jeff Resscott and Shawn Seldon ... A two-time state champion ... Was named the *Palm Beach Post* Wrestler of the Year after going 53-0 his senior year ... Sunshine Open champion ... Named to both the *Palm Beach Post* and the *Sun-Sentinel's* first-team ... Transferred to Jupiter Christian School for his final season and entered college having been wrestling for just four years ... Originally signed with Fresno State, but was released from that NLI when FSU dropped its wrestling program ... Graduated with a 4.0 GPA and was in the top 5 percent of his graduating class.

Personal: Andre Jessie Johnson was born August 15, 1988 in Hollywood, FL ... The son of Kirk and Vivienne Howell ... Has three siblings, Victoria, Max and Haley ... Majoring in general engineering.



DAVE KILEY

165 • Sophomore
Howell, N.J.
Brick Memorial H.S.

2005-06: One of just a few true freshmen to see action ... Went 4-16 on the season, 4-12 in dual matches ... Went 1-4 in ACC contests, picking up a 3-1 win over Mike Sewel of Virginia ... Earned 12 points for the team in dual matches.

High School: Lettered four times for coaches Dean Albanese and Tony Carravella at Brick Memorial High ... Was the District 23 champion and Region 6 runner-up ... Finished eighth at the state meet ... A two-time state freestyle champion and one-time runner-up.

Personal: David Alfred Kiley II was born September 7, 1987 ... The son of Dave and Karen Kiley ... Enrolled in university studies.

KILEY'S CAREER STATS

Year	Overall	Dual	Leag.	M.Dec.	T.Fall	Falls	Time	Pts.
2005-06	4-16	4-12	1-4	0	0	0	-	12



TUCKER MICHELS

165/174 • Junior
Rapid City, S.D.
Rapid City Stevens H.S.
(Iowa Central C.C.)

2005-06: Joined the team for the second semester, filling an empty spot in the lineup at 165 pounds ... Went 4-8 on the season, 3-6 in dual matches ... Posted a 2-3 mark in ACC dual matches and placed fourth at the ACC Championships ... Had one major decision and picked up 10 team points in dual matches.

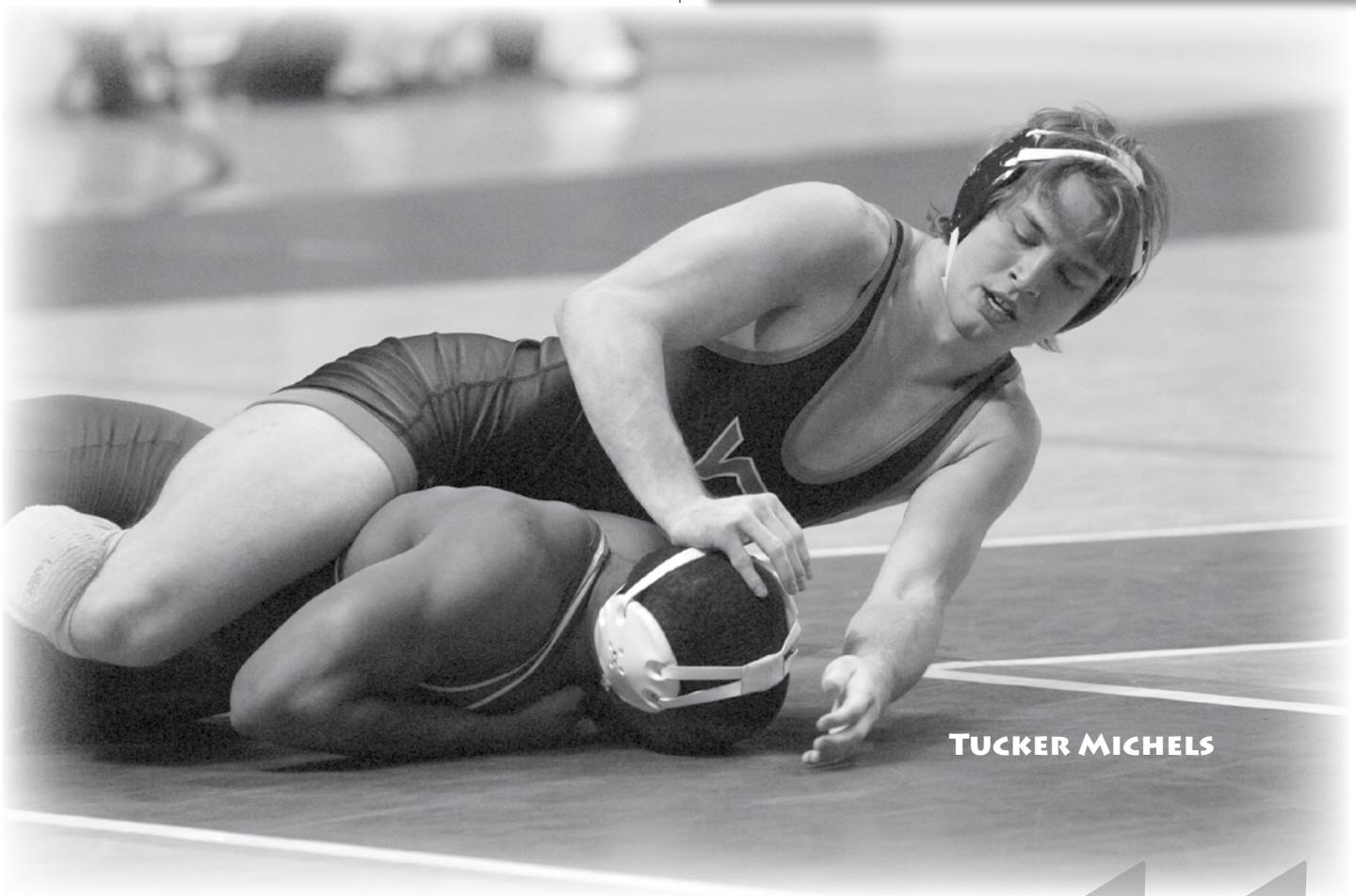
ICC: Competed two years for the Tritons, helping lead Iowa Central Community College to a third-place national finish at the NJCAA tournament in 2004.

High School: Lettered five times for Coach Tim Wishand at Rapid City Stevens High ... Was a three-time state champion ... An injury his senior year kept him out of the state meet ... Also played baseball for American Legion Post 320, earning all-star honors his senior year as a left fielder.

Personal: Tucker J. Michels was born February 5, 1985 in Rapid City, SD ... The son of Steve and Laurie Michels ... Has one brother, Tanner ... Majoring in sociology.

MICHELS' CAREER STATS

Year	Overall	Dual	Leag.	M.Dec.	T.Fall	Falls	Time	Pts.
2005-06	4-8	3-6	2-3	1	0	0	-	10



TUCKER MICHELS



TIM MILLER

197 • Freshman
Bassett, Va.
Bassett H.S.

High School: Lettered four times for Coach Kevin Adair ... The state runner-up his senior year after placing fifth his junior year ... A two-time region and district champion ... Also lettered three times in football ... Was an all-district and all-region defensive end, as well as an all-district, all-region and all-state center ... Played in the VHSL East-West All-Star game.

Personal: Timothy Michael Miller was born October 10, 1987 in Martinsville, VA ... The son of Johnny and Linda Miller ... Has three siblings, John, Heather and Andrew ... Father, John, played football at Duke, while sister Heather played basketball at Wake Forest ... Majoring in business.



SHERIDAN MORAN

125 • Sophomore
Lafayette, La.
Lafayette H.S.

2005-06: Wrestled as a true freshman, helping the Hokies out at the lower classes ... Went 7-21 on the season, 2-13 in dual matches ... Had one major decision and one fall ... Fall came against Mike Arias of The Citadel at the Southern Scuffle ... Went 1-4 in ACC matches,



SHERIDAN MORAN

beating Micahel Degli Obizzi of Duke, 11-9 in sudden victory ... Earned nine points for the Hokies in dual matches.

High School: Lettered four times for Coach Glenn P. Bernard at Lafayette High ... Was a Louisiana state champion his junior year, claiming runner-up honors as a senior ... Was a three-time all-parish honoree.

Personal: Daniel Sheridan Moran was born February 14, 1987 in Lafayette, LA ... The son of Margaret and Jim Mitchell ... Majoring in forestry.

MORAN'S CAREER STATS

Year	Overall	Dual	Leag.	M.Dec.	T.Fall	Falls	Time	Pts.
2005-06	7-21	2-13	1-4	1	0	1	1:34	9



KEVIN O'CONNOR

197 • Sophomore
Woodbine, Md.
Mt. Saint Joseph H.S.

2005-06: Began the season with the team, but never saw varsity action ... Was sidelined for the year with an injury.

High School: A three-sport standout at Glenelg High before finishing his career at Mt. Saint Joseph ... Finished third at the National Preps, fifth at the Ironman and fifth at the Powerade Tournaments ... Lettered twice in wrestling, football and lacrosse before transferring ... Earned defensive player of the year honors in football.

Personal: Kevin Michael O'Connor was born March 7, 1987 ... The son of Daniel and Martha O'Connor ... Brother, Jimmy, is a former captain of the University of North Carolina wrestling team while sister, Kelly, is a former captain of the University of Delaware lacrosse team ... Enrolled in university studies.

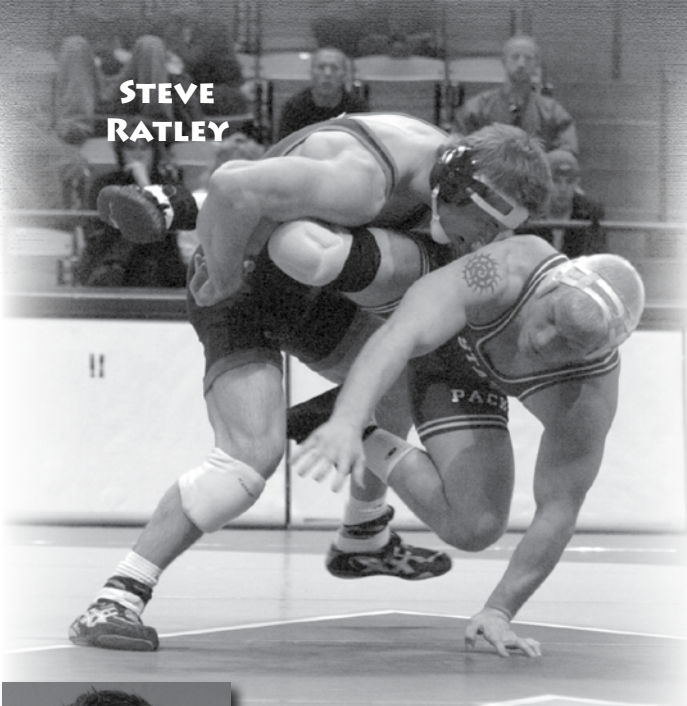


JIM POWERS

285 • Freshman
Ramsey, N.J.
Blair Academy

High School: Lettered twice for Coach Jeff Buxton at Blair Academy, one of the top programs in the country ... Placed third at the Beast of the East Tournament and fifth at the 2005 Walsh Jesuit-ASICS Ironman Wrestling Tournament ... A two-time prep national finalist, winning the title once ... Placed fifth at the Senior Nationals ... From the same program that produced Tech star Sean Gray, who earned All-America honors twice.

Personal: James Arthur Powers was born February 20, 1988 in Chicago, IL ... The son of Jane and Jim Powers ... Has two sisters, Madeline and Natalie ... Enrolled in university studies.



**STEVE
RATLEY**



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**174 • Junior
Arlington, Va.
Bishop O'Connell H.S.
(U.S. Air Force Academy)**

2005-06: Joined the team for the second semester, filling an empty spot in the lineup at 174 pounds ... Posted a 7-7 overall mark, 5-6 in dual matches ... Went 4-1 in the ACC and placed third at the ACC Championships ... Picked up two major decisions and a fall ... Earned 18 points for the Hokies in dual matches.

2004-05: A solid contributor for the United States Air Force Academy as a freshman ... Went 15-8 on the year, placing fourth at the West Regional ... Recorded 10 victories by fall, the fastest at 44 seconds ... Placed second at the Oklahoma Open, third at the Cowboy Open and fifth at the Kaufman-Brand Open, 20&Under Division Placed sixth in the Greco-Roman competition at the 2005 U.S. Senior Nationals/FILA Junior Nationals in Las Vegas, wrestling at 84 kg.

High School: Lettered four times for Coach Bill Carpenter at Bishop O'Connell High ... Was a high school All-American ... Compiled a 140-10 career record ... Was a three-time state champion and two-time Outstanding Wrestler ... Finished third at National Preps in 2004 and recorded the most falls ... Placed third at the Reno Tournament of Champions in 2003 ... Was a team captain and MVP ... A member of the National Honor Society.

Personal: Steven Alexander Ratley was born January 29, 1986 in Washington, DC ... The son of Griffin Ratley and Lisa Petrarca ... Was a member of the cadet squadron 8, the Shadows, at the Air Force Academy ... Majoring in interior design.

RATLEY'S CAREER STATS

(first season wrestled at USAFA)

Year	Overall	Dual	Leag.	M.Dec.	T.Fall	Falls	Time	Pts.
2004-05*	15-8	1-0	1-0	0	0	10	0:44	6
2005-06	7-7	5-6	4-1	2	0	1	2:22	18
Totals	22-15	6-6	5-1	2	0	11	0:44	24



**TYLER
ROBEY**

**285 • Freshman
Summit Station, Ohio
Licking Heights H.S.**

High School: Lettered four times in wrestling at Licking Heights High ... Won his league in 2005-06 and took second in 2004 ... Was a two-time district qualifier ... Also lettered three times as a defensive tackle in football.

Personal: Tyler Garret Robey was born May 8, 1987 in Columbus, OH ... The son of Glenn and Melissa Robey ... A member of the National Honor Society ... Enrolled in university studies.



**MATT
ROSEN**

**133 • Freshman
Chesapeake, Va.
Great Bridge H.S.**

High School: Lettered four times for Coach Norm Smith ... Was a four-time placewinner at the state Group AAA tournament ... A four-time placewinner at the Ironman Tournament ... Placed seventh at the 2006 Beast of the East Tournament ... Was ranked the No. 126 product in the country by *InterMat*.

Personal: Matthew Christopher Rosen was born February 10, 1987 in Hampton, VA ... The son of Claudia and Whit Rosen ... Has one brother, Thomas ... Enrolled in university studies.



**WILL
SNYDER**

**197 • Freshman
Elizabeth, Pa.
Elizabeth Forward H.S.**

High School: Lettered four times for coaches Rich Schevermann and Jeff Esper at Elizabeth Forward High ... Was a three-time All-Allegheny County wrestler ... Also was a three-year captain, winning 102 career matches ... Lettered four times in football ... Was captain his senior year, starting along the offensive and defensive lines for three seasons ... Started at center in the Foothills Classic, an all-star game ... Also ran track for four years, earning captain status his final season ... Named the CALU/Valley Independent Student-Athlete of the Year.

Personal: William Robert Snyder was born November 23, 1987 in Pittsburgh, PA ... The son of William and Bobbi Snyder ... Has one brother, Adam ... Majoring in industrial design.



JUSTIN STAYLOR

125 • Junior
Chesapeake, Va.
Great Bridge H.S.

2005-06: Earned his first bid to the NCAA Championships by winning the 125-pound class at the ACC Championships ... Defeated UNC's Bobby Shaw in the finals to claim the berth ... Went 0-2 at the Championships ... Finished the season with a 25-12 record ... Went 11-5 in dual meets and 4-1 in ACC competition ... Picked up three major decisions, one technical fall and seven falls ... Fastest fall came at 30 seconds, against Javier Maldonado of Tennessee-Chattanooga ... Won the West Virginia Open ... Placed third at the Nittany Lion Open and seventh at the Southern Scuffle.

2004-05: Stormed onto the Virginia Tech wrestling scene in his rookie campaign by winning six out of his first seven matches by fall ... Signature win was a 54-second pin over Nathan Costello of Ohio State, sparking the Hokies to their first-ever win over the Buckeyes ... Finished second on the team with 13 falls in 37 matches ... Finished 14-6 in dual matches, undefeated in Atlantic Coast Conference matches with a 5-0 record ... Was runner-up at 125 pounds in first ACC Tournament, earning All-ACC honors ... Recorded two major decisions

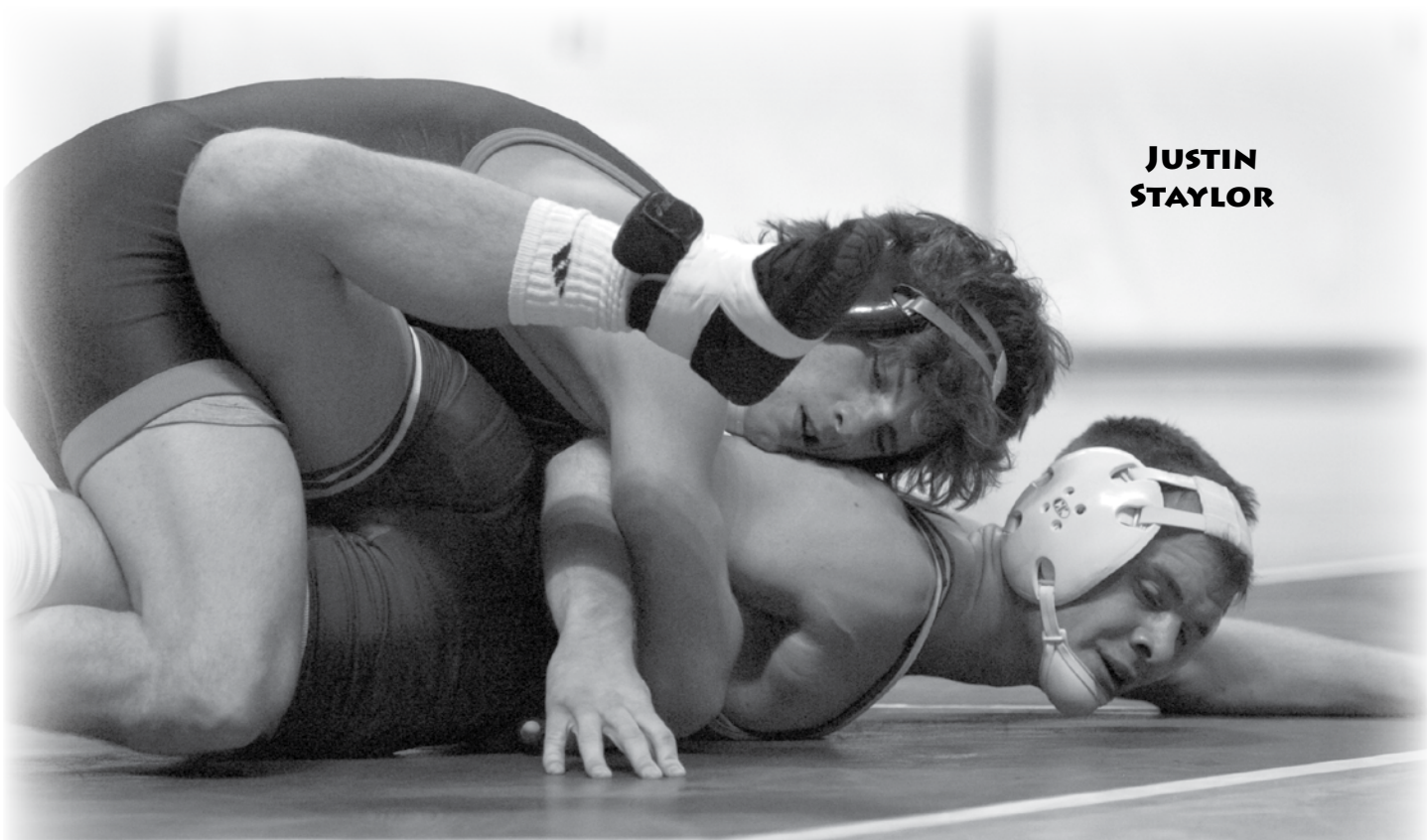
and finished the season fourth on the team with 70 dual match points ... Defeated No. 14-ranked Joe Kemmerer of UNC Greensboro, 8-7, on Feb. 12 for his first career upset over a ranked opponent ... Fastest fall was 43-second pin over Donald Butler of Cumberland College in his first match of the Carolina-Irwin Open, fourth-fastest time on the Tech squad in 2005 ... Placed second at Navy Classic and third at the Carolina-Irwin Open.

High School: Lettered four times for Coach Steve Martin at Great Bridge High ... Won the 2004 Virginia AAA State title as a senior, going 49-5 ... Started two years at 103 pounds and two years at 119 ... Won the national title at the NHSCA Freestyle tournament in Birmingham, AL in 2000 ... Had a career prep record of 112-28.

Personal: Justin Jon Staylor was born August 10, 1985 in Norfolk, VA ... The son of John and Julie Staylor ... Brother, Jody, was an NCAA runner-up at North Carolina ... Brother, Christian, qualified for the NCAA Championships at Arizona State and transferred to Old Dominion last year ... Also has a sister, Carrie, and a younger brother, Casey, who wrestles at Great Bridge ... Majoring in liberal arts and human sciences.

STAYLOR'S CAREER STATS

Year	Overall	Dual	Leag.	M.Dec.	T.Fall	Falls	Time	Pts.
2004-05	26-11	14-6	5-0	2	0	13	:54	70
2005-06	25-12	11-5	4-1	3	1	7	:30	47
Totals	51-23	25-11	9-1	5	1	20	:30	117



JUSTIN STAYLOR



COREY TAYLOR

125 • Freshman
Salem, Va.
Northside H.S.

High School: Lettered four times for Coach Mark Scott Agner ... A three-time state qualifier, earning all-state honors as a senior ... Had a career record of 96-30 ... Was a two-time district champion ... Was captain of his team his senior year ... Team won the district championship that year and was a three-time runner-up.

Personal: Corey Alan Taylor was born June 15, 1988 in Roanoke, VA ... The son of Elizabeth Robertson ... Has one brother, Josh ... Enrolled in university studies.



ZACK ZITSOS

184 • Freshman
Charlotte, N.C.
Blair (N.J.) Academy

High School: Wrestled four years at Providence Day High before transferring to Blair Academy for his final year ... Was a two-time state champion at Providence ... Was coached by Jerry Tadeo at Providence and Jeff Buxton at Blair ... Wrestled for the college team at Blair while in the postgraduate program ... Went 144-44 at Providence, 36-5 in 2004-05.

Personal: Peter Zacariah Zitsos was born March 27, 1988 in Mobile, AL ... The son of Maryann and Konstantine Zitsos ... Majoring in business.



JIMMY YOUNG

174 • Freshman
Crawford, Va.
Turner Ashby H.S.

High School: Lettered four times at Turner Ashby ... Won the state's Group AA title as a senior ... Also played football for the state champions ... A first-team all-district and second-team all-region defensive end.

Personal: Jmaes Price Young was born November 5, 1987 in Richmond, VA ... The son of Jim and Marianne Young ... Has two sisters, Laura and Caroline ... Enrolled in university studies.

AT HOME IN CASSELL

The Virginia Tech wrestling team trains and competes in some of the best facilities around. From the 9,847-seat Cassell Coliseum to a brand new, converted practice facility, Tech has all the pieces in place to build a successful program. What the Hokies have now is a practice room four times the size of their old room, with two full-sized competition mats, along with room for cardio equipment and weights. The Hokies have 5,264 square-feet of open wrestling space with padded walls and no objects interfering with practice. One mat has a 32-foot circle, one has a 42-foot circle, and several practice circles are spread around the two mats.

Last year, the athletics department unveiled a new competition mat (below). It features a 42-foot circle (the largest space allowed per NCAA rules) with a new design and logos.

All home matches are held in Cassell Coliseum and are free to the public.



2005-06 SEASON IN REVIEW

A year after winning a school-record 16 dual matches, including the ACC dual meet title, and sending a school-record five wrestlers to the NCAA Championships, the 2005-06 version of the Virginia Tech wrestling team struggled all season en route to a disappointing 1-16 mark. Granted, a majority of the top wrestlers on the team were on the sidelines redshirting, but the Hokies still struggled on the mat as a team under second-year head coach Tom Brands.

Despite the long season on the mats as a team, three wrestlers advanced to the NCAA Championships with two earning All-America honors

The Hokies opened the season at the West Virginia Open on Nov. 12 in Morgantown, W.Va. Several Hokies represented Tech well, including heavyweight Mike Faust, 125-pounder Justin Staylor and 141-pounder David Hoffman by winning their respective weight classes. In addition, Christian Smith took third at 125 pounds.

The first dual matches came on Nov. 26 at the Northeast Collegiate Duals in Guilderland Center, N.Y., as the Hokies dropped contests to No. 4 Minnesota, No. 13 Central Michigan, American and Division II power Pitt-Johnstown.

Two individual tournaments followed as several Tech wrestlers competed in both the Kaufman-Brand Open in Omaha, Neb., on Nov. 19 and the Nittany Lion Open in State College, Pa., on Dec. 3. Hoffman scored a huge win for the program at the Kaufman-Brand Open, winning his weight class while Faust took sixth. At the Nittany Lion Open, both Faust and Staylor took third in their weight class.

On Dec. 18, Tech welcome 21st-ranked Northern Iowa to Cassell Coliseum, but the Panthers weren't gracious guests, beating the Hokies 37-7. Following a break for Christmas, numerous Hokies competed at the Southern Scuffle in Greensboro, N.C., which is becoming one of the best tournaments on the east coast. At the two-day event, Faust took third, Staylor took seventh and Hoffman placed eighth.

Tech then made a midwest swing for the second year in a row, this time stopping in to wrestle at No. 8 Iowa State and No. 14 Nebraska. The Hokies fell to the Cyclones 32-11 in one of their better team efforts before falling to the Cornhuskers 41-3 two nights later.

Up next was the always tough Virginia Duals at the Hampton Coliseum. Tech got no favors in drawing 15th-ranked Indiana in the first round. The match marked the six top-25 opponent for Tech on the year. The Hokies fell to the Hoosiers, 40-13 before dropping a 30-15 contest to Old Dominion and a 29-13 decision to UC-Davis.

On Jan. 22, the Buckeyes of Ohio State rolled into town for a dual meet and left with a 38-10 win over a depleted Tech team which had to forfeit several matches.

Five of the final six matches were Atlantic Coast Conference matches, but the results were mostly the same. Tech opened ACC play at Maryland, dropping a 27-18 decision to the Terps despite a big pin from newcomer Steve Ratley. The next night, the Hokies fell to Virginia, 25-15, in a hotly contested match at Memorial Gym.

The month of February started with a conference match against the University of North Carolina in Richmond, Va., as part of the Rumble on the River at St. Christopher's High. Despite hanging tough early, the Hokies eventually fell to the Tar heels, 31-9 before a large crowd.

The final non-conference match came on Feb. 4 at Cassell Coliseum as the Ohio Bobcats came to town and left with a 30-16 victory.

The highlight of the dual season came on Feb. 9 at Duke's Cameron Indoor Stadium as the Hokies avoided a winless season, beating the Blue Devils 21-18. The match started with three wins by Hokie wrestlers — Staylor, Sheridan Moran and Hoffman — to give Tech a 12-0 lead. Duke stormed back, winning the next two matches to make it 12-8. Decisions by Tucker Michels and Ratley pushed the score to 18-8 with three matches left. Duke picked up a major decision and a forfeit victory to tie the match up heading to the final bout. Luckily, Faust came through with a 13-6 decision to hand Tech its lone victory. The Hokies would go on to lose their final match, 25-15, to NC State.

After a two-week break, the team headed to Lexington, Va., for the

OVERALL RECORD: 1-16; ACC: 1-4

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	RESULT/SCORE
Nov. 26	vs. #4 Minnesota	Guilderland Center, N.Y.	L, 41-7
	vs. #13 Central Michigan	Guilderland Center, N.Y.	L, 44-(-1)
	vs. American	Guilderland Center, N.Y.	L, 28-18
	vs. Pitt-Johnstown	Guilderland Center, N.Y.	L, 33-12
Dec. 18	#21 NORTHERN IOWA	Blacksburg, Va.	L, 37-7
Jan. 5	at #8 Iowa State	Ames, Iowa	L, 32-11
7	at #14 Nebraska	Lincoln, Neb.	L, 41-3
13	vs. #15 Indiana	Hampton, Va.	L, 13-40
	vs. Old Dominion	Hampton, Va.	L, 15-30
	vs. UC-Davis	Hampton, Va.	L, 13-29
22	OHIO STATE	Blacksburg, Va.	L, 10-38
27	at Maryland *	College Park, Md.	L, 18-27
28	at Virginia *	Charlottesville, Va.	L, 15-25
Feb. 2	vs. North Carolina *	Richmond, Va.	L, 9-31
4	OHIO	Blacksburg, Va.	L, 16-30
9	at Duke *	Durham, N.C.	W, 21-18
19	NC STATE *	Blacksburg, Va.	L, 15-25

* - denotes ACC Match

ACC/SoCon Mat Jam, hosted by VMI for the conference championships. Three Hokies won their weight class — Staylor at 125 pounds, Hoffman at 141 pounds and Faust at heavyweight — to secure bids to the NCAA Championships. Also showing well was Ratley, who earned All-ACC honors with a third-place finish at 174 pounds.

At the NCAA Championships, held at Oklahoma City, Faust was seeded fifth and held off Michael Spaid of Bloomsburg, 3-2 in the first round while Hoffman and Staylor both lost their opening matches.

In the second session, Faust needed all 11 minutes of action, but pulled out an exciting 4-3 victory over Oregon State's Ty Watterson to advance to the quarterfinals. Hoffman staved off elimination with an 11-4 win in the consolation bracket while Staylor saw his season come to an end with a 7-5 loss.

In the first session of the second day, Faust lost to the top seed, but Hoffman picked up two wins to stay alive. In the evening session, both wrestlers need victories to earn All-America honors and both pulled out thrilling victories to do so.

Hoffman got a controversial takedown as time expired, but the referees upheld the call, giving the 141-pounder a 7-6 upset win over fifth-seeded Josh Churella of Michigan. Hoffman fell behind in the first when Churella converted a takedown, but Hoffman reversed him near the end of the period. Churella escaped quickly to start the second period and took a 3-2 lead into the final stanza. Hoffman escaped to tie up the match at 3-3.

Churella got another takedown, but Hoffman once again got the reversal, and then held on to eliminate ride time. After he let Churella escape, the two went back and forth until Hoffman shot in at the legs with a second left and the referee awarded two points for the takedown. After discussing it with the other official, the two agreed on the call and awarded Hoffman the two points and the victory.

Later that session, Faust went all 11 minutes again to pull out a 4-3 victory on riding time criteria over Penn State's Joel Edwards and earn his All-America medal.

Hoffman went on to lose the next two matches to take eighth place. Faust won his next match, then lost, but came back to once again come out on top based on the riding time criteria, beating fifth-seeded Bode Ogunwole of Harvard, 4-3, in a battle for fifth place.

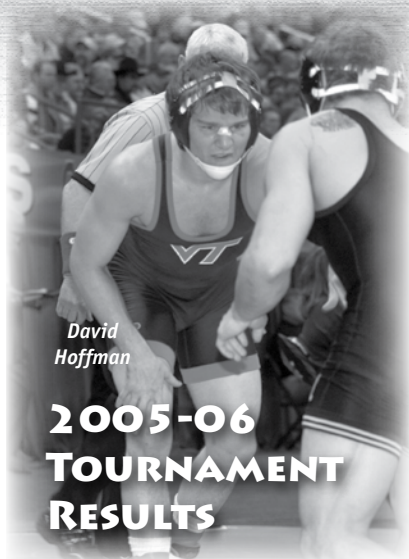
The day concluded two brilliant careers as Hoffman and Faust both saw their last collegiate action. Hoffman finished his career at Tech with a 116-32 record while Faust's record (at both Penn and Tech) finished at 99-43.

Faust was later tabbed the ACC's Wrestler of the Year and went on to earn Academic All-America honors from both the NWCA and CoSIDA. In early April, Brands and his staff resigned from Tech to take positions at the University of Iowa and Virginia Tech went on to hire Kevin Dresser as the 12th head wrestling coach in the program's history on April 14, 2006.

2005-06 RESULTS & STATS

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS AND STATISTICS

	Overall	Records Dual	ACC	Major Dec.	Tech Fall	Fall	Fastest Time	Points own/opp.	ACC Pts own/opp.	Career Overall	Career Duals
Eddie Baughan	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	—	0/0	0/0	0-0	0-0
Jon Bonilla-Bowman	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	—	0/0	0/0	0-0	0-0
Steve Borja	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	—	0/0	0/0	59-38	30-19
Jay Borschel	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	—	0/0	0/0	0-0	0-0
Mark Czarny	0-25	0-17	0-5	0	0	0	—	0/76	0/19	0-25	0-17
Mike Faust	37-8	15-2	5-0	5	1	0	—	56/6	18/0	99-43	46-18
David Hoffman	31-10	12-5	4-1	4	0	8	:54	53/16	21/3	116-32	55-10
Dave Kiley	4-16	4-12	1-4	0	0	0	—	12/49	3/17	4-16	4-12
John Laboranti	8-8	1-4	0-0	2	0	2	1:50	4/18	0/0	8-8	1-4
Dan LeClere	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	—	0/0	0/0	0-0	0-0
T.H. Leet	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	—	0/0	0/0	0-0	0-0
Mark Logan	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	—	0/0	0/0	0-0	0-0
Brent Metcalf	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	—	0/0	0/0	0-0	0-0
Tucker Michels	4-8	3-6	2-3	1	0	0	—	10/25	6/10	4-8	3-6
Sheridan Moran	7-21	2-13	1-4	1	0	1	1:34	9/51	3/12	7-21	2-13
Anton Prater	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	—	0/0	0/0	0-0	0-0
Tyde Prater	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	—	0/0	0/0	27-23	7-11
Steve Ratley	7-7	5-6	4-1	2	0	1	2:22	18/22	15/3	22-15	6-6
Joe Slaton	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	—	0/0	0/0	0-0	0-0
Christian Smith	5-7	0-4	0-0	1	0	2	1:33	0/15	0/0	45-23	13-7
Justin Staylor	25-12	11-5	4-1	3	1	7	:30	47/21	18/3	51-21	25-11
Joe Thompson	0-15	0-12	0-5	0	0	0	—	0/68	0/18	3-20	1-16
Matt Woods	0-5	0-5	0-0	0	0	0	—	0/29	0/0	0-5	0-5
Team Totals	128-142	53-91	21-24	18	2	21	:30	188/379	83/96		
Opponent	142-128	91-53	24-21	31	16	27	:41	379/188	96/83		



West Virginia Open
Nov. 12 • Morgantown, W.Va.
(No Team Scoring)

Mike Faust • 1st at HWT
David Hoffman • 1st at 141 pounds
Christian Smith • 3rd at 125 pounds
Justin Staylor • 1st at 125 pounds

Kaufman-Brand Open
Nov. 19 • Omaha, Neb.
(No Team Scoring)

Mike Faust • 6th at HWT
David Hoffman • 1st at 141 pounds

Nittany Lion Open
Dec. 3 • State College, Pa.
(No Team Scoring)

Mike Faust • 3rd at HWT
Justin Staylor • 3rd at 125 pounds

Southern Scuffle
Dec. 29-30 • Greensboro, N.C.
(17th of 32 teams)

Mike Faust • 3rd at HWT
David Hoffman • 8th at 141
Justin Staylor • 7th at 125

ACC Championships
March 4 • Lexington, Va.
(5th of 6 teams)

Mike Faust • 1st at HWT
David Hoffman • 1st at 141
Steve Ratley • 3rd at 174 pounds
Justin Staylor • 1st at 125

NCAA Championships
March 16-18 • Oklahoma City, Okla.
(29th of 64 teams)

Mike Faust • 5th at HWT
David Hoffman • 8th at 141

Mike Faust earned All-America honors and was named the ACC Wrestler of the Year in 2005-06.

RECORDS BY WEIGHT

	125	133	141	149	157	165	174	184	197	Hwt.
Eddie Baughan	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Jon Bonilla-Bowman	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Steve Borja	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Jay Borschel	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mark Czarny	—	—	—	—	—	0-13	0-2	0-10	—	—
Mike Faust	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	37-8
David Hoffman	—	—	30-10	1-0	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dave Kiley	—	—	—	—	4-16	—	—	—	—	—
John Laboranti	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8-8	—
Dan LeClere	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
T.H. Leet	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mark Logan	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Brent Metcalf	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tucker Michels	—	—	—	—	—	4-8	—	—	—	—
Sheridan Moran	—	7-21	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Anton Prater	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tyde Prater	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Steve Ratley	—	—	—	—	—	—	7-7	—	—	—
Joe Slaton	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Christian Smith	5-4	0-3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Justin Staylor	25-12	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Joe Thompson	—	—	—	0-14	—	0-1	—	—	—	—
Matt Woods	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0-5	—
Team Totals	30-16	7-24	30-10	1-14	4-16	4-24	7-9	0-10	8-13	37-8
Opponent	16-30	24-7	10-30	14-1	16-4	24-4	9-7	10-0	13-8	8-37

THE HOKIES' RECORD BOOK

Team Records

Season Wins	256	2004-05
Dual Wins	128	2004-05
Dual Team Wins	16	2004-05
Major Decisions	38	1979-80
Technical Falls	17	2000-01
Falls	63	2004-05
Points	740	1979-80



David Hoffman is one of five four-time NCAA qualifiers from Virginia Tech.

NCAA Championships Participants

Alfred Carson		1956
Armand Taylor		1956
John Wright		1956
Sherman Vandevender	(0-1)	1956, 58
Mike Grandstaff	(2-4)	1959, 61, 62
Bob Bowman	(0-1)	1959
Brandon Glover	(3-1)	1959
Joe Heller	(0-2)	1958, 59
Bob Hatcher	(0-1)	1962
Bill Pfeffer	(1-2)	1977
Chuck Broderick	(0-2)	1979
Mark Miller	(0-2)	1978, 79, 80
Rick Stageberg	(1-2)	1984
Jason Diggs	(0-1)	1983
Chuck Broderick	(0-2)	1979
Mark Miller	(0-5)	1978, 79, 80
Rob Fair	(1-2)	1986
Dante Winslow	(0-3)	1991, 93
Josh Feldman	(7-6)	1991, 92, 93
John Dattalo	(2-4)	1996, 97
Eric Hall	(4-6)	1997, 98, 00, 01
Chris Martin	(7-8)	1997, 98, 00, 01
Sean Gray	(13-7)	1998, 00, 01, 02
David Inkman	(0-2)	1998
Mike Akers	(0-2)	2000
Scott Justus	(8-8)	2000, 01, 02, 03
David Hoffman	(10-9)	2002, 04, 05, 06
Chris Stith	(1-2)	2004
Reed Carpenter	(0-2)	2005
Steve Borja	(1-2)	2005
Tyde Prater	(3-2)	2005
Mike Faust	(5-4)	2005, 06
Justin Staylor	(0-2)	2006

NCAA Championships Results

1956	Stillwater, Okla.	T-19th	5.0 pts
1959	Iowa, City, Iowa	T-19th	7.0 pts
1962	Stillwater, Okla.	T-30th	2.0 pts
1967	Kent, Ohio	T-44th	2.0 pts
1968	State College, Pa.	T-67th	1.0 pt
1970	Evanston, Ill.	T-40th	2.0 pts

1977	Norman, Okla.	T-51st	1.0 pt
1984	Princeton, N.J.	T-66th	.5 pts
1986	Iowa City, Iowa	T-73rd	1.0 pt
1992	Norman, Okla.	T-60th	1.5 pts
1993	Ames, Iowa	T-62nd	1.0 pt
1994	Chapel Hill, N.C.	T-47th	4.5 pts
1998	Cleveland, Ohio	T-48th	7.0 pts
2000	St. Louis, Mo.	19th	27.5 pts
2001	Iowa City, Iowa	T-23rd	19.0 pts
2002	Albany, N.Y.	44th	6.5 pts
2003	Kansas City, Mo.	T-46th	4.0 pts
2004	St. Louis, Mo.	41st	7.5 pts
2005	St. Louis, Mo.	T-42nd	7.0 pts
2006	Oklahoma City, Okla.	29th	18.5 pts

ACC Tournament Team Results

2005	Second	66.5 points
2006	Fifth	44.5 points

ACC Tournament Individual Champions

Tyde Prater	2005	149
Mike Faust	2005, 2006	HWT
David Hoffman	2006	141
Justin Staylor	2006	125

ACC Wrestler of the Year

Mike Faust	2006	HWT
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EWL Tournament Team Results

1999	Eighth	5.5 points
2000	Third	91.0 points
2001	Fifth	85.0 points
2002	Seventh	48.5 points
2003	Seventh	44.5 points
2004	Eighth	44.5 points

EWL Coach of the Year

Keith Mourlam	1999-00
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EWL Tournament Individual Champions

Chris Martin	1999-00	165
Sean Gray	1999-00	141
Sean Gray	2000-01	141
Sean Gray	2001-02	141
Scott Justus	2001-02	184

CAA Tournament Team 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

CAA Coach of the Year

Jerry Cheynet	1992-93
Keith Mourlam	1997-98

CAA Tournament Individual Champions

Josh Feldman	1992, 93, 94	HWT
Dante Winslow	1995	158 lbs.
John Dattalo	1996	177 lbs.
John Dattalo	1997	167 lbs.
Eric Hall	1997, 98	158 lbs.
Sean Gray	1998	134 lbs.
David Inkman	1998	142 lbs.

CAA Wrestler of the Year

John Dattalo	1997	167 lbs.
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CAA Rookie of the Year

Eric Hall	1997	158 lbs.
Sean Gray	1998	134 lbs.

SoCon Tournament Team Championships

1954-55	42.0 points
1955-56	82.0 points
1957-58	85.0 points
1959-60	74.0 points
1960-61	73.0 points
1961-62	71.0 points
1962-63	73.0 points

SoCon Tournament Individual Champions

Al Carson	1955	130 lbs.
Jim Lock	1955	HWT
Armand Taylor	1955, 57	137 lbs.
Joe Heller	1956, 58, 59, 60	137 lbs.
Armand Taylor	1956	147 lbs.
John Wright	1956	167 lbs.
Sherman Vandevender	1956, 59	157 lbs.
Sherman Vandevender	1957, 58	147 lbs.
Brandon Glover	1957, 58, 59, 60	130 lbs.
Tom Westfall	1957, 58	123 lbs.
Don Vaughan	1957	167 lbs.
Tom Burrus	1958	177 lbs.
Bob Bowman	1959, 60	123 lbs.
Buddy Sanders	1960	177 lbs.
Mike Grandstaff	1961	123 lbs.
Mike Grandstaff	1962	130 lbs.
Frank Kirk	1961	177 lbs.
Bob Robinson	1961	137 lbs.
Gene Breen	1962	HWT
Don Ellerman	1962, 63, 64	137 lbs.
Bob Hatcher	1962	157 lbs.
Ernie Venturino	1962, 63	123 lbs.
Charles Callahan	1963	157 lbs.
Don Marks	1963	HWT
Henry Seymour	1964, 65	123 lbs.
Mickey Jarrell	1965	130 lbs.
Ken Cole	1965	137 lbs.
Ken Jenkins	1965	167 lbs.

NCAA Eastern Regional Team Results

2nd Place	1979, 1980
3rd Place	1973, 1978
4th Place	1977
5th Place	1981, 1982

NCAA Eastern Regional Individual Champions

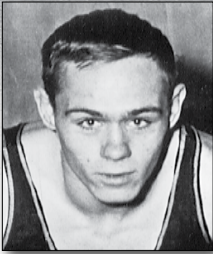
Bill Pfeffer	1977
Mark Miller	1978, 79, 80
Chuck Broderick	1979
Jason Diggs	1983
Rick Stageberg	1984

TECH WRESTLING

CONFERENCE AFFILIATIONS

1920-1929:	Independent
1929-1965:	Southern Conference
1965-1991:	Independent
1991-1998:	Colonial Athletic Association
1998-2004:	Eastern Wrestling League
2004-present:	Atlantic Coast Conference

VIRGINIA TECH'S



BRANDON GLOVER 1959 All-American

130 pounds
Site: Iowa City, Iowa

Brandon Glover, from Norfolk, Va., became Tech's first All-American in wrestling when he took third place in the 130-pound weight class at the 1959 NCAA Championships in Iowa City.

A four-time Southern Conference champion (1957-60), Glover went undefeated in his career except in the semifinals of those Championships.

For his career, the Granby High graduate went 26-0 in career dual meets and was a 1988 inductee into the Virginia Tech Sports Hall of Fame.



CHRIS MARTIN 2000 All-American

165 pounds
Site: St. Louis, Missouri

Chris Martin became Virginia Tech's third All-American in wrestling when he took fourth place at the 2000 NCAA Championships at 165 pounds in St. Louis.

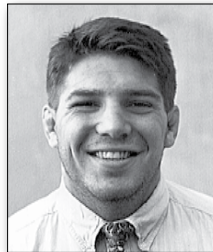
Also an Eastern Wrestling League Champion in 2000, the native of Norfolk, Va., posted a career record of 126-25, second-best all-time at Tech.

He is tied for the career dual meet wins mark at Tech with 58 victories and is fifth all-time at Tech in career pins with 25.

The graduate of Granby High is also fourth in career winning percentage, finishing with a .824 clip.



Josh Feldman



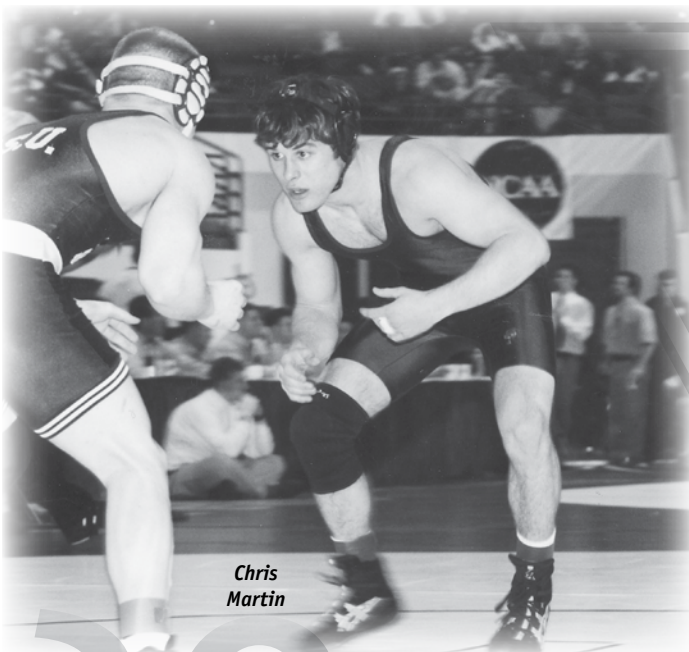
JOSH FELDMAN 1994 All-American

Heavyweight
Site: Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Josh Feldman became Tech's second All-American in wrestling when he took seventh place in the 1994 NCAA Championships at the heavyweight division in Chapel Hill, N.C.

A three-time Colonial Athletic Association champion (1992-94), the native of Dunwoody, Ga., is currently fifth all-time at Tech in career pins with 23 and sixth in all-time wins.

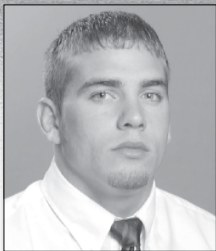
The graduate of Dunwoody High posted a career record of 85-23-1 for the Hokies.



Chris Martin



ALL-AMERICANS



SEAN GRAY 2000, 2001 All-American

141 pounds
Site: St. Louis, Missouri (2000)
Site: Iowa City, Iowa (2001)

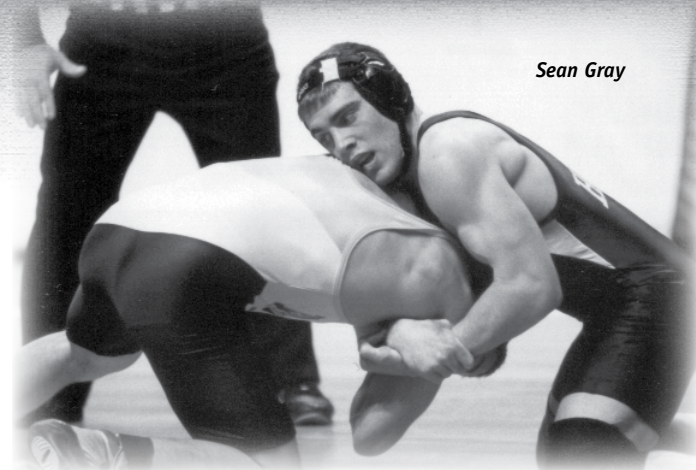
Sean Gray became Tech's first two-time All-American in wrestling when he finished seventh at 141 pounds at the 2001 NCAA Championships in Iowa City.

He became Tech's fourth All-American when he placed sixth at the 2000 Championships in St. Louis.

The Flemington, N.J., native was a three-time EWL Champion and holds the school record for career wins (133), career winning percentage (.875), pins in a season (15) and career pins (45).

For his career, the graduate of Blair Academy posted a career record of 133-19.

He also finished his career tied for the most career dual meet wins at Tech with 58 victories.



Sean Gray



MIKE FAUST 2006 All-American

Heavyweight
Site: Oklahoma City, Okla.

Mike Faust became Virginia Tech's fifth All-American in wrestling when he took fifth place at the 2006 NCAA Championships at the heavyweight class in Oklahoma City.

Also an Atlantic Coast Conference Champion in both 2005 and 2006, the native of Baltimore, Md., posted a two-year career record of 67-13. Combined with his two year at the University of Pennsylvania before he transferred, he concluded his collegiate career with 99 wins.

That mark of 67-13 is good for a winning percentage of .838, third-best ever all-time at Virginia Tech.

Faust, the 2006 ACC Wrestler of the Year, went 5-2 at the 2006 NCAA Championships, wrestling four overtimes matches, including three that went all six overtimes. Competing in over 61 minutes, he wrestled the most minutes of any wrestler at the 2006 event.

The graduate of Gilman Prep was also named an Academic All-American.



Mike Faust



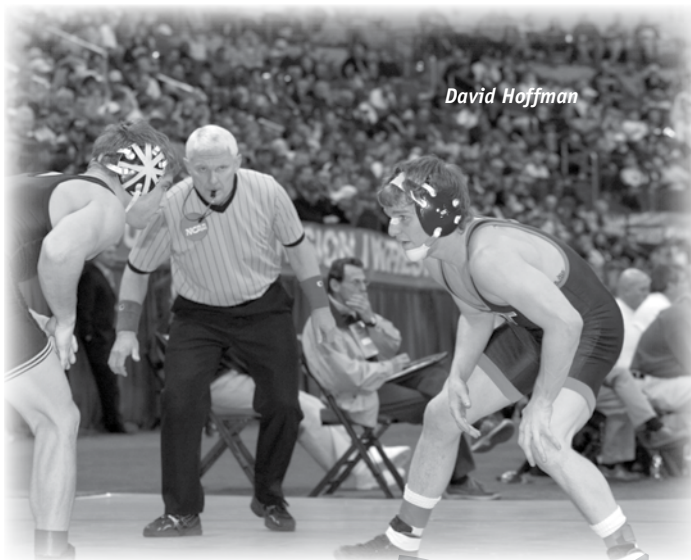
DAVID HOFFMAN 2006 All-American

141 pounds
Site: Oklahoma City, Okla.

David Hoffman became Virginia Tech's sixth All-American in wrestling when he took eighth place at the 2006 NCAA Championships at 141 pounds in Oklahoma City.

Also an Atlantic Coast Conference Champion in 2006, the native of Spring City, Pa., posted a career record of 116-32. The 116 wins are the third-most in Virginia Tech wrestling history. He also racked up 37 career pins, the second-most in Tech history.

Hoffman, a Hill School graduate, dropped his opening match at the 2006 NCAA Championships, before bouncing back to win four straight, including a last-second win, to earn All-America honors. Need a win to assure himself of a top-eight finish, Hoffman trailed No. 5 seed Josh Churella of Michigan 6-5 with five seconds left in the match. With the two neutral and in the middle of the mat, Hoffman shot in and got a takedown as the horn sounded to pick up a dramatic win and seal his place in Tech wrestling history as an All-American.



David Hoffman

YEAR-BY-YEAR RESULTS

Year	Record	Coach	Year	Record	Coach	Year	Record	Coach	Year	Record	Coach
2005-06	1-16-0	Brands	1972-73	4-9-0	Teske	1955-56	7-0-0	Teske	1936-37	0-4-1	Tilson
2004-05	16-4-0	Brands	1971-72	1-9-0	Teske	1954-55	8-0-0	Teske	1935-36	1-4-0	Tilson
2003-04	16-4-0	Brands	1970-71	3-7-0	Teske	1953-54	1-6-1	Teske	1934-35	2-3-0	Tilson
2002-03	6-12-0	Mourlam	1969-70	4-15-0	Teske	1952-53	6-1-1	Teske	1933-34	2-3-0	Tilson
2001-02	0-13-0	Mourlam	1968-69	7-5-1	Teske	1951-52	5-8-0	Teske	1932-33	2-3-0	Herring
2000-01	5-10-0	Mourlam	1967-68	8-4-0	Teske	1950-51	4-5-0	Learned	1931-32	3-2-0	Herring
1999-00	8-7-1	Mourlam	1966-67	9-1-0	Teske	1949-50	7-4-0	Learned	1930-31	2-3-0	Herring
1998-99	10-7-0	Mourlam	1965-66	7-2-0	Teske	1948-49	3-4-1	Learned	1929-30	3-4-0	Herring
1997-98	2-13-0	Mourlam	1964-65	5-6-0	Teske	1947-48	1-7-0	Altman	1928-29	3-4-0	Anderson
1996-97	9-4-0	Mourlam	1963-64	4-5-1	Teske	1946-47	0-6-0	Altman	1927-28	6-1-0	Herring
1995-96	10-8-0	Mourlam	1962-63	2-7-1	Teske	1943-46	<i>no team for three years</i>		1926-27	6-0-1	Herring
1994-95	6-9-0	Cheyne	1961-62	7-2-0	Teske	1942-43	1-6-1	Altman	1925-26	3-3-0	Herring
1993-94	6-10-0	Cheyne	1960-61	6-3-0	Teske	1941-42	4-3-0	Altman	1924-25	6-0-0	Herring
1992-93	6-7-0	Cheyne	1959-60	4-1-0	Teske	1940-41	1-5-0	Altman	1923-24	2-2-1	Herring
1991-92	9-1-0	Cheyne	1958-59	6-1-0	Teske	1939-40	2-4-0	Altman	1922-23	1-2-0	Cabbage
1990-91	9-7-1	Cheyne	1957-58	6-1-0	Teske	1938-39	1-5-0	Tilson	1921-22	2-0-0	Sutton
1989-90	9-12-0	Cheyne	1956-57	7-0-0	Teske	1937-38	2-3-0	Tilson	1920-21	0-1-0	Herring
1988-89	14-7-0	Cheyne									
1987-88	12-7-1	Cheyne									
1986-87	7-7-0	Cheyne									
1985-86	8-6-0	Cheyne									
1984-85	4-10-0	Cheyne									
1983-84	8-10-0	Cheyne									
1982-83	6-13-1	Cheyne									
1981-82	2-9-1	Cheyne									
1980-81	2-9-1	Cheyne									
1979-80	5-15-0	Cheyne									
1978-79	11-5-1	Cheyne									
1977-78	11-5-0	Cheyne									
1976-77	14-4-0	Cheyne									
1975-76	14-5-1	Cheyne									
1974-75	11-5-0	Cheyne									
1973-74	9-5-0	Cheyne									
	12-4-0	Cheyne									
	6-9-0	Cheyne									
	5-9-1	Teske									



Jerry Cheynet

ALL-TIME COACHING RECORDS (BY WINS)

Record	Coach	Years	Years Coached	Win %	Best Year
188-167-6	Jerry Cheynet	22	1974-96	.529	14-4/1979-80
122-102-6	Frank Teske	23	1951-74	.543	8-0/1954-55
50-74-1	Keith Mourlam	8	1996-97	.404	10-7/1999-00
33-19-2	George Herring	10	1920-21, 24-28, 30-33	.630	6-0/1924-25
17-20-0	Tom Brands	2	2004-2006	.459	16-4/2004-05
14-13-1	Allan Learned	3	1948-51	.518	7-4/1949-50
9-31-1	William Altman	6	1939-48	.232	4-3/1941-42
8-22-1	C.E. Tilson	6	1933-39	.274	2-3/1934,35,38
3-4-0	G.C. Anderson	1	1928-29	.429	3-4
2-0-0	S.B. Sutton	1	1921-22	1.000	2-0
1-2-0	Ben Cabbage	1	1922-23	.333	1-2

All-Time Virginia Tech Wrestling Record (83 seasons): 447-454-18 (.496)

VIRGINIA TECH SPORTS HALL OF FAME

The Virginia Tech Sports Hall of Fame was established in 1982 to honor and preserve the memory of athletes, coaches, administrators and staff members who have made outstanding contributions to athletics at the university. A total 126 individuals have been inducted to the Tech Hall of Fame during special ceremonies held each fall. Some of the following were inducted for other sports, but all have ties to Virginia Tech wrestling.



Milton Andes

(inducted in 1994)

A 125-pound wrestling champion of 1920s who went on to fame as a National AAU champion.



Brandon Glover

(inducted in 1988)

An All-America wrestler, he was a four-time SoCon champion who lost only one match in his career.



Frank Teske

(inducted in 1995)

He led Tech to seven Southern Conference wrestling championships in a 23-year coaching stint.



Sherman Vandevender

(inducted in 2001)

A four-time SoCon wrestling champion who advanced to the final Olympic tryouts in 1956.



Gene Breen

(inducted in 2002)

A heavyweight champion of the Southern Conference in the 1960s.



Don Oakes

(inducted in 2001)

A wrestler for Tech in the late 1950s who went on to a successful career as a pro football player.



Armand Taylor

(inducted in 2005)

A three-time SoCon champion who helped Tech to a 19th-place finish in the 1956 NCAA Tournament.



Ken Whitley

(inducted in 1990)

A dynamic football star and heavyweight wrestler of the 1960s.

AGAINST ALL OPPONENTS

Team	Record	First	Last	Team	Record	First	Last	Team	Record	First	Last
American	9-4-0	1080	2005	Liberty	5-2-0	1977	1994	Purdue	0-1-0	1965	1965
Anderson	3-1-0	1995	2004	Livingstone	1-2-0	1986	1988	Quantico Marines	2-0-0	1949	1950
Appalachian State	12-13-2	1947	2004	Lock Haven	1-6-0	1992	2004	Richmond	3-1-0	1974	1980
Army	0-1-0	1991	1991	Longwood	7-1-0	1985	1987	Rider	1-0-0	2000	2000
Ashland	1-0-0	1997	1997	Loyola	1-0-0	1987	1987	Salisbury State	3-0-0	1978	1987
Auburn	8-0-0	1959	1967	Marshall	9-3-0	1955	1982	Shippensburg	2-2-0	1981	1981
Ball State	0-2-0	1972	1982	Maryland	5-10-0	1942	2006	Slippery Rock	2-3-0	1988	1996
Bloomsburg	3-3-0	1999	2004	Maryville	3-0-0	1976	1977	South Carolina State	2-0-0	1985	1988
Brockport	2-1-0	1988	1996	Massachusetts	1-0-0	1984	1984	Southern Connecticut	1-0-0	1979	1979
Brown	0-1-0	2003	2003	Michigan	0-2-0	2000	2001	Stetson	1-0-0	1984	1984
Cal-Davis	0-1-0	2006	2006	Middle Tennessee State	2-0-0	1975	1979	SUNY Binghamton	0-1-0	1975	1975
California (PA)	2-0-0	1984	1995	Millersville	1-2-0	1986	1992	Tennessee	1-8-0	1973	1985
Camp Lejeune	1-1-0	1950	1951	Minnesota	0-3-0	2001	2005	Tenn.-Chattanooga	1-6-0	1974	2004
Campbell	6-2-0	1982	2004	Missouri	0-1-0	2004	2004	The Citadel	9-2-0	1950	1999
Carson-Newman	12-10-1	1979	2003	Morehead State	1-0-0	1976	1976	Towson	2-0-0	1980	1981
Central Florida	1-0-0	1981	1981	Morgan State	4-3-0	1980	1996	Troy	1-0-0	1967	1967
Central Michigan	0-1-0	2005	2005	Navy	0-13-0	1928	1994	University of the South	1-0-0	1975	1975
Clarion	1-5-0	1999	2004	Nebraska	0-1-0	2006	2006	Virginia	30-25-1	1922	2006
Clemson	0-1-0	1987	1987	N.N. Apprentice	6-1-0	1939	1988	Virginia Commonwealth	6-0-0	1969	1981
Cleveland State	1-6-0	1972	2004	Norfolk State	2-0-0	1983	1984	VMI	25-35-4	1923	2004
Cincinnati	1-0-0	1979	1979	North Carolina	27-29-2	1924	2006	Virginia State	2-0-0	1988	1989
Colgate	2-1-0	1973	1977	North Carolina A&T	1-0-0	1982	1982	Wake Forest	1-0-0	1957	1957
Coppin State	2-0-0	1990	1992	NC Greensboro	5-0-0	1995	2005	Washington & Lee	15-22-3	1921	1925
Cornell	0-1-0	1992	1992	NC Preflight School	0-1-0	1943	1943	West Chester State	1-1-0	1976	1981
Cumberland (KY)	1-0-0	2005	2005	North Carolina State	18-29-1	1926	2006	West Virginia	6-11-0	1951	2004
Cumberland (TN)	1-0-0	2004	2004	Northern Iowa	0-2-0	2005	2005	Western Maryland	1-0-0	1928	1928
Davidson	29-3-1	1924	2004	Notre Dame	2-0-0	1979	1981	William & Mary	5-8-0	1965	1995
Dayton	1-0-0	1989	1989	Old Dominion	9-18-0	1966	2006	Wilkes	1-5-0	1977	1988
Delaware	1-0-0	1989	1989	Ohio	1-7-0	1990	2006	Wisconsin	1-0-0	1968	1968
Delaware State	2-0-0	1990	1991	Ohio State	1-8-0	1964	2006				
Drexel	1-0-0	1992	1992	Oswego State	0-1-0	1984	1984				
Duke	16-12-1	1927	2006	Pembroke State	6-4-0	1974	1986				
Duquesne	1-0-0	1996	1996	Penn State	0-3-0	1962	1965				
East Carolina	3-0-0	1979	1981	Pfeiffer	1-0-0	1967	1967				
Eastern Illinois	1-0-0	2005	2005	Pittsburgh	0-9-0	1965	2004				
Eastern Michigan	0-1-0	1996	1996	Pitt-Johnstown	0-3-0	2001	2005				
Edinboro	0-5-1	1998	2004	Princeton	1-1-0	1978	1991				
Elon	1-0-0	1986	1986								
Ferrum	4-0-0	1985	1988								
Findlay	1-0-0	2000	2000								
Florida International	1-0-0	1978	1978								
Franklin & Marshall	0-1-0	1982	1982								
Furman	2-0-0	1989	1990								
Gannon	1-0-0	1989	1989								
Gardner-Webb	4-0-0	2000	2004								
George Mason	5-9-0	1976	1990								
George Washington	2-0-0	1988	1989								
Georgia	3-1-0	1966	1974								
Georgia Tech	5-1-0	1966	1975								
Hampden-Sydney	1-0-0	1925	1925								
Harvard	1-0-0	2000	2000								
Hofstra	0-1-0	2003	2003								
Howard	3-0-0	1995	2001								
Illinois State	0-1-0	1973	1973								
Indiana	0-4-0	1972	2006								
Iowa	0-2-0	1968	2005								
Iowa State	0-2-0	2003	2006								
Ithaca	1-0-0	1990	1990								
James Madison	11-9-0	1976	2004								
Kansas State	0-1-0	1941	1941								
Kent State	0-1-0	2004	2004								
Lafayette	1-0-0	1975	1975								
Lehigh	0-1-0	2000	2000								

• Virginia Tech had no wrestling squad from 1943-46 due to World War II

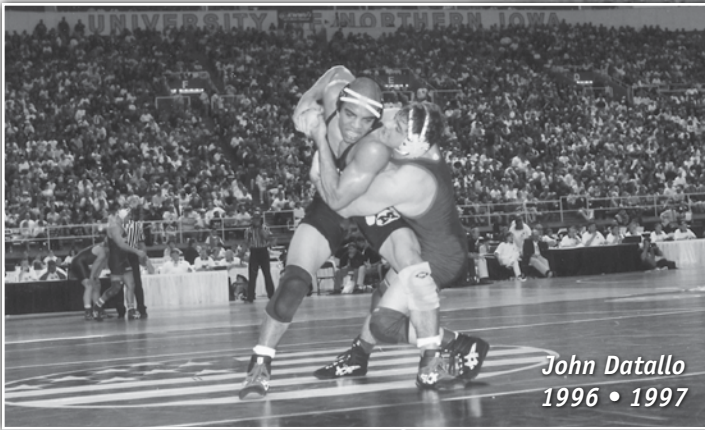
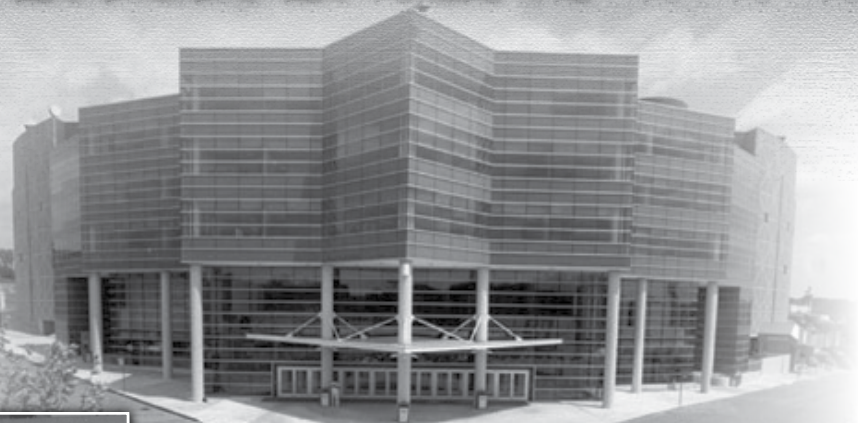
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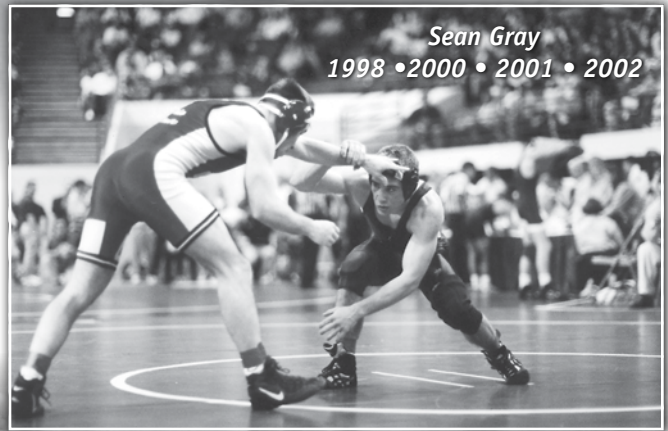
Steve Borja and the Hokies will wrestle five dual meets against ACC schools before competing in the conference championship at VMI.

NCAA EXCITEMENT

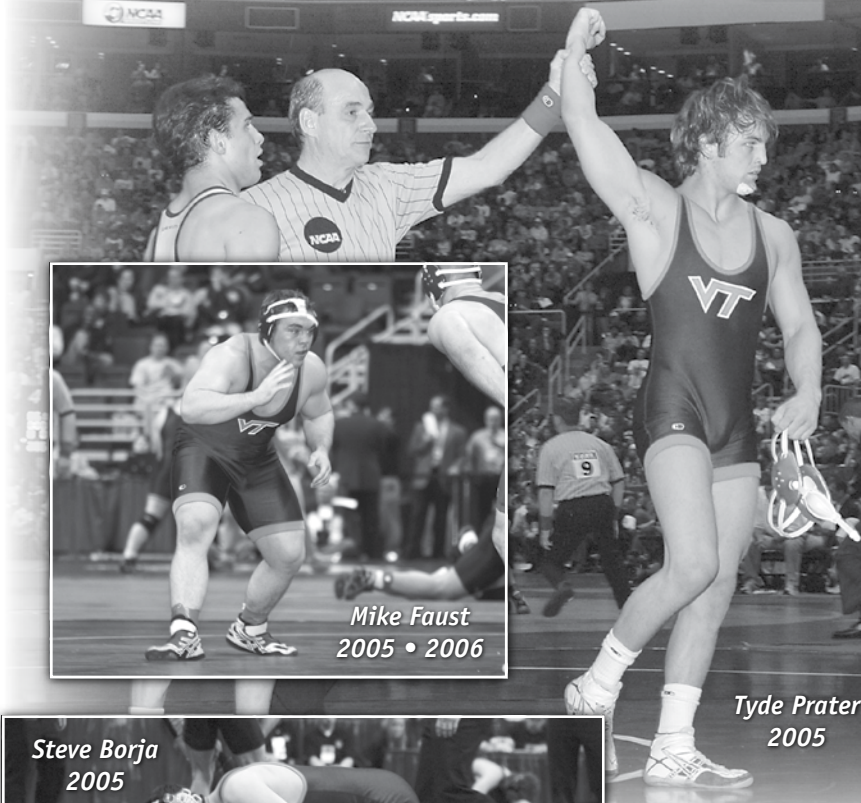
Virginia Tech wrestlers will be working this year toward competing in the NCAA Wrestling Championships at the Palace at Auburn Hills in Detroit, Mich. They'll be looking to join other Tech grapplers who have made their marks on college wrestling's grandest stage.



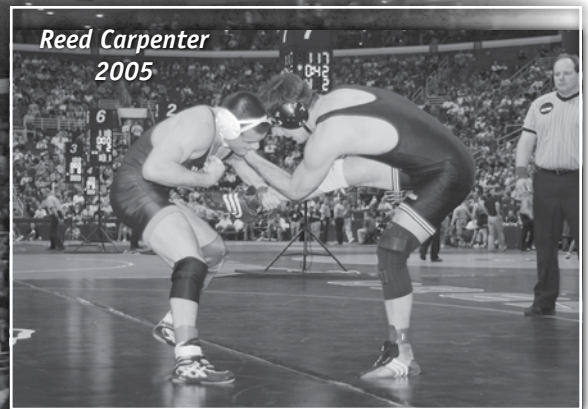
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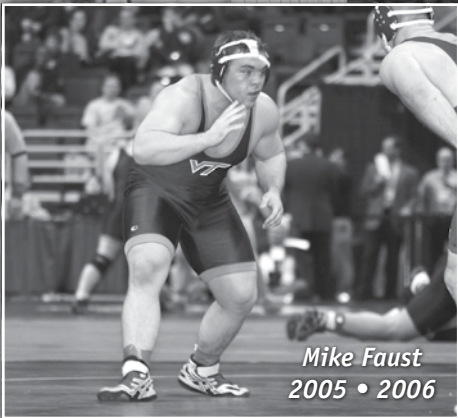
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*Tyde Prater
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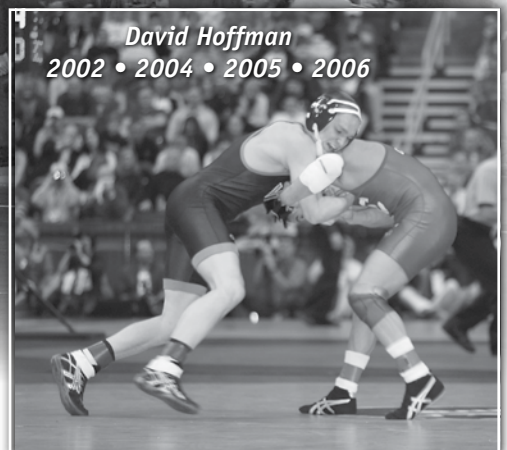
*Reed Carpenter
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*Mike Faust
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*Steve Borja
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*David Hoffman
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Three Hokies made the NCAA Championships last season, and Tech will be looking to qualify more this season.

THE ACC

THE TRADITION

Consistency. It is the mark of true excellence in any endeavor.

However, in today's intercollegiate athletics, competition has become so balanced and so competitive that it is virtually impossible to maintain a high level of consistency.

Yet the Atlantic Coast Conference has defied the odds. Now in its 54th year of competition, the ACC has long enjoyed the reputation as one of the strongest and most competitive intercollegiate conferences in the nation. And that is not mere conjecture, the numbers support it.

Since the league's inception in 1953, ACC schools have captured 100 national championships, including 52 in women's competition and 48 in men's. In addition, NCAA individual titles have gone to ACC student-athletes 130 times in men's competition and 71 times in women's action.

The sport of wrestling has played an integral role in the ACC's Tradition of Excellence since the league's inception in 1953. In the 53-year history of ACC wrestling, nine schools have sponsored the sport including Clemson, Duke, Georgia Tech, Maryland, North Carolina, NC State, Virginia, Virginia Tech and Wake Forest. The Terrapins lead all schools with 20 conference championships, all of them coming in succession from 1954-1973. North Carolina is second with 17 ACC titles. NC State has been crowned league champs 13 times, while Virginia has laid claim to three conference titles. Entering its 54th season, six schools, Duke, Maryland, North Carolina, NC State, Virginia and Virginia Tech, will vie for the title of ACC Champion.

At the NCAA Championship, ACC schools have registered 12 top 10 finishes including a league-high five top 10 finishes by the University of North Carolina. The Tar Heels posted the league's best finish at the national tournament with a tie for fifth place in 1982. NC State owns four top 10 finishes in school history with a team-best seventh-place showing in 1993. Clemson, Maryland and Virginia have each finished in the top 10 once.

The ACC has garnered 14 individual national champions including one three-time champion and one two-time champion. T.J. Jaworsky of North Carolina captured three straight titles at 134 pounds from 1993 to 1995, including the 1994 title in Chapel Hill at the Dean E. Smith Center. Jaworsky was also named the NCAA Championship Meet Most Outstanding Wrestler in 1995. Clemson's Scott Henson won back-to-back titles at 118 pounds in 1993 and 1994. At the 1988 NCAA Championship at Iowa State University, Scott Turner of NC State was named Most Outstanding Wrestler after capturing the individual title at 150 pounds. North Carolina head coach C.D. Mock, now in his fourth season with the Tar Heels, won Carolina's first individual title back in 1982 at 134 pounds. Bob Kopnisky of Maryland won the league's first individual national title back in 1965 at 157 pounds. UNC leads all league schools with five NCAA individual champions. NC State has claimed four individual titles, while Clemson has won three and Maryland one.

In 2006, North Carolina captured its second straight conference championship and third title in the last three years. NC State's Ryan Goodman was named ACC Tournament Most Valuable Wrestler as he won the individual title at 197 pounds. A pair of Hokies earned All-America accolades in leading Virginia Tech at the NCAA Championship. Mike Faust finished fifth in the heavyweight division, while teammate David Hoffman placed eighth at 141 pounds.

2005-06 IN REVIEW

The 2005-06 academic year concluded with the league pocketing an all-time high six national team titles and 15 individual NCAA crowns. In all, the ACC has won 57 national team titles over the last 16 years. The ACC has won two or more NCAA titles in 24 of the past 26 years.

THE CHAMPIONSHIPS

The conference will conduct championship competition in 25 sports during the 2006-07 academic year — 12 for men and 13 for women.

The first ACC championship was held in swimming on February 25, 1954. The conference did not conduct championships in cross country, wrestling or tennis during the first year.

The 12 sports for men include football, cross country, soccer,

BATTLING FOR A TRIP TO DETROIT

The six ACC schools that sponsor wrestling as a varsity sport — Duke, North Carolina, North Carolina State, Maryland, Virginia and Virginia Tech — will convene on the campus of NC State in Raleigh, N.C., on Saturday, March 3, 2007 for the annual ACC/SoCon Mat Jam, to determine the team and individual champions in both the Atlantic Coast Conference and Southern Conference.

For the ACC, the 10 weight class winners, plus five wildcards to be selected by the head coaches, will head to the 2007 NCAA Wrestling Championships, to be held March 15-17 at Detroit's Palace at Auburn Hills.

basketball, swimming, indoor and outdoor track, wrestling, baseball, tennis, golf and lacrosse. Fencing, which was started in 1971, was discontinued in 1981. Women's sports were initiated in 1977 with the first championship meet being held in tennis at Wake Forest University.

Championships for women are currently conducted in cross country, volleyball, field hockey, soccer, basketball, swimming, indoor and outdoor track, tennis, golf, lacrosse, softball and rowing.

A HISTORY

The Atlantic Coast Conference was founded on May 8, 1953, at the Sedgefield Inn near Greensboro, N.C., with seven charter members — Clemson, Duke, Maryland, North Carolina, North Carolina State, South Carolina and Wake Forest — drawing up the conference by-laws.

The withdrawal of seven schools from the Southern Conference came early on the morning of May 8, 1953, during the Southern Conference's annual spring meeting. On June 14, 1953, the seven members met in Raleigh, N.C., where a set of bylaws was adopted and the name became officially the Atlantic Coast Conference.

Suggestions from fans for the name of the new conference appeared in the region's newspapers prior to the meeting in Raleigh. Some of the names suggested were: Dixie, Mid South, Mid Atlantic, East Coast, Seaboard, Colonial, Tobacco, Blue-Gray, Piedmont, Southern Seven and the Shoreline.

Duke's Eddie Cameron recommended that the name of the conference be the Atlantic Coast Conference, and the motion was passed unanimously. The meeting concluded with each member institution assessed \$200.00 to pay for conference expenses.

On December 4, 1953, conference officials met again at Sedgefield and officially admitted the University of Virginia as the league's eighth member. The first, and only, withdrawal of a school from the ACC came on June 30, 1971, when the University of South Carolina tendered its resignation.

The ACC operated with seven members until April 3, 1978, when the Georgia Institute of Technology was admitted. The Atlanta school had withdrawn from the Southeastern Conference in January of 1964.

The ACC expanded to nine members on July 1, 1991, with the addition of Florida State University.

The conference expanded to 11 members on July 1, 2004, with the addition of the University of Miami and Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. On October 17, 2003, Boston College accepted an invitation to become the league's 12th member starting July 1, 2005.



THIS IS VIRGINIA TECH

A MISSION OF LEARNING, DISCOVERY AND ENGAGEMENT

Beginning in 1872 with 132 students and two programs of study, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, popularly known as Virginia Tech, has evolved into a comprehensive university of national and international prominence. With about 25,800 full-time students in Blacksburg and more than 2,000 other students statewide, the university produces world-class scholarship in a challenging academic environment. University tradition is firmly rooted in our motto, Ut Prosim (That I May Serve), and our historic land-grant mission is brought to life through learning, discovery and engagement.

LEARNING

Virginia Tech's challenging academic standards attract high-achieving students. Our eight colleges (Agriculture & Life Sciences, Architecture & Urban Studies, Engineering, Liberal Arts & Human Sciences, Natural Resources, Pamplin Business, Science and Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine) and Graduate School offer more degree programs than any other university in the state with 60 undergraduate and 140 graduate offerings. Virginia Tech is one of the nation's leaders in developing and using instructional technologies. Some 85 percent of our departments offer e-learning courses, which have attracted more than 60,000 enrollments since 1998.

DISCOVERY

The university's groundbreaking research transforms lives and communities. With annual research expenditures of about \$290 million, Virginia Tech is ranked 55th among research universities in the United States. The university, which has more than 100 research centers, also consistently ranks among the top institutions in industry-supported research and near the Top 10 in the number of patents issued each year.

The university's nationally and internationally recognized faculty and motivated students are involved in more than 3,500 research projects in fields ranging from biotechnology to materials, from the environment and energy to food and health, and from transportation to computing information.

ENGAGEMENT

As part of our outreach mission and in adherence to our motto, we serve and engage the citizens of the commonwealth, the nation and the world. Virginia Tech is involved in a multitude of economic and community development projects. These efforts focus on education and the dissemination of knowledge to the global society in which we live.

Professionals, organizations and communities tap Virginia Tech's vast resources, expertise and research results through hundreds of continuing and professional education programs and five campus centers. Virginia Tech

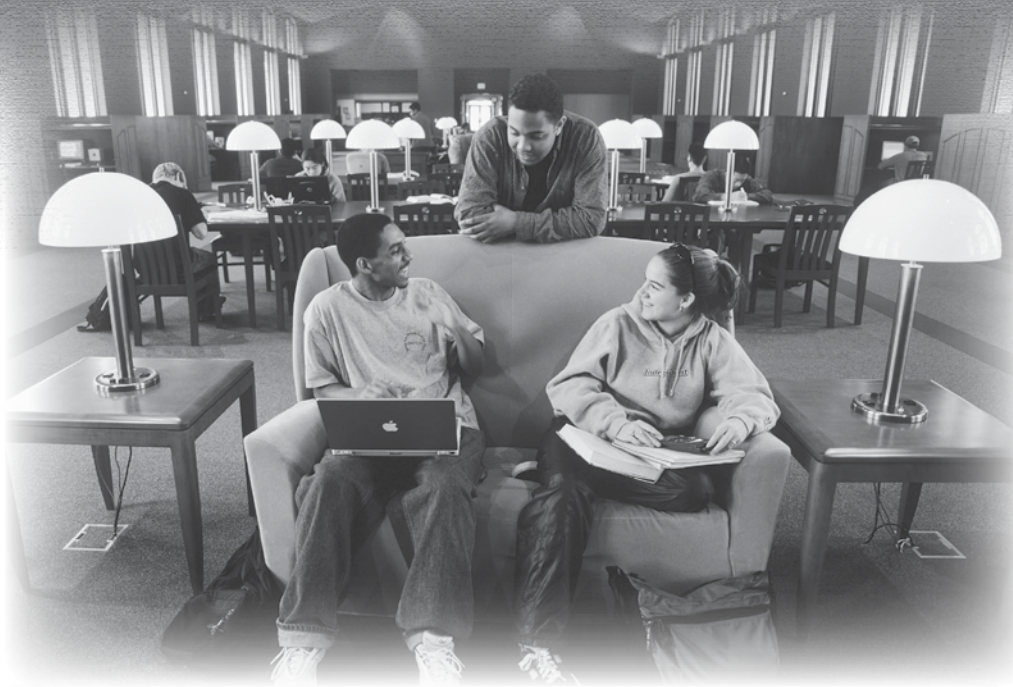
has a long history of providing innovative distance-learning techniques, such as satellite videoconferencing, multimedia, interactive video, interactive computer conferencing and Web-based courses, to meet the various needs of working adults and other nontraditional students.

The Inn at Virginia Tech & Skelton Conference Center on campus and The Hotel Roanoke & Conference Center in Roanoke, both owned by Virginia Tech, support the university's outreach mission by working with faculty to plan and host conferences and continuing education and professional programs.

Virginia Tech manages more than \$30 million in funded economic development projects in 27 countries and encourages faculty members to develop global course content and study abroad opportunities for students. In 2005-06, about 1,870 students from 117 foreign countries studied at Tech, while more than 800 Virginia Tech students studied abroad.

Virginia Cooperative Extension, operated jointly in the commonwealth by Virginia Tech and Virginia State University, has been helping people improve their economic, cultural and social well being for more than 90 years. With 107 city/county offices, tens of thousands of volunteers and programs across the state, Extension reaches and teaches millions of Virginians annually.





TECH TIDBITS

- Located at Blacksburg, Virginia
- Eight colleges and Graduate School
- 60 bachelor's degree programs
- Approximately 140 masters and doctoral degree programs
- About 28,000 students, mostly full-time
- 16:1 student-faculty ratio
- Main campus includes more than 100 buildings, 2,600 acres and an airport
- Computing and communications complex for worldwide information access
- Ranked 55th in university research in the U.S.
- Has adjacent Corporate Research Center



INTERESTING FACTS

- The university's annual budget is about \$821 million.
- Virginia Tech has about 185,000 alumni from every state and about 100 countries.
- All campus facilities, including residence halls, have high-speed connections to voice, data and video communications.
- Virginia Tech is one of three public universities in the country that offers the combined advantages of a military-style leadership development program — here it is through the Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets — and a traditional academic and social life.
- *U.S. News & World Report* ranked Virginia Tech's undergraduate program 33rd best among national public universities. Of all universities — public or private — it ranked Tech the 46th best value in the country.
- *Kiplinger Magazine* ranked Virginia Tech the 20th best value in public higher education in the nation.
- The National Science Foundation ranked Tech 11th in the nation in agricultural research expenditures.
- The university's undergraduate engineering program is 14th among the nation's engineering schools and eighth among public universities, according to *U.S. News & World Report*. Eight individual programs ranked in the Top 25.
- The Corporate Research Center was cited for best practice of technology transfer in a national study.
- The Pamplin College of Business undergraduate program was ranked 40th in the nation in the latest *U.S. News and World Report* rankings. The M.B.A. program was rated 63rd in the world by Financial Times.
- Virginia Tech consistently ranks among the Top 15 schools in the nation in number of patents received.

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Manager

WHAT IS A HOKIE?

That's the most often-asked question at Virginia Tech.

The answer leads all the way back to 1896 when Virginia Agricultural and 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 loyal to Tech athletics.



The HokieBird —
Tech's lovable mascot.

SPORTS MEDICINE

The Virginia Tech Sports Medicine Department is an ever-changing and developing unit that strives to provide the most current and comprehensive care to all student-athletes. The department is constantly evolving to incorporate new ideas and state-of-the-art resources for the betterment of student-athletes.

A professional staff — including primary care physicians who are Board certified in family medicine and sports medicine, orthopaedic surgeons, certified athletic trainers, physical therapists, chiropractors, massage therapists, sport psychologists, nutritionists and orthotists - is available to manage the health care of Tech athletes.

As part of the evolution, Tech recently completed its fifth full year in the 4,300-square-foot Eddie Ferrell Memorial Training Room. This area consolidated the training rooms that existed in the Merryman Center and Cassell Coliseum. The facility gives the training staff a centralized area to care for the needs of all Virginia Tech student-athletes.

Virginia Tech has more than 10,000 square feet dedicated to sports medicine, placing Tech in the top five percent nationally. In addition, the \$10 million Merryman Center, a state-of-the-art facility that includes 2,400 square feet of medical space, will supplement the new training room. This treatment room has numerous treatment modalities, including portable X-ray, electric stimulation, ultrasound, hot and cold packs and a lumbar/cervical traction unit. It also has offices for the staff, dozens of training tables, two cold tubs, whirlpools, an underwater treadmill, a Biodex System 3 and various other pieces of rehabilitation equipment.

The range of benefits athletes have access to include custom orthotics, custom mouth guards, specialized DonJoy prophylactic bracing and many other options to help prevent or protect them from injuries. The sports medicine staff also takes great pride in treating the athlete year-round. Special attention is paid to off-season activity.

"If our strength and conditioning is so important, and it is, then we owe it to our athletes to provide them with the necessary resources to keep them actively participating," Goforth said. "We basically adopt the attitude that in the fall, our mission is to keep them participating on the field and during the other times of the year, it is our job to keep them participating in our strength and conditioning program."

Their programs consist of strengthening, stretching and most importantly movement pattern analysis and training to help prevent the re-occurrence of injuries.

"We value the off-season greatly within our department," Goforth said. "We have adopted the same mindset as our strength and conditioning staff and look at our off-season time as an opportunity to get our athletes better as opposed to time off for our staff."

A vital part of student-athletes services is



The spacious Eddie Ferrell Memorial Training Room is conveniently located adjacent to Cassell Coliseum.

the access to the Schiffert Student Health Center in McComas Hall. The center also has a fully operational diagnostic laboratory, X-ray facilities and eight full-time physicians.

If physical therapy is needed, student-athletes can be seen by therapist Mark Piechoski in the Ferrell Training Room. Piechoski, who is a certified athletic trainer, physical therapist and strength and conditioning specialist plays a large role in the overall program developed to return the injured athlete back to 100 percent. In addition, staff sport psychologist Gary Bennett is available to all student-athletes for personal and performance issues. Virginia Tech also has the services of Dr. Greg Tilley, team chiropractor. Tilley provides Tech athletes with specialized treatment for spine-related conditions and also plays a huge role in performance enhancement through various chiropractic techniques.

"Our goal is to provide the same high level of health care that Olympic athletes receive," Goforth continued. "Our usage of specialist care is modeled after the NFL system and incorporates components of the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs."

Team orthopaedic surgeon Dr. Marc Siegel brings a wealth of experience and skills to assist when athletes need orthopaedic surgery to repair certain types of sports-related injuries that occur from time to time.



Shawn Collins

Tech also maintains a special relationship with Montgomery Regional Hospital. Montgomery Regional Hospital is the choice for state-of-the-art equipment to perform surgeries, diagnostic imaging and processing of laboratory requests.

Over the past 10 years, Virginia Tech has developed the reputation for producing top-level certified athletic trainers. Graduates are now employed in positions across the country at various levels of the profession.

Shawn Collins, in his first season at Virginia Tech, works with the Hokie wrestling program.

ATHLETIC PERFORMANCE

STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING

One of the most important aspects of a successful college wrestling program is its strength and conditioning program. Before the lights ever come on, before the first whistle is blown and before the first match is wrestled, college wrestlers work on getting themselves physically prepared for the rigors of a five-month season.

Thanks to the direction of Assistant Athletics Director for Athletic Performance Mike Gentry, the Virginia Tech strength and conditioning program is among the best in the nation, helping to make the wrestling program one of the best as well.

One of the main support centers of Tech wrestling is the strength and conditioning program.

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 player and long-time supporter of the Virginia Tech Athletics Department.

Gentry is in his 20th 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.

Assisting Gentry in the weight room this year are four full-time assistant strength and conditioning coaches: Terry Mitchell, director of strength and conditioning, coordinators Jarrett Ferguson and Keith Short, and Jamie Meyer, coordinator of strength and conditioning for Olympic sports.

Graduate assistants for strength and conditioning are Cedric Smith, Thenus Franklin



Terry Mitchell

and Mike Crist.

Mitchell, who handles the strength and conditioning for Tech's wrestling team, has experience in the Texas Rangers farm system. He graduated from Lee (Tenn.) College in 1994 and earned a master's in health promotions at Tech in 2004.

He is married to the former Terri Thompson and this is his fifth year with the Hokie wrestling program.

SPORT PSYCHOLOGY

Virginia Tech also offers another important service to all its student-athletes — sport psychology.

Dr. Gary Bennett coordinates the sport psychology department, which offers psychological and performance enhancement services for student-athletes.

Bennett, who is in his seventh year as the sport psychologist for the Virginia Tech Athletics Department, also works closely with the Cook Counseling Center.

Bennett meets with student-athletes on an individual basis for personal counseling and to discuss the mental aspects of the game. He also works on team building, communication and performance enhancement.

The sport psychology department also offers 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 sport psychologists if they do not feel comfortable in the group or cannot make the sessions.

A new addition to the sport psychology resources is the Dynavision 2000, a unique conditioning and training program designed to increase focus and concentration, improve

Dr. Gary Bennett works with former Hokie wrestler Chris Stith on the Dynavision 2000.

coordination and visuomotor reactions, and increase peripheral awareness. Virginia Tech is privileged to be one of only a handful of schools with this cutting-edge technology.

SPORTS NUTRITION

Eating healthy and choosing nutritious diets are important aspects of a Virginia Tech student-athlete's life, and that's why in July 2002, the athletics department implemented the sports nutrition program. Amy Freel serves as the director.

Freel, who is in her fifth year as the sports nutritionist in the Virginia Tech Athletics Department, works individually with student-athletes to provide them with information 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 eating choices 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.

Also in July 2002, the Virginia Tech Athletics Department purchased the BOD POD body composition system. Tech is one of a handful of college athletic departments using this type of technology. The BOD POD is found in many professional training facilities, such as the NFL and Major League Baseball. It accurately measures body composition (percent of body fat, lean muscle mass and fat mass) through air displacement within five minutes. Research has shown that an increase in lean muscle mass will increase athletic performance. The Sports Nutrition Program has helped countless Tech athletes maximize their athletic performance.

Freel received her undergraduate degree in dietetics in 1996 from Ball State University.

She became a registered dietitian in 1997 and earned her Master's degree in dietetics from Ball State in 1998.



The wrestling team trains in the "Bulldog" Haren weight room.



Nutritionist Amy Freel can monitor athletes' body composition with the BOD POD.

STUDENT LIFE

The Virginia Tech Athletics Office of Student Life is committed to developing the total student-athlete. Director Megan Armbruster is dedicated to enhancing the quality of the student-athlete experience through programs the office administers. The programming implemented by the Virginia Tech Athletics Office of Student Life is modeled after the NCAA/CHAMPS Life Skills Program. The five components are Personal Development, Career Development, Academic Excellence, Athletic Excellence and Community Outreach.

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

Virginia Tech student-athletes obtain personal development education through workshops and mandatory speakers. Presentation topics include gambling, alcohol abuse, sexual violence and healthy relationships, media relations, and manners and etiquette dinners.

CAREER DEVELOPMENT

In close collaboration with the Virginia Tech Career Services Center, career development programs are designed specifically for student-athletes. Resumé design, career fair etiquette, mock interviews, interview attire and mini-career fairs are just a few examples of workshops hosted by the Athletics Office of Student Life. Student-athletes are encouraged to participate in on-campus interviewing and eRecruiting along with securing internships and co-ops during their college careers. In 2005, both Cintas Corporation and NVR Inc., hosted workshops providing student-athletes the opportunity to hear job search strategies directly from employers.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

The Virginia Tech Athletics Office of Student Life is responsible for nominating student-athletes for academic honors and awards. Athletes are nominated for on-campus, Atlantic Coast Conference and national awards. This year, Jessica Morris, a member of the cross country team, was named the Virginia Tech Undergraduate Woman of the Year. Student-athletes with a 3.0 GPA are rewarded each semester by being honored on the Athletic Director's Honor Roll. The 2004 calendar year listed 315 student-athletes with this honor. Bob Ritchie, men's basketball, and Mallory Soldner, women's soccer, received the Skelton Award for Academic Excellence in Athletics. The award is given to one male and one female student-athlete who demonstrate leadership, outstanding academic excellence and community involvement. The recipients of the award receive a \$5,000 scholarship donated by Dr. Bill and Peggy Skelton.

ATHLETIC EXCELLENCE

The Virginia Tech Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) promotes effective communication between athletic administration

and student-athletes. SAAC is comprised of two representatives from each sport. These representatives meet twice a month to discuss issues and concerns regarding their sports, department of athletics, ACC and NCAA legislation. The student-athletes encourage their teammates to get involved both on campus and in the community. Each year SAAC sponsors a canned food drive during the basketball season. The wrestling team representatives are Steve Borja and Steve Ratley.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

The Athletics Office of Student Life community outreach program is "Hokies with Heart." Student-athletes are encouraged to volunteer throughout their college experience. In collaboration with the Virginia Tech Corp of Cadets and student leadership, the "Hokies with Heart" program works together with the Montgomery County Public Schools System to visit with local school kids about the importance of education and character development. In 2005, the student-athletes also volunteered with the Montgomery County Christmas Store, Virginia Tech White Ribbon Campaign and Hokies United Hurricane Relief Campaign.

Each athletic team at Virginia Tech is encouraged to select one community partner on which to focus its philanthropic efforts throughout the year. The wrestling team works with Falling Branch Elementary School.

Megan Armbruster is in her fourth year at Virginia Tech as the Director of Student Life. Armbruster is responsible for coordinating new student-athlete orientation, Hokie career development, the "Hokies with Heart" community outreach programs, and serves as advisor for the Virginia Tech Student Athlete Advisory Committee. She also nominates student-athletes for academic honors and awards.

Armbruster serves on a variety of campus committees including the Sexual Violence Prevention Committee, S.A.I.L. (Student Achievement through Involvement and Leadership) Committee, Virginia Tech Orientation Planning Committee, and Hokie Hi Welcome Back Planning Committee. In 2004-2005 she



The wrestling team helps keep the area around Virginia Tech beautiful.

was an instructor for the WING program First Year Seminar. This class is taught to first-year students living in a co-educational environment



Megan Armbruster

in the Slusher Hall WING learning community. Armbruster also co-taught the Transitions II class for junior and senior student-athletes who are preparing for the "real world."

Armbruster was honored by the United Way of Montgomery, Radford and Floyd for 'Exceptional Dedication.' She was also presented with an award from the Virginia Tech Women's Center in appreciation for her contributions to the Violence Against Women Act Grant.

Armbruster came to Tech from the University of Nebraska. At Nebraska, she served as assistant academic counselor at the Hewitt Academic Center for Student-Athletes for two years. She earned her bachelor's degree in community health education in 1998 and received her master's in educational administration in 2001, both from Nebraska.



Former Hokie David Hoffman (above) signs T-shirts at an autograph night while Mike Faust (top) makes a new friend at the same event.

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 is a school-best 74 percent for 2005. This marks the third time in the last four years that Virginia Tech's student-athlete graduation rate has been 70 percent or better.

In addition to posting impressive graduation figures, Virginia Tech's student-athletes continue to excel in the classroom. For the 2004 calendar year, 425 3.0 GPAs were earned by student-athletes, student trainers, student managers, cheerleaders and HighTechs. These student-athletes and students from support areas were recognized at the Athletic Director's Honors Breakfast last spring.

Student-athletes are the most visible student component of a university. They entertain thousands of fans, students and alumni. Their athletic ability and achievement is the primary focus for national media attention. Athletic events bring back not only faithful alumni, but are a welcome mat for potential new students.

Student-athletes devote many hours to practice, conditioning and training that are not required of all students. 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 Virginia Tech Student Athlete Academic Support Services office is committed to providing fundamental and supplemental programming, consistent with University and NCAA policy, aimed at enhancing each student-athlete's educational experience.

Stakeholders of the office's mission include student-athletes and their families, the university community, coaches and athletics

administrators. SAASS seeks to develop relationships with its stakeholders that are founded on trust and respect, and provides the following services to accommodate their needs:

- University and NCAA information
- Orientation
- Academic assessment
- The development of an effective student life program
- Appropriate referrals
- Monitored study environments
- Tutorial programs
- State of the art technological learning assistance
- Student Athlete academic performance evaluations

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.

SAASS 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. Additionally, student-athletes are referred to and encouraged to take advantage of other campus agencies charged with helping students in their academic pursuits.

During this past summer, the SAASS office moved to the West Side of Lane Stadium. Here, student-athletes have access to state-of-the-art technology, quiet study facilities, individualized tutorial rooms and direct access to the SAASS staff. This complex is a focal point for the Athletics Department, both aesthetically and pragmatically, and provides a centralized place for student-athlete services.

The new facility features more than 18,000 square feet of space, 10 staff offices, 18 private tutor rooms, a state-of-the-art classroom, a

45-station computer lab, three reading/study rooms, a conference room and reference library.

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.

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

Colin Howlett is in his 10th year with Virginia Tech and serves as an associate director in the SAASS office.

Katie Ammons is an assistant director who is in her eighth year and works with the men's and women's basketball, men's and women's cross country and men's and women's track programs.

Sarah Armstrong, assistant director, is in her second year as a full time member of the SAASS staff. She is responsible for providing academic programming for the freshman football students.

Drew Scales is in his fifth year with SAASS as an assistant director. Scales provides



Drew Scales

academic support for student-athletes in lacrosse, volleyball, men's and women's soccer and wrestling, in addition to overseeing the mentor program.

Jessica Hegr is in her second year with SAASS and will work with baseball, softball, men's

and women's swimming, men's and women's tennis, as well as the managers, trainers, cheerleaders and HighTechs.

Terrie Repass is in her 32nd year of service at Virginia Tech. She serves as the office secretary and "first contact" person for the SAASS. She is responsible for organizing special events and meetings for the office.

COMPUTER SERVICES

Another example of Virginia Tech's commitment to providing its student-athletes with the best academic resources possible is the presence of the Computer Services department, under the direction of Brad Tilley (left).



Because all Tech students are required to own computers, the Virginia Tech athletics department helps its scholarship athletes fulfill that requirement by providing them with state-of-the-art laptops equipped with the most recent software.

In addition to procuring laptops for the athletes, the office also addresses hardware and software needs for the student-athletes and the entire Virginia Tech athletics staff. Assisting Tilley this year is Chris Mayer.



Academic staff offices are located in the new West side stadium expansion, which devotes 18,000 square feet to academic services for Tech student-athletes.

BLACKSBURG, VA.



One of America's best college towns, Blacksburg is a perfect setting for Virginia Tech. Located in Southwest Virginia on a plateau between the Blue Ridge and Allegheny Mountains, Blacksburg combines the laid-back lifestyle of a small town with the amenities one would expect to find in a major center of higher education. Together, the town and university have worked hard to create a progressive community that ranks among the nation's elite living environments.

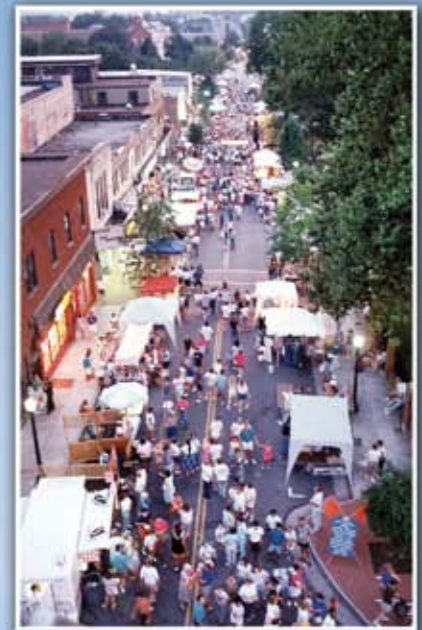
Virginia Tech and the Town of Blacksburg gained national and international attention by creating the world's first "electronic village." Businesses and industries have been drawn by the potential of the quaint town.

Established in 1798 by John and William Black, the town is surrounded by scenic mountain views that accentuate the area. Since its founding, Blacksburg has grown to become the largest town in Virginia.

The nearly 42,000 residents (including students) enjoy close proximity to a variety of recreation areas such as the Blue Ridge Parkway, Appalachian Trail, Claytor Lake and the New River. The region features a moderate climate and four distinct seasons. Blacksburg's location (adjacent to major interstate highways) provides convenient access to most points in the southern and eastern parts of the country.

More information on Blacksburg can be found on the web site of the Blacksburg Electronic Village, www.bev.net or the town's web site, www.blacksburg.va.us.

From peaceful outings at the nearby Cascades, to thrilling football games at Lane Stadium, to a stroll through campus, Virginia Tech and the Blacksburg area have a lot to offer.





2006-2007 VIRGINIA TECH WRESTLING SCHEDULE

Nov. 5	HOKIE CLASSIC	Blacksburg		Jan. 13	Virginia Duals	Hampton, Va.	TBD
	JAMES MADISON		1 p.m.	20	MARYLAND *	Blacksburg	2 p.m.
	LIBERTY		4:30 p.m.	27	North Carolina *	Chapel Hill, N.C.	1 p.m.
	GARDNER-WEBB		6 p.m.	28	vs. Virginia *	Richmond, Va.	2 p.m.
	ANDERSON		7:30 p.m.	31	UNC Greensboro	Greensboro, N.C.	7 p.m.
11	WVU Open	Morgantown, W.Va.	All Day	Feb. 8	Old Dominion	Norfolk, Va.	7 p.m.
18	Ryan Kaufman Open	Omaha, Neb.	All Day	10	Duke *	Christiansburg, Va.	8 p.m.
24	NEBRASKA	Blacksburg	4 p.m.	16	IOWA STATE	Blacksburg	7 p.m.
Dec. 3	Penn State Open	State College, Pa.	All Day	18	NC State *	Raleigh, N.C.	2 p.m.
29	Southern Scuffle	Greensboro, N.C.	All Day	Mar. 3	ACC Championships	Raleigh, N.C.	All Day
30	Southern Scuffle	Greensboro, N.C.	All Day	15-17	NCAA Championships	Detroit, Mich.	All Day
Jan. 3	Ohio University	Athens, Ohio	7 p.m.				
12	Virginia Duals	Hampton, Va.	9 a.m.				

** denotes ACC match*

A NEW ATTITUDE HAS SWEEPED THROUGH BLACKSBURG AS HEAD COACH KEVIN DRESSER AND HIS ASSISTANTS HAVE TAKEN OVER AND STARTED A NEW ERA IN HOKIE WRESTLING. THE GROUP HAS THE LUXURY OF A MUCH LARGER PRACTICE ROOM, AS WELL AS UPGRADES IN OTHER AREAS. THESE IMPROVEMENTS ARE HELPING TURN THE HOKIES INTO A PLAYER ON THE NATIONAL WRESTLING SCENE.