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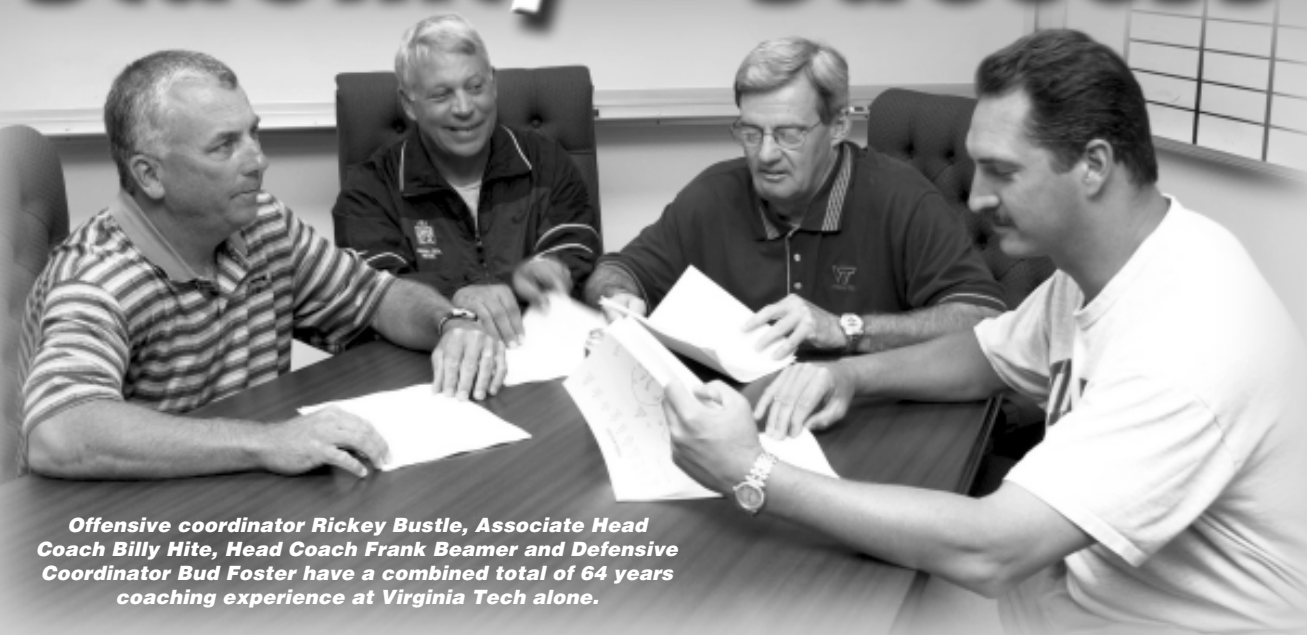
VIRGINIA TECH FOOTBALL

Coaches

“It’s hard to put your finger on it, but he just has that way of making you like him. To play under somebody like (Coach Beamer), it’s a privilege.”

– *Tech wide receiver
André Davis*

Stability = Success

A black and white photograph of four men sitting around a conference table, looking at and discussing documents. They are dressed in polo shirts, some with Virginia Tech logos. The setting appears to be an office or meeting room with a window in the background.

Offensive coordinator Rickey Bustle, Associate Head Coach Billy Hite, Head Coach Frank Beamer and Defensive Coordinator Bud Foster have a combined total of 64 years coaching experience at Virginia Tech alone.

A Winning Combination at Virginia Tech

One of the keys to the skyrocketing success of Virginia Tech football has been the stability of the program. That stability begins at the top with head coach Frank Beamer, whose 14 years at the Hokie helm have helped the program develop a sense of stability and consistency currently enjoyed by just a handful of other Division I-A schools. Only three of the 117 Division I-A head football coaches have been at their current school longer than Beamer.

Frank Beamer's top three assistant coaches — Billy Hite, Bud Foster and Rickey Bustle — have a combined total of 50 years coaching experience AT TECH ALONE. Hite, Tech's associate head coach and running backs coach, joined the Tech program under Coach Bill Dooley in 1978 and has been in Blacksburg ever since. Foster, the Hokies' defensive coordinator and linebacker coach, has been with Beamer since he returned to Tech in 1987. Bustle, Tech's offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach, has been with the Hokies 13 of the past 14 seasons. Bustle left Tech briefly after the 1993 season to coach at South Carolina, but returned less than a year later to resume his duties in Blacksburg — yet another tribute to Beamer's program at Tech.

“Stability means consistency and when you can be consistent in how you perform on Saturday that's what gives you a chance to win. I feel that doesn't happen unless you keep basically the same coaching staff intact. I really feel good about our coaching staff. I feel good about their knowledge and I feel great about the way they treat the players. I think Virginia Tech is really fortunate to have what I think is the top staff in the country.”

— *Frank Beamer*

What do others think about Coach Beamer and his staff?

- Beamer, who was the consensus National Coach of the Year following the 1999 season, was paid a high compliment by his peers last fall when he was named the best coach a school could hire to run its football program in a survey of Division I-A football coaches conducted by *Bloomberg News*.

- In 1998, *The Sporting News* listed the top college coaches in terms of getting the most out of their talent year in and year out. Beamer and his staff were ranked No. 9 in Division I-A.

- For the fourth straight year, *The Sporting News* has rated the Hokies' football coaching staff as the best in the BIG EAST conference.



Frank Beamer

One of the Nation's Top Coaches Has Virginia Tech Soaring

Virginia Tech football coach Frank Beamer won eight national coach of the year awards in 1999 after directing the Hokies to an 11-0 regular season record and a spot in the Nokia Sugar Bowl to play for the national championship. Last season — without all of the fanfare — Beamer and his coaching staff may have done an even better coaching job.

The 2000 Tech team started the season with eight new starters on defense and two returning defensive starters who were working at new positions. The team's entire kicking game — punter, place-kicker, holders, snappers and return men — was new. And, as the season progressed, there were key injuries on both offense and defense.

The result? An 11-1 season that included a convincing 41-20 win over Clemson in the Gator Bowl and a No. 6 finish in both national polls.

That's the way it is with Frank Beamer, one of the nation's most respected and popular collegiate football coaches. Beamer and his staff have developed a wide-spread reputation for getting the most out of their players. And their hard work has led to unprecedented success for the Virginia Tech program.

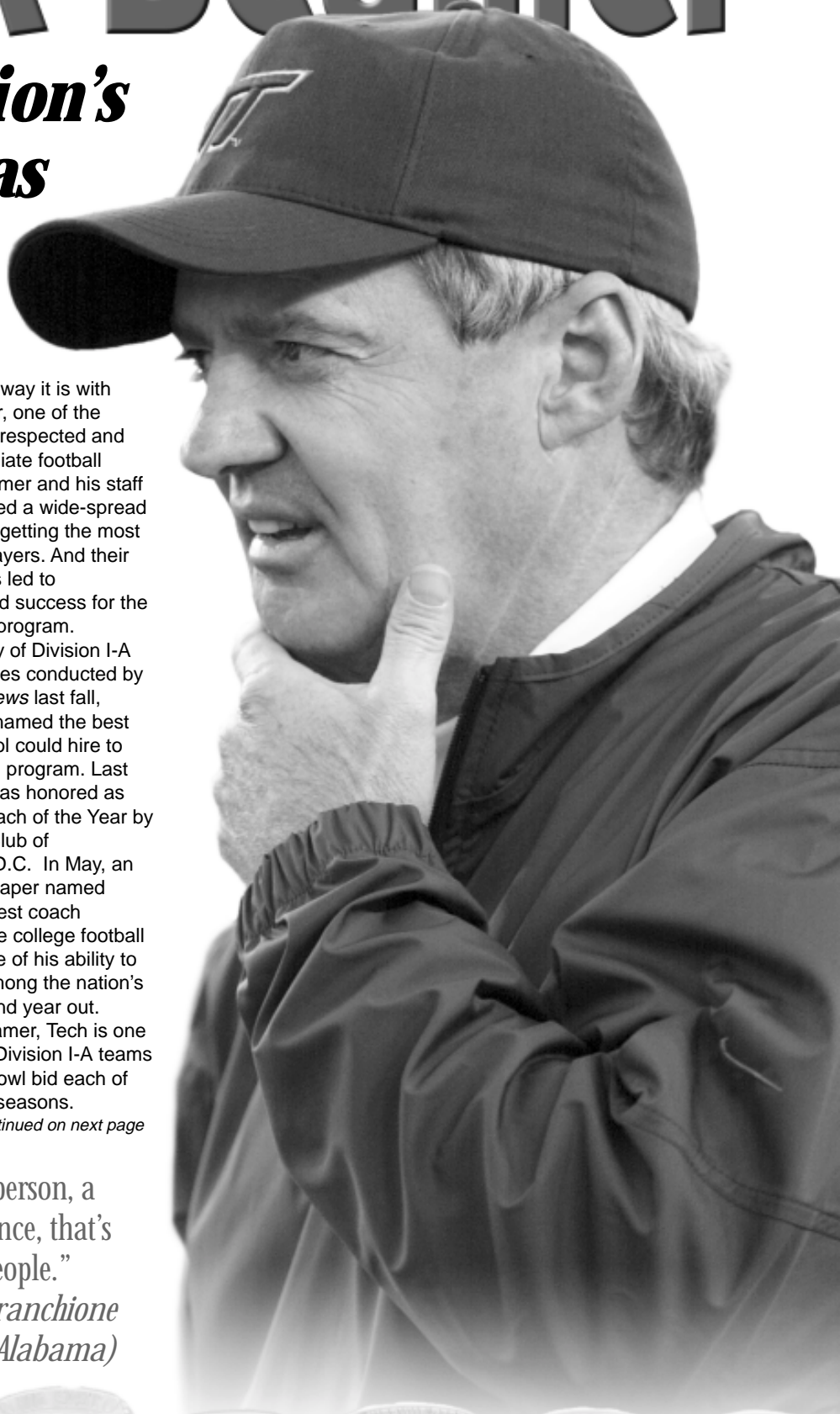
In a survey of Division I-A football coaches conducted by *Bloomberg News* last fall, Beamer was named the best coach a school could hire to run its football program. Last January, he was honored as the NCAA Coach of the Year by The Pigskin Club of Washington, D.C. In May, an on-line newspaper named Beamer the best coach currently in the college football ranks because of his ability to place Tech among the nation's elite year in and year out.

Under Beamer, Tech is one of just seven Division I-A teams to receive a bowl bid each of the last eight seasons.

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“I think Frank Beamer is a great person, a great coach. He's got a lot of substance, that's one of the criteria I look at in people.”

— *Dennis Franchione*
(former TCU coach now at Alabama)



Coach Beamer

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Since the beginning of the 1993 season, Tech has won three BIG EAST Conference championships, averaged nine wins a year, become a regular in the national polls and played for the national championship.

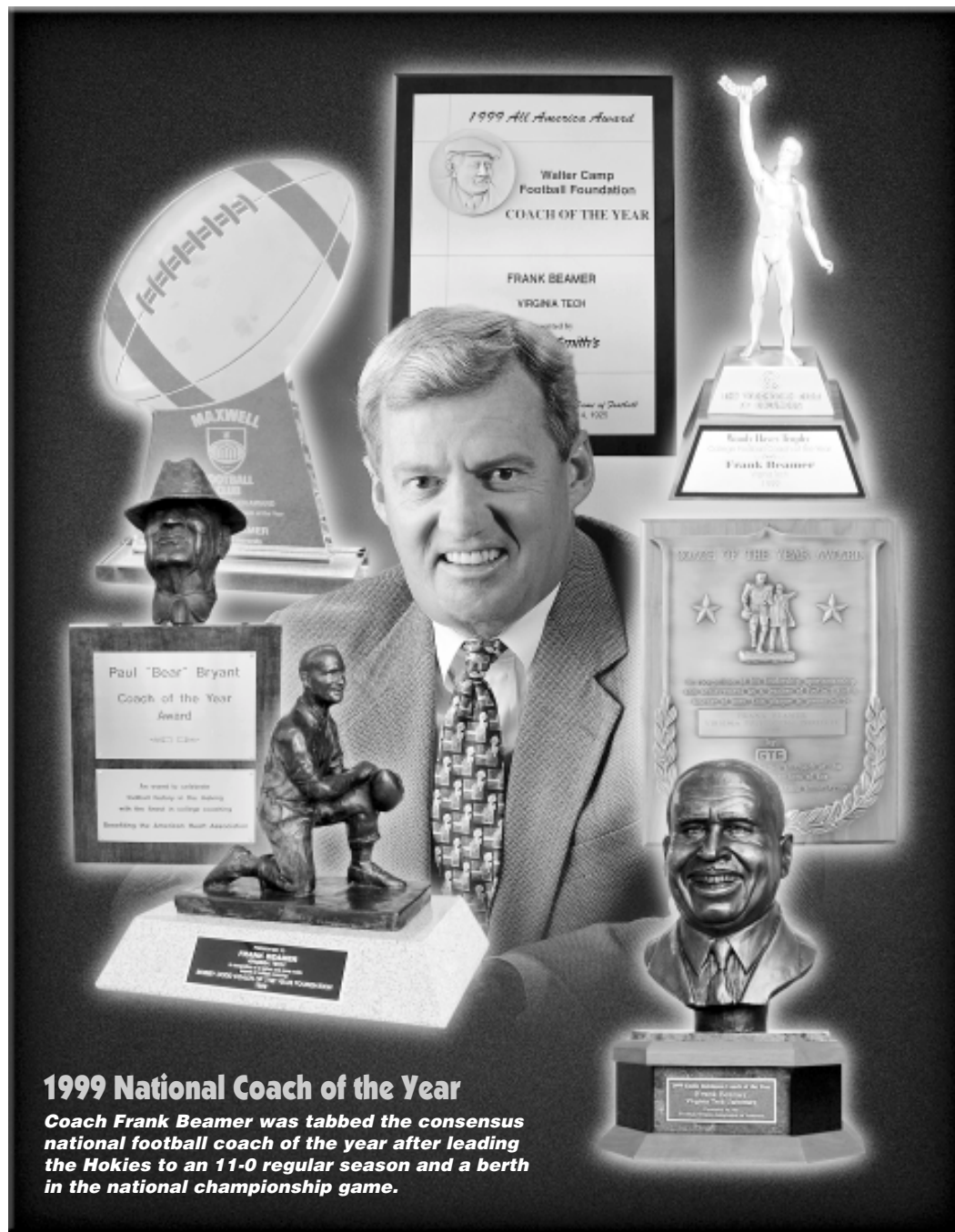
Beamer enters the 2001 season as the all-time winningest coach in the BIG EAST in terms of overall victories since the league was formed in 1991. Beamer ranks second all-time among BIG EAST coaches in conference victories.

A spot in the Nokia Sugar Bowl to play No. 1 Florida State for the national championship focused widespread attention on Virginia Tech and its football program in 1999. And although the Hokies fell short in their bid for the national title, they proved that they belong among the top teams in the college ranks.

For his part in the Hokies' magical 1999 season, Beamer was named the Bobby Dodd Coach of the Year, the GTE Coach of the Year, the Eddie Robinson Coach of the Year, the Paul 'Bear' Bryant Coach of the Year, the Associated Press Coach of the Year, the Walter Camp Football Foundation/Street & Smith's Coach of the Year, the Maxwell Football Club Coach of the Year and the Woody Hayes Coach of the Year. He also was named the BIG EAST Conference Coach of the Year for the third time.

There have been plenty of other accolades for the Hokies' coach. Following consecutive 10-2 seasons in 1995 and 1996, Beamer was voted BIG EAST Conference Coach of the Year by the league coaches. He was one of five finalists in the voting for the 1995 National Coach of the Year.

In 1996, *The Sporting News* queried writers from around the country and asked them to rate the coaches in various conferences. In the BIG EAST, those writers rated Frank Beamer the best coach



1999 National Coach of the Year

Coach Frank Beamer was tabbed the consensus national football coach of the year after leading the Hokies to an 11-0 regular season and a berth in the national championship game.

on game day, the best in game preparation, the best as a motivator, the best as a teacher, the best in big games and the best overall. In 1999, *The Sporting News* ranked the nation's top coaches in terms of their ability to get the most out of their players. Beamer was picked No. 9 in Division I-A. The past three years, TSN rated the Tech coach tops among BIG EAST head coaches. And this year marks the fourth straight year TSN has ranked the Hokies' football coaching staff as the best in the conference.

The rise of the Tech football program has made Beamer a man in demand. It has opened doors to places he may never have dreamed of as a youngster growing up in Southwest Virginia.

Last September, Beamer was invited to the White House where he joined a select group that stood in the Rose Garden behind then-President Bill Clinton as he made remarks on the Conservation and Reinvestment Act. Beamer was one of the keynote speakers at the American Football Coaches Association Convention in

2000 and in April of this year, he joined former Prime Minister of Great Britain, Lady Margaret Thatcher, as one of the featured speakers at SUCCESS 2001, one of the nation's most popular business seminars.

The Beamer success story also has made him a much sought-after coach. In recent years, he has been pursued by numerous other schools and drawn interest from professional football teams. But in the end, his loyalty has remained with the Hokies.

Beamer always has put Virginia Tech first — ever since he starred as a defensive back for the Hokies in his undergraduate days in the late 1960s, and surely throughout his 14 years as head coach of the Hokies. He has given the Tech program a sense of stability enjoyed by just a handful of other Division I-A schools. Only three other active Division I-A head coaches have been at their current school as long as Beamer.

Three times in the past 12 years, he has given back part of his earnings to the university. In the summer of 1996, he and his wife Cheryl, for the second time in six years, presented a \$50,000 gift to Tech. Both gifts were earmarked for improvements to facilities.

In 1990, Beamer received a new contract and a substantial pay raise. He refused the raise, however, until such time that all classified and faculty employees of the university could have the same

opportunity for pay raises. Most state salaries had been frozen at the time.

Another indication of Beamer's love for the university came on the night he was inducted into The Virginia Tech Sports Hall of Fame in 1997. He called it the biggest honor of his entire career. With the induction, he became the first active coach at the university to be honored in that fashion.

Beamer's overall record at Tech now stands at 99-61-2. He became Tech's winningest football coach ever during the 1997 campaign. Counting six years as head coach at Murray State prior to joining the Hokies, Beamer's overall 20-year record is 141-84-4. That record ranks him sixth among active Division I-A coaches in wins.

The 54-year-old Beamer, first alumnus to guide the Hokies since the 1940s, took over the Tech reins from Bill Dooley in January 1987. He

began work a few days after the Hokies had beaten North Carolina State in the Peach Bowl. It took a while for him to get the Hokies moving in the right direction because the football program was hit with NCAA sanctions at the time.

But everything came together in the 1990s. The

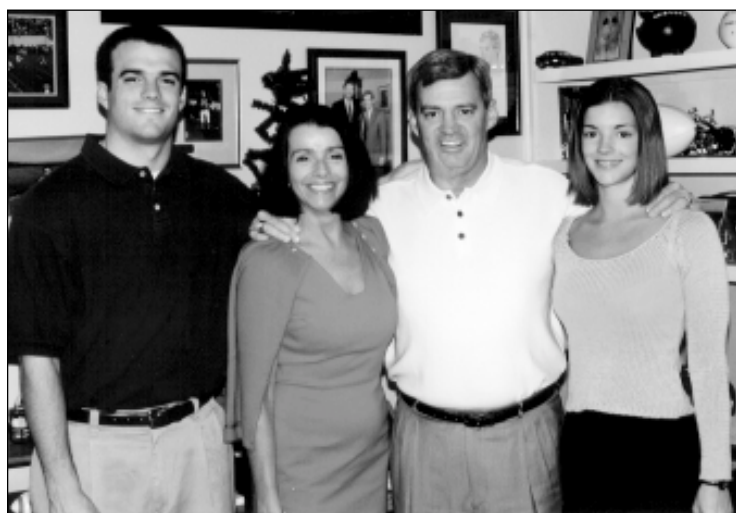
Techmen finished 9-3 in 1993 after beating Indiana, 45-20, in a wild Independence Bowl game. Tech followed up with an 8-4 season in 1994, losing to Tennessee, 45-23, in the Gator Bowl.

The Tech teams in 1995 and 1996 were among the

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“I can't say enough about Coach Beamer. He is a great coach. One of the reasons I came to Tech was because of Coach Beamer. He is an honest man and he delivered on everything he told me when I was being recruited. Coach Beamer has done a lot for Virginia Tech.”

— *Jim Pyne, Cleveland Browns*



Coach Frank Beamer and his wife, Cheryl, with their son, Shane, and daughter, Casey.

Beamer's Profile

PERSONAL:

Born: 10/18/46, Mt. Airy, N.C.
Hometown: Hillsville, Va.
Wife: former Cheryl Oakley
Children: Shane, Casey

EDUCATION:

High School: Hillsville (1965)
College: Virginia Tech (1969)
Postgraduate: Radford University (1972)

PLAYING EXPERIENCE:

Virginia Tech (1966-68)

COACHING EXPERIENCE:

1972 Graduate Assistant, Maryland
1973-76 Assistant Coach, The Citadel
1977-78 Defensive Coordinator, The Citadel
1979-80 Defensive Coordinator, Murray State
1981-86 Head Coach, Murray State
1981 (8-3)
1982 (4-7)
1983 (7-4)
1984 (9-2)
1985 (7-3-1)
1986 (7-4-1) Ohio Valley co-champion
Record at Murray State: 42-23-2

1987- Head Coach, Virginia Tech
1987 (2-9)
1988 (3-8)
1989 (6-4-1)
1990 (6-5)
1991 (5-6)
1992 (2-8-1)
1993 (9-3) Independence Bowl champion
1994 (8-4) Gator Bowl
1995 (10-2) BIG EAST, Sugar Bowl champion
1996 (10-2) BIG EAST co-champion, Orange Bowl
1997 (7-5) Gator Bowl
1998 (9-3) Music City Bowl champion
1999 (11-1) BIG EAST champion, Sugar Bowl
2000 (11-1) Gator Bowl champion
Record at Virginia Tech: 99-61-2
Overall head coaching record: 141-84-4

BOWL EXPERIENCE:

Player

1966 Liberty (Virginia Tech vs. Miami)
1968 Liberty (Virginia Tech vs. Mississippi)

Coach

1993 Independence (Virginia Tech vs. Indiana)
1994 Gator (Virginia Tech vs. Tennessee)
1995 Sugar (Virginia Tech vs. Texas)
1996 Orange (Virginia Tech vs. Nebraska)
1997 Gator (Virginia Tech vs. North Carolina)
1998 Music City (Virginia Tech vs. Alabama)
1999 Sugar (Virginia Tech vs. Florida State)
2000 Gator (Virginia Tech vs. Clemson)

Coach Beamer

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best in school history. The 1995 team swept the BIG EAST Conference championship outright and the 1996 club tied for the title with Syracuse and Miami.

The 1995 team was 9-2 during the regular season and then came up with a stirring 28-10 victory over Texas in the Sugar Bowl. The 1996 team went 10-1 during the regular season and lost to powerful Nebraska, 41-21, in the Orange Bowl after giving the Cornhuskers a fierce battle for three quarters.

The Hokies fell to 7-5 in 1997 and were beaten badly by North Carolina in the Gator Bowl, 42-3. But they came right back with a 9-3 mark in 1998 that included an impressive 38-7 victory over Alabama in the inaugural Music City Bowl in Nashville, Tenn.

The two winningest seasons in school history followed in 1999 and 2000 with the Hokies posting back-to-back 11-1 records. Tech registered its first-ever 11-0 regular-season record in '99 before losing its national championship battle with FSU.

NCAA Winningest Active Division I-A Coaches By Victories

Coach, Team	Years	Won	Lost	Tied	Pct.
1. Joe Paterno, Penn State	35	322	90	3	.780
2. Bobby Bowden, Florida State	35	315	87	4	.781
3. Lou Holtz, South Carolina	29	224	110	7	.667
4. Jackie Sherrill, Mississippi State	23	172	93	4	.647
5. Ken Hatfield, Rice	22	147	104	4	.584
6. FRANK BEAMER, Virginia Tech	20	141	84	4	.624
7. Dennis Franchione, Alabama	18	138	66	2	.675
8. Fisher DeBerry, Air Force	17	135	72	1	.651
9. Steve Spurrier, Florida	14	132	38	2	.773
10. Dennis Erickson, Oregon State	15	131	46	1	.739

In 2000, the Hokies' only blemish was a loss at Miami in the ninth game of the season. Both seasons, Tech climbed as high as No. 2 in The Associated Press poll, finishing No. 2 in '99 and No. 6 last year.

Beamer's early Tech teams also registered many exciting victories. One of the most impressive came in 1990 when the Hokies capped the year with a 38-13 victory over arch-rival Virginia before a crowd of 54,157, which at the time was the largest ever to see a college football game in the Commonwealth of Virginia. During the 1989 season, Tech knocked off ninth-ranked West Virginia and star quarterback Major Harris, 12-10, in Morgantown.

During his undergraduate days at Tech, Beamer started three years as a cornerback and played on the Hokies' 1966 and 1968 Liberty Bowl teams. He received a Bachelor of Science in distributive education from Tech in 1969 and a master's in guidance from Radford in 1972. Then came the start of the Beamer coaching career.

He began as an assistant at Radford High School from 1969 through 1971. Then after one season as a graduate assistant at the University of Maryland, he went to The Citadel where he worked five seasons under Bobby Ross and one year under Art Baker. His last two years at The Citadel, Beamer was defensive coordinator.

In 1979, Beamer went to Murray State as defensive coordinator under Mike Gottfried. He was named head coach at Murray State in 1981 and went on to compile a six-year record of 42 wins, 23 losses and two ties.

The Tech coach was born in Mt. Airy, N.C., and grew up in Hillsville, Va. At Hillsville High, he earned 11 varsity letters as a three-sport athlete in football, basketball and baseball.

Beamer is married to the former Cheryl Oakley of Richmond, Va. They have two children, Shane, a former member of his dad's football team at Tech and now a graduate assistant at Georgia Tech; and daughter Casey, who will be a junior at Virginia Tech in the fall.

The Beamer Philosophy

Style of Play

"I like taking chances. I always have. I'm a guy who offensively wants to make sure we are using the whole field. I want to take some pops deep. I want to run our reverses. Defensively, I believe in bringing more people at times than you can block and hope you don't throw it to the right part of the field. I like to do some things that are a little unusual in the kicking game, too.

"The thing I believe more than anything is you have to be the aggressor. On defense you've got to have toughness. Offensively, you've got to be ready to knock them off the ball in short yardage situations and get that ball carrier running tough up in there. And kicking-wise, the same thing. Being aggressive, being tough ... that is the way I hope people would think about our football team."

Building a Program

"I believe you treat people right, with respect. In this business you are always aware of when things are not going well. If you have solid relationships with your players and with your coaches, you have a chance of getting through those tough times.

"Then, I think it really gets into people. You need to get good people, solid people as coaches and players. This is such an up and down business that you have to be in there with people that you like and trust. There is always a certain talent level that you have to have as far as ability on your team, but to me, getting good people and treating them with respect is the way you build a program."



Noteworthy Accomplishments

Under the direction of Frank Beamer and his staff, the Hokies have ...

- earned a chance to play for the national championship for the first time in school football history.
- posted 11 wins in a season for the first time.
- registered the program's first back-to-back 11-win seasons.
- produced the school's first 11-0 regular season record in football.
- won 10 games or more four of the last six seasons.
- become one of only seven Division I schools to go to bowl games each of the last eight seasons.
- won more games over the past eight seasons (75) than any other team in the BIG EAST.
- become the first team in BIG EAST history to win all the league's major awards in the same season.



Frank Beamer celebrates with offensive lineman Dave Kadela following the Hokies' win over Clemson in the 2001 Gator Bowl – Tech's eighth straight bowl appearance.

- set a record for the most players from one team selected to the All-BIG EAST first and second teams in one season (15).
- won more games (99) than under any other coaching staff.
- been to twice as many bowl games (8) than under any other coaching staff.
- won more bowl games (4) than under any other coaching staff.
- posted eight straight seasons of seven or more wins for the first time in school history.
- won three BIG EAST Championships and earned three invitations to the Bowl Championship Series in the past six seasons.
- earned the highest national rankings in school football history, including three Top 10 finishes and consecutive Top 6 finishes.
- finished in a final Top 25 poll seven times in the last eight seasons.
- had 46 of their last 60 games televised.
- compiled a 43-10 record in televised games the past six seasons.
- blocked more kicks in the 1990s than any other Division I-A team.
- become one of only eight Division I-A schools ever to lead the nation in both scoring offense and defense in the same season.
- had at least one player from every defensive position score a touchdown.
- produced the No. 1 pick in the National Football League draft.
- had more than 80 players sign with NFL teams.
- had two players who entered the program as walk-ons drafted in the top four rounds of the NFL draft.

A Talk With Coach Beamer



Given the number of new starters on defense and special teams and the key injuries that last year's team had to overcome, how do you view the 2000 season?

It was a great year. I thought the team played extremely well, overall, and accomplished a lot. It was a real tribute to our team leadership, as well as to the work of my coaching staff. Leadership has to come from within a football program, and I thought we got excellent leadership from our players last season.

How has Tech's Gator Bowl victory over Clemson benefited this year's team?

The Gator Bowl win was a great way to end a really good season, and it was a great start for our off-season program. We got great momentum because we beat a very good football team — and beat them soundly. That momentum has carried through a productive off-season program and a successful spring. And, so far, our summer workouts have been very, very good.

With Michael Vick headed to the NFL, what are your expectations for the quarterback position this fall?

I think the first thing you say is, 'You do YOUR thing.' Coach (Rickey) Bustle has always done a good job of

fitting the talents of the quarterback within the system. In the last few years it's been Maurice DeShazo, it's been Jim Druckenmiller, it's been Al Clark and it's been Michael Vick. The football team has to blend together. This football team has good personnel around the quarterback. We've got good personnel over on defense and our kicking could be good. So, I think the real key issue is for the quarterback to just be himself, do what he can do and do it well, and as I've said many times, play for us and not the other team. That, to me, is good enough.

Grant Noel heads into the season as Tech's starting quarterback. How do you feel Grant and Jason Davis played during the spring?

I think Grant really had a good spring in a lot of ways. The one area he's going to work hard on this summer is becoming more consistent in his throwing. If you put that in there with the other things that he did this spring, I think you've got you a good quarterback. He has shown that he can do enough things to win games. Jason had his moments and I was glad to see him perform well in the spring game. He has to be more in charge, and with maturity and experience, I think he will take charge.

Since BIG EAST football debuted in 1991, Frank Beamer has posted more overall victories (82) than any other football coach in league history.



How does Tech's young offensive line stack up following spring practice?

I really feel optimistic about our line. I see Anthony Davis being a real good player. I see Matt Wincek having good possibilities and Jon Dunn becoming better and better every day. Probably the key to it is Jake Grove. If he can hang in there with his back problems at right guard, I think he has a chance to be a really big-time player. Steve DeMasi is going to be good in there at center. Jacob Gibson is a little bit of a question mark, but we expect him to be a consistent performer at guard in the fall. And then Luke Owens is doing more things than he's been able to do in some time. When you put the other guys in there around those folks, I think we'll be pretty good.

The running back positions will be strong with Lee Suggs and Jarrett Ferguson returning. Is there anything you may do differently to utilize that strength?

I think we've got the best backfield combination in the country. The only thing I can see us doing is finding more ways to get the ball to Jarrett Ferguson. Lee is a great back and breaks a lot of tackles, but Jarrett does, too. Seems like every time Jarrett gets the football the first guy always misses and then he's down the field somewhere. I remember watching him as a tailback when he came in here and talking about what a good runner he is. Now, he's filled out and is like a big fireplug in there.

Nine starters and a large number of top reserves are back on defense this season. Will you be looking for the defensive unit to take some of the pressure off the offense and a new quarterback?

When you start out with an inexperienced quarterback, you have to help that guy, and probably the group that can help him the most is the defense. It can be by field position, by limiting the scores, by getting the game to the fourth quarter. It will be a challenge to see how good we can be defensively, and I think this group will rise to that challenge. I think our defense will play fast and I think it will play aggressively. At times this spring it looked like to me they were getting to the football in a nasty mood.

What will be some of the Hokies' other strong points?

Kicking is probably a little bit of a question mark right now, but it could turn into a real strength. If Vinnie Burns can pick up where he left off in the spring, he could be one of the best punters in the BIG EAST. And Carter Warley, if his back is okay and he can kick, he has already shown what he can do. You give us two great kickers and we're going to have a great kicking game. So I can see that as a real plus for us. Also, because of the way our guys have worked in the off-season, I think our leadership is good and that always is a big, big plus. It takes a lot of things to end up with a really good football team, but I believe leadership is a key one.

What kind of effect do all the renovations, expansions and projects for football have on the Tech program?

When people see construction in our stadium and know that we're getting ready to have what I think is the best playing facility in the country, it shows that we are on an up-swing and not cooling our jets. It says things are full speed ahead at Virginia Tech.

What are your thoughts on Tech's new practice fields and the new playing surface at Lane Stadium?

Fantastic! They are exactly what we wanted, the best in the country. These fields will provide great footing and help cut down on the possibility of injuries. Having lights on our practice facility will allow us to stay on the field when daylight-saving time ends, and that is so much better. Also, I think it's a great source of pride for our players knowing that our practice fields are the best and knowing that they will walk into the stadium on probably the best system built.

Give us your thoughts on Michael Vick's impact on the Virginia Tech program.

Hopefully, Virginia Tech has been good for Michael Vick, and I believe it has, but I know Michael Vick has been good for Virginia Tech in every sense. He's affected the enthusiasm about the program. Certainly he has affected our wins and losses over the last two years. I think the relationship has affected the caliber of players we are talking to now. A lot of kids are saying, 'Hey, if the best player in the country is at Virginia Tech, then I need to look at Virginia Tech.' He helped create an excitement about the school that has made it even more attractive to prospective students. So in every way — by any measuring stick you have — Michael Vick has been great for Virginia Tech.

One of the incoming recruits, Kevin Jones, was ranked the No. 1 prospect in the nation. What do you feel this says about the VT program?

I think you look at our recent history. There are only six other schools that have been to eight straight bowls. We've had the best player in the country and the No. 1 draft pick here. Our tailback led the

country in scoring last season and another player was second nationally in punt returns. It's becoming more-and-more obvious that we can compete at the highest level and that there are reasons why the very best players in the country should consider Virginia Tech.

To you, what has been the key to the rise of Tech football over the past eight seasons?

I think the No. 1 factor is the BIG EAST Conference. When things started changing in the college football world, we were fortunate to become members of the BIG EAST. I think we have been a good member for the BIG EAST, but the conference has been a great avenue for us to reach our potential. Virginia Tech has always been a school with a lot of potential. We are in a great state for football. We are a great academic school. We have great facilities that keep getting better. But we needed an avenue to reach our potential and there is no question in my mind that joining the BIG EAST was the biggest day in Virginia Tech's football history.

What pleases you about the Virginia Tech football program at this point?

One word I use a lot is consistency. Being a good team over the years and being one of only seven schools to go to eight straight bowls — that pleases me. It's been good to see the growth of our academic support programs and the increase in yearly graduation rates. Watching the growth in our program facility-wise; competing successfully for the best high school players in Virginia; seeing our season ticket sales continue to grow and grow; and keeping what I think is the best coaching staff in America together — all those things are very satisfying.

BEAMER

Beamer Ball, and it has helped propel the Hokies to new heights.

Each of Tech's last eight teams are ranked among the top 10 highest scoring grid squads in school history. What sets Beamer Ball apart are the contributions made by the defense and special teams. During the last eight seasons, a player at every position on the defensive unit has produced at least one touchdown. And 18 different players have scored touchdowns while playing on Tech's special teams.

During the Frank Beamer era at Virginia Tech, putting points on the scoreboard has always been a team effort — the offensive team, the defensive team and the special teams. It's called

Altogether, the Hokies' defense and special teams have combined to contribute 63 touchdowns since Beamer arrived in 1987, including 46 in Tech's last 86 games. Under Beamer, Tech's defense has scored 40 TDs, with 24 coming on pass interceptions, 14 on fumble returns and two on fumble recoveries. The special teams have added 23 TDs, including 12 on blocked punts, six on punt returns, three on kickoff returns, one on a blocked field goal and one on a fumble recovery.

Fittingly, the trend started in Beamer's first game as Tech's

head coach when true freshman Jon Jeffries returned a kickoff 92 yards for a touchdown against Clemson. It was the Hokies' first touchdown under Beamer, and it was scored on special teams.

Since the start of the '87 season, a total of 47 different players on Tech's defense and special teams units have scored touchdowns. Ten of those players — Don Stokes, Jock Jones, Roger Brown, Lawrence Lewis, Antonio Banks, Jim Baron, Keion Carpenter, Pierson Prioleau, Anthony Midget and Cory Bird

Touchdowns by Defense and Special Teams Under Beamer

1987: Jon Jeffries, 92-yd. kickoff return vs. Clemson; Don Stokes, recovered blocked punt in end zone vs. Syracuse; Randy Cockrell (ilb), 90-yd. interception return vs. Navy.

1988: Don Stokes, recovered blocked punt in end zone vs. Southern Miss; Jock Jones, recovered blocked punt in end zone vs. West Virginia; Roger Brown (cb), 55-yd. interception return vs. South Carolina; Leslie Bailey (ilb), 19-yd. interception return vs. South Carolina.

1989: Marcus Mickel, 90-yd. kickoff return vs. Clemson; Jock Jones (olb), 55-yd. interception return vs. Tulane; Roger Brown (cb), 55-yd. interception return vs. North Carolina State.

1990: The '90 season marked the first and only season to date during Beamer's tenure that Tech failed to score at least one TD on either defense or special teams.

1991: P.J. Preston (olb), recovered fumble in end zone vs. Oklahoma; Ken Landrum, 18-yd. blocked punt return vs. Cincinnati; Kirk Alexander (fs), 95-yd. interception return vs. Cincinnati.

1992: Tyronne Drakeford (cb), 40-yd. interception return vs. East Carolina; Tony Kennedy, 91-yd. kickoff return vs. Louisville; Ken Brown (olb), 18-yd. interception return vs. Rutgers.

1993: William Ferrell, 7-yd. blocked punt return vs. Rutgers; DeWayne Knight (olb), 23-yd. fumble return vs. Syracuse; Jeff Holland (dt), 8-yd. fumble return vs. Virginia; Lawrence Lewis (de), 20-yd. fumble return vs. Indiana; Antonio Banks, 80-yd. blocked field goal return vs. Indiana.

1994: Torrian Gray (rov), 66-yd. interception return vs. Boston College; Stacy Henley, 25-yd. blocked punt return vs. Temple; Lawrence Lewis (de), 60-yd. fumble return vs. East Carolina; Antonio Freeman, 80-yd. punt return vs. Pittsburgh.

1995: Jermaine Holmes, recovered blocked punt in end zone vs. Akron; Hank Coleman (de), 51-yd. fumble return vs. Rutgers; Myron Newsome (ilb), 71-yd. interception return vs. Rutgers; Larry Green (cb), 37-yd. interception return vs. West Virginia; Jim Baron (dt), 46-yd. fumble return vs. Temple; J.C. Price (dt), 19-yd. interception return vs. Temple; Antonio Banks (cb), 65-yd. interception return vs. Virginia; Bryan Still, 60-yd. punt return vs. Texas; Jim Baron (dt), 20-yd. fumble return vs. Texas.

1996: Cornelius White, 60-yd. blocked punt return vs. Syracuse; Keion Carpenter (fs), 100-yd. interception return vs. Miami.

1997: Carl Bradley (dt), recovered fumble in end zone vs. Rutgers; Pierson Prioleau (rov), 43-yd. fumble return vs. Rutgers; Lorenzo Ferguson (fs), 84-yd. interception return vs. Arkansas St.; Anthony Midget (cb), 22-yd. fumble return vs. Pittsburgh.

1998: Keion Carpenter (fs), 16-yd. interception return vs. Pittsburgh; Pierson Prioleau (rov), 85-yd. interception return vs. Boston College; Marcus Gildersleeve, recovered blocked punt in end zone vs. UAB; Ricky Hall 17-yd. blocked punt return vs. West Virginia; Ricky Hall recovered blocked punt in end zone vs. Syracuse; Loren Johnson (cb), 78-yd. fumble return vs. Syracuse; Ike Charlton (cb) 26-yd. interception return vs. Rutgers; Jamel Smith (lb), 98-yd. interception return vs. Rutgers; Anthony Midget (cb), 27-yd. interception return vs. Alabama.

1999: Ike Charlton (cb), 34-yd. interception return vs. Clemson; Corey Moore (de), 32-yd. fumble return vs. Clemson; Cory Bird (rov), 26-yd. fumble return vs. Syracuse; Phillip Summers (rov) 43-yd. interception return vs. Syracuse; Tee Butler recovered fumble by punter in end zone vs. Syracuse; Ricky Hall, 64-yd. punt return vs. Miami; Ike Charlton (cb), 51-yd. fumble return vs. Miami; Larry Austin (cb), 31-yd. interception return vs. Temple.

2000: Willie Pile (fs), 11-yd. interception return vs. Akron; Cory Bird 9-yd. blocked punt return vs. East Carolina; André Davis 87-yd. punt return vs. East Carolina; André Davis 71-yd. punt return vs. Boston College; André Davis 76-yd. punt return vs. WVU; Nathaniel Adibi (de), 36-yd. fumble return vs. UCF.



André Davis returns a punt for a touchdown at ECU last season.

BALL

— scored twice. Ike Charlton, Ricky Hall and current player André Davis have scored three times.

Beamer Ball's emphasis on special teams produces more than touchdowns. During the 1990s, Tech blocked more kicks than any other Division I-A team. In 1998, the Hokies ranked eighth nationally in punting and in 1999, they were ninth nationally in kickoff returns.

Last season, Tech led the nation in punt returns.

Tech's tradition for blocking kicks during the Frank Beamer era has produced 83 blocks in Beamer's 162 games as the head coach. The Hokies have blocked 41 punts (12 for TDs), 21 field goals and 21 extra points. Sixty-three of those blocks came during the 1990s when Tech blocked 31 punts, 18 PATs and 14 field goals.

In 1998, the Hokies set a school record when they blocked 10 kicks during the regular season and two more in their Music City Bowl game against Alabama.

Since joining the BIG EAST Conference in 1991, the Hokies have posted at least three blocked kicks against every team in the league. During that span, Tech has blocked eight kicks against Pittsburgh, six versus Miami and West Virginia, four against Boston College and Rutgers and three against Syracuse and Temple.

In the Beamer era, Tech has blocked two kicks in a game 15 times, including games versus East Carolina

and West Virginia last season when the Hokies had a total of eight blocks.

The most prolific kick blockers under Beamer have been defensive lineman Bernard Basham and safety Keion Carpenter who each posted six blocks during their Tech careers. Basham blocked three field goals and three PATs, while Carpenter blocked six punts.

Beamer Ball has had a major impact on Tech's 75-21 record over the past eight seasons. During that span, the Hokies are 32-3 when they score at least one defensive or special teams touchdown and 31-9 in games when they block at least one kick.

Tech's Blocked Kicks Under Beamer

**Totals: 83 in 162 games
(41 punts, 21 FGs, 21 PATs)**

**recovered or returned for touchdown
+led to TD @led to safety #led to FG
^led to a two-point defensive extra point*

1987 (1 punt, 1 PAT, 1 FG)

Syracuse – punt* (Jimmy Whitten) hL
East Carolina – PAT (na) hL
Cincinnati – FG (Roger Brown) hW

1988 (4 punts, 3 FGs)

Clemson – punt (Jock Jones) aL
Southern Miss – punt* (Archie Hopkins) aL
West Virginia – punt* (Archie Hopkins) hL
Cincinnati – punt+ (Jock Jones) aW
Louisville – FG (Jimmy Whitten) aL
Florida State – FG (Roger Brown);
FG+ (Roger Brown) aL

1989 (1 punt, 1 FG)

Tulane – punt+ (Archie Hopkins) hW
N.C. State – FG (Jock Jones) aW

1990 (2 punts, 3 PATs, 1 FG)

East Carolina – PAT (John Rivers) aW
South Carolina – PAT (John Rivers) hL
Florida State – punt+ (Scott Jones) aL
West Virginia – FG+ (Bernard Basham) hW
Temple – punt (Archie Hopkins) aL
N.C. State – PAT (Bernard Basham) hW

1991 (3 punts, 3 FGs)

James Madison – FG (Bernard Basham) hW
Oklahoma – FG (Bernard Basham) aL
Cincinnati – punt+ (P.J. Preston);
punt* (Kirk Alexander) hW
Louisville – FG (John Rivers) hW
East Carolina – punt (Marcus McClung) hL

1992 (5 PATs, 1 FG)

James Madison – PAT (John Rivers);
FG+ (Kirk Alexander) hW
East Carolina – PAT (Bernard Basham) aL
West Virginia – PAT (David Wimmer) hL
Miami – PAT (Bernard Basham) hL
Virginia – PAT (David Wimmer) hL

1993 (4 punts, 2 FGs)

Miami – punt@ (Willie Wilkins) aL
Maryland – FG (George DeRicco) hW
Rutgers – punt* (Marcus McClung) hW
Syracuse – punt+ (William Ferrell) hW
Virginia – punt# (Brandon Semones) aW
Indiana – FG* (Jeff Holland) nW
Independence Bowl

1994 (2 punts, 2 FGs)

Arkansas St. – FG (Cornell Brown) hW
Temple – punt* (William Ferrell) hW
Miami – punt# (Michael Williams) aL
Rutgers – FG (Michael Williams) hW

1995 (4 punts, 3 PATs, 1 FG)

BC – PAT (Waverly Jackson) hL
Cincinnati – FG (Jim Baron);
PAT (Lawrence Lewis) hL
Miami – punt# (Angelo Harrison) hW
Pittsburgh – punt+ (Angelo Harrison);
punt# (Angelo Harrison) aW
Akron – punt* (Okesa Smith);
PAT (Lawrence Lewis) hW

1996 (5 punts, 1 PAT)

Akron – PAT (John Engelberger) aW
BC – punt+ (Keion Carpenter) aW
Syracuse – punt* (Cornelius White) aL
Temple – punt (Keion Carpenter) hW
SW Louisiana – punt (Michael Stuewe);
punt+ (Keion Carpenter) hW

1997 (2 punts, 3 PATs, 2 FGs)

Arkansas St. – FG+ (Carl Bradley) hW
WVU – punt# (Phillip Summers) aL
Miami – PAT (Carl Bradley) hW
Pittsburgh – PAT (Corey Moore);
PAT (John Engelberger) aL
Virginia – punt (Keion Carpenter);
FG (John Engelberger) aL

1998 (8 punts, 2 PATs, 2 FGs)

East Carolina – FG+ (Corey Moore) hW
Miami – PAT (John Engelberger) aW
Pittsburgh – FG (Corey Moore);
punt# (Larry Austin) hW
Boston College – punt (Keion Carpenter);
punt+ (André Davis) aW
UAB – punt* (Larry Austin) aW
WVU – punt* (Marcus Gildersleeve);
PAT (John Engelberger) hW
Syracuse – punt* (Anthony Midget) aL
Alabama – punt (Keion Carpenter);
punt+ (Corey Moore) nW
Music City Bowl

1999 (1 punt, 1 PAT, 0 FGs)

Rutgers – PAT^ (Carl Bradley) aW
Pittsburgh – punt+ (André Davis) aW

2000 (4 punts, 2 FGs, 2 PATs)

Akron – FG+ (Cory Bird) hW
East Carolina – punt* (Wayne Ward);
FG (Larry Austin) aW
Rutgers – punt+ (Eric Green) hW
Temple – punt+ (Wayne Ward) hW
West Virginia – punt (Lee Suggs)
PAT (Lamar Cobb) hW
Pittsburgh – PAT (David Pugh) hW



Wayne Ward blocks a punt in Tech's win at ECU last season.



Billy Hite

Associate Head Coach and Running Backs Coach

Billy Hite, who has roamed the Virginia Tech sidelines longer than any other football coach in school history, enters his 24th season on the Tech staff with the new title of associate head coach. Hite was promoted to the new position in December and continues to oversee one of Tech's most successful positions — the running backs.

Hite came to Blacksburg as a member of Bill Dooley's football staff in 1978. He served as a recruiter and head jayvee coach his first two years, then took over as the offensive backfield coach in charge of tailbacks and fullbacks in 1980.

Hite remained at Tech when Frank Beamer took over in 1987 and was elevated to the position of assistant head coach by Beamer the following year. His primary coaching responsibility continued to be Tech's running backs.

In 1989, Hite filled in as the acting head coach when

Beamer was sidelined following coronary angioplasty surgery and had to miss a home game versus Tulane. Hite didn't let the Tech faithful down as he led the Hokies to an emotional 30-13 victory.

During the mid-1980s, Hite was credited with the development of Tech's famed "Stallions" backfield that featured Maurice Williams and Eddie Hunter. While at Tech, he has coached eight of the Hokies' top 10 all-time rushing leaders. Eighteen of his running backs have gone on to sign with NFL teams, including Shyrone Stith, who was drafted by the Jacksonville Jaguars in the 2000 NFL draft.

Last season, tailback Lee Suggs shattered school and BIG EAST Conference scoring records on the way to leading the nation in touchdowns (28) and scoring (168 points). Suggs, who also led the conference in rushing, was selected the Co-BIG EAST Offensive Player of the Year.

A native of Hyattsville, Md., Hite was a former star tailback at the University of North Carolina. He received one of his highest honors when he was inducted into the DeMatha High School Hall of Fame in 1992. As a player at North Carolina under Dooley, Hite helped the Tar Heels to a 28-6 record, two ACC titles and two bowl games during his undergraduate days from 1970-73. He received a bachelor's degree in education in 1974.

Hite began his coaching career as a graduate assistant at UNC in '74. He was a part-time assistant for the Tar Heels from 1975-77.

Hite is married to the former Anne Heen of Memphis, Tenn., whom he met at North Carolina when they were students. They have two daughters, Kirsten Marie, 16, and Bryn Elizabeth Louise, 12, and a son, Griffin William, 8.

In his spare time, Hite enjoys playing basketball and racquetball.

Hite's Profile

PERSONAL:

Born: 4/28/51, Washington, D.C.
Hometown: Hyattsville, Md.
Wife: former Anne Heen
Children: Kirsten Marie, Bryn Elizabeth Louise, Griffin William

EDUCATION:

High School: DeMatha High School (1969)
College: University of North Carolina (1974)

PLAYING EXPERIENCE:

North Carolina (1970-73)

COACHING EXPERIENCE:

1974-77 North Carolina (running backs)
1978-87 Virginia Tech (running backs)
1988-00 Virginia Tech (assistant head coach and running backs)
2001- Virginia Tech (associate head coach and running backs)

BOWL EXPERIENCE:

Player

1971 Sun (North Carolina vs. Texas Tech)
1972 Gator (North Carolina vs. Georgia)

Coach

1974 Sun (North Carolina vs. Mississippi State)
1976 Peach (North Carolina vs. Kentucky)
1977 Liberty (North Carolina vs. Nebraska)
1980 Peach (Virginia Tech vs. Miami)
1984 Independence (Virginia Tech vs. Air Force)
1986 New Peach (Virginia Tech vs. N.C. State)
1993 Independence (Virginia Tech vs. Indiana)
1994 Gator (Virginia Tech vs. Tennessee)
1995 Sugar (Virginia Tech vs. Texas)
1996 Orange (Virginia Tech vs. Nebraska)
1997 Gator (Virginia Tech vs. North Carolina)
1998 Music City (Virginia Tech vs. Alabama)
1999 Sugar (Virginia Tech vs. Florida State)
2000 Gator (Virginia Tech vs. Clemson)

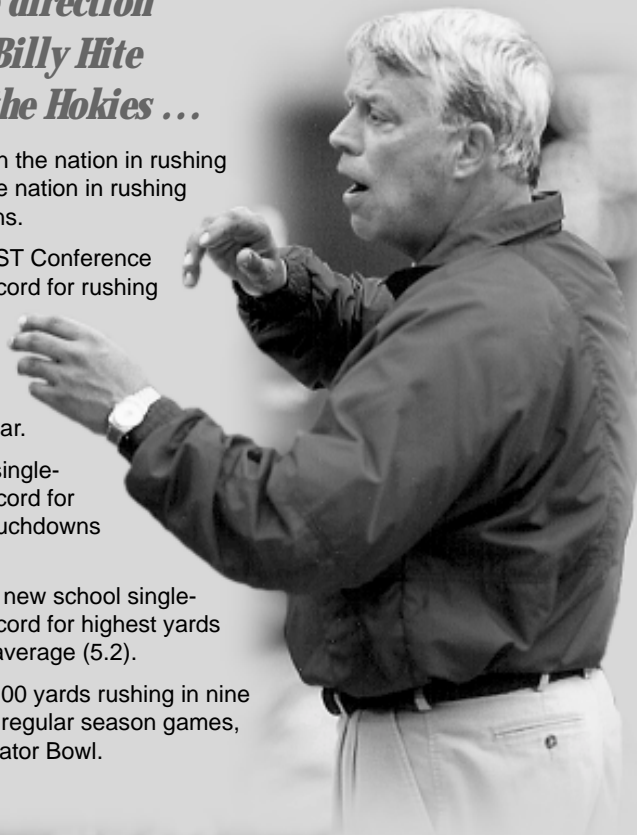


Coach Billy Hite and his wife, Anne, with their children, Griffin, Kirsten and Bryn.

The Running Game

Under the direction of Coach Billy Hite in 2000, the Hokies ...

- finished fifth in the nation in rushing and led the nation in rushing touchdowns.
- set a BIG EAST Conference season record for rushing yards (2,975) for the second straight year.
- set a school single-season record for rushing touchdowns with 46.
- established a new school single-season record for highest yards per carry average (5.2).
- posted over 200 yards rushing in nine of their 11 regular season games, plus the Gator Bowl.



“I tell all my players to be the best back on the field to be complete football players. I want them to take the attitude that one man cannot bring them down. I want them to be physical and nasty when blocking; to run good pass routes and catch the football; and to be good actors and carry out their fakes. Once a back touches the ball, they make the decision where to run. I will never second guess a running back with the ball in his arms. If each back protects the football, makes the big play and plays with intensity, we will win.”

— *Billy Hite*

During Billy Hite's tenure at Virginia Tech ...

- the Hokies have rushed for over 51,000 yards — an average of more than 200 yards per game (202.4) over a 253-game period.
- he has had a back rush for 100 yards or more in a game 111 times.
- the Hokies have had an average of 142 yards rushing per game from the tailback position.
- he has coached eight of Virginia Tech's top 10 career rushing leaders.
- he has worked with six of the eight Tech players who have turned in 1,000-yard rushing seasons.
- he has coached five different running backs who rushed for over 100 yards in a bowl game.
- a total of 18 running backs have gone on to sign with NFL teams.
- the Hokies have been ranked among the top 20 rushing teams in Division I-A five of the past eight seasons.

Season Rushing Leaders

Player	Yds.
Cyrus Lawrence	1,403
Cyrus Lawrence	1,221
Lee Suggs	1,207
Dwayne Thomas	1,130
Shyrone Stith	1,119
Roscoe Coles	1,119
Roscoe Coles	1,045
Phil Rogers	1,036
Maurice Williams	1,029
Kenny Lewis	1,020

Career Rushing Leaders

Player	Yds.
Cyrus Lawrence	3,767
Roscoe Coles	3,459
Maurice Williams	2,981
Dwayne Thomas	2,696
Ken Oxendine	2,645
Eddie Hunter	2,523
Phil Rogers	2,461
Vaughn Hebron	2,327
Shyrone Stith	2,292
Tony Kennedy	2,259



Lee Suggs



Rickey Bustle

Offensive Coordinator and Quarterbacks Coach

Rickey Bustle, who is highly-regarded for his ability to develop quarterbacks and high-scoring offenses, is in his 14th season as Virginia Tech's quarterbacks coach and eighth year as the Hokies' offensive coordinator.

Over the past two seasons, Bustle has had a No. 1 offense, followed by a No. 1 draft pick. In 1999, Tech's offensive unit averaged a national-best 41.4 points per game as the Hokies advanced to the national championship game. Following the 2000 season, Tech quarterback Michael Vick was the first player taken in the NFL draft.

During his stay at Tech, Bustle has coached some of the school's most successful quarterbacks, including Vick, who many consider the most talented quarterback ever to play the game.

In two seasons at Tech, Vick posted a 20-1 record as a starter. Bustle also helped develop Maurice DeShazo, the Hokies' all-time leader in total offense and touchdown

passes; Will Furrer, who passed for over 5,900 yards; and Jim Druckenmiller, who was a two-time All-BIG EAST pick and guided the Hokies to back-to-back 10-2 seasons.

In Bustle's seven seasons as offensive coordinator, the Hokies have fielded seven of the eight highest-scoring teams in school history, posted a 67-17 record and won three BIG EAST Conference Championships. The Hokies have been to a bowl every year Bustle has been the offensive coordinator, including last season's appearance in the Toyota Gator Bowl.

Bustle, who also has earned a reputation as an outstanding recruiter, came to Tech with Coach Frank Beamer in 1987 as the Hokies' quarterback coach. He was promoted to offensive coordinator in 1993 and directed the '93 offensive unit that scored a then-school-record 400 points and rolled over Indiana, 45-20, in the Independence Bowl. In 1994, Bustle accepted the position of offensive coordinator at the University of South Carolina. He helped the Gamecocks to a 7-5 record that included a Carquest Bowl win over West Virginia.

After just one season away from Blacksburg, Bustle

decided to rejoin the Tech staff and helped the Hokies to a 10-2 record and a Sugar Bowl win over Texas. In 1999, Tech set school marks for total offense (4,970 yards) and points (455).

Bustle was a four-sport athlete at Summerville High School in South Carolina and earned three varsity letters as a wide receiver at Clemson. Following his graduation in 1977, he coached two seasons as a graduate assistant for the Tigers.

In 1979, he became defensive coordinator for Gardner-Webb College in North Carolina. He joined the staff at East Carolina in 1980, serving two seasons as the

Pirates' defensive backfield coach and one year as the receivers coach.

In 1983, Bustle became the running backs coach for the Arizona Wranglers of the USFL. The following year, he joined the staff at Northeast Louisiana, where he served as the running backs coach for two seasons before becoming the offensive coordinator in 1986.

Bustle is married to the former Lynn Sanders of Charleston, S.C., who received her Ph.D., in curriculum and instruction from Tech in December 1997. They have a son, Brad, who is 14 years old.

Bustle's Profile

PERSONAL:

Born: 8/23/53, Danville, Va.
Hometown: Summerville, S.C.
Wife: former Lynn Sanders
Child: Brad

EDUCATION:

High School: Summerville High School (1972)
College: Clemson University (1977)

PLAYING EXPERIENCE:

Clemson (1973-76)

COACHING EXPERIENCE:

1977-78 Clemson (graduate assistant)
1979 Gardner-Webb (defensive coordinator)
1980-81 East Carolina (defensive backfield)
1982 East Carolina (receivers)
1983 USFL's Arizona Wranglers (running backs)
1984-85 Northeast Louisiana (running backs)
1986 Northeast Louisiana (off. co./quarterbacks)
1987-92 Virginia Tech (quarterbacks/receivers)
1993 Virginia Tech (off. coordinator/quarterbacks)
1994 South Carolina (off. coordinator/quarterbacks)
1995- Virginia Tech (off. coordinator/quarterbacks)

BOWL EXPERIENCE:

Graduate Assistant

1977 Gator (Clemson vs. Pittsburgh)
1978 Gator (Clemson vs. Ohio State)

Coach

1993 Independence (Virginia Tech vs. Indiana)
1994 Carquest (South Carolina vs. West Virginia)
1995 Sugar (Virginia Tech vs. Texas)
1996 Orange (Virginia Tech vs. Nebraska)
1997 Gator (Virginia Tech vs. North Carolina)
1998 Music City (Virginia Tech vs. Alabama)
1999 Sugar (Virginia Tech vs. Florida State)
2000 Gator (Virginia Tech vs. Clemson)



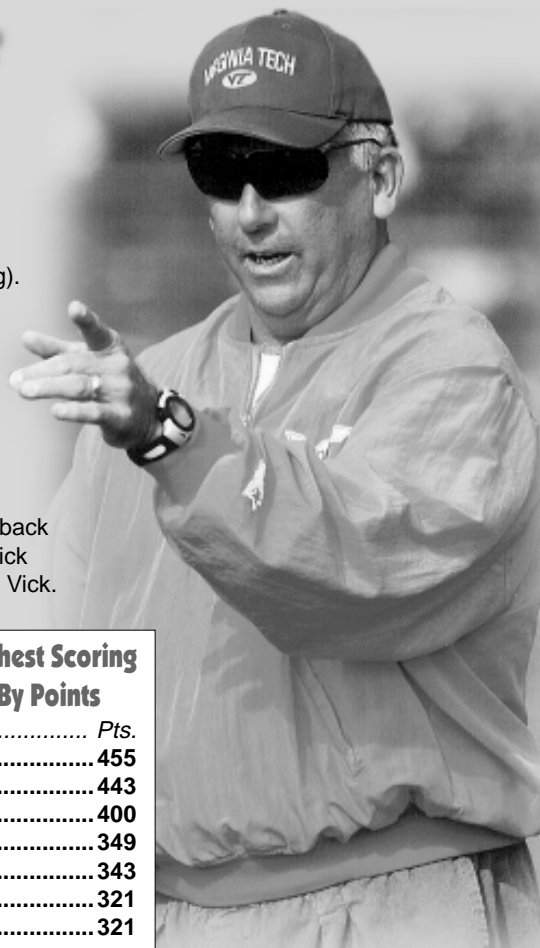
Coach Rickey Bustle, Shadow, Brad and Lynn.



The Offense

Under the direction of Rickey Bustle in 2000, the Hokies' offense ...

- was fifth in the nation in scoring (40.27 ppg).
- was 20th in the nation in total offense (426.36 ypg).
- led the nation in rushing touchdowns with 46.
- set a school record for touchdowns (61) in a season.
- produced the nation's leading scorer in tailback Lee Suggs (15.27 ppg) and the No. 1 pick in the NFL Draft in quarterback Michael Vick.



“Our philosophy is to use different formations and personnel groups to spread the field and attack the defense. We want to utilize both our passing game and our running game to create big plays. We like to keep things moving and get the ball in the hands of players who will make plays.”

— Rickey Bustle

Team Total Offense For A Season

Year	Yards
1999	4,970
1993	4,885
2000	4,690
1996	4,587
1983	4,534
1972	4,527
1995	4,223

Tech's Highest Scoring Teams By Points

Year	Pts.
1999	455
2000	443
1993	400
1996	349
1998	343
1995	321
1997	321

During Bustle's seven seasons as the offensive coordinator, Virginia Tech has ...

- averaged 34 points per game and piled up nearly 17.5 miles (35,523 yards) of total offense.
- fielded the seven highest-scoring football teams, pointwise, in school history and seven of the top eight teams averagewise.
- fielded five of the school's top seven teams in terms of total offense.

During Rickey Bustle's 13 seasons as the quarterbacks coach, he has ...

- worked with three of Virginia Tech's top four career passing leaders.
- coached players who have accounted for seven of Tech's top 10 all-time single-season passing totals and eight of the Hokies' top 10 all-time single-season total offense totals.
- coached the top three quarterbacks on Tech's career list for touchdown passes.

Tech Career Passing Leaders

Player	Yds.
Don Strock	6,009
Will Furrer	5,915
Maurice DeShazo	5,720
Jim Druckenmiller	4,383

Tech Career Touchdown Passes

Player	TDs
Maurice DeShazo	47
Will Furrer	43
Jim Druckenmiller	34
Don Strock	29
Steve Casey	29



Michael Vick



Bud Foster

Defensive Coordinator and Inside Linebackers Coach

Defensive master-mind Bud Foster, who has helped mold nationally-ranked defenses during each of his six years as defensive coordinator, is in his 15th season as a member of Frank Beamer's football staff at Virginia Tech.

Foster faced one of his toughest challenges last season when the Hokies returned just three defensive starters, only one of whom would be playing the same

position. Despite its youth, Tech's 2000 defense went on to lead the BIG EAST in rushing defense, place 16th nationally against the run and tie for third nationally in interceptions.

After helping Tech to the national championship game in 1999, Foster was one of five finalists for the 1999 Broyles Award given to the nation's top assistant football coach. In June, 2000 he was recognized as the 2000 Division I-A Defensive Coordinator of the Year by *American Football Coach* magazine. Tech's 1999 defensive unit led Division I-A in scoring defense and ranked third in both total and rushing defense.

Following the 1998 season, Foster was pursued by the University of Florida for its defensive coordinator position, but opted to continue his long-standing football association with Beamer. That association dates back to 1979 when Foster was a strong safety and defensive end at Murray State, and Beamer was the defensive coordinator. Foster began his coaching career as a graduate assistant at MSU in 1981, Beamer's first season as the head coach.

Since coming to Tech in 1987, Foster has helped build the Hokies into one of the hardest-hitting defensive units in college football. During that time, he has worn several coaching hats. Foster coached the inside linebackers for one year in 1987, then tutored the outside linebackers for the next five seasons. He assumed responsibility for both sets of linebackers prior to the 1993 season and also took over special-teams coaching that year. The following year, he coached the inside linebackers and special teams. Foster assumed the position of co-defensive coordinator in 1995 and took over as the sole defensive coordinator in '96. The inside linebackers continue to be his primary responsibility.

During his tenure at Tech, Foster has coached All-Americans Ben Taylor and Jamel Smith and five other linebackers who have earned All-BIG EAST Conference honors. Each year since the BIG EAST began round-robin play in 1993, Foster has had a linebacker tabbed all-conference. Along with Taylor and Smith, Tech's other All-BIG EAST linebackers have been Ken Brown, who was second-team in 1993 and first-team in 1994; George DelRicco, a first-team pick in 1995; and second-team picks Myron Newsome in '96, Steve Tate in '97 and Michael Hawkes in '99.

A 1981 graduate of Murray State, Foster was an outstanding strong safety and outside linebacker from 1977 to 1980. After two years as a graduate assistant at his alma mater, Foster was elevated to a full-time staff position. The Nokomis, Ill., native, coached outside linebackers for three seasons before taking over the inside and outside linebackers in 1986. He also served as the Racers' recruiting coordinator and worked with special teams.

Foster and his wife Jacqueline have three children: Ammie, 22; Grant, 15; and Hilary, 13. In his spare time, Foster enjoys spending time with his family.

Foster's Profile

PERSONAL:

Born: 7/28/59, Somerset, Ky.
Hometown: Nokomis, Ill.
Wife: former Jacqueline Travis
Children: Ammie, Grant, Hilary

EDUCATION:

High School: Nokomis (Ill.) High School (1977)
College: Murray State University (1981)

PLAYING EXPERIENCE:

Murray State (1977-80)

COACHING EXPERIENCE:

1981-82 Murray State (graduate assistant)
1983-85 Murray State (outside linebackers)
1986 Murray State (linebackers/special teams)
1987 Virginia Tech (inside linebackers)
1988-92 Virginia Tech (outside linebackers)
1993 Virginia Tech (linebackers/special teams)
1994 Virginia Tech (inside backers/special teams)
1995- Virginia Tech (defensive coordinator/
inside linebackers/special teams)

BOWL EXPERIENCE:

Player

1979 Division I-AA Playoff semifinals
(Murray State vs. Lehigh)

Coach

1986 Division I-AA Playoff quarterfinals
(Murray State vs. Eastern Illinois)
1993 Independence (Virginia Tech vs. Indiana)
1994 Gator (Virginia Tech vs. Tennessee)
1995 Sugar (Virginia Tech vs. Texas)
1996 Orange (Virginia Tech vs. Nebraska)
1997 Gator (Virginia Tech vs. North Carolina)
1998 Music City (Virginia Tech vs. Alabama)
1999 Sugar (Virginia Tech vs. Florida State)
2000 Gator (Virginia Tech vs. Clemson)



Coach Bud Foster and his wife, Jacquie, with Grant and Hilary.

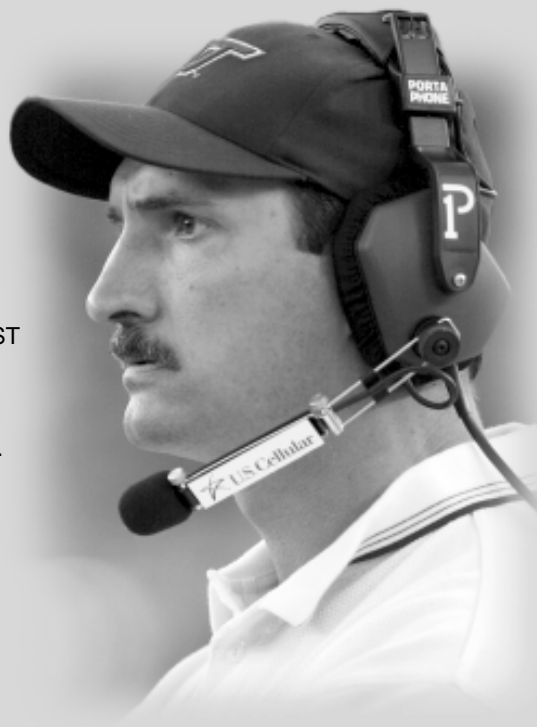
The Defense

Under the direction of Bud Foster in 2000, the Hokies' defense ...

- tied for third in the nation in interceptions (23).
- finished 16th in the nation and tops in the BIG EAST in rushing defense (99.3 ypg).
- ranked 14th nationally in turnovers gained (29).
- included a Butkus Award semifinalist in Ben Taylor.
- produced five All-BIG EAST players.

During Bud Foster's one year as co-defensive coordinator and five seasons as defensive coordinator, Tech has ...

- had 12 different players earn first-team All-BIG EAST defensive honors and 14 different players earn second-team honors.
- produced two BIG EAST defensive players of the year — Corey Moore, who earned the honor in both 1998 and 1999, and Cornell Brown, who won it in 1995.
- had at least one defensive player earn All-America honors every year. Four players gained A-A recognition in 1999 and two in 1995.
- had 20 different defensive players score touchdowns.
- produced its first Lombardi Award winner and its first Nagurski Trophy winner.
- held opponents to an average of 97.6 yards rushing and 15.4 points per game over a 66-game span.
- finished among the top two teams in the BIG EAST in scoring defense, rushing defense and total defense in five of the six years.



“I believe in an attacking, aggressive style of defense. We want to put speed and athleticism on the field and use that to attack and pressure opposing offenses.”

— *Bud Foster*

Tech's National Defensive Rankings Under Coach Bud Foster

1995*

- 1st Rushing Defense (77.36 ypg)
- 5th Scoring Defense (14.09 ppg)
- 10th Total Defense (285.9 ypg)
- 23rd Pass Efficiency Defense (104.25 rating)

1996

- Tied 9th Scoring Defense (15.27 ppg)
- 16th Pass Efficiency Defense (99.37 rating)
- 19th Rushing Defense (112.0 ypg)
- 24th Total Defense (316.09 ypg)

1997

- 13th Scoring Defense (16.82)

1998

- 2nd Interceptions (23)
- 4th Scoring Defense (12.9 ppg)
- 7th Total Defense (284.9 ypg)
- 11th Rushing Defense (102.2 ypg)
- 11th Pass Efficiency Defense (103.4 rating)

1999

- 1st Scoring Defense (10.5 ppg)
- 3rd Total Defense (247.3 ypg)
- 3rd Rushing Defense (75.9 ypg)
- 7th Pass Efficiency Defense (98.1 rating)

2000

- Tied-3rd Interceptions (23)
- 16th Rushing Defense (99.3 ypg)

* co-coordinator in 1995



Bryan Stinespring

Assistant Head Coach and Offensive Line Coach



Bryan Stinespring, who was promoted to assistant head coach in December, is beginning his fourth season as Virginia Tech's offensive line coach and his ninth year as a full-time coach on Frank Beamer's staff.

One of the brightest young coaches and recruiters on the collegiate scene, Stinespring took over the offensive line duties in the spring of 1998 and helped mold Tech's young line into a unit that showed steady improvement during the '98 season. Two members of that line — tackle Derek Smith and guard Dwight Vick — went on to sign with NFL teams.

In 1999 and 2000, the offensive line helped clear the way as the Hokies set new BIG EAST rushing marks in back-to-back seasons. Center Keith Short, guard Matt Lehr and tackle Dave Kadela all earned second-team All-BIG EAST honors in '99. Lehr repeated as a second-team pick in 2000, while Kadela moved to first team. Lehr was selected in the fifth-round of the 2001 NFL draft by the Dallas Cowboys and Kadela signed with the Atlanta Falcons.

Prior to taking over his current duties, Stinespring coached Tech's tight ends and assisted with the offensive line for five seasons. He also has served as the Hokies' recruiting coordinator the past six years and has been instrumental in helping attract top high school talent to campus.



Coach Bryan Stinespring and his wife Shelley with Daniel, Caroline and Olivia.

Stinespring initially joined the Tech staff in 1990 as a graduate assistant coach and spent two seasons in that capacity helping with the offensive line. After serving as the director of sports programs in 1992, he was elevated to a full-time coaching position prior to the 1993 season. Since then, he has been a part of eight straight bowl games and three BIG EAST Conference championships.

During his tenure as tight ends coach, two of his players earned all-conference honors. John Burke was a second-team pick in 1993, while Bryan Jennings earned first team honors in 1996.

A native of Clifton Forge, Va., Stinespring was a walk-on player for James Madison University in the early 1980s. He served as a teacher and coach at Lexington High School and helped the football squad win its lone state championship in 1988. He also helped coach the Patrick Henry High School

football team before joining the Tech program in 1990.

Stinespring is married to the former Shelley Franklin of Richmond, Va. Bryan and Shelley have a son, Daniel,

who is 7 years old; and twin daughters, Caroline and Olivia, who are 3 years old.

Stinespring enjoys golf, fishing and spending time with his family.

Stinespring's Profile

PERSONAL:

Born: 10/12/63, Clifton Forge, Va.
Hometown: Clifton Forge, Va.
Wife: former Shelley Franklin
Children: Daniel Franklin, Caroline Frances, Olivia Jane

EDUCATION:

High School: Clifton Forge (Va.) High School (1982)
College: James Madison University (1986)

COACHING EXPERIENCE:

1986-88 Lexington (Va.) High School
1989 Patrick Henry (Va.) High School
1990-91 Virginia Tech (graduate assistant)
1992 Virginia Tech (director of sports programs)
1993-97 Virginia Tech (tight ends/assistant offensive line)
1998-00 Virginia Tech (offensive line)
2001- Virginia Tech (assistant head coach/offensive line)

BOWL EXPERIENCE:

Coach
1993 Independence (Virginia Tech vs. Indiana)
1994 Gator (Virginia Tech vs. Tennessee)
1995 Sugar (Virginia Tech vs. Texas)
1996 Orange (Virginia Tech vs. Nebraska)
1997 Gator (Virginia Tech vs. North Carolina)
1998 Music City (Virginia Tech vs. Alabama)
1999 Sugar (Virginia Tech vs. Florida State)
2000 Gator (Virginia Tech vs. Clemson)

Tony Ball

Wide Receivers Coach



During the past three seasons, Tony Ball's knowledge of the wide receiver positions and enthusiasm for the game of football have helped Virginia Tech to a 29-5 record, two bowl championships and an appearance in the national championship game.

Ball, who has 14 years of collegiate coaching experience, is entering his fourth season as Tech's receivers coach. He has shown an ability to motivate and prepare young players and has been instrumental in the development and success of current senior starters André Davis and Emmett Johnson. Davis has become one of the nation's top big-play threats under Ball's watchful eye and enters the 2001 season averaging 21.3 yards per catch. Johnson came into his own last season when he led the team with 34 receptions and showed he, too, is a player to be watched.

Ball came to Tech in 1998 after serving three seasons as an assistant at the University of Louisville, where he coached the receivers. Prior to his stint with the Cardinals, Ball worked with the

running backs at Holy Cross for three seasons. He coached the receivers at his alma mater, UT-Chattanooga, on two different occasions — once in 1988 and for two seasons in 1990-91. In between, Ball coached the running backs at East Tennessee State in 1989.

During the summers of 1996 and 1997, Ball participated in the National Football League's Minority Internship Program with the Baltimore Ravens.

Ball began his coaching career as a graduate assistant at Austin Peay in 1985 and 1986. While at Austin Peay, he earned a Master's in health and nutrition. He served as restricted earnings coach at the University of South Carolina in 1987, working with the running backs and helping the Gamecocks to the Gator Bowl. His first full-time coaching position came at UTC the following year.

Ball played football for the late Joe Morrison at UT-Chattanooga. He was a

Ball's Profile

PERSONAL:

Born: 7/28/59, Chattanooga, Tenn.
Hometown: Chattanooga, Tenn.
Wife: former Maria Slayden
Children: Anthony and Keshea

EDUCATION:

High School: Brainerd High School (1977)
College: UT-Chattanooga (1983)
Postgraduate: Austin Peay (1987)

PLAYING EXPERIENCE:

UT Chattanooga (1977-80)

COACHING EXPERIENCE:

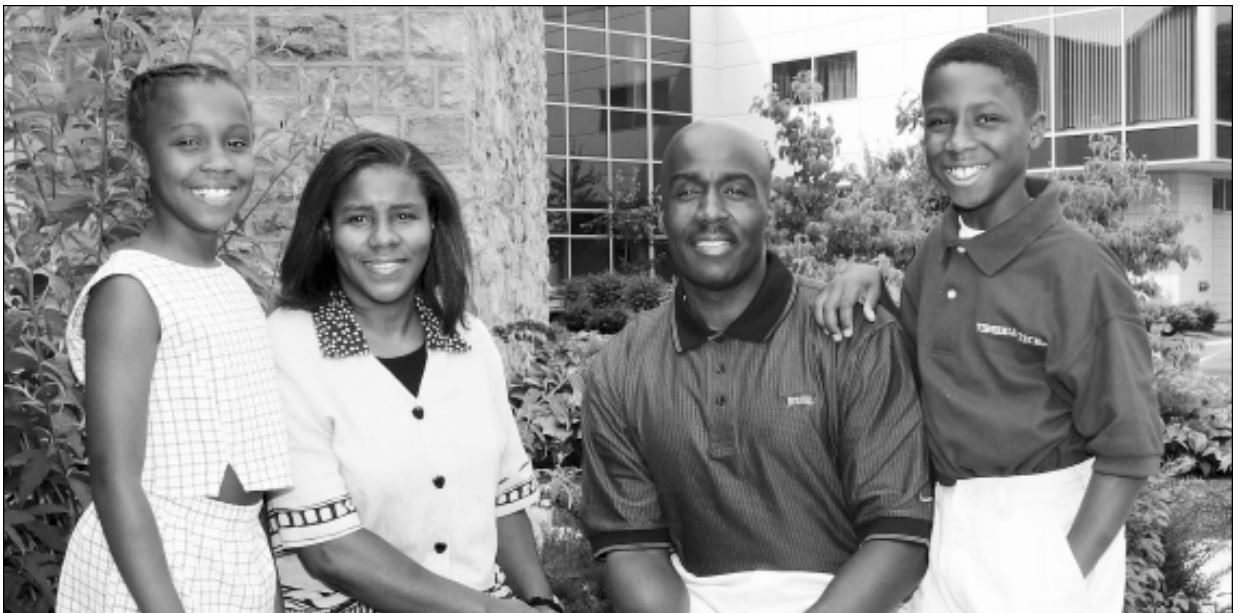
1985-86 Austin Peay (graduate assistant)
1987 South Carolina
(volunteer running backs coach)
1988 UT-Chattanooga (receivers)
1989 ETSU (running backs)
1990-91 UT-Chattanooga (receivers)
1992-94 College of Holy Cross (running backs)
1995-97 Louisville (receivers)
1998- Virginia Tech (receivers)

BOWL EXPERIENCE:

Coach
1987 Gator (South Carolina vs. LSU)
1998 Music City (Virginia Tech vs. Alabama)
1999 Sugar (Virginia Tech vs. Florida State)
2000 Gator (Virginia Tech vs. Clemson)

standout running back who set numerous school kickoff return records. He finished with a degree in criminal justice.

Ball is married to the former Maria Ann Slayden. They have two children: Anthony, 10 and Keshea, 9.



Coach Tony Ball and his wife Maria and their children Keshea and Anthony.



Jim Cavanaugh

Strong Safety and Outside Linebackers Coach

From player development to recruiting success to coaching style, Jim Cavanaugh has made a major impact on Virginia Tech's football program during his five seasons in Blacksburg.

A veteran of 27 years as a full-time coach on the collegiate level, Cavanaugh joined the Tech staff in 1996 as coach of the strong safeties and outside linebackers. During his first season on the job, outside linebacker Brandon Semones led the team in tackles and earned second-team All-BIG EAST honors.

Cavanaugh has since helped in the development of highly-successful safeties Pierson Prioleau and Cory Bird. Prioleau was a first-team

All-BIG EAST pick in 1997 and 1998 and earned third-team All-America recognition from *The Sporting News* in '97. He was a fourth-round draft pick of the San Francisco 49ers in 1999. Bird was tabbed a second-team All-BIG EAST pick and was named to *ESPN The Magazine's* All-America team following the 2000 season. He was selected in the third-round of the 2001 NFL draft by the Indianapolis Colts.

Along with his success in developing the Hokies' current talent, Cavanaugh has also been instrumental in bringing top-notch new talent to the Tech program. Over the past three years, his recruiting skills have helped the Hokies attract, among others, prep All-Americans Michael Vick, Nathaniel Adibi and Bryan Randall.

Tech's appearance in the 2001 Toyota Gator Bowl marked Cavanaugh's 17th postseason game as a coach.

The Hokies have been to bowls in each of his five seasons on the staff.

A former star receiver at William & Mary, Cavanaugh has worked at two other Virginia schools — VMI and the University of Virginia — during his collegiate coaching career.

Cavanaugh coached at the University of North Carolina for eight years and from 1982 through 1987, he worked under Bobby Ross and Joe Krivak at Maryland. He served two years at North Carolina State, three years under coach Bob Thalman at VMI, one year at Virginia and two years at Marshall. Cavanaugh began his collegiate coaching career as a graduate assistant at North Carolina State in 1972.

During his years as a receiver at William & Mary, Cavanaugh surpassed the Tribe career record in receiving with 117 catches and over 1,600 yards. He also earned honorable-mention All-America honors in 1967 and was co-captain of his team in 1969. Cavanaugh was inducted into the William & Mary Sports Hall of Fame in April.

Married to the former Marsha Carnell, he has two children, Ryan, an Appalachian State graduate who works for the Indianapolis Colts and married Melissa Searls in June; and Lauren, who is a senior at Virginia Tech.



Cavanaugh's Profile

PERSONAL:

Born: 8/4/48, Queens, N.Y.
Hometown: Queens, N.Y.
Wife: former Marsha Carnell
Children: Ryan, Lauren

Coach Jim Cavanaugh with his wife, Marsha, and their daughter, Lauren

EDUCATION:

High School: Chaminade High School (1966)
College: The College of William & Mary (1970)
Postgraduate: North Carolina State University (1974)

PLAYING EXPERIENCE:

William & Mary (1967-69)

COACHING EXPERIENCE:

1970 Newport News (Va.) High School
1971 Denbigh (Va.) High School
1972-73 North Carolina State (graduate assistant)
1974-75 VMI (receivers)
1976 VMI (running backs)
1977-78 North Carolina State (receivers)
1979-80 Marshall (off. coordinator/quarterbacks)
1981 Virginia (receivers)
1982-86 Maryland (running backs)
1987 Maryland (offensive coordinator/quarterbacks)
1988-95 North Carolina (receivers)
1996- Virginia Tech (strong safety, outside linebackers)

BOWL EXPERIENCE:

Coach

1972 Peach (N.C. State vs. West Virginia)
1973 Liberty (N.C. State vs. Kansas)
1977 Peach (N.C. State vs. Iowa State)
1978 Tangerine (N.C. State vs. Pittsburgh)
1982 Aloha (Maryland vs. Washington)
1983 Citrus (Maryland vs. Tennessee)
1984 Sun (Maryland vs. Tennessee)
1985 Cherry (Maryland vs. Syracuse)
1992 Peach (North Carolina vs. Mississippi State)
1993 Gator (North Carolina vs. Alabama)
1994 Sun (North Carolina vs. Texas)
1995 Carquest (North Carolina vs. Arkansas)
1996 Orange (Virginia Tech vs. Nebraska)
1997 Gator (Virginia Tech vs. North Carolina)
1998 Music City (Virginia Tech vs. Alabama)
1999 Sugar (Virginia Tech vs. Florida State)
2000 Gator (Virginia Tech vs. Clemson)





Danny Pearman

Tight Ends and Offensive Tackles Coach

Danny Pearman continues to play an important role on the Virginia Tech coaching staff through his work with the Hokies' tight ends and offensive tackles.

Pearman, who is entering his fourth season at Tech, saw his hard work with the tight ends pay extra dividends last season. During the 2000 season, former walk-on Browning Wynn earned

second-team All-BIG EAST honors at tight end, while teammate Bob Slowikowski contibuted a key 72-yard touchdown pass against West Virginia — the longest reception ever by a Tech tight end. Both players return this season to give Pearman good senior leadership at the position to go with a group of talented young performers.

Pearman brought experience and a sound football background to the Tech staff in 1998, just in time to help the Hokies to a surprising 8-3 regular season record and a 38-7 victory over Alabama in the Music City

Bowl. He helped bring along an inexperienced group of tight ends and also aided in the development of tackle Derek Smith, who was drafted by the Washington Redskins following the season.

Prior to coming to Blacksburg, Pearman helped coach the University of Alabama to six bowls and a national championship between 1990 and 1997. After helping guide the Crimson Tide to the national championship in 1992, he contributed to the Tide winning Southeastern Conference Western Division championships the next four years.

Pearman was a graduate assistant at Alabama for two years, then served as coach of the offensive tackles from 1991 to 1996. He coached the defensive tackles and special teams in 1997.

A native of Charlotte, N.C., Pearman won three letters as

a tight end at Clemson from 1983 through 1987. In his playing days, he was named a strength and conditioning All-American. He helped the Tigers win two Atlantic Coast Conference championships.

Following graduation, Pearman began his coaching career as a graduate assistant with the Tigers in 1988 and 1989. The Tigers again won the Atlantic Coast Conference championship in '88 and went to bowl games both of Pearman's seasons as a graduate assistant.

Pearman has a bachelor's degree in finance and a master's in business administration, both from Clemson. He is married to the former Kristy Sewell of Birmingham, Ala., and they have a daughter, Taylor Brooke, 4, and a son Tanner Ryan, 1. In his spare time, Pearman enjoys golf, jogging and fishing.

Pearman's Profile

PERSONAL:

Born: 2/17/65, Charlotte, N.C.
Hometown: Charlotte, N.C.
Wife: former Kristy Sewell
Children: Taylor Brooke, Ryan

EDUCATION:

High School: Independence H.S. (1983)
College: Clemson University (1987)
Postgraduate: Clemson University (1989)

PLAYING EXPERIENCE:

Clemson (1983-87)

COACHING EXPERIENCE:

1988-89 Clemson (graduate assistant)
1990-91 Alabama (graduate assistant)
1991-96 Alabama (offensive tackles/
offensive special teams)
1997 Alabama (defensive tackles/special teams)
1998- Virginia Tech (tight ends and off. tackles)

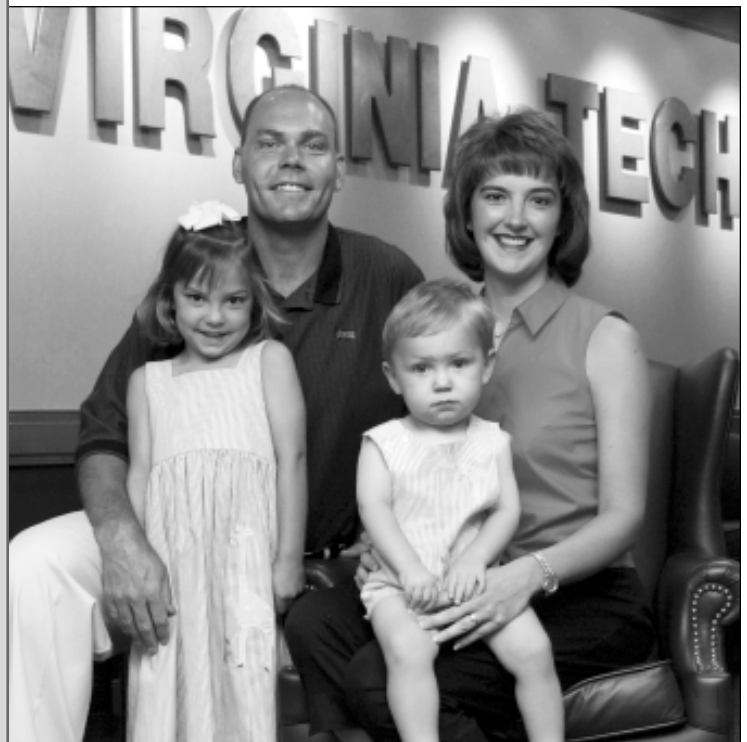
BOWL EXPERIENCE:

Player

1985 Independence (Clemson vs. Minnesota)
1986 Gator (Clemson vs. Stanford)
1987 Citrus (Clemson vs. Penn State)

Coach

1988 Citrus (Clemson vs. Oklahoma)
1989 Gator (Clemson vs. West Virginia)
1990 Fiesta (Alabama vs. Louisville)
1991 Blockbuster (Alabama vs. Colorado)
1992 Sugar (Alabama vs. Miami)
1993 Gator (Alabama vs. North Carolina)
1994 Citrus (Alabama vs. Ohio State)
1996 Outback (Alabama vs. Michigan)
1998 Music City (Virginia Tech vs. Alabama)
1999 Sugar (Virginia Tech vs. Florida State)
2000 Gator (Virginia Tech vs. Clemson)



Coach Danny Pearman and his wife Kristy and their children, Taylor Brooke and Ryan.

Lorenzo Ward

Defensive Backfield Coach



Lorenzo Ward has enjoyed a great deal of success in a short period of time at Virginia Tech. In just two seasons on the Tech staff, Ward has coached in a national championship game, produced a secondary that has helped the Hokies finish among the national defensive leaders, and spearheaded the recruiting of the nation's top high school football player.

Ward — nicknamed "Whammy" from his playing days at Alabama — is entering his third year as the coach of Tech's cornerbacks and free safeties. His work with the secondary in 1999 contributed to the Hokies finishing No.1 in scoring defense, No. 3 in total defense and No. 7 in pass efficiency defense. Last season, his players intercepted 16 passes as the team tied for third nationally in interceptions with a total of 23.

Ward was instrumental in Tech's signing of Pennsylvania running back Kevin Jones last February. Jones, the most highly-touted player ever to sign with the Hokies, was rated the top high school football player in the country by numerous recruiting services and publications.

Prior to joining the Tech coaching staff, Ward was a coach at UT-Chattanooga and Alabama. He was named the defensive coordinator at UT-Chattanooga in 1998 after serving as the Mocs' running backs coach since 1997. Under Ward, tailback Tyrone Coleman became just the fourth player in UTC history to gain 1,000 yards in a season.



Coach Lorenzo Ward with his wife Tara and their son Lorenzo, Jr.

Prior to working with the running backs, Ward was the defensive backs coach. Ward coached strong safety Ron Faugue, who earned both second- and third-team All-America honors in 1996.

An Alabama native, Ward starred for the Crimson Tide from 1986-90. He helped lead Alabama to a 33-15 record and a Southeastern Conference Championship during his career. He was also tabbed Special Teams Player of the Year by *The Sporting News* in 1990 as the Tide's unit ranked No. 1 in the nation. Ward played on four bowl teams, helping lead 'Bama to two Sun Bowl victories.

Ward served two seasons as a graduate assistant at Alabama before spending one season as an assistant coach at Newnan High in Newnan, Ga. While a graduate assistant, Ward helped coach the Tide to victories in the 1991 Blockbuster Bowl and the 1993 Gator Bowl. He joined the UTC staff as the secondary coach in 1994.

Nicknamed "Whammy" because of his fierce tackles, Ward graduated from Alabama in 1990 with a bachelor's in physical

education. He is married to the former Tara Tubbs. The couple has one son, Lorenzo Donovan Ward, Jr., who will be 5 in November.

Ward's Profile

PERSONAL:

Born: 4/26/67, Greensboro, Ala.
Hometown: Greensboro, Ala.
Wife: former Tara Tubbs
Child: Lorenzo Donovan Ward, Jr.

EDUCATION:

High School: Greensboro Public School — West Campus (1986)
College: University of Alabama (1990)

PLAYING EXPERIENCE:

Alabama (1986-90)

COACHING EXPERIENCE:

1991-93 Alabama (graduate assistant)
1993 Newnan High (assistant coach)
1994-98 UT-Chattanooga (secondary/running backs)
1999- Virginia Tech (defensive backfield)

BOWL EXPERIENCE:

Player

1986 Sun (Alabama vs. Washington)
1988 Hall of Fame (Alabama vs. Michigan)
1988 Sun (Alabama vs. Army)
1990 Sugar (Alabama vs. Miami)

Coach

1991 Blockbuster (Alabama vs. Colorado)
1993 Gator (Alabama vs. North Carolina)
1999 Sugar (Virginia Tech vs. Florida State)
2000 Gator (Virginia Tech vs. Clemson)

Charley Wiles

Defensive Line Coach



Charley Wiles, a former All-America player for Frank Beamer at Murray State, is entering his sixth season as Virginia Tech's defensive line coach. Wiles has played a huge role in the Hokies' recent success.

During Wiles' five seasons directing the Tech line, he has helped develop some of the nation's finest players, including current senior standouts David Pugh and Chad Beasley who earned first- and second-team BIG EAST honors, respectively, in 2000.

In 1999, Wiles directed end Corey Moore, who won the Mike Fox/Bronko Nagurski Award as the nation's best defensive player and the Lombardi Award as the best lineman. Moore also became Tech's second unanimous All-American and was chosen the BIG EAST Defensive Player of the Year for the second consecutive year.

Wiles also coached John Engelberger, who was named second-team on The Associated Press All-America team and was selected first-team All-BIG EAST after earning second-team honors in 1998 and 1997.

Following their outstanding seasons, Moore was drafted by the Buffalo Bills and Engelberger was selected by

San Francisco. In addition, two other seniors on the 1999 defensive line, Nathaniel Williams and Carl Bradley, signed NFL free agent contracts.

Overall, six of Wiles' players have won All-BIG EAST honors and three have earned All-America recognition. End Cornell Brown was an All-American and a first-team BIG EAST pick in '96 and tackle Kerwin Hairston was a first-team BIG EAST selection in 1997. Williams made the second team in 1999.

During the 1999 season, Wiles coached a veteran line that he helped mold into what *The Sporting News* rated as the best Division I-A defensive line in the college ranks prior to the season. That line helped the Hokies finish first in the nation in scoring defense and third in rushing defense and total defense.

Wiles is on his second tour of duty at Tech. He originally joined Beamer's Tech staff as a graduate assistant in 1987 and worked in that capacity for two years.

Wiles first had a player-coach relationship with

Beamer, when Beamer was the head man at Murray State. Wiles was a Kodak Division I-AA All-American as an offensive lineman in 1986.

When he left Tech after the 1988 season, Wiles spent a year on the staff at East Tennessee State. He then returned to Murray State for a six-year coaching tenure, winding up as the Racers' co-defensive coordinator. In 1995, he helped coach the Racers to an 11-0 regular-season mark and a berth in the NCAA Division I-AA playoffs. Wiles also served as Murray State's recruiting coordinator, helping land many of the Racers' top players.

Wiles rejoined Beamer at Tech in 1996, fulfilling a goal he had set during his first stint in Blacksburg. The Hokies have competed in bowl games during each of his five seasons on the staff.

A native of De Land, Fla., and a three-sport star at De Land High School, he is married to the former Andrea Wilder of Booneville, Ind. They have a daughter, Kendell, who is 5, and a son Eric, who is 2.

Wiles' Profile

PERSONAL:

Born: 5/4/64, Nashville, Tenn.
Hometown: De Land, Fla.
Wife: former Andrea Wilder
Children: Kendall, Eric

EDUCATION:

High School: De Land High School
College: Murray State University (1987)
Postgraduate: Virginia Tech (1989)

PLAYING EXPERIENCE:

Murray State (1983-86)

COACHING EXPERIENCE:

1987-88 Virginia Tech (graduate assistant)
1989 East Tennessee State (offensive line)
1990-91 Murray State (defensive ends)
1992 Murray State (running backs)
1993-95 Murray State (linebackers)
1995 Murray State (co-def. coordinator)
1996- Virginia Tech (defensive line)

BOWL EXPERIENCE:

Player

1986 Division I-AA Playoff Quarterfinals
(Murray State vs. Eastern Illinois)

Coach

1995 Division I-AA Playoff Quarterfinals
(Murray State vs. Northern Iowa)
1996 Orange (Virginia Tech vs. Nebraska)
1997 Gator (Virginia Tech vs. North Carolina)
1998 Music City (Virginia Tech vs. Alabama)
1999 Sugar (Virginia Tech vs. Florida State)
2000 Gator (Virginia Tech vs. Clemson)



Coach Charley Wiles with his wife, Andrea, and their children, Kendell and Eric.



John Ballein

Associate Director of Athletics for Football Operations

John Ballein holds one of the most important positions in Virginia Tech athletics as associate athletic director for football operations. He was promoted last summer to the position due to his excellent work for Coach Frank Beamer and his program.

Called "the No. 1 administrative assistant in the country" by former Tech AD Dave Braine, Ballein is responsible for all operations dealing with the football program. He continues to serve as assistant to head coach Frank Beamer and as departmental recruiting coordinator, jobs he was performing prior to his promotion to assistant AD in 1996.

"You name it and John Ballein does it," Beamer said in a Dec. 18, 1999 article on Ballein in *The Roanoke Times*. "Just everything that goes on around here — our travel, our recruiting, our camps, our clinics. He is absolutely the best."

A native of Bentleyville, Pa., Ballein was a linebacker at Indiana University of Pennsylvania and graduated from there with a degree in health and physical education in 1983. He later earned a master's in education from Old Dominion University in 1985.

He completed his studies at ODU, while teaching and coaching

football in 1983-84 at Woodrow Wilson High School in Portsmouth, Va., and at Western Branch High in Chesapeake, Va., in 1985-86.

Ballein served on Beamer's first Virginia Tech staff in 1987 as a graduate assistant coach. In 1988, he accepted a position as running backs coach at Western Kentucky University. He returned to Tech a year later as recruiting coordinator.

With his office adjacent to Coach Beamer's, he is often considered Beamer's right-hand man. He deals mostly with the administrative side of the football program, but is one of the favorites among players. His office is a preferred hangout of Tech players, and he is one of the most beloved and respected members of the staff.

"I don't think [Coach] Beamer could operate

without Ballein," said former Tech standout Corey Moore. "Ballein's a guy on the ball. Plus, he's kind of a favorite among the players, too."

Ballein is married to the former Stephanie Green, who was a basketball player at Tech in her undergraduate days. They have two daughters, Jordan Gray, 6, and Jalyn Ann, who is 3.



John Ballein with his wife, Stephanie, and their daughters, Jordan and Jalyn.



Football Support Staff



Bruce Garnes

Administrative Assistant

Bruce Garnes, a 1994 graduate of Virginia Tech, is in his third year as an administrative assistant in the Hokies' football office.

For three years, he has served as the liaison between the academic community and football and has helped the Hokies with their recruiting efforts. Garnes also assists John Ballein, the assistant athletic director for football operations, with Tech's football camps and coaching clinics.

A native of Martinsville, Va., Garnes graduated from Tech with a bachelor's in sport management. He received a master's at Tech in counseling education in 1996.

In the past, Garnes, 30, has worked for the Fairfax Juvenile Detention Center and also has interned with the Dallas Cowboys.

A 1989 graduate of Magna Vista High School in Ridgeway, Va., Garnes is single and enjoys jogging, spending time with co-workers and watching all Virginia Tech athletic teams compete in his spare time.

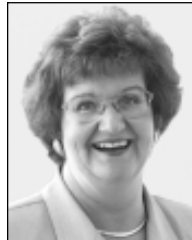
Graduate Assistants



Bill Houseright



Greg Shockley



Diana Clark
*Secretary to
Coach Beamer*



Lisa Marie
*Football Program
Support Technician*



Kristie Verniel
*Football Program
Support Technician*



Lester Karlin

Equipment Manager

Lester Karlin, a veteran of 23 years as the Hokies' equipment manager, is one of the most popular people on the Virginia Tech athletic staff.

In addition to ordering equipment for the football team, he is responsible for day-to-day operations of the equipment room.

A native of Norfolk, Va., Karlin graduated from Tech in 1974 with a bachelor's degree in health and physical education. From 1971 to 1973, he served as the student assistant in the football equipment room.

Karlin worked for two years in the World Football League, serving as the equipment manager for teams in Houston, Texas, and Shreveport, La. He returned to Blacksburg and his alma mater in 1978.



Lester Karlin and his wife, Suzie, with their daughters, Rachel, 15, and Sarah, 13, and their dog, Maggie.



Lou Koel
Laundry Specialist



Shahan Burrell
Student Manager



Matt Collins
Student Manager



Brian Hunter
Student Manager



Justin Lazzery
Student Manager



Mike Smith
Student Manager

2001 Virginia Tech Football Staff



The 2001 football staff – (seated, l to r) Bruce Garnes, Bryan Stinespring, Bud Foster, John Ballein, Frank Beamer, Billy Hite, Rickey Bustle, Mike Gentry, Mike Goforth; (standing, l to r) Jed Castro, Kevin Hicks, Charley Wiles, Danny Pearman, Bill Houseright, Lorenzo Ward, Jim Cavanaugh, Greg Shockley, Tony Ball and Lester Karlin.

2001 Virginia Tech Football Directory

Frank Beamer
Head Coach

Billy Hite
Associate Head Coach
and Running Backs Coach

Rickey Bustle
Offensive Coordinator
and Quarterbacks Coach

Bud Foster
Defensive Coordinator and
Inside Linebackers Coach

Bryan Stinespring
Assistant Head Coach
and Offensive Line Coach

Tony Ball
Wide Receivers Coach

Jim Cavanaugh
Strong Safety and
Outside Linebackers
Coach

Danny Pearman
Tight Ends and
Offensive Tackles Coach

Charley Wiles
Defensive Line Coach

Lorenzo Ward
Defensive Backfield Coach

John Ballein
Associate Director of
Athletics for
Football Operations

Mike Gentry
Assistant A.D.
for Athletic Performance

Jay Johnson
Assistant Director of
Strength & Conditioning

Dr. Duane Lagan
Director of Sports Medicine

Mike Goforth
Director of Athletic Training

Lester Karlin
Equipment Manager

Kevin Hicks
Director of Video Operations

Jed Castro
Assistant Video Coordinator

Diana Clark
Executive Secretary
To Coach Beamer

Lisa Marie
Football Program
Support Technician

Kristie Verniel
Football Program
Support Technician

Bill Houseright
Graduate
Assistant

Greg Shockley
Graduate
Assistant

Bruce Garnes
Administrative Assistant

