

Media Information

Sports Information

Football media services are coordinated by Assistant Director of Athletics for Media Relations Dave Smith and Assistant Sports Information Director Bryan Johnston. Please direct interview requests for any of the coaches to Smith. All player interview requests should be made to Johnston.

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

All media members coming to campus during the week need to stop by the Visitor's Center, located on Southgate Drive across from the "VT shrubs" to pick up a visitor's parking pass. Media will be responsible for paying any fines they incur while on campus.

The Press Box

Again this season, the media will enjoy a state-of-the art press box as part of the west side renovation project. The press box at Lane Stadium/Worsham Field comprises seven levels. Newspaper, radio and television reporters work on the fifth level. Space in other areas is assigned as follows: First level — Hokie Club Office and ticket office; Third level — Academic advising; Fourth level — University President's box; Fifth level — Home and visiting Athletic Director's suites, press dining and television broadcast booth; Seventh level Public address announcer, replay booth, scoreboard operators, Tech and visiting coaches' phones, sports information stat booth, home and visiting radio booths, home and visiting team coaches' show and film crews.

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

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

Press Credentials

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

Requests should be made in writing on company letterhead at least 10 days prior to the game to guarantee consideration. Requests should be directed to Dave Smith. Requests the week of the game will be honored on a space-available basis and will be left at the Will Call window at Lane Stadium/ Worsham Field if they cannot be mailed

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

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

2006 Preseason Dates

Thurs., Aug. 3	Team reports
Fri., Aug. 4	First day of practice
Fri., Aug. 4 - Tues., Aug. 8	5-day acclimation period
Sat., Aug. 5	Media Day (Media only)
Tues., Aug. 8	First day in full pads
Wed., Aug. 9	First two-a-day practices
Mon., Aug. 28	First Beamer teleconference
Tues., Aug. 29	First weekly press conference
Wed., Aug. 30	First ACC teleconference
Sat., Sept. 2	

Additional Accreditation Guidelines

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

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

On-line entities that focus primarily on Virginia Tech Athletics and also sponsor message boards or chat rooms, may receive credentials provided they adhere to a policy that requires that a posted message or opinion is identified with the actual name and city of the individual.

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

On-line entities will not receive photography credentials.

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

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

Media Will Call

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

Typical Game Week Schedule

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Treatment and Weights	Beamer on VT Teleconference	Press Luncheon 12:30-2 p.m.	Beamer on ACC Teleconference	Practice Players and coaches	Team Travel or Walk-through	Game Day
No Interviews	11:40 a.m.; Call VT	Shott Media Center	10:40 a.m.; Call ACC	available in person	No Player	Post Game
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		Players and coaches	Practice		Coach Beamer	players available.
	Practice	available after	Players and coaches		available for group	
	No Interviews	practice	available after practice		interviews.	

Photo Credentials

The NCAA has established a control policy to keep the field free from congestion. Only photographers on assignment and members of the television media are given photo credentials. Freelance or amateur photographers will not be issued credentials.

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

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

Rights Restriction

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

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

ENG Crew Restrictions

Electronic news gathering ("ENG") crews acknowledge and agree they shall abide by the following restrictions regarding the use of television footage of home football games of Atlantic

Just Virginia Tech, Please

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

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

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

Coast Conference ("ACC") schools. If the ACC football game is telecast by ABC or ESPN ("ABC/ESPN Games"), ENG crews (i) may not use television footage of the ABC/ESPN Game, except for excerpts consistent with ABC's or ESPN's, as applicable, news access guidelines, and (ii) may not authorize the use of any such television footage by any third parties. ENG crews

acknowledge and agree that ABC and ESPN have the exclusive right to telecast live home football games of ACC schools between 3:30 p.m., and 11 p.m., east coast time (excluding telecasts of games commencing at noon east coast time that extend into overtime or whose start times are delayed by extraordinary circumstances, such as inclement weather).

Virginia Tech Sports Information Directory



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Dave Smith is beginning his 32nd year with the Virginia Tech Athletics Department and his 16th full-time season with the Hokie football team. He has been involved with the football team each of his 31 years at Tech.

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

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

All interview requests for Coach Beamer or any coach should be made through Smith by calling (540) 231-6726 or by email at vtsid@vt.edu.

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

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

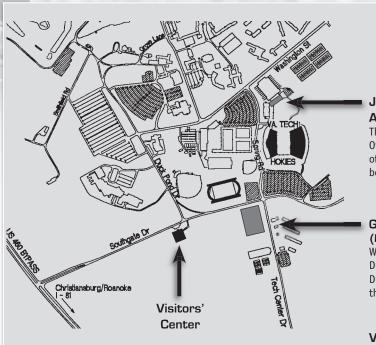
A native of Chesapeake, Va., Johnston is a 1999 graduate of the University of South Carolina with a degree in sport administration.

All interview requests for any player should be made through Johnston by calling (540) 231-3387 or by email at blj@vt.edu. Dave Knachel is in his 11th year as an assistant SID at Virginia Tech, and has been photographing Hokie sports for 25 years, since he came to the university as a student in 1981.

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

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

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



Jamerson Athletic Center

The Virginia Tech Sports Information Office is located on the fourth floor of the Jamerson Athletic Center, behind Cassell Coliseum.

Game Day Media Parking (Media parking pass required)

When entering from Southgate Drive, turn right onto Tech Center Drive. Media parking is located on the right as you drive up the hill.

Visitor Parking (Non-game days)

Visitor parking permits are available at the Information/Visitors Center on Southgate Drive (Rt. 314) just off the 460 Blacksburg Bypass.

Getting To Campus

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

By Air

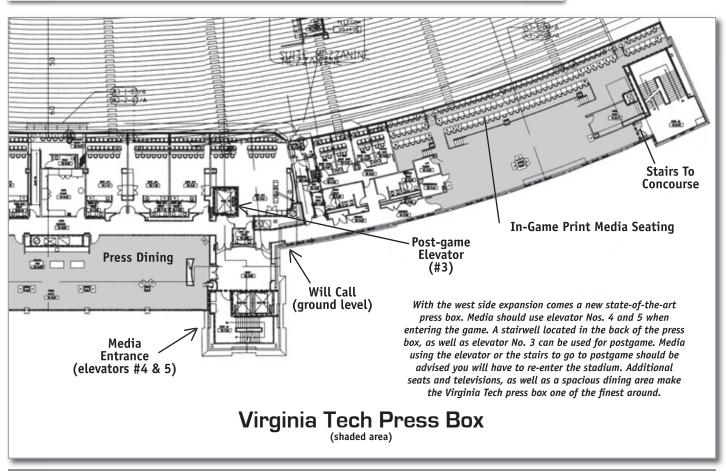
Roanoke Regional Airport in Roanoke, Va., is served by major domestic airlines. Limousine services provide transportation between the airport and campus. Private planes may land at the Virginia Tech Airport, near campus.

Parking

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

Press Box Services

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



Telephones

Ten telephones will be located in the press box for pool use. These phones require collect calls or a credit card for billing. Newspeople desiring their own telephone or ethernet lines should submit requests to Virginia Tech CNS at (540) 231-4350. If you request your own phone, please notify the sports information office so we can give the phone company the proper location. The same applies for photographers wishing to activate a phone or ethernet line in the south end zone work room, where two pool phones and one pool ethernet line are provided. Please make all requests well in advance of the game.

Wireless Internet

For the third year, Virginia
Tech will offer free wireless
internet to members of the media
working the game. To be able to
use this feature, you must have
a wireless (802.11 compatabile)
card in your laptop, tested and
configured prior to arriving. To
register for this service, you are
encouraged to sign up prior to
arriving on game day, or in the
press box or south end zone when

you arrive. To obtain the URL, please contact Bryan Johnston in Sports Information. After registering, your email address will serve as both your user name and password.

Postgame Interviews

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

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

Virginia Tech Web Site

Notes, releases, statistics and other pertinent information are available on Tech's official Web site (hokiesports.com). Because of easy access to information on the Web site, members of the media no longer receive weekly releases by mail. Tech's football statistics will be available on the same day of games. Notes on the upcoming game will be updated Monday afternoon.

Media who would like game notes, as well as general releases, e-mailed to them need to contact Bryan Johnston (blj@vt.edu) to be placed on the group e-mail list.

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

The ACC on the Web

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

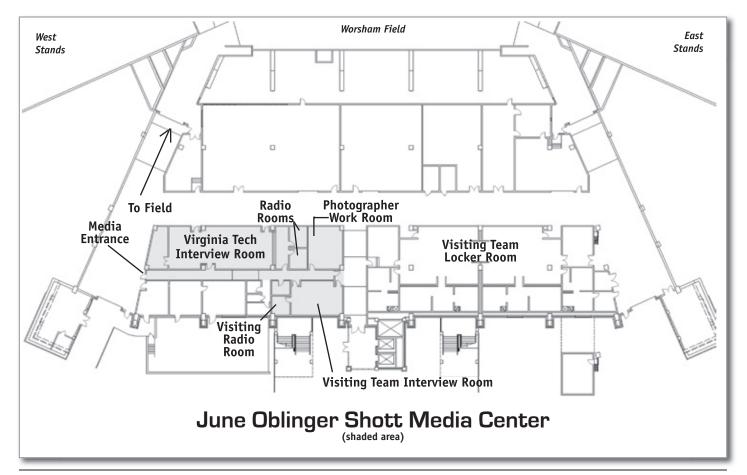
Interview Policy

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

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

Any media person wishing to come to practice and talk to a specific player or coach needs to contact the SID Office the day before to allow time to contact the desired people.

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



Beamer Teleconference Session

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

Weekly Press Interview Session

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

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

Talking to Coach Beamer

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

ACC Teleconference

The ACC football coaches will be featured on a weekly teleconference, beginning on Wed., Aug. 30. The final teleconference, for the Virginia game, will be on Wed., Nov. 22. Each coach will be available for 10 minutes with Coach Beamer scheduled to start at 10:40 a.m. The teleconference number will be mailed to media members who cover Virginia Tech football. Members of the media can also secure the number by contacting the ACC office at (336) 851-6062.

Satellite Feed

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

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Virginia Tech Media Outlets

Wire Service	CONTACTS	PHONE	FAX	INTERNET SITE
The Associated Press (Richmond)	Hank Kurz, Jr.	804-643-6646	804-643-6223	www.ap.org
The Associated Press (Roanoke)	Bob Lowry	540-344-5860	540-342-2482	www.ap.org
Newspapers	CONTACTS	PHONE	FAX	INTERNET SITE
hokiesports the newspaper	Jimmy Robertson	540-231-4134	540-231-6984	www.hokiesports.com/newspaper
Bluefield Daily Telegraph	Bob Redd	304-327-2811	304-327-6179	www.bdtonline.com
Bristol Herald Courier	Michael White, Bucky Dent	276-669-2181	276-669-3696	www.tricities.com
Charlottesville Daily Progress	Jerry Ratcliffe	434-978-7246	434-975-7104	www.dailyprogress.com
Collegiate Times	Sports Editor	540-231-9865	540-231-5057	www.collegiatetimes.com
Danville Register & Bee	Drew Wilson	434-791-7995	434-797-2299	www.registerbee.com
Fredericksburg Free Lance Star	Steve DeShazo, Jim McConnell	540-373-5000	540-373-8450	www.freelancestar.com
Harrisonburg News-Record	Chris Simmons	540-574-6200	540-433-9112	www.dnronline.com
Hopewell News	Hank Bilyeau	804-458-8511	804-458-7556	www.hopewellnews.com
Kingsport Times News	Pat Kenney,	423-246-8121	423-392-1385	www.timesnews.net
•	John Moorehouse			
Lynchburg News	Steve Trosky, Nathan Warters	434-385-5528	434-385-5538	www.newsadvance.com
Martinsville Bulletin	Johnny Buck	276-638-8801	276-638-7409	www.martinsvillebulletin.com
Newport News Daily Press	Norm Wood, David Teel	757-247-4642	757-247-9420	www.dailypress.com
News-Messenger	Jason Pounds	540-382-6171	540-382-3009	www.mainstreetnewspapers.com
Norfolk Virginian Pilot	Kyle Tucker, Tom Robinson	757-446-2630	757-533-9004	www.pilotonline.com
Petersburg Progress-Index	John Medeiros	804-732-3456	804-861-9452	www.progress-index.com
Potomac News	Dave Fawcett	703-878-8000	703-878-3993	www.potomacnews.com
Pulaski Southwest Times	Dave Bisset	540-980-5220	540-980-3618	www.southwesttimes.com
Richmond Times Dispatch	Mike Harris, John Markon	804-649-6445	804-775-8085	www.timesdispatch.com
Roanoke Times	Jeff Gilbert, Randy King	540-981-3221	540-981-3392	www.roanoketimes.com
South Boston News & Record	Tucker McLaughlin	434-572-2928	434-572-2920	www.thenewsrecord.com
Staunton Daily News Leader	Hubert Grimm	540-885-7281	540-885-1904	www.newsleader.com
Washington Post	Mark Schlabach	202-334-7350	202-334-7685	www.washingtonpost.com
Washington Times	Matt Rennie	202-636-3253	202-529-7869	www.washingtontimes.com
Waynesboro News Virginian	Jim Sacco	540-949-8213	540-942-4542	www.newsvirginian.com
Winchester Star	Ben Brooks	540-667-3200	540-667-0012	www.winchesterstar.com
Local Radio	CONTACTS	PHONE	FAX	INTERNET SITE
ISP SPORTS	Bill Roth, Mike Burnop	540-961-7604	540-961-7606	www.ispsports.com
WBRW-Radio	Rick Watson	540-633-5330	540-633-2998	
Virginia News Network	Gary Hess	804-474-0155	804-474-0167	www.virginianewsnetwork.com
WUVT-Radio	Sports	540-231-9881		g
Local Television	CONTACTS	PHONE	FAX	INTERNET SITE
WDBJ-TV (Roanoke, Va.)	Mike Stevens	540-985-3623	540-343-7269	www.wdbj7.com
WSLS-TV (Roanoke, Va.)	John Appicello	540-981-9126	540-343-2059	www.wsls.com
WSET-TV (Lynchburg, Va.)	Dennis Carter	434-528-1315	434-847-8800	www.wset.com
WCYB-TV (Bristol, Va.)	Paul Johnson	276-645-1555	276-645-1554	www.wcyb.com
WTVR-TV (Richmond, Va.)	Lane Casadonte	804-254-3645	804-254-3697	www.wtvr.com
WAVY-TV (Portsmouth, Va.)	Bruce Radar	757-393-1010	757-397-8279	www.wavy.com
WTKR-TV (Norfolk, Va.)	Troy Brettson	757-446-1000	757-446-1376	www.wtkr.com
WVEC-TV (Norfolk, Va.)	Scott Cash	757-625-1313	757-628-5855	www.wvec.com
WVIR-TV (Charlottesville, Va.)	Marty Hudtloff	434-977-7082	434-220-2905	www.nbc29.com
WWBT-TV (Richmond, Va.)	Ben Hamlin	804-233-5461	804-230-2789	www.nbc12.com
WRIC-TV (Richmond, Va.)	Chip Tarkenton	804-330-8888	804-330-8883	www.wric.com
WVVA-TV (Bluefield, W.Va.)	P.J. Ziegler	304-325-5487	304-327-5586	www.wvva.com

Hokie Spirit

Lane Stadium is truly one of the great venues for college football. The tremendous spirit and support of the fans helps create a spectacle that includes exciting events such as this flyover of a B-2 Stealth bomber.



Known as "The Spirit of Tech," the Marching Virginians get the fans on their feet with the "Hokey Pokey" during the final quarter break of each home game.

The HokieBird is a fan favorite.

The cheerleaders entertain the crowd with their spirit and athletic performances.



The HighTechs dance team entertains the crowd during games.



Skipper, a full-size cannon, is fired during the National Anthem and after each Tech score at Lane Stadium.



The Regimental Band of the Corps of Cadets, the Highty-Tighties, performs with their alumni band every year on Homecoming.

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

