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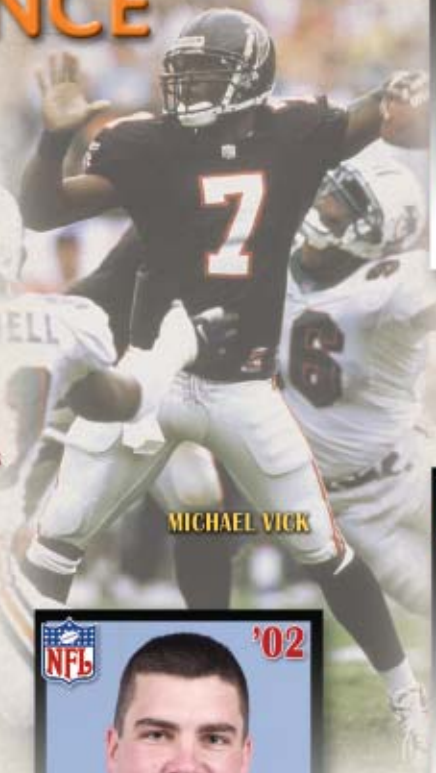
2002 FOOTBALL



VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE AND STATE UNIVERSITY

REACHING FOR EXCELLENCE

Virginia Tech's reach for excellence extends to the National Football League, where teams drafted eight Tech players in 2002 – the second highest total for any college team. Overall, 11 Hokies will get a shot at the NFL this fall, bringing to 99 the number of players who have signed with the league during Coach Frank Beamer's 15-year tenure at Tech.



MICHAEL VICK

ANDRÉ DAVIS
2nd ROUND

BEN TAYLOR
4th ROUND



CHAD BEASLEY
6th ROUND

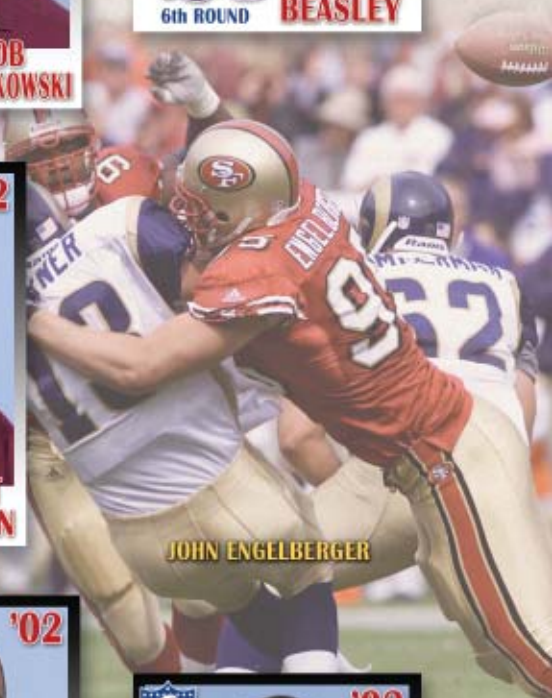
KEVIN McCADAM
5th ROUND

DAVID PUGH
6th ROUND

BOB SLOWIKOWSKI
6th ROUND

DERRIUS MONROE
7th ROUND

JARRETT FERGUSON
7th ROUND



JOHN ENGELBERGER



ANTONIO FREEMAN

LARRY AUSTIN
FREE AGENT

EMMETT JOHNSON
FREE AGENT

BROWNING WYNN
FREE AGENT

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2002 Football

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE
PASSED,
FOR THOSE TO COME...

REACH
FOR
EXCELLENCE

Quick Facts

Location: Blacksburg, Va.

Founded: 1872

Enrollment: 26,000

President: Dr. Charles W. Steger

Athletic Director: Jim Weaver

Office Phone: (540) 231-3977

Faculty Chairman of Athletics:

Dr. Larry Killough

Ticket Manager: Sandy Smith

Office Phone: (540) 231-6731

Nickname: Hokies

Colors: Chicago maroon and burnt orange

Conference: BIG EAST

Football Began: 1892

All-Time Football Record:

588-401-46 (108 seasons)

Stadium: Lane Stadium/Worsham Field

Capacity: 65,115

Turf: GreenTech ITM natural grass

Head Coach: Frank Beamer (Virginia Tech, '69)

Best Time To Contact: Through SID Office

Record at VT: 107-65-2 (15 years)

Overall Record: 149-88-4 (21 years)

2001 Record: 8-4

(including Toyota Gator Bowl loss)

Final Ranking Last Year: 18th in both polls

Conference Record (Finish): 4-3 (tied for third)

Offensive System: Multiple

Defensive System: 4-3

Lettermen Returning: 41 (17 off., 18 def., 6 spec.)

Lettermen Lost: 28 (12 off., 15 def., 1 spec.)

Starters Returning: 13 (6 off., 5 def., 2 spec.)

Starters Lost: 11 (5 off., 6 def., 0 spec.)

The Hokies "reach for excellence" as they take the field in one of the great traditions of Virginia Tech football. The Hokies' endeavor to be the best goes far beyond Lane Stadium, however, extending from academics and support to facilities and anything else that can help student-athletes reach their potential in all that they do.

2002 Football Schedule

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>TV</u>
Sun.	Aug. 25	ARKANSAS STATE (Hispanic College Fund Football Classic)	Blacksburg, Va.	
Sun.	Sept. 1	LOUISIANA STATE	Blacksburg, Va.	ABC
Thur.	Sept. 12	MARSHALL	Blacksburg, Va.	ESPN
Sat.	Sept. 21	at Texas A&M	College Station, Texas	
Sat.	Sept. 28	at Western Michigan	Kalamazoo, Mich.	
Thur.	Oct. 10	at Boston College*	Chestnut Hill, Mass.	ESPN
Sat.	Oct. 19	RUTGERS (Homecoming)*	Blacksburg, Va.	
Sat.	Oct. 26	TEMPLE *	Blacksburg, Va.	
Sat.	Nov. 2	PITTSBURGH (Hall of Fame)*	Blacksburg, Va.	
Sat.	Nov. 9	at Syracuse*	Syracuse, N.Y.	
Wed.	Nov. 20	WEST VIRGINIA *	Blacksburg, Va.	ESPN2
Sat.	Nov. 30	VIRGINIA (Dominion Virginia Power Classic)	Blacksburg, Va.	
Sat.	Dec. 7	at Miami*	Miami, Fla.	ABC

*BIG EAST Conference game
Times and TV to be announced.

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Virginia Tech Football

When Coach Frank Beamer took the job at his alma mater, his goal was to reach a consistent level of excellence. Now entering his 16th season at Tech, the fourth-longest active streak in college football, Beamer has led his teams to nine straight bowl games, three BIG EAST titles and has the Hokies consistently "reaching for excellence."



REACHING FOR EXCELLENCE

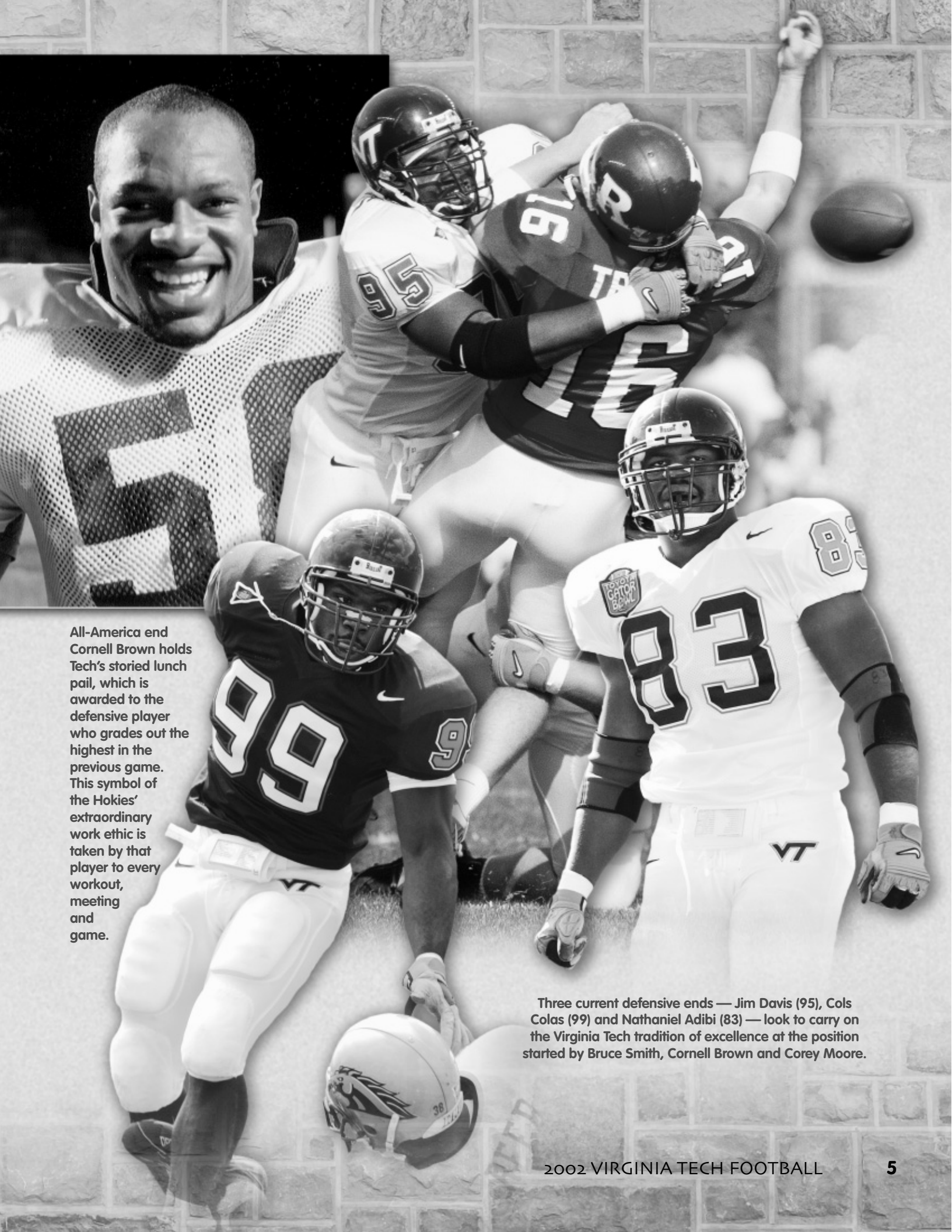
DEFENSIVE TRADITION

Virginia Tech has had numerous great players over the years, but there is one position that has thrust the Hokies into the national spotlight more than others. Tech's defensive ends have won national individual awards while helping to earn the defense an annual reputation as one of the best in the land.



The Outland Trophy. The Nagurski Award. The Lombardi Trophy. These three top individual national defensive awards were won by former Tech greats Bruce Smith (78) and Corey Moore (right).



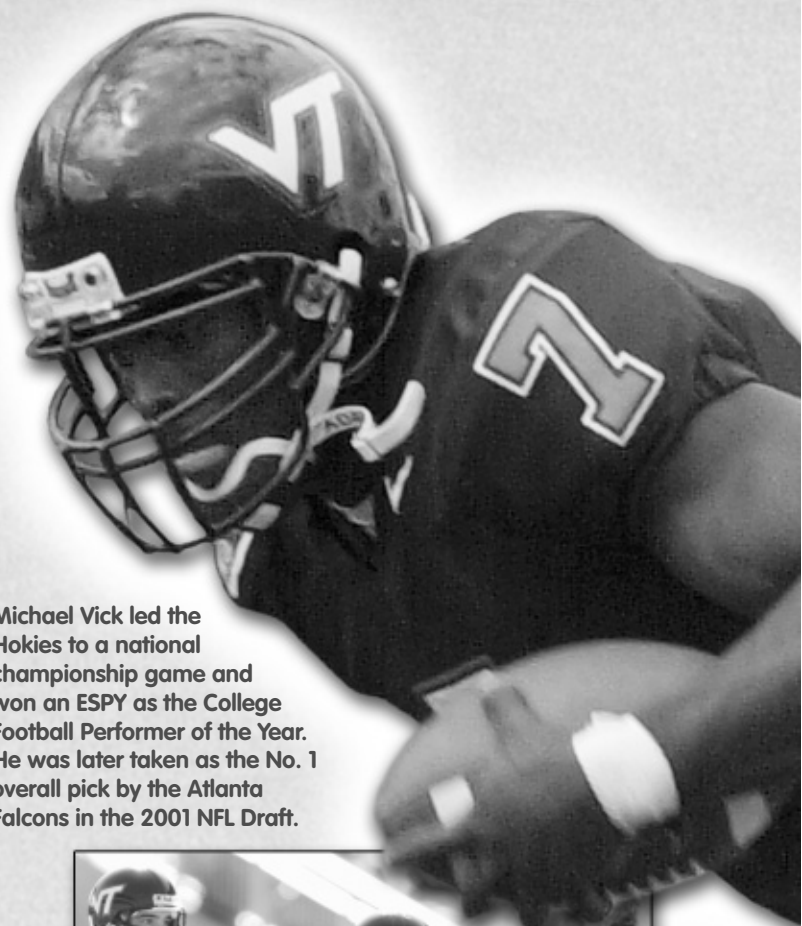


All-America end Cornell Brown holds Tech's storied lunch pail, which is awarded to the defensive player who grades out the highest in the previous game. This symbol of the Hokies' extraordinary work ethic is taken by that player to every workout, meeting and game.

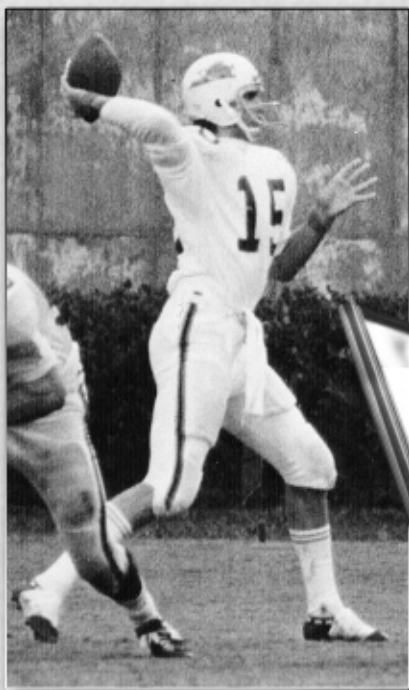
Three current defensive ends — Jim Davis (95), Cols Colas (99) and Nathaniel Adibi (83) — look to carry on the Virginia Tech tradition of excellence at the position started by Bruce Smith, Cornell Brown and Corey Moore.

EXCITEMENT ON OFFENSE

From human-highlight reel Michael Vick to record-setting Don Strock, Virginia Tech has had several outstanding athletes over the years on offense. The Hokies have used a powerful running game and a wide-open passing game to put up great numbers both on the scoreboard and in the 'W' column.



Michael Vick led the Hokies to a national championship game and won an ESPY as the College Football Performer of the Year. He was later taken as the No. 1 overall pick by the Atlanta Falcons in the 2001 NFL Draft.



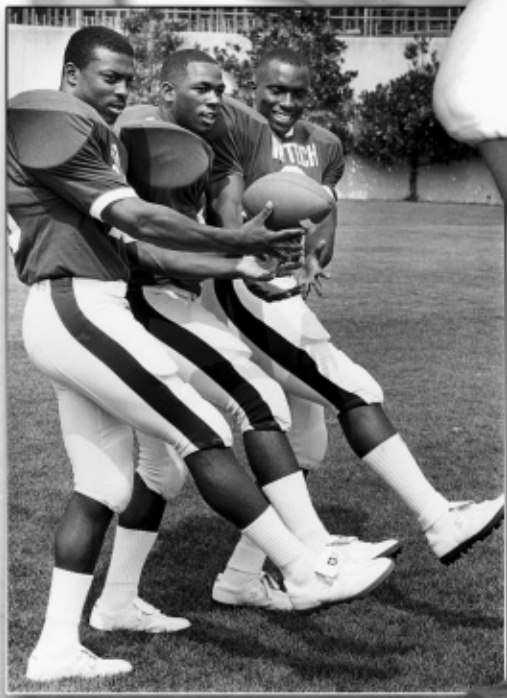
Don Strock (15) led the nation in passing yards in 1972 as a classic drop-back quarterback. In 1999, Michael Vick (7, maroon jersey) took the college game by storm, electrifying fans with his unbelievable knack of making the impossible look simple.



Numerous great offensive linemen have manned the trenches for the Hokies over the years. Jim Pyne (left) was Tech's first unanimous All-American in 1993. Junior Jake Grove (64) is looking to follow in the footsteps of outstanding Tech centers.



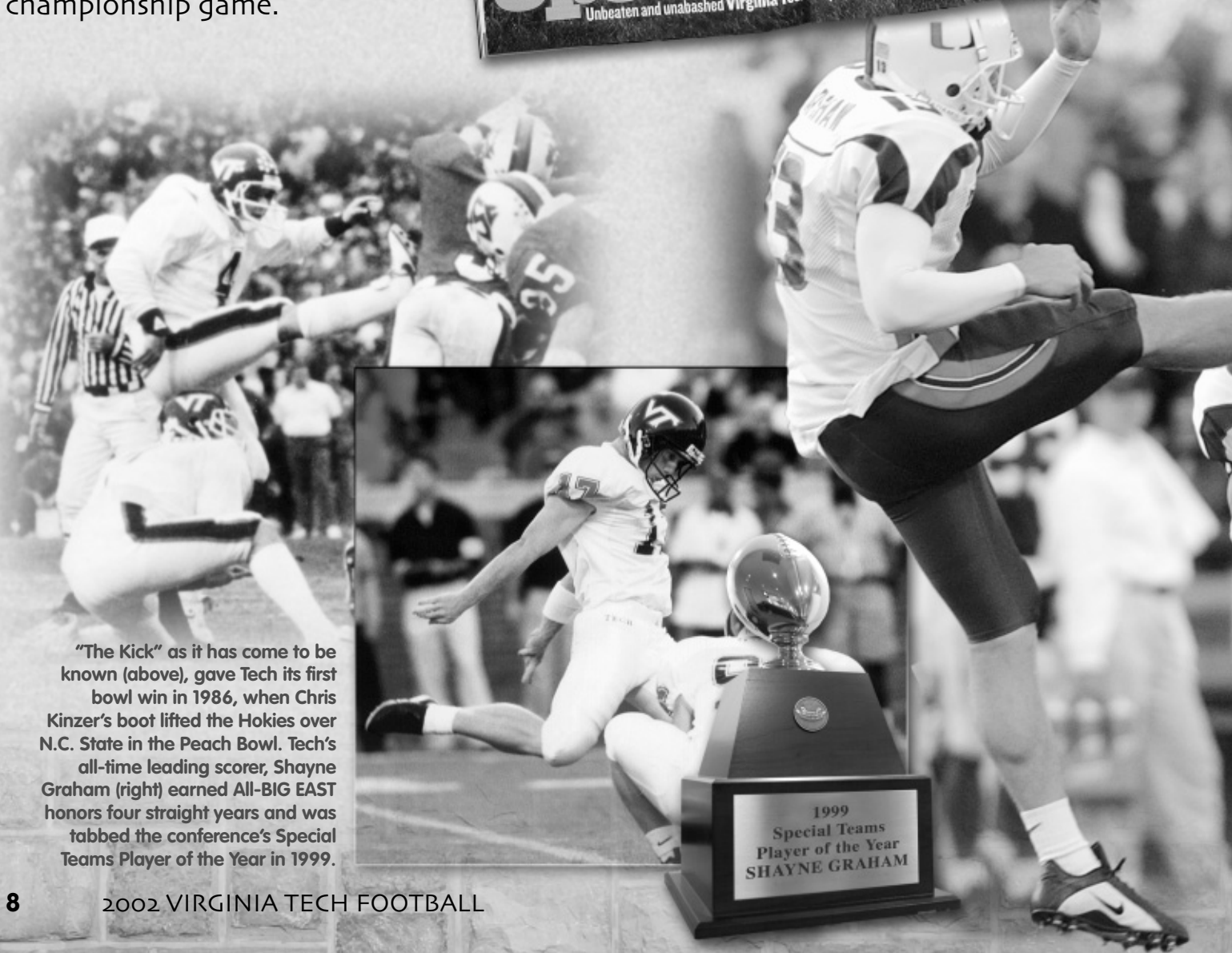
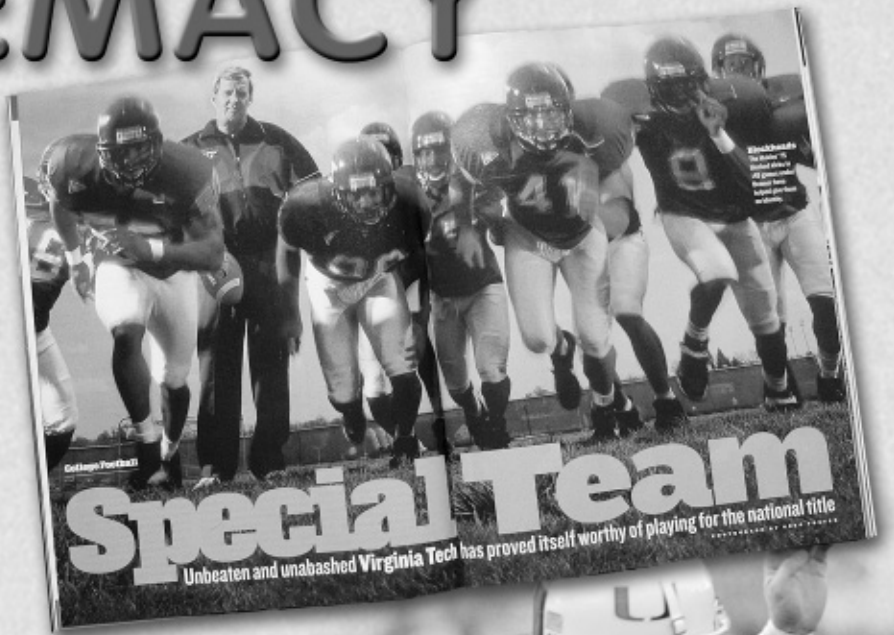
A single link from a chain, carried by each member of the Virginia Tech offense, is a symbol of the teamwork the Hokies exhibit on and off the field and serves as a reminder of the responsibility each player has to assure the success of the team.



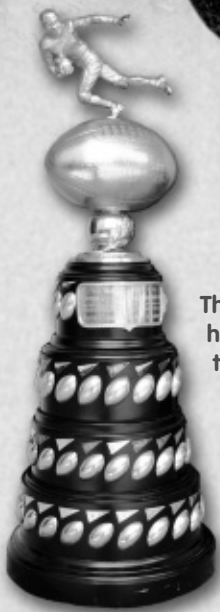
Tech has had some great ball carriers over the years. In 1983, Desmar Becton, Eddie Hunter and Maurice Williams (left) were tabbed the "Stallions," and that moniker has since been applied to all Tech's backfields. Sophomore Kevin Jones (7, above) is the latest in a long line of great runners to don the Orange and Maroon.

SPECIAL TEAMS SUPREMACY

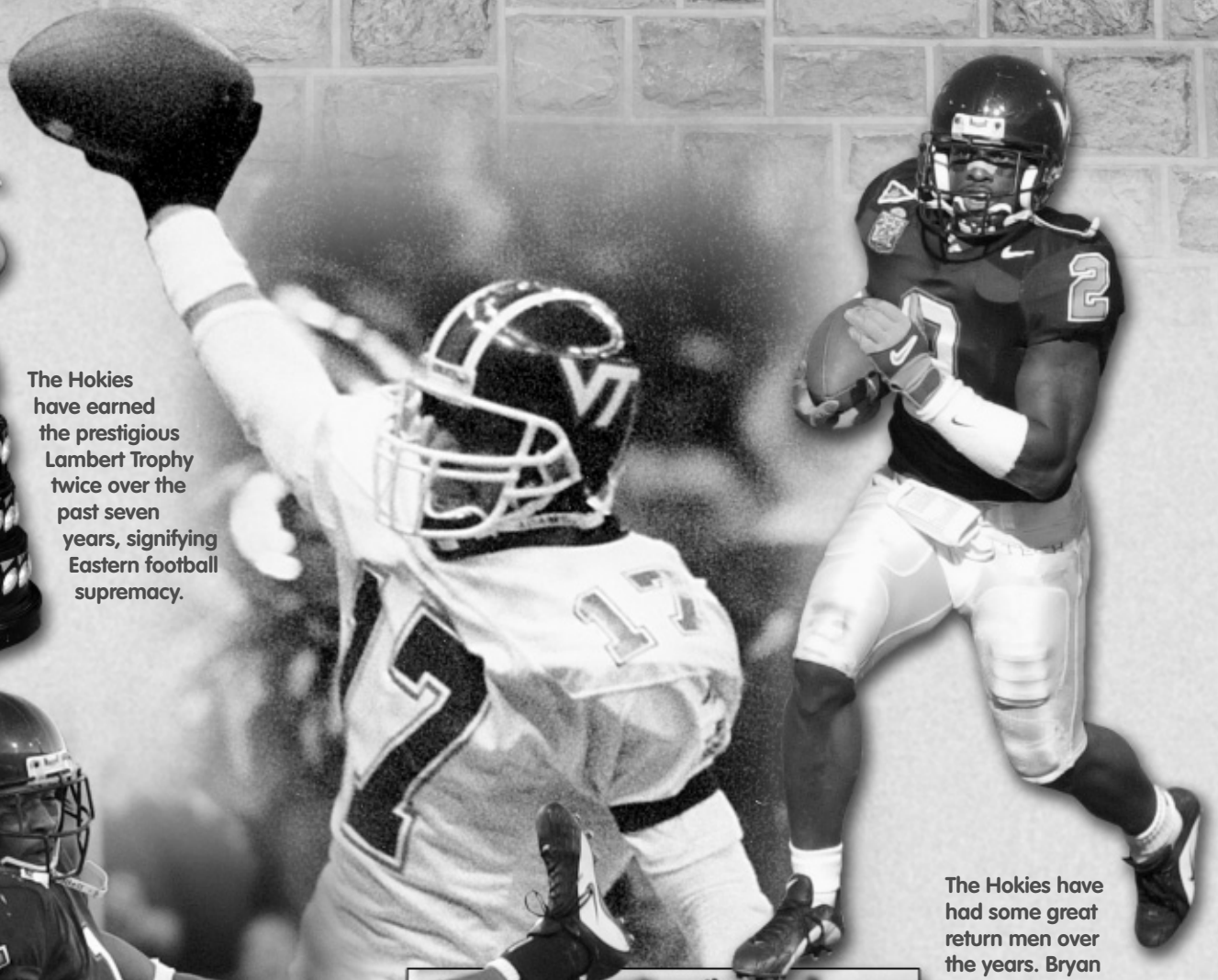
Coach Frank Beamer takes great pride in Virginia Tech's special teams and the nation has taken notice of their annual excellence. In 1999, Sports Illustrated did a piece on Beamer and his "Pride and Joy" as the Hokies earned a berth in the national championship game.



"The Kick" as it has come to be known (above), gave Tech its first bowl win in 1986, when Chris Kinzer's boot lifted the Hokies over N.C. State in the Peach Bowl. Tech's all-time leading scorer, Shayne Graham (right) earned All-BIG EAST honors four straight years and was tabbed the conference's Special Teams Player of the Year in 1999.



The Hokies have earned the prestigious Lambert Trophy twice over the past seven years, signifying Eastern football supremacy.

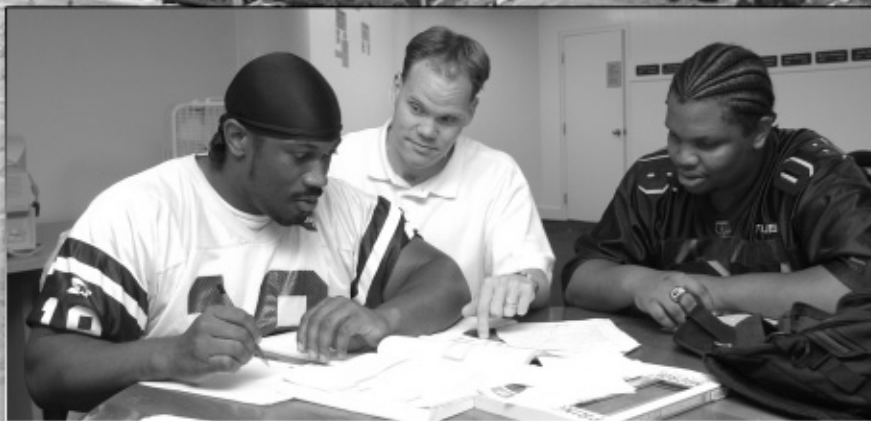


The Hokies have had some great return men over the years. Bryan Still (17) got the ball rolling in Tech's 1995 Sugar Bowl win over Texas with a punt return for a touchdown and Ronyell Whitaker (2) could be the next in a long line of great Hokie return men.



The Hokies have blocked 90 kicks in 174 games under Frank Beamer. Jeff Holland had a big block that led to a touchdown (left) in the 1993 Independence Bowl. In Tech's near-upset of eventual national champion Miami last year, Eric Green (1) blocked a punt that also led to a score.

AN ENVIRONMENT



Quarterback Grant Noel (above left) graduated in the spring of 2002 with a degree in communication studies. Jim Davis (top) takes time to visit patients in a local hospital. Colin Howlett (center at left), who works closely with the football team, helps Kevin Lewis and Curtis Bradley with their studies.

FOR LEARNING AND GROWING

A family atmosphere and an outstanding group of support personnel help provide an environment in which all student-athletes at Virginia Tech have the opportunity to reach their maximum potential — in the classroom, on the playing field and in life.



Excellence ... On and Off the Field

Though honored as an All-BIG EAST wide receiver and All-America punt returner, André Davis collected most of his accolades for his academic achievements. He accepted the Socrates Award given to the college athlete who best embodies the Socrates Creed “mens sana in corpore sano” or “a strong mind in a strong body.”

Davis' top honor, though, came from the NCAA Honors Committee when he was named one of the NCAA's Top VIII Award winners. That award recognizes the student-athlete for athletics, academic achievement, character and leadership. Davis went to the NCAA Honors Dinner held in Indianapolis (right, with receiver coach Tony Ball) and was chosen by the other seven winners to speak to the audience on their behalf.

Davis also spoke to the audience at the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame's Awards Dinner in New York on behalf of the 16 National College Scholar-Athletes. He earned an \$18,000 postgraduate scholarship which is handed out by the National Football Foundation to all 16 winners.

Davis, a four-time member of the All-BIG EAST football academic team, was drafted in the second round of the NFL Draft by the Cleveland Browns.



A GREAT PLACE TO PLAY



With the new south end zone addition (left), Lane Stadium will seat 65,115 for the 2002 season.



KEEPS IMPROVING

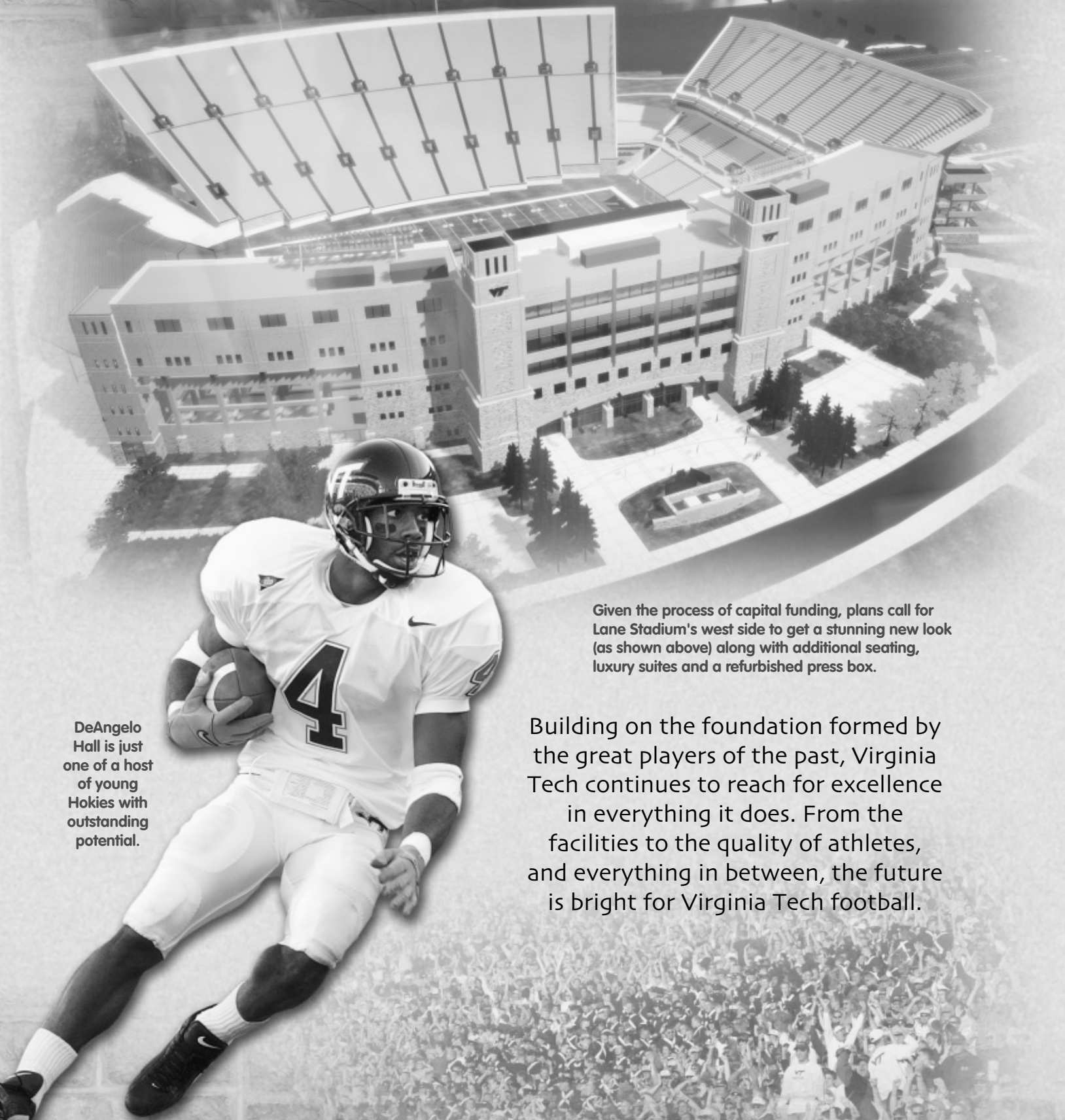
"Blacksburg is a place that has an absolute love affair with its football program. It's a 100 percent crazy, loud stadium environment. You can go places with 100,000 people and Tech's stadium is just as loud, or louder, especially for night games."
— ESPN's Kirk Herbstreit



Artist's renderings show the suites (left) and club areas (below) that will give fans an opportunity to watch the game from a new angle and in ultimate comfort.



A BRIGHT FUTURE



DeAngelo Hall is just one of a host of young Hokies with outstanding potential.

Given the process of capital funding, plans call for Lane Stadium's west side to get a stunning new look (as shown above) along with additional seating, luxury suites and a refurbished press box.

Building on the foundation formed by the great players of the past, Virginia Tech continues to reach for excellence in everything it does. From the facilities to the quality of athletes, and everything in between, the future is bright for Virginia Tech football.