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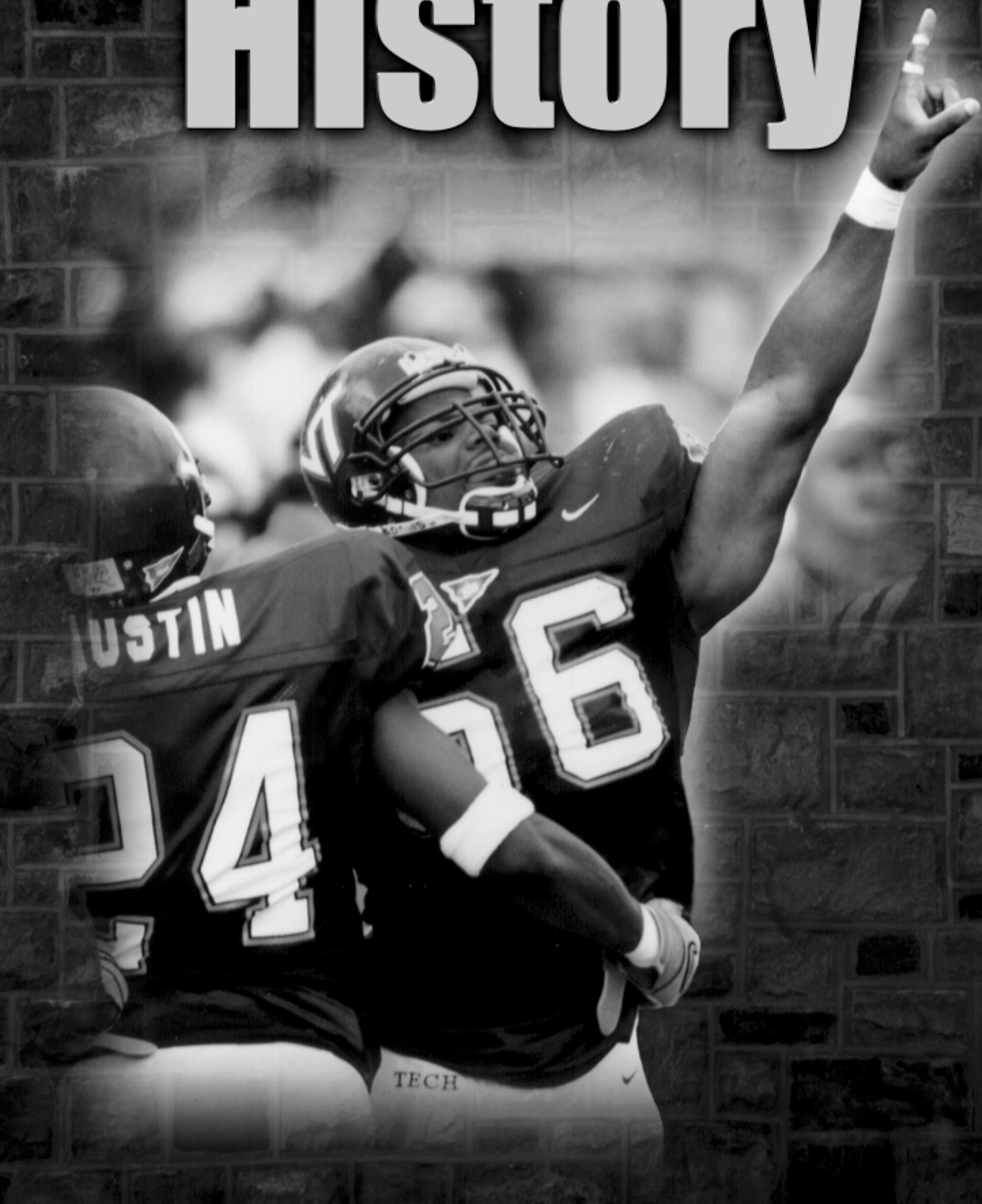
Hokie Hall of Famers

Former Virginia Tech Players and Coaches In the College Football Hall of Fame

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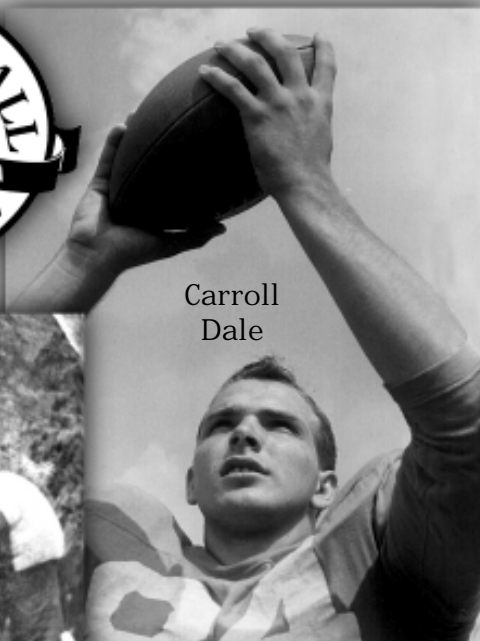split end, 1956-59
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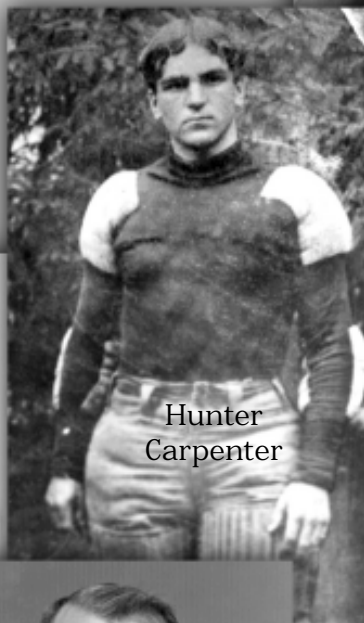— Inducted in 1999

Andy Gustafson
coach, 1926-29
— Inducted in 1985

Jerry Claiborne
coach, 1961-70
— Inducted in 1999

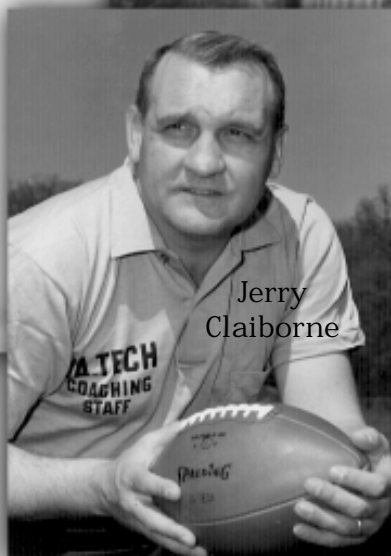COLLEGE FOOTBALL
HALL OF FAME
SOUTH BEND, INDIANA

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106 Seasons of Virginia Tech Football

From Beginning to Beamer

"It was not football and yet we had some fun … suits were ordered, footballs of various descriptions bought and general enthusiasm prevailed."

— The Bugle, Virginia Tech's Yearbook, describing the school's first football practices in 1892

Football at Virginia Tech officially kicked off on Oct. 21, 1892 when the school was known as Virginia Agricultural and Mechanical College. Its start, however, was slow.

With VAMC President John McBryde's approval and support, an athletic association was organized in September 1891. The major efforts of this organization during its early years were concentrated on football.

At the urging of a few interested students and faculty during the fall of 1891, a number of students assembled on campus to play pick-up games of the new sport. A year later, largely through the efforts of Professor W.E. Anderson, Professor E.A. Smyth and cadets H.B. Pratt and J.W. Stull, Tech's first football team was organized. Anderson played right tackle and served as the captain. Smyth was the "trainer" (or coach) and business manager.

It was necessary for the organizers to go into the barracks every day and beg men to come out to play because those who were not placed on the first team one day would refuse to return the next.

The first game was scheduled with St. Albans of Radford and played on the Blacksburg campus on Oct. 21. The game resulted in a 14-10 victory for VAMC with Anderson scoring the first touchdown in Tech history. After studying a book of rules, Professor Smyth took the leading role as the team's mentor. As a result, he came to be known as the father of modern football at Virginia Tech.

Old Hokie

In 1896, the words Polytechnic Institute were added to the college's name and it became known as Virginia Polytechnic Institute, which in turn became Virginia Tech. With the change in names came other changes. The school colors changed from black and gray to Chicago maroon and burnt orange. The colors were chosen by the Corps of Cadets and adopted as the official college colors in the fall of 1896. They were first worn in a football game against Roanoke College on Oct. 26, 1896.

A student contest was held to produce a new school yell and O.M. Stull won a prize for his new yell, the now famous Old Hokie. Stull's yell, in its original form, was:

Hoki! Hoki! Hoki Hy!
Tech! Tech! V.P.I. !
Sola-Rex Sola-Rah
Polytech-Vir-gin-i-a!
Rae, Ri, V.P.I.

At some point an 'e' was added to Hoki and the name stuck as a nickname for Tech teams and the school's spirit. When asked about his yell, Stull admitted that the words he used had no hidden or symbolic meaning whatsoever, but had been thought up in an effort to grab attention. His effort was successful, as thousands of fans attending Tech athletic contests over the past century can testify.

Virginia Tech's first football team opened play on Oct. 21, 1892, with a 14-10 win over St. Albans.

The Great Carpenter

A true Virginia Tech legend, Hunter Carpenter played in Blacksburg from 1900 to 1903 and again in 1905. His Tech career had intrigue, controversy and greatness.

Carpenter arrived at college at age 15 weighing 128 pounds. He waited two years before becoming Tech's starting right halfback. When he did get a chance to play, he used the alias Walter Brown because his father had forbidden him to play football. Not until his father saw him star in a 1900 game against VMI in Norfolk did he give approval to young Hunter's sport.

In 1903, Carpenter helped Tech defeat a powerful Navy club, 11-0. In that game, he kicked a 46-yard field goal and, according to published reports, played much of the game without jersey or stockings, which were torn from his body.

In 1905, he scored 82 points and helped boost Virginia Polytechnic Institute to a 9-1 record that included wins over Army, North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia. Carpenter scored five touchdowns in the South Carolina game and helped the Hokies outscore their opponents 305 to 24.

Carpenter was never named to the All-America team because Walter Camp, who named the team at the time, said he would never name a player who he had not seen play. Others, including his former coach Sally Miles, placed him on a level with Red Grange and Jim Thorpe. He was named to the College Football Hall of Fame in 1957.

Hunter Carpenter became a Tech legend in the early 1900s.

The Military Classic of the South

For years, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and Virginia Military Institute clashed in the "Military Classic of the South." Both schools had corps of cadets and a budding rivalry by the time the series was moved to Roanoke in 1913. Beginning in 1921, the VPI-VMI game was played on Thanksgiving Day and it became the centerpiece of a gala affair.

The Tech Corps of Cadets would march from the train station to the Hotel Patrick Henry and the VMI Corps would march to the Hotel Roanoke. On game day, both corps would march to Victory Stadium. The teams were playing for pride and a 22-inch high Chamber of Commerce trophy.

The VPI-VMI series continued as a Thanksgiving Day treat through 1969. The teams made their last appearance in Victory Stadium on a Saturday in 1971.

Fast Company

During its early years, the Tech football team competed in the South Atlantic Conference. But things changed dramatically for the school with the announcement on Aug. 22, 1921, that it would be a charter member of the newly formed Southern Intercollegiate Conference.

The other charter members were Alabama, Auburn, Clemson, Georgia, Georgia Tech, Kentucky, Maryland, Mississippi State, North Carolina, North Carolina State, Tennessee, Virginia and Washington & Lee. In 1922, the league added Florida, LSU, Mississippi, South Carolina, Vanderbilt and Tulane. The University of the South joined the conference in 1923 and in December of that year, the league's name was officially changed to the Southern Conference.

The membership shifted over the years. In 1932 the 13 southern-most members formed the Southeastern Conference. In '36, six new members — The Citadel, William & Mary, Davidson, Furman, Richmond and Wake Forest — were added. Virginia withdrew in 1937, and George Washington and West Virginia joined in 1941 and 1950, respectively. In 1953, seven colleges withdrew to form the Atlantic Coast Conference.

Tech remained in the league until June 1965, when it withdrew to become an independent.

Prominent People

Several Virginia Tech players from the early days reached prominent positions in Southern football. The 1916 Tech team featured fullback Henry "Puss" Redd who was Tech's head coach from 1932-40. Teammate William "Monk" Younger played defense so well in New Haven against Yale that college football kingmaker Walter Camp labeled him "the

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Tech's starting lineup in 1909 averaged just 172 pounds, but that didn't stop the Hokies from posting an outstanding 6-1 season that started with a 6-0 win against Clemson and ended with an 18-5 victory versus North Carolina State. New head coach Branch Bocock, who came to Tech from the University of Georgia, was the Hokies' first truly professional coach with a full-time salary.

Hank Crisp, the captain of the 1918 football squad.

Southern Panther." As Tech's athletic director in 1941, Younger saw his team upset defending national champion Georgetown, 3-0, on a field goal by Roger McClure.

The captain of the 1918 eleven, Hank Crisp, lost his right hand in a childhood accident, but became a star Tech running back and team captain. Crisp went on to become a coach and athletic director at Alabama and was the man who recruited Paul "Bear" Bryant to play for the Crimson Tide. In 1926, a University of Pittsburgh graduate named Andy Gustafson took over the football reins at Tech and coached the Hokies' "Pony Express" backfield. Gustafson would go on to build the University of Miami football machine as head coach and athletic director.

Frank Peake and the Pony Express

After Virginia Tech's freshman team won a game by a wide margin in 1925, a sports publicist nicknamed

the team's offensive backfield the "Pony Express", taking off on Notre Dame's famed "Four Horsemen." The leader of that group was Frank Peake. He was joined by Scotty MacArthur, Herbert "Mac" McEver and Tommy Tomko.

Peake was a fleet back who loved the open field. He scored three touchdowns in his first varsity game against Roanoke College and two more in the next game against Hampden-Sydney. When the Techmen played VMI in the season finale, he scored both touchdowns in Tech's 14-7 victory. As a junior, he rushed for almost 200 yards and scored the lone touchdown in Tech's 6-0 upset of the Colgate Red Raiders in New York. During one

FRANK W. PEAKE
V.P.I. '29
ALL-SOUTHERN HALFBACK

three-game stretch, he accumulated rushing and return yardage of 306, 314 and 353 yards.

Peake's coach, Andy Gustafson, said he had never seen Peake's equal under a punt. In the 1928 season, Peake injured a hip. Though still recovering, he came off the

bench in the Virginia game to run back a punt for a touchdown on his first play of the game. Peake was named an All-Southern halfback his senior year and is still considered one of the greatest players ever to play the game for Tech.

The 1932 Team

Virginia Tech's 1932 eleven was one of Tech's finest teams. That team won eight games and lost to Alabama in a game that decided the Southern Conference championship.

The Techmen defeated several top teams in 1932. The Gobblers upset Georgia in Athens by a 7-6 count when team captain Bill Grinus blocked a Bulldogs' extra-point kick that would have tied the game. Tech also downed an undefeated Kentucky squad, 7-0, in Blacksburg to run its record to 5-0.

The next big game came when the team traveled to Tuscaloosa to play Alabama for the Southern Conference title. It was 'Bama's Homecoming game and the crowd of 11,000 was the second largest in the history of Denny Stadium. Tech took a 6-0 lead in the game, but could not hold the lead as Alabama's bigger offensive line wore the Gobblers down, and the Tide came back for a 9-6 victory.

Despite the disappointing loss, Tech went on to shut out Virginia and Washington & Lee to finish with an 8-1 record.
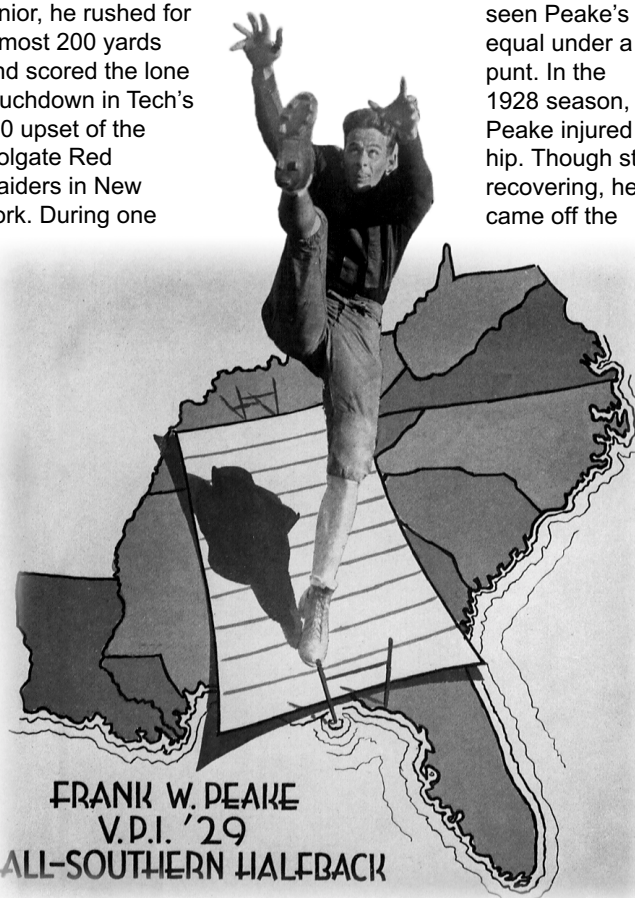
V.P.I. FOOTBALL SQUAD
* 1932 *

STANDING—Left to Right: Haenstine, Keeun, Hall, Murphy, Jennings, Simmons, Cunningham, Dillon, Huffman, H. Howard, Noblitzell, Copenhaver, Betts, Porterfield, Nite, Grinus, Captain (Insert); Seaman, Negri, Yorke, Oliver, F. Howard, Palmer, Miles, Anderson, Waldrop, Meale, Beamon, Geddie, Francis, Molaslaw.
KNEELING—Left to Right: Morgan, Betnick, Robison, Casey, Clark, Spruill, English, Maelstine, Smoak, Maddox, Manager; Stark, Assistant Coach; Hutchison, Assistant Coach; Younger, Assistant Coach; Redd, Head Coach; "Skibo" Maynard, Mascot; Tilson, Assistant Coach; Thomas, G. Smith, Ochs, Mills, Ottaway, Tyler, W. Smith, Woodard, Day.

V. P. I. vs. University of Kentucky at Blacksburg, Va.
Game Called at 2:30 P. M.   **OCTOBER 22, 1932**   Admission $2.00 plus tax
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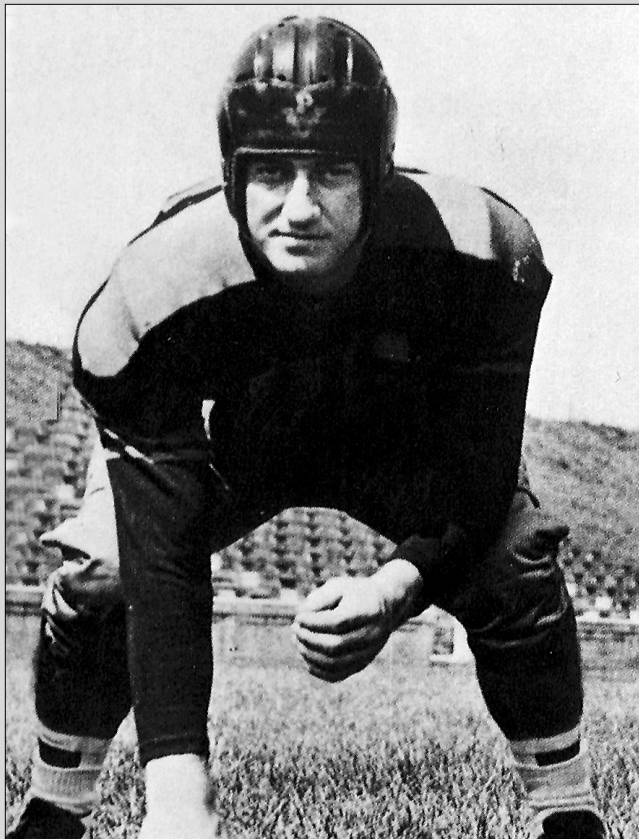
Herb Thomas, Jr., led the Hokies in scoring in 1939 and 1940, but he earned his highest distinction on the battlefield. On Nov. 7, 1943, during fighting on Bougainville Island, Marine Sergeant Thomas gave his life to save the lives of the men in his squad. Thomas, who protected his comrades by diving on a live hand grenade, was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor posthumously.

The Beardless Wonders

With several Tech players serving overseas in World War II, the 1945 team was filled with 17- and 18-year olds known as the "Beardless Wonders." The youngsters fared poorly, posting a 2-6 record on the season. One of the two wins engineered by Ralph Beard and his fellow wonders came against a coaching legend named Paul "Bear" Bryant.

The Tech offense had practiced against a defense called the Blackboard Six. Practicing against the Blackboard Six did not ready the offensive team for the opposition as Tech was whitewashed by other defenses in its first two games. Bryant's assistant at Maryland, Frank Moseley, soon to become Tech's own head coach, scouted the Hokies' early-season loss to William & Mary and told Bryant that Maryland need not worry about the Techmen.

Bryant eschewed preparations for the Tech game and looked ahead to his next opponent. When he came to Blacksburg, the Terrapin coach lined up his defense in the Blackboard Six, and Tech ran over Maryland in a 21-13 victory. The Beardless Wonders recorded Tech's only victory ever over "Bear" Bryant that day.

Frank Moseley

When Frank Moseley was named head football coach and athletic director at Virginia Tech in 1951, *The Techgram*, the university newsletter, ran the headline, "Va. Tech Football – A Job To Do." The Techmen had posted an abysmal 1-25-3 record over the previous three years.

Coach Moseley brought to Blacksburg exactly what the Tech administration wanted in a coach. He had coached in winning programs. As an assistant at Maryland and Kentucky, he worked under "Bear" Bryant.

Moseley was tough and confident. The 1951 *Techgram* said that Moseley "… carries about him the air of a man who would do well in a battle with the devil himself." He coached toughness and preached physical conditioning and after the players went through his drills, many went out the back window. His staples were the running game and a stingy defense.

From 1951 to 1953, Moseley's teams won 12 games. In 1954, Tech went undefeated with an 8-0-1 mark and finished 16th in the final Associated Press poll. The coach was named the AP Coach of the Year in Virginia. In 1956, he was named the Southern Conference Coach of the Year. By July 1955, he had turned down three offers to coach elsewhere.

Moseley stayed and made a career as Tech's coach and athletic director. When he gave up the head coach's job after the 1960 season, he had a career mark of 54-42-4, which was the best mark of any Tech coach at the time. As athletic director, Moseley headed the Lane Stadium construction drive. He retired in 1978. Today, in the shadows of Lane Stadium, Tech's practice site is named Frank O. Moseley Field.

Frank Moseley (l) and his close ties to Coach Paul "Bear" Bryant (r) had a profound influence on Tech football for over 20 years.

Tech's football program started reaching more people during the 1950s. The Hokies' 1954 season opener against North Carolina State marked the first Tech game to be broadcast over the Virginia Tech radio network. In 1959, the Tech-Florida State game at Miles Stadium was televised regionally on 33 stations from Baltimore, Md., to Miami, Fla. It was the first football game ever televised from a Southern Conference stadium.

Preas and Nutter

Buzz Nutter and George Preas wound up in the same place — on the 1958 National Football League champion Baltimore Colts. The two offensive linemen also came from the same place — Virginia Tech. The two players had different experiences, however, in getting from Blacksburg to Baltimore.

Nutter played on the 1950-52 Gobbler teams that turned in a 7-25 three-year record. He became the first Tech player drafted by a NFL team and played for the Washington Redskins his first year. After being cut by the Redskins, he signed with the Colts. He played in Baltimore for 11 years and helped the team to NFL championships in 1958 and 1959.

The right tackle on those championship teams was Preas, who passed up offers from Georgia Tech and Army to play in Blacksburg. He played on the outstanding 1954 Tech team. He was named to the All-Southern Conference second team as a junior and the first team as a senior. Preas set a league mark by starting 40 consecutive games in his career.

Preas was at tackle for the Colts in the '58 championship game. He helped clear the way for Alan Ameche's winning touchdown in sudden death of what is considered by many as the greatest NFL game. Preas played 11 years for Baltimore.

The 1954 Team

The 1954 Virginia Tech team was one of the school's best elevens. That year, the Techmen posted an 8-0-1 record and narrowly missed out on the Southern Conference championship won by a West Virginia team led by Sam Huff. One of the keys to the team's success was something that would become a staple of Tech football in the late 1990s — speed.

Halfbacks Billy Anderson and Howie Wright were two of the speedsters in the backfield. They were joined by Leo Burke and Dickie Beard. Beard was referred to as "The Cumberland Flash" and led the Southern Conference in rushing with 647 yards. He was named to the all-conference team and was voted the Associated Press Athlete of the Year in Virginia.

That tough '54 team also included end Tom Petty who merited all-conference honors after catching five touchdown passes and guard Billy Kerfoot, the team captain, who joined Petty on the all-conference team. Tackle George Preas, a future NFL standout, was also an all-league honoree.

Senior Johnny Dean and sophomore Billy Cranwell quarterbacked the team, and Don Divers played a key role in the offensive and defensive backfields. That year, Divers intercepted two passes against VMI and returned both for touchdowns — a feat that would not be duplicated by a Tech player until Ashley Lee did it against Vanderbilt in 1983.

Tech knocked off Clemson in Death Valley that year and shut out Virginia. The squad's only blemish was a 7-7 Homecoming tie against William & Mary. Tech accumulated 366 yards in total offense against the Tribe but could only muster one fourth-quarter score. The Tribe scored its only points on an interception return for a touchdown.

Carroll Dale

Carroll Dale, Virginia Tech Class of 1960, was one of the finest football players in school history. He was an outstanding collegian and a successful pro.

Despite playing in Moseley's run-oriented offense, Dale became Tech's all-time leading receiver to that point with 64 career receptions for 1,195 yards and 15 touchdowns. The Tech end started the second game of his freshman year against Tulane and did not come out of the lineup for the rest of his college career.

In 1957, the *Saturday Evening Post* named Dale the best sophomore lineman in the nation. After his junior season, he was named the Southern Conference Player of the Year and a second-team Associated Press All-American. As a senior, Dale became the first Tech football player to gain first-team All-America honors. The consummate team player, Dale won the Southern Conference's Jacobs Blocking Trophy in both 1958 and 1959.

Dale went on to have an outstanding career in the National Football League. He spent five seasons with the Los Angeles Rams before being traded to Vince Lombardi's Green Bay Packers. He played on the 1965 NFL title team and the 1966 and 1967 Packer teams that won Super Bowls. He was named to the Pro Bowl in 1970 and made the game-winning catch. Dale returned to the Pro Bowl in 1971. He also played in Super Bowl IV for the Minnesota Vikings.

End Carroll Dale was a first-team All-America pick in 1959.

The 1954 Tech team posted an 8-0-1 record and finished 16th in the final Associated Press poll.

Jerry Claiborne

Jerry Claiborne was hired by Athletic Director Frank Moseley in 1961 to run the Virginia Tech football program. In the 10 seasons he coached in Blacksburg, Claiborne eclipsed his boss' record and became the school's winningest coach to that point with a 61-39-2 mark.

Claiborne, like Moseley, was an assistant under Paul "Bear" Bryant. He coached Bryant's defense at Alabama after working with the defense for a Missouri team coached by Frank Broyles. Claiborne played safety and offensive end at Kentucky under Bryant.

Tech's new coach adhered to Moseley's principles of tough defense and a strong running game. Tech led the Southern Conference in total defense and pass defense in 1961 and 1962. In 1963, Tech was second in the nation in pass interceptions and fourth in punt return defense.

Claiborne was named the Southern Conference Coach of the Year in 1963 after the Techmen won their only outright league title. He took the 1966 and 1968 Tech squads to bowls.

From 1963-67, Virginia Tech was the 12th winningest program in the country under Claiborne. With 36 wins, 13 losses and one tie, the Gobblers were ranked right behind Notre Dame.

1963 Southern Conference Champions

The 1963 Gobblers captured Virginia Tech's only outright Southern Conference football championship. The '63 edition went 8-2 and featured the all-star running combination of quarterback Bob Schweickert and fullback Sonny Utz.

Tech beat nationally-ranked Florida State, 31-23, in Tallahassee that year. Newt Green, who was twice named to the all-conference team during his Tech career, blocked a punt against the Seminoles. Jake Adams, a fine end, caught the ball in the air and returned it 38 yards for a touchdown to help Tech seal its victory.
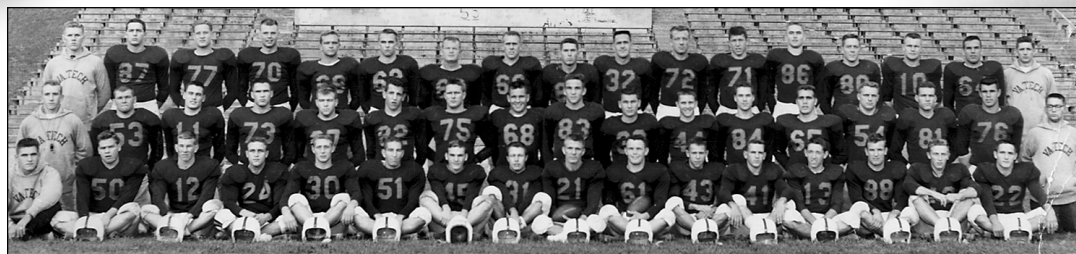
Schweickert, Utz, Green and lineman Gene Breen were all named first-team all-conference, while end Tommy Marvin was a second-team pick. Senior Mike Cahill led the club in interceptions and turned in a key defensive stop by picking off a two-point conversion pass to preserve a 14-13 win over Richmond. And running back Tommy Walker helped Tech win the season finale against VMI by catching a 26-yard scoring pass from Schweickert and running a kickoff back 99 yards.

Schweickert and Utz

Quarterback Bob Schweickert and fullback Sonny Utz drove the Tech offense in the early 1960s. Schweickert was Tech's Mr. Outside, while Utz was Mr. Inside. Together, they combined for over 6,000 yards of offense during their three varsity seasons.

Schweickert served notice of things to come in a late-season 1962 game at Tulane. The sophomore had missed four games with a shoulder injury, but that day in New Orleans he rushed for two touchdowns and passed for another. With Tech trailing, 17-14, Schweickert danced through the Green Wave defense on a game-winning 74-yard touchdown run.

The Tech quarterback danced around a lot of would-be tacklers during the '63 season when he helped lead the team to an 8-2 record and the school's only Southern Conference football title. On his way to being named the SC Player of the Year, Schweickert ran for 839 yards to set a conference record. His total offense mark of 1,526 yards that year also set a league standard.

Utz led Tech in scoring with 10 touchdowns during the '63 season and joined Schweickert on the all-conference team. Two of his TDs came in a road win against nationally-ranked Florida State.

The backfield duo returned in 1964 to lead the Techmen to a 6-4 record. Utz rushed for 777 yards to lead the squad, while Schweickert ran and threw for 1,409 yards of total offense. The highlight of the season came when Tech downed 10th-ranked Florida State, 20-11, at Miles Stadium. Schweickert punted eight times for a 47.4-yard average that day, prompting FSU coach Bill Peterson to say it was the first time a quarterback had ever beaten him with a foot.
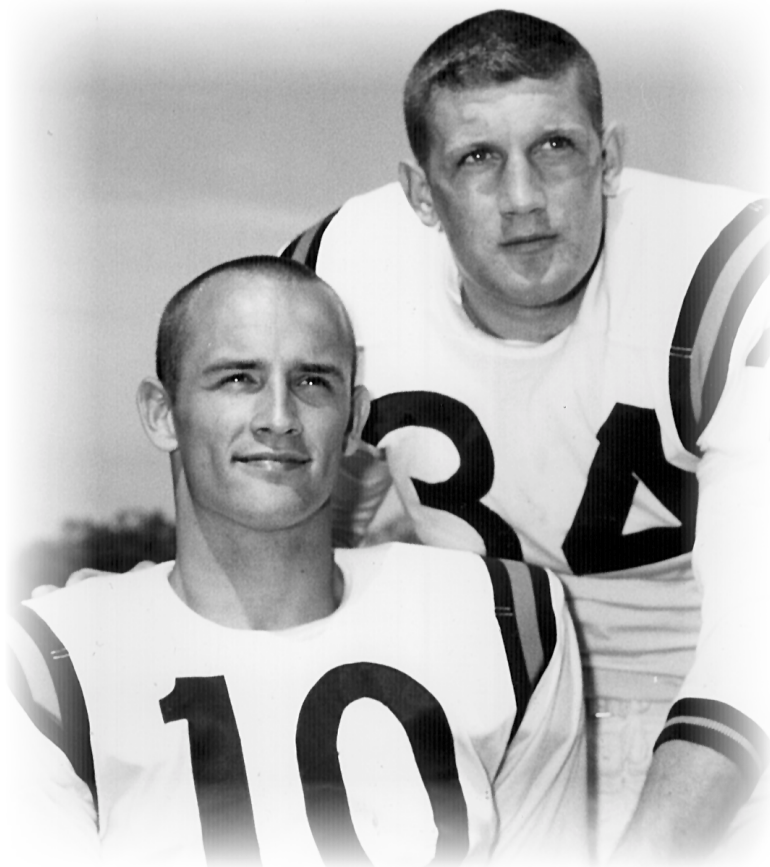
Quarterback Bob Schweickert (l) and fullback Sonny Utz formed a potent offensive combination for the Hokies in the early 1960s.

Frank Loria

Statistics alone do not reveal the gridiron value of Frank Loria, Tech's first consensus All-American. The 5-9, 175-pound safety was a big hitter with a "sixth-sense".

Loria, who also excelled as a punt returner, helped the 1966 Tech team to an 8-1-1 regular-season record and a Liberty Bowl bid. The Clarksburg, W.Va., native was named All-America by The Associated Press and the Football Writers Association. That year, he returned three punts for touchdowns, including one 80 yards against Florida State that helped Tech beat the Seminoles, 23-21, in Blacksburg. He saved the William & Mary game with a fourth-quarter interception.

His senior season, Loria was ranked eighth in the nation in punt returns and picked off three passes. Tech's star was named to the top six All-America first teams. For his career, Loria started all 31 games in which he was eligible to play on the varsity.

In 1970, a plane carrying the Marshall University football team crashed in West Virginia, killing all passengers. Assistant coach Frank Loria was on the plane. In 1972, Omicron Delta Kappa, a national leadership fraternity, dedicated an award in the memory of Frank Loria for the Tech student-athlete who exemplifies citizenship, leadership and athletic and academic achievement.

Tech and Florida State provided some of the biggest thrills for Hokie football fans during the 1960s. In 1964, Tech defeated the nationally 10th-ranked Seminoles, 20-11, at Miles Stadium in a game that featured the heroics of quarterback Bob Schweickert. Two years later, the Hokies and Seminoles treated a 1966 Tech homecoming crowd to a classic battle that saw the home team preserve a 23-21 victory with a goal-line stand and an interception in the final quarter. The thrills kept coming for Tech fans in 1968 when a 3-3 Tech team turned its season around with a stunning 40-22 upset of 14-point favorite FSU in Tallahassee. That win, fueled by linebacker-turned-tailback Kenny Edwards, keyed a five-game Tech winning streak that led to a Liberty Bowl bid.

short of getting what it wanted most — a victory. Jimmy Richards blocked a Miami punt to set up a Tech touchdown in the 1966 game, but it wasn't enough as the Gobblers fell 14-7 to the ninth-ranked Hurricanes. In '68, Tech built a 17-0 first-quarter lead, only to see Ole Miss storm back behind a quarterback named Archie Manning for a 34-17 win.
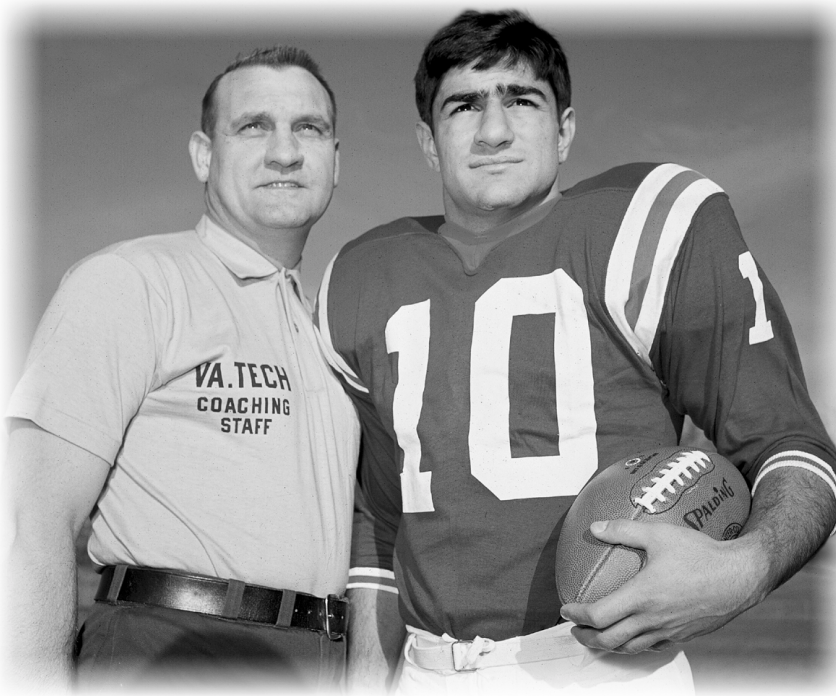
The bowl experience left an indelible mark on at least one of the Tech players. Frank Beamer, a starting defensive back on the 1966 and '68 teams, would return to guide the school to unprecedented postseason success in the 1990s.

Coach Jerry Claiborne (l) and Frank Loria, who was Tech's first consensus All-American and a special person — on and off the field.

Charlie Coffey

When Charlie Coffey arrived in Blacksburg in 1971, he set the program awash in orange, made a whirlwind media tour of the state to promote the Virginia Tech football team and improved the athletic facilities. Most significantly, the new coach broke with Tech tradition and installed a pass-happy offense.

Coffey, the defensive coordinator at Arkansas before coming to Tech, turned over his offense to Dan Henning. Henning, who had starred at William & Mary and went on to become the head coach of the Atlanta Falcons,

There were plenty of doubters when Tech officials announced during the early 1960s that the school was going to build a 35,000-seat football stadium to replace Miles Stadium. Much of that skepticism and uneasiness vanished when the university's Board of Visitors took action to name the new facility in honor of Edward Hudson Lane and his family. Shortly after the Board's announcement, the bid was awarded and construction began on April 1, 1964. On Oct. 2, 1965, the Techmen played their first varsity game in Lane Stadium, beating William & Mary, 9-7. The stadium was officially dedicated on Oct. 23 with an overflow Homecoming crowd of 30,100 treated to a 22-14 victory over Virginia. Tech played three seasons in Lane Stadium before construction on the initial facility was entirely completed.

Liberty Bowl Teams

Coach Jerry Claiborne took Tech teams to the Liberty Bowl in 1966 and 1968. The Techmen went 8-1-1 in '66 to earn a spot opposite the Miami Hurricanes in the Memphis, Tenn., bowl. Two years later, Tech finished with five straight wins for a 7-3 regular-season mark that secured it a return trip to the Liberty Bowl to play the University of Mississippi.

Tech earned respect with its two bowl visits, but fell

put the ball in the air. He tutored a rangy right-hander by the name of Don Strock who smashed all of Tech's previous passing records. Strock threw to tight end Mike Burnop who caught a team-record 46 passes, and Donnie Reel who led the team in reception yardage with 705 in 1971. Tech's air excitement and Coffey's promotion prompted Hokie fans to purchase 1972 season tickets in record numbers to witness "Explosion '72."

The highlight of the '72 season came when Tech upset 19th-ranked Oklahoma State in Blacksburg. Dave Strock, Don's brother, kicked the game-winning field goal with 12 seconds remaining to lift Tech to a 34-32 victory. That season, Strock threw to Ricky Scales, J.B. Barber and Craig Valentine in addition to Burnop and Reel. He led the nation in passing and total offense, and his 3,170 yards passing was the fourth-highest total in NCAA history at the time.

After a disappointing 1973 campaign, Coffey left Blacksburg and took his aerial show with him.

Tom Beasley forces a fumble with 49 seconds left in the game to preserve a victory over Virginia in 1975.

The 1975 Season

The Tech football program went from one extreme to the other when Jimmy Sharpe took the reins in 1974 and installed a wishbone offense.

The Techmen struggled to adjust at first, losing their first four games of '74. Then, in game five at South Carolina, things started to click. Three different Tech players rushed for over 100 yards as the Hokies surprised the Gamecocks, 31-17. The team went on to win four of its last seven games. Two of the losses came by one point and the other by seven.

In 1975, Sharpe's team posted Tech's best record of the decade and the school's best mark since 1966. Tech rebounded from two season-opening losses to win eight of its last nine games. That stretch produced some of the decade's most memorable wins.

Tech shocked Auburn, 23-16, at Jordan-Hare Stadium in Alabama. Running back Roscoe Coles had an 89-yard touchdown run and quarterback Phil Rogers threw for one touchdown and ran for another to lead the Tech offense. It was the defense, however, that saved the day. With two minutes left in the contest, Auburn drove from its own 20-yard line to the Tech 5. Auburn had first and goal but could not score.

The Techmen gobbled up Auburn on two running plays before the Tigers threw an incomplete pass. On fourth down, the Auburn quarterback dropped back to pass, could not find an open receiver and was forced to run out of bounds. Linebacker Rick Razzano, noseguard Bill Houseright, tackle Tom Beasley and end Keith McCarter keyed that Tech defense.

Against Florida State in a Homecoming tilt, senior kicker Wayne Latimer boomed a school-record 61-yard field goal to knock off the Seminoles, 13-10. The defense stood tall again, holding FSU on downs from the Tech 12-yard line in the final minutes.

The defense also turned in the big play in a 24-17 win over Virginia that year. The Wahoos had the ball on Tech's 14-yard line with one minute left in the game when Beasley forced a fumble with a sack of UVa quarterback Scott Gardner.

Bill Dooley

When Tech President Bill Lavery offered Bill Dooley the dual role of head football coach and athletic director in the winter of 1977, Tech fans were excited. Dooley had annually taken the best high school talent from the Old Dominion and brought it to Chapel Hill to build fine teams at the University of North Carolina.

S I D E L I N E S

In a 1978 game against William & Mary, a controversial 50-yard touchdown pass as time expired gave Tech a 22-19 victory and turned Lane Stadium into a madhouse. Tech split end Ron Zollicoffer made a leaping grab of a David Lamie pass in the midst of three Indian defenders and fell across the goal line before losing possession. The winning catch came just one minute and 29 seconds after the Indians surged from behind on a 59-yard TD bomb of their own.

Dooley was brought to Blacksburg to rebuild the Tech eleven. He would do that with a strong running game and a very good defense. Under Dooley, the nickname Hokies came to the forefront and the Gobblers faded away; the Gobbler mascot was transformed into the HokieBird; and a new VT logo was adopted.

Dooley started the 1978 season with some players he inherited from the previous staff. Safety Gene Bunn broke the school interception record in '78. Kenny Lewis, a fleet tailback, set a school single-game rushing record with 223 yards vs. VMI. Fullback Mickey Fitzgerald was a power runner and blocker who carried the nickname "The Incredible Hulk." Wingback Sidney Snell emerged under Dooley. A strong recruiter, Dooley brought in running back Cyrus Lawrence, tight end Mike Shaw, defensive tackle Padro Phillips, and offensive linemen Wally Browne and George Evans for the 1979 season.

Dooley would go on to compile the best record of any Tech head coach to that point. He would guide the Hokies to three bowl games and their first-ever bowl victory before leaving the program under a cloud of controversy following the 1986 season.

1980 Peach Bowl

Virginia Tech got the decade rolling with an 8-3 regular-season record in 1980 and a date in Atlanta for the Peach Bowl. Coach Bill Dooley's Hokies opened the season with a 16-7 road victory over Wake Forest in front of a regionally-televised ABC-TV audience. The Techmen whitewashed archrival Virginia, 30-0, at Lane Stadium in front of the state's first 50,000 crowd for football. The Hokies then bested West Virginia, 34-11. Tech made its first bowl appearance since the 1968

The incomparable Bruce Smith terrorized opposing quarterbacks from 1981 to 1984.

season when it was invited to play 18th-ranked Miami in the Peach Bowl. The Hurricanes defeated the Dooley gang, 20-10, in a hard-fought game.

Cyrus Lawrence

On the second carry of his collegiate career, tailback Cyrus Lawrence ran 59 yards for a touchdown. It would be the longest run of his Tech career. But that didn't stop Lawrence from going on to become the Hokies' all-time rushing leader. He did it the hard way with four- and five-yard gains. He turned in just 14 runs of more than 20 yards while at Tech and had only three runs over 40 yards.

In 1980, Lawrence rushed for 1,221 yards in 10 games to set a Tech single-season rushing mark. The 1,221 yards ranked him eighth nationally. Lawrence set another school record with six 100-yard games.

Lawrence was tough enough to carry the ball 29 times a game his junior year after averaging 27 carries in '80. During the 1981 season, Lawrence gained 1,403 yards to break his own school record and finish seventh in the country. He gained 202 yards against Virginia.

The star back suffered a season-ending knee injury just four games into his senior season. He totaled 3,767 yards in his 35-game Tech career to establish the school's career record. He averaged 107.6 yards rushing per game and turned in a school-record 16 100-yard rushing games in his career.

Bruuuuuuuuuce

Coach Bill Dooley loved defense and Dooley, as well as Tech fans everywhere, loved Bruce Smith.

At 6-3, 276 pounds, Smith had tremendous agility and speed for a player of his size. During his four-year Tech career at tackle, Bruce became the most honored football player in school history. As a junior in 1983, the Norfolk, Va., native recorded 22 quarterback sacks and was a first-team All-American.

Smith didn't get any easier to block his senior year as he registered 16 more sacks and made a career-high 69 tackles in leading Tech to an Independence Bowl appearance. The Sack Man won the Outland Trophy as America's top lineman and was a consensus All-American. Smith had a career total of 71 tackles behind the line of scrimmage for losses, totaling more than five times the length of a football field (504 yards).

In 1985, the Buffalo Bills made Bruce Smith the No. 1 pick in the NFL draft.

S I D E L I N E S

Tech's mascot has experienced some changes over the past 35 years, evolving from a Gobbler to a Fighting Gobbler to a HokieBird. The first Gobbler mascot was a real, live gobbler introduced to the Tech sidelines by Floyd "Hard Times" Meade in 1912.

The Kick

With four seconds left in the New Peach Bowl at Atlanta on Dec. 31, 1986, Virginia Tech trailed North Carolina State, 24-22. Pass interference was called on the Wolfpack as it was defending Tech wingback David Everett.

The penalty moved the football to State's 23-yard line. The Hokies were within field goal range — the range of kicker Chris Kinzer.

State called a timeout to rattle the Tech sophomore. Tech finally snapped the ball for the 40-yard field goal attempt. Kinzer kicked and was knocked down on his follow through. The ball sailed through the uprights as time expired and Tech won, 25-24.

It was Tech's first bowl victory ever.

Frank Beamer

Frank Beamer roamed the Tech defensive backfield for teams that went to Liberty Bowls in 1966 and 1968. After he left Blacksburg, he embarked on a coaching career that included stops as an assistant at Maryland, The Citadel and Murray State. He was promoted to head coach at Murray State in 1981 and ran the Racer program for six years.

The ex-cornerback came back to Tech as the first alumnus to guide the Tech football program since 1945. In replacing the departed Bill Dooley, he brought back to Blacksburg the trademark defense that he learned as a Tech player under Jerry Claiborne and a healthy respect for the importance of special teams. He also brought back to Blacksburg some of the best teams in the land.

In his first five years on the job, Beamer's squads faced 29 bowl-bound teams and 18 Top 20 opponents. In 1987, the Tech slate was rated the most difficult in the nation.

Tech pulled off two big upsets over two of those top
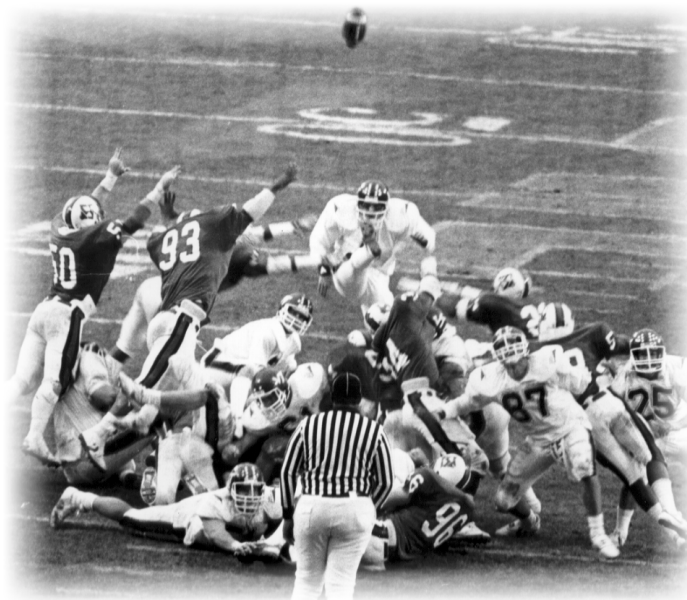
Chris Kinzer's 40-yard field goal gave Tech its first bowl win.

teams. The Hokies knocked off a Major Harris-led West Virginia team in Morgantown, 12-10, in 1989, behind four Mickey Thomas field goals and a fired-up defense. The victory over the ninth-ranked Mountaineers started a three-game winning streak over West Virginia — the first time Tech had reeled off three consecutive wins over WVU.

The Hokies also registered a momentous victory over Virginia in the 1990 season finale. The Wahoos had been ranked No. 1 in the nation for part of the season and 54,157 spectators, the largest football crowd in the history of the state, came to see the two teams tangle. ESPN also came and televised the tilt nationally. Vaughn Hebron rushed for 142 yards to lead the Hokie offense, and quarterback Will Furrer threw three touchdown passes in the 38-13 win.

Those upsets were just a hint of things to come under Beamer.

The BIG' Break

After competing as a football independent for 26 years, the Hokies became a charter member of the BIG EAST Football Conference in 1991. The football-only conference, which also included Boston College,

Miami, Pittsburgh, Rutgers, Syracuse, Temple and West Virginia, was formally announced on Feb. 5, 1991, by Commissioner Michael Tranghese.

No team in the newly-formed league benefited from the alliance as much as Virginia Tech. The Hokies finally had a stage for their football program, and it would only be a short time before they seized the spotlight.

Starting in 1993, the first season of round-robin play in the conference, Tech began a seven-year span that saw it register the most wins of any team in the league. During that stretch, the Hokies were the only BIG EAST school to participate in a bowl each

season. Tech would win the conference title in 1995 and 1999 and share it in 1996. The Hokies also would represent the league in the Bowl Alliance each of those three seasons.

Heading to Another Level

Beamer's success at Tech was not immediate. And it did not come without hard times. Shortly after Beamer took over the reins in Blacksburg, the Tech football program was hit with NCAA sanctions for problems that occurred during the previous regime. Those sanctions included two years of scholarship reductions that impeded Beamer's success into the next decade. In 1992, the Hokies suffered through a gut-wrenching season that saw them hold fourth-quarter leads in seven of their 11 games, but win just two games. The final record was 2-8-1.

Out of the ashes of the 1992 season came a rebirth that would ultimately mark the beginning of the most successful period in the history of the program. During the spring of '93, the Hokies made some changes. They added some new faces to the coaching staff. They adopted an attacking style of defense that emphasized speed and aggressiveness. They fine-tuned the offense and turned it over to quarterback coach Rickey Bustle, who was elevated to offensive

Split end Nick Cullen celebrates a touchdown catch in Tech's big 38-13 win over Virginia in 1990.
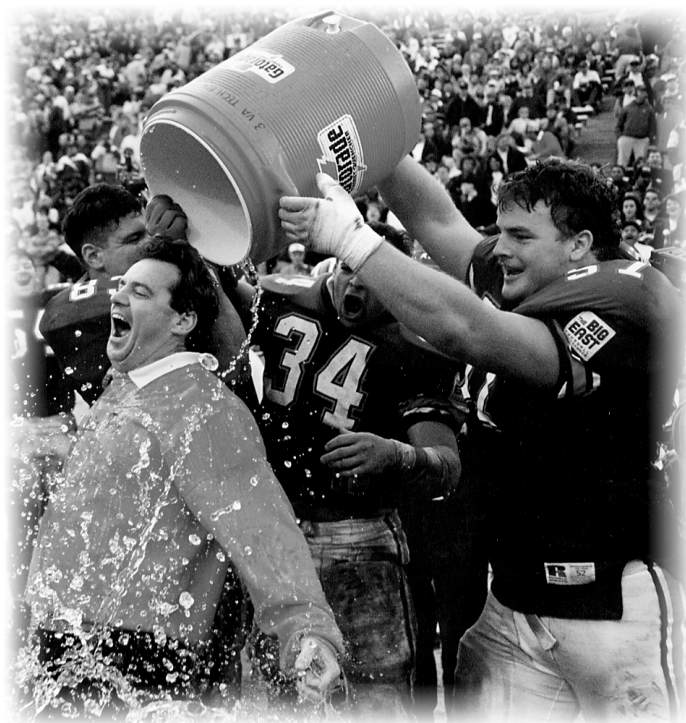
Coach Frank Beamer got a dousing after Tech earned its first bowl bid of the 1990s.

coordinator. Tech's faith in Frank Beamer was about to pay off.

The result was an 8-3 regular-season record and a rousing 45-21 victory over Indiana of the Big Ten in the Independence Bowl. It was the first year of round-robin play in the BIG EAST Conference, and the Hokies finished a surprising fourth. The Tech offense rewrote the school record book, accumulating 4,885 total yards, scoring 400 points and averaging 36.4 points per game.

Sweet Success

One of the most memorable seasons in Virginia Tech football history did not start out memorably.

First there was a 20-14 home loss to Boston College. Then there was a forgettable 16-0 home whitewashing at the hands of Cincinnati. With Miami — an opponent Tech had never beaten in 12 tries — on the horizon, prospects for a third straight bowl trip didn't appear to be bright.

As it turned out, that appearance was deceiving. Fueled by the leadership of a

strong senior class, Tech defeated Miami for the first time ever, 13-7, in a heart-stopping finish. And the Hokies didn't stop there. They won their last nine regular-season games in a row capped by a sensational comeback victory over archrival Virginia. Along the way, the Hokies also collected their first BIG EAST championship.

Not only did Tech get its third straight bowl trip, it got a big one. As the BIG EAST representative in the Bowl

Alliance, the Hokies earned a trip to New Orleans for the Sugar Bowl. Over 25,000 Tech fans went along for the ride.

On New Year's Eve 1995, the Tech football program scored its biggest victory to date when it came from behind to defeat Texas, 28-10. The stirring victory capped a 10-2 season and helped the Hokies to their highest ever finish in the national polls at the time.

Tech followed by winning a school-record 10 regular-season games on the way to another 10-2 mark in 1996. The Hokies appeared in the Orange Bowl and held their own before losing to powerful Nebraska. Winning records and bowl games followed again in 1997 and 1998.

A Stepping Stone

Of all the successful Tech football teams of the 1990s, the 1998 squad may have been the most surprising. It was supposed to be a rebuilding year for the men in orange and maroon. No one gave them a chance to win big or to challenge for the BIG EAST championship — but they did both.

Tech fooled the experts that season and actually finished just three or four plays away from an unbeaten record. The Hokies "rebuilt" with a 9-3 record and

suffered their three losses by a total margin of 10 points. In a showdown with Syracuse for the BIG EAST title, Tech lost in heart-breaking fashion at the Carrier Dome on the last play of the game.

The team benefited from both great leadership and great character. It bounced back from each tough loss to win its next game. The Hokies capped their unexpected run with a dominating 38-7 victory against tradition-rich Alabama in the inaugural American General Music City Bowl in Nashville, Tenn. The Crimson Tide entered the game with an all-time 10-0 record against Tech and more bowl wins than any other college program. They exited with the second-worst bowl loss in their storied gridiron history.

Following the game, Coach Frank Beamer was beaming with pride as he addressed the large following of Tech fans whose enthusiasm was never dampened by the evening's wind and freezing rain.

"This is for the future," the Tech coach said. "We've talked about trying to get up that ladder (to the top of the college football ranks). I think we took another step, maybe two steps, because when you beat a team like Alabama it means something."

For Virginia Tech it meant a lot. The victory set the stage for the Hokies' greatest football season ever.

After falling behind in the 1995 Sugar Bowl, Tech came back to beat Texas 28-10 and set off a huge Hokie celebration in New Orleans.

Sign of the Times

The sign was simple. It was written in block letters and taped to a door in the football offices. It read: "Preparing to Win a National Championship".

It seemed a bold thought for a program that just seven years earlier had produced only two wins. But Tech's 1999 team took it to heart. They lived and breathed the thought.

There were plenty of reasons for the Hokies to be excited about the '99 season. Thirteen starters were returning, including seven on defense. The special teams were loaded with experienced performers. The preseason rankings were Tech's highest ever. Season ticket sales were soaring. And there was this new kid at quarterback named Michael Vick.

All the excitement was tempered, however, by reminders of the recent past. A year earlier, Tech had started fast with a 5-0 record only to have its hopes dashed by an upset loss to Temple. Memories of that loss served as fuel to stay focused in 1999.

From the first day of practice, the 1999 squad set out to take the season one game at a time, to prepare the same way for each opponent. And that is exactly what they did — 11 games in a row.

The season unfolded in storybook fashion with Vick and All-American defensive end Corey Moore playing leading roles. Among the prominent chapters were a hard-fought 31-11 Thursday night victory against Clemson on ESPN, a stunning 62-0 victory against Syracuse and a fifth-consecutive win against the Miami Hurricanes, this time by a score of 43-10. The Hokies defeated state-rival Virginia on the road, 31-7, and escaped with an unforgettable, last-second 22-20 victory at West Virginia. Along the way, Tech was visited by the ESPN GameDay crew twice and drew media attention from coast-to-coast. The Hokies rose to No. 2 in both national polls and capped their first ever 11-0 regular season with a convincing 38-14 win over Boston College.

As for the sign, it remained posted on the office door throughout the season.

A Shot at the Title

Tech's reward for its first unbeaten, untied regular-season mark since 1918 was an invitation to the Nokia Sugar Bowl where the Hokies would battle No. 1 Florida State for the title of national champions. The Tech football program was breaking new ground once again with yet-another first under Coach Frank Beamer.

Before a crowd of 79,280 — the largest crowd ever to view a Sugar Bowl game at the Superdome — the two teams staged a grand finale to the season.

Although Tech's offense was able to gobble up yardage in the early going, the Hokies were stung by uncharacteristic mistakes in the kicking game. FSU struck quickly for touchdowns on a blocked punt and a punt return. With six minutes left in the first half, Tech trailed 28-7.

Unanimous All-American Corey Moore won both the Lombardi and Nagurski Awards in 1999.

A defensive stand deep in Tech territory gave the Hokies one last chance in the first half. Sparked by quarterback Michael Vick, Tech marched 80 yards. Vick capped the drive with a 3-yard TD run to narrow the score to 28-14 at the half.

Vick's touchdown started a run of 22 straight points that vaulted Tech into a 29-28 lead in the third quarter. In the end, however, it was the Seminoles' ability to produce big plays that made the difference. Led by MVP Peter Warrick, FSU scored 18 unanswered points in the fourth quarter to gain its first 12-0 season and its second national title with a 46-29 win.

Tech's 1999 dream season did not end the way it had hoped, but the Hokies proved without a doubt that they belonged in the top echelon of college football.

Great team effort and the sensational play of freshman quarterback Michael Vick helped the Hokies make a run at the national championship during the 1999 season.

Hokie All-Americans

Jim Pyne & Corey Moore Shine as Tech's Unanimous All-Americans
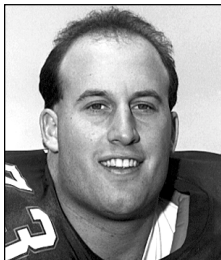
Jim Pyne
Center • 1993

In 1993, Jim Pyne achieved something even Bruce Smith failed to do — earn unanimous All-America honors. Pyne helped pave the way for a Virginia Tech offensive unit that set school season marks for total offense and scoring in 1993.

The Hokies averaged 444.1 yards and 36.4 points per game and finished 14th nationally in total offense, 11th in scoring offense and 10th in rushing.

Pyne was named first-team All-America by AP, UPI, Walter Camp, the Football Writers Association and the Football Coaches Association (Kodak). He was one of the 12 semifinalists for the Lombardi Award, which goes to the nation's top lineman.

In four seasons at Tech, Pyne played more than 2,700 snaps and allowed just one quarterback sack. He started 35 consecutive games and 41 of the 42 games in which he played.
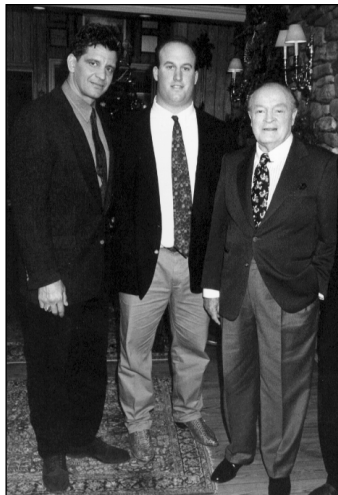
As a member of the Associated Press All-America team, Jim Pyne (center) made a television appearance with Bob Hope (r) and football great Ed Marinaro in 1993.

Corey Moore
Defensive End
1998, 1999 (Unanimous)

Following an outstanding senior season, Corey Moore became the most honored football player in school history. Moore was voted first-team on all six major All-America teams to become the Hokies' second unanimous All-American.

He also won the 1999 Bronko Nagurski Trophy as college football's defensive player of the year and captured the Lombardi Award as the college football lineman of the year.

Moore was selected first-team All-America by The Associated Press, the Football Writers Association, the Football Coaches Association, Walter Camp, *The Sporting News* and *Football News*.

He posted a BIG EAST record 17 sacks during the '99 season to go with 11 other tackles behind the line and 60 total tackles.

Moore also earned All-America honors as a junior in

Corey Moore was featured prominently in two displays in 2000 at the National Football Foundation and College Football Hall of Fame in South Bend, Ind.

1998. That season, Moore's first as a starter, he led the BIG EAST with 13.5 sacks, contributed 67 tackles, hurried the quarterback 20 times and blocked three kicks.

He gained first-team All-America recognition from the Football Coaches Association. Moore was a second-team pick by the AP and *The Sporting News* and a third-team choice of *Football News*. He was named the most valuable player in the Hokies' 38-7 victory over Alabama in the 1998 Music City Bowl. Moore was named the BIG EAST Defensive Player of the Year in both 1998 and '99.

Virginia Tech All-Americans
(By Year)

Year	Player
1958	Carroll Dale, se
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1964	Bob Schweickert, qb
1966	Frank Loria, s
	George Foussekis, de
1967	Frank Loria, s
1968	Mike Widger, lb
1972	Don Strock, qb
1981	Robert Brown, de
1983	Bruce Smith, dt
1984	Bruce Smith, dt
1986	Chris Kinzer, pk
1991	Eugene Chung, ot
1993	Jim Pyne, c
1995	Cornell Brown, de
	J.C. Price, dt
1996	Cornell Brown, de
	Billy Conaty, c
1997	Pierson Prioleau, rov
1998	Corey Moore, de
	Derek Smith, ot
1999	Corey Moore, de
	Michael Vick, qb
	John Engelberger, de
	Jamel Smith, lb
	Anthony Midget, cb

Unanimous All-Americans

Year	Player
1993	Jim Pyne, c
1999	Corey Moore, de

Consensus All-Americans

Year	Player
1967	Frank Loria, s
1984	Bruce Smith, dt
1995	Cornell Brown, de

Hokie All-Americans
Virginia Tech First-Team Honorees

Carroll Dale • E • 1959
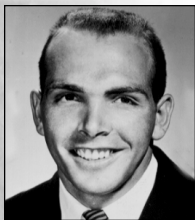
After earning second-team Associated Press All-America honors as a junior in 1958, Carroll Dale went on to become the first Virginia Tech football player to earn first-team All-America honors following the 1959 season. Dale was named to the Football Writers Association (*LOOK Magazine*) and Newspaper Enterprise Association first teams as a senior and was once again a second-team choice by AP. A two-way end for the Hokies, Dale earned most of his notoriety as a receiver. He led Tech in receiving four straight years and finished the '59 season with 17 receptions for 408 yards and six touchdowns.

Bob Schweickert • QB • 1964
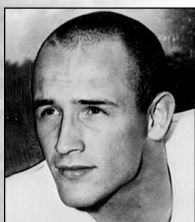
One of the finest triple-threat quarterbacks in the history of the Southern Conference, Bob Schweickert was named to the *LOOK* All-America team picked by the Football Writers Association following the 1964 season. Schweickert fought off injuries during the '64 season to rush for 576 yards and nine touchdowns and pass for 833 yards and nine more TDs. He led the team in total offense with 1,409 yards and also handled the punting duties with a 37.7-yard average. Schweickert played a big role in Tech wins against Florida State and North Carolina State during the season. As a junior in 1963, he was named the Southern Conference Player of the Year and earned third-team All-America honors from The Associated Press.

Frank Loria • S • 1966, 1967 (Consensus)

Defensive safety Frank Loria was the first Tech football player to gain first-team All-America honors in back-to-back seasons and became the Hokies' first consensus All-America pick in 1967. As a junior in 1966, Loria helped Tech to the Liberty Bowl as a defender and punt return man. He ranked as one of the team's top hitters and contributed three interceptions from his safety position. Loria also contributed three touchdowns on punt returns, including a pair o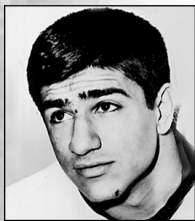f 80-yard runbacks. He was named to first-team A-A squads picked by The Associated Press and the Football Writers Association and was a second- team selection by the Helms Athletic Foundation. Loria was named to six major All-America squads following a 1967 season in which he made big play after big play. He finished the year with three interceptions and 420 yards on punt returns, including a 95-yard return for a touchdown against Miami. His first-team honors came from AP, United Press International, Newspaper Enterprise Association, the Football Coaches Association, the Football Writers Association and the Walter Camp Foundation.

Mike Widger • LB • 1968
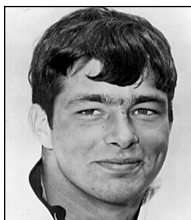
Mike Widger capped an incredible junior season by earning first-team All-America honors from the Associated Press and the Football Writers Association. Widger compiled a record 825 tackling points and was among the national leaders in pass interceptions (7) and return yardage (203 yards). He returned two of his interceptions for touchdowns and scored another TD after pulling the football loose from a Kansas State running back and racing 46 yards to the end zone. He was named the *Sports Illustrated* National Lineman of the Week after helping Tech to a 17-6 win at South Carolina. Widger posted 15 unassisted tackles, 14 assists and trapped Gamecock quarterback Tommy Suggs five times behind the line for losses of 41 yards.

Bruce Smith • DT • 1983, 1984 (Consensus)
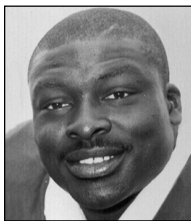
Bruce Smith was named to first-team All-America squads picked by the Football Coaches Association (Kodak) and the Newspaper Enterprise Association after registering an incredible 22 quarterback sacks as a junior in 1983. Smith, who also was named to the Associated Press second team that year, finished the '83 season with a total of 55 tackles, 31 of which were behind the line scrimmage for losses of 223 yards. As a senior in 1984, Smith accumulated 16 sacks and nine other tackles behind the line despite being double and triple teamed. He finished the year with 69 total tackles and was a consensus All-America pick, making first teams selected by AP, the Football Writers of America, Kodak and Walter Camp. He missed being a unanimous A-A when UPI named him second team. Smith capped his honors by winning the Outland Trophy as the nation's top interior lineman. He was the first player picked in the 1985 NFL draft.

Eugene Chung • OT • 1991

When Eugene Chung was named to the Football Writers Association All-America team following his senior season, he became the first Tech offensive lineman to win first-team All-America honors. Chung started every game at tackle for the Hokies in 1991, allowing just one quarterback sack in 730 plays. He was rated the top collegiate offensive lineman in the NFL draft by *The Sporting News* and was listed as one of the five most-draftable players overall in the college ranks by the NFL Scouting Combine. The Washington Gridiron Club honored Chung as the National Lineman of the Year.

Cornell Brown

DE • 1995 (Consensus), 1996
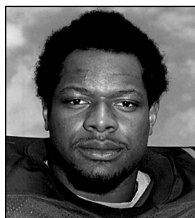
Cornell Brown became the first Virginia Tech football player to gain consensus All-America honors as a junior when he was named to five first teams in 1995. Brown, who was named the BIG EAST Conference Defensive Player of the Year after leading the league in sacks with 14, was a first team A-A pick by AP, UPI, the Football Writers Association, *The Sporting News* and *Football News*. He finished the year with 103 total tackles, 25 of them behind the line of scrimmage. He was selected National Defensive Player of the Year by *Football News* and was one of five finalists for the Defensive Player of the Year selected by the Football Writers' Association of America. In 1996, Brown missed three games, but still earned first-team honors from Walter Camp and second-team recognition from AP. He posted eight sacks, five other tackles behind the line, 19 quarterback hurries and 58 total tackles during the '96 season.

Billy Conaty • C • 1996
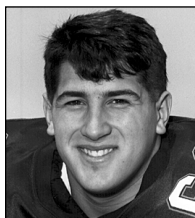
Considered one of the top offensive linemen in school history, Bill Conaty saw action on 98 percent of Virginia Tech's offensive plays in 1996 and went on to earn first-team All-America honors from *The Sporting News*. Conaty helped the Hokies to a 10-2 record and a trip to the Orange Bowl that season, grading a winning percentage in 10 of the 12 games and leading the squad with 65 knockdown blocks. He finished his career by setting an all-time school record for starts and consecutive starts with 48.

Michael Vick • QB • 1999
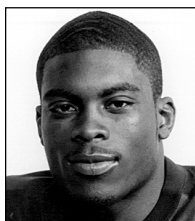
In a spectacular freshman season that saw him lead Virginia Tech to its first-ever 11-0 regular season and its first appearance in the national championship game, Michael Vick became the first Tech freshman football player to earn first-team All-America honors. Vick was named first-team by *The Sporting News*. He also was a second-team pick by The Associated Press. The redshirt freshman quarterback was third in the voting for the 1999 Heisman Trophy and second in the voting for the AP Player of the Year. Vick led Division I-A in passing efficiency (180.37), setting an NCAA record for a freshman in the process. He was voted both the BIG EAST Offensive Player of the Year and Rookie of the Year. He completed 59.2 percent of his passes for 1,840 yards and 12 touchdowns. He also contributed 585 yards and eight TDs rushing.

Second- and Third-Team All-Americans

George Foussekis

Carroll Dale
E • 1958
2nd team Associated Press

George Foussekis
DE • 1966
2nd team Associated Press

Don Strock

Don Strock
QB • 1972
3rd team Associated Press

Robert Brown
DE • 1981
2nd team Newspaper Enterprise Association
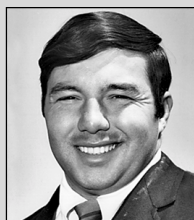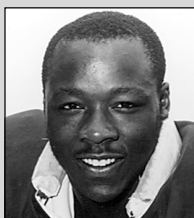
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2nd team United Press International

J.C. Price
DT • 1995
3rd team Associated Press

Chris Kinzer

Pierson Prioleau
ROV • 1997
3rd team *The Sporting News*

Derek Smith
OT • 1998
3rd team *Football News*

John Engelberger
DE • 1999
2nd team *Associated Press*

Jamel Smith
LB • 1999
2nd team *Associated Press*

Anthony Midget
CB • 1999
3rd team *Sporting News*

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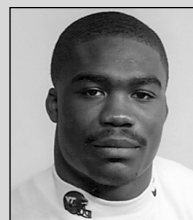
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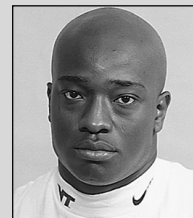
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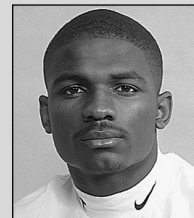
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The Outland Trophy

Tech's Bruce Smith Was Named America's Top Lineman in 1984

Bruce Smith, "The Sack Man" of Virginia Tech football, capped his sensational college career in 1984 by winning the Outland Trophy as America's top lineman.

The big announcement was made by Wilt Browning at a press luncheon in Tech's Bowman Room. Browning, a sports columnist of *The Greensboro Daily News* and a committee member of the Football Writers' Association of America, began by reading a long list of former Outland Trophy winners. He then said, "Add to that list today, the 1984 winner — Bruce Smith of Virginia Tech."

Smith, bright and articulate, was at his very best as he answered newsmen's questions that day.

What about the double-teaming and triple-teaming he received from opposing blockers throughout his senior season?

"Oh, it didn't bother me that much," Smith replied. "I took it as a compliment. But it did upset my mother."

Reporting in *The Roanoke Times & World News*, Bill Brill wrote: "The human side of Smith was reflected at the news conference. Not many collegians feel comfortable behind a microphone, but Bruce not only handled himself with aplomb, he also demonstrated the qualities that make him a special person."

Browning explained how the nine-member Outland committee selected Smith as the nation's top lineman. The Greensboro writer said a factor that influenced his decision to vote for Smith was a release that quoted opposing coaches and players about the Hokie tackle. "The one thing though, that stuck in my mind was the statistic on his tackles for losses," Browning said. "In four years at Virginia Tech, he accounted for losses totaling more than five times the length of a football field (504 yards). That's amazing."

Smith was a consensus All-American and was the first Virginian to win one of the national awards (including the Heisman and the Lombardi).

What Football People Were Saying About Bruce:

"Bruce Smith is a man eater. In my years in coaching college football, I don't remember a defensive lineman who is more difficult to block." — Al Groh, Wake Forest coach

"There is no question that Bruce Smith is the premier pass rusher in college football." — Don Nehlen, West Virginia coach

"Smith and I talked about my family, his family, world affairs, just about everything. We had plenty of time to get to know each other. He spent the afternoon with me. I've played against a lot of great defensive players and Smith has got to be one of the best, if not the best." — Ben Bennett, Duke quarterback

"I've never seen anyone like Bruce Smith in college. He's the best pass rusher in my time." — Wally English, Tulane coach

"Smith is a one-man wrecking crew." — Billy Reed, *The Louisville (Ky.) Courier-Journal*

1984
OUTLAND TROPHY
BRUCE SMITH   VIRGINIA TECH

Lombardi & Nagurski Awards
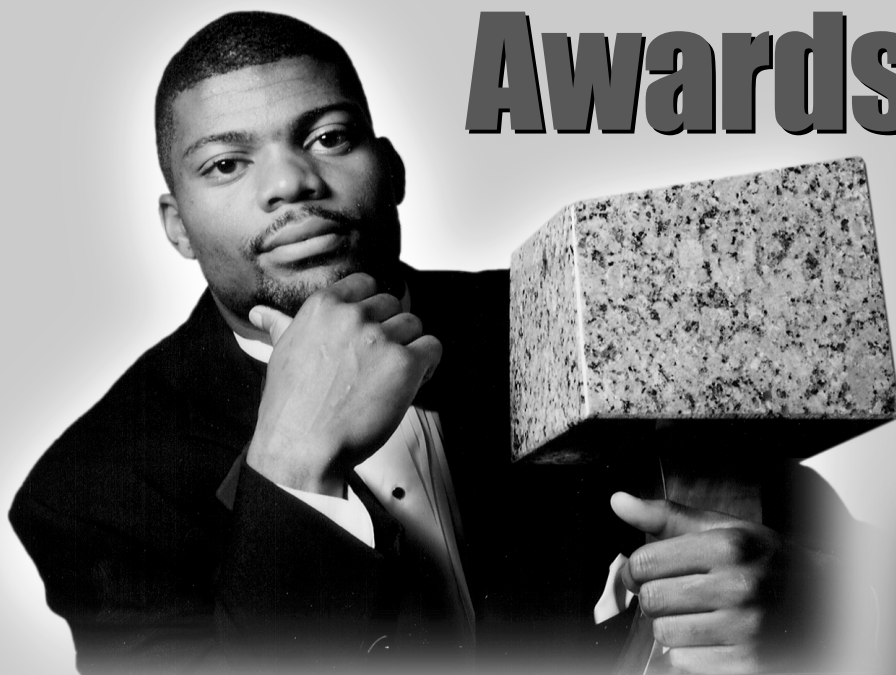
Corey Moore Won Two Top Trophies in 1999

THE 1999 MIKE FOX
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COLLEGE FOOTBALL DEFENSIVE
PLAYER OF THE YEAR AWARD

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&
THE FOOTBALL WRITERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

When Corey Moore first came to the Virginia Tech campus, all people saw was a guy who had been labeled as "too small" his whole life. What they ended up getting was one of the best defensive ends to ever play the position in college football.

In his first year as a starter, he was named the BIG EAST Defensive Player of the Year after posting 13.5 sacks and 69 tackles. He followed that campaign up with a senior season people will be talking about for years to come. The Brownsville, Tenn., native recorded 17.0 sacks and 11 tackles for loss.

In three years on campus, Moore amassed 35.0 sacks for losses totalling 292 yards. He also left town as the most decorated player ever to put on the Hokie uniform. He won the 1999 Bronko Nagurski Award as college football's defensive player of the year. Moore also won the 1999 Lombardi Award as college football's lineman of the year. He became Tech's second-ever unanimous All-American, joining Jim Pyne. Moore won the Dudley Award as the top college player in Virginia, the BIG EAST Defensive Player of the Year award again and was selected as *Football News'* Defensive Player of the Year.

But through all of the awards and accolades, Moore always stayed humble, directing the spotlight toward his teammates.

"I'm very uncomfortable with all of the attention, but I don't want to be rude," Moore said. "I just think it's unfortunate that everyone wants to throw all the attention on me when the defensive line as a whole deserves the attention."

Moore will always be remembered as a terror on the field and the exact opposite off the field.

"Corey Moore is a special player," Coach Frank Beamer said, "but more importantly, he is a great person."

At 6-foot, 225 pounds, Moore was constantly questioned about his size. But his heart and athleticism more than made up for that. Despite being double and even triple-teamed most of his senior year, Moore was a wrecking ball on the top-rated defense in America and helped lead the Hokies to their first 11-0 regular season.

What Football People Were Saying About Corey:

"Moore is everything he's built up to be … We couldn't stop the guy. Good players like that will themselves in the fourth quarter to make big plays." — Tommy Bowden, Clemson coach

"He has the speed of a cornerback. This is the fastest potential (NFL) speed linebacker I ever remember." — Charlie Casserly, former general manager of the Washington Redskins.

"I've seen no better. This guy is just unbelievable. This guy is Superman." — Lee Corso, ESPN analyst

"He was almost on me as fast as I got the ball." — Brandon Streeter, Clemson quarterback

Retired Football Jerseys

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Carroll Dale

A native of Wise, Va., Carroll Dale entered Virginia Tech in 1956 as an offensive and defensive end. After seeing varsity action as a reserve in the first game of the '56 season, Dale went on to start the remaining 39 games of his college career and became Tech's first bona fide All-American. As a junior in 1958, he was named the Southern Conference Player of the Year and won the Jacobs Blocking Trophy. In 1959, Dale was captain of the Tech team and earned first-team All-America honors from the Football Writers of America and the Newspaper Enterprise Association. He was named to the Associated Press second-team All-America squad in both 1958 and 1959. Dale led the Hokies in pass receiving each of his four seasons and finished his Tech career with 67 pass receptions for 1,195 yards and 15 touchdowns. He went on to a professional football career that lasted more than a decade and included a stint with the Green Bay Packers. During his time with the Packers, Dale started on three consecutive championship teams for legendary coach Vince Lombardi. Dale was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in South Bend, Ind., in 1987.
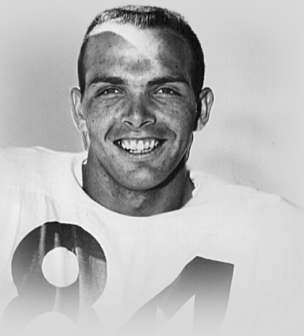
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Frank Loria

Despite his 5-9, 175-pound frame, Frank Loria was one of the most tenacious football players ever to play for Virginia Tech. Loria, who started every game at safety from 1965-67, rapidly established himself as one of Tech's all-time greats with his uncanny ability to diagnose plays and pass patterns. He played every defensive play of his sophomore season. During his junior year, he helped the Hokies to the Liberty Bowl and earned first-team All-America honors from the Associated Press and the Football Writers Association. As a senior in 1967, Loria became Tech's first consensus All-American, making seven first-team All-America squads. He also was named a first-team Academic All-American. Loria finished his Tech career with seven interceptions and still holds Tech records for most touchdowns on punt returns for a season (3) and career (4) and the best punt return average for a career (13.3 ypr). His 95-yard punt return for a touchdown against Miami in 1967 is still the longest in school history. After his playing career, Loria joined the coaching staff at Marshall University where he became the offensive coordinator. In 1970, at age 23, he died in an airplane tragedy that clamed the lives of the Marshall football team and staff. He was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame on Dec. 7, 1999.
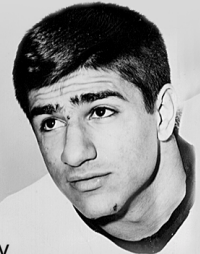
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Bruce Smith

Known as "The Sack Man" of Virginia Tech football and hailed by thunderous roars of "BRUUUUUCE" during games at Lane Stadium, Bruce Smith capped his sensational college career in 1984 as the most honored player in Hokie history. As a Tech player, Smith had a career total of 71 tackles behind the line of scrimmage for losses totaling more than five times the length of a football field (504 yards). Smith had 46 career quarterback sacks, including 22 during his junior season in 1993 when he was named first-team All-America by Kodak (coaches) and the Newspaper Enterprise Association. In 1984, the Norfolk, Va., native won the Outland Trophy as America's top lineman and was a consensus All-American. Smith was the No. 1 player picked in the 1985 National Football League draft. During a 15-year career with the Buffalo Bills, he established himself as one of the greatest defensive players ever to play the game. The 2000 season will mark his first year with the Washington Redskins.

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Jim Pyne

Center Jim Pyne became Virginia Tech's first unanimous All-American when he made all five major teams that were selected in 1993. Pyne clinched the unanimous vote when he made the Associated Press team. He already had become the Hokies' third consensus All-American by making teams picked by The Football Writers of America, The Walter Camp Foundation, United Press International and The Coaches' Association for Kodak. In addition to All-America honors, Pyne was named winner of the Dudley Award as Virginia's Player of the Year. During his four seasons at Tech, he established himself as one of the Hokies' top linemen of all time, leading the charge for the 1993 team that rewrote the school record books for scoring and total offense. Pyne started 35 consecutive games and 41 of the 42 Tech games in which he played. He allowed just one quarterback sack by the man he was assigned to block during more than 2,700 career snaps. Pyne is heading into his seventh season as an NFL lineman.

Tech Sports Hall of Fame

The Virginia Tech Sports Hall of Fame was established in 1982 to honor and preserve the memory of athletes, coaches, administrators and staff members who have made outstanding contributions to athletics at the university. A total of 100 individuals have been inducted to the Tech Hall of Fame during special annual ceremonies held each fall. Following is a list of the inductees. Although many of the athletes competed in more than one sport, only their primary sport(s) is listed.

1982
Hunter Carpenter .... Football
Carroll Dale .... Football
Frank Loria .... Football
C.P. Miles .... Football, Coach, Administrator
Frank Moseley .... Football Coach, Administrator
Chris Smith .... Basketball

1983
G.F. (Red) Laird .... Baseball Coach
H.M. McEver .... Football, Coach, Administrator
Johnny Oates .... Baseball
Frank Peake .... Football
George Preas .... Football
Bob Schweickert .... Football

1984
Allan Bristow .... Basketball
Paul (Buddy) Dear .... Baseball, Basketball
William (Monk) Younger .... Football, Coach, Administrator

1985
Leo Burke .... Football, Baseball
Tim Collins .... Golf
Madison (Buzz) Nutter .... Football
Don Strock .... Football
John Wetzel .... Basketball

1986
Harry Bushkar .... Basketball, Baseball
Mel Henry .... Football, Basketball, Baseball
George Parrish .... Football, Basketball
Henry Redd .... Football
Football Coach
Howie Wright .... Football, Baseball

1987
Dickie Beard .... Football
Glen Combs .... Basketball
Hank Crisp .... Football
Ed Motley .... Trainer
Sonny Utz .... Football

1988
Tom Beasley .... Football
Dr. Wilson Bell .... Baseball
Brandon Glover .... Wrestling
Mike Widger .... Football

1989
George Foussekis .... Football
Stuart Johnson .... Track
Leland (Lee) Melear ... Basketball, Baseball
Herb Thomas .... Football

1990
Bob Ayersman .... Basketball
Bill Buchanan .... Tennis, Coach, Staff
Jack Burrows .... Tennis
Dick Esleeck .... Football, Coach
Jerry Gaines .... Track
Bill Grossmann .... Swimming
Ken Whitley .... Football, Wrestling

1991
Mac Banks .... Track
Al Casey .... Football
Lewis Mills .... Basketball
Joe Moran .... Football
Wendy Weisend .... Sports Information

1992
William Grinus, Jr. .... Football
Earl (Bus) Hall .... Basketball
H.V. (Byrd) Hooper .... Football, Baseball
James Franklin Powell .... Football, Baseball
Keith Neff .... Track
Howard Pardue .... Basketball
Franklin Stubbs .... Baseball

Coach Frank Beamer addressed the crowd at the ceremony when he was inducted into the Virginia Tech Sports Hall of Fame in 1997.

1993
Lucy Hawk Banks .... Track
Roy Beskin .... Tennis
Bucky Keller .... Basketball
Bill Matthews .... Basketball, Coach, Administrator
Jack Prater .... Football, Coach, Administrator

1994
Milton Andes .... Wrestling
Richard Bullock .... Team Physician
Mike Johnson .... Football
Neff McClary .... Golf
Dale Solomon .... Basketball
Ginny Lessman Stonick .... Volleyball

1995
Waddey Harvey .... Football
Tony Paige .... Football
Louis P. Ripley .... Team Surgeon
Bruce Smith .... Football
Linda King Steel .... Track
Frank Teske .... Wrestling Coach

1996
Dick Arnold .... Track
Dell Curry .... Basketball
Connie Sellers .... Golf
George Smith .... Football

1997
Frank Beamer .... Football, Coach
Reneé Dennis .... Basketball
Cyrus Lawrence .... Football
Rick Razzano .... Football
Jim Stewart .... Baseball
Sterling Wingo .... Football, Baseball Track

1998
Robert Brown .... Football
Berkeley (Berky) Cundiff .... Baseball
Don Divers .... Football
Loyd King .... Basketball
Kenny Lewis .... Football, Track

1999
Ken Barefoot .... Football
Eddie Ferrell .... Trainer
Bob Phillips .... Track
Steve Taylor .... Cross Country, Track
Ted Ware .... Basketball

2000 *(Will be inducted October 13, 2000)*
Mike Burnop .... Football
Bimbo Coles .... Basketball
Ken Edwards .... Football
Ki Luczak .... Football
Bobby Smith .... Football
Lori Taylor .... Cross Country, Track

Hokie All-Stars

Tech Players in Postseason All-Star Games

Blue-Gray All-Star Classic
Montgomery, Alabama

1939 H.W. Gosney
1954 Tom Petty, E
1954 George Preas, L
1954 Howie Wright, HB
1954 Frank Mosely, Coach
1955 Jack Prater, C
1958 Billy Holsclaw, QB
1959 Carroll Dale, SE
1963 Jake Adams, E
1964 Bob Schweickert, QB
1964 Sonny Utz, FB
1964 Jerry Claiborne, Coach
1967 Donald Thacker, DE
1969 Mike Widger, LB
1970 Jack Simcsak, P
1972 Mike Burnop, TE
1972 Don Strock, QB
1972 Craig Valentine, WR
1972 Charlie Coffey, Coach
1975 Phil Rogers, RB
1976 Tom Beasley, DL
1978 Gene Bunn, CB
1979 Kenny Lewis, RB
1979 Doug McDougald
1979 Bill Dooley, Coach
1982 Padro Phillips, DT
1983 Mike Johnson, LB
1983 Mike Shaw, TE
1983 Bill Dooley, Coach
1984 Ashley Lee, FS
1984 Jesse Penn, DE
1984 Bruce Smith, DE
1987 Carter Wiley, S
1989 Roger Brown, CB
1991 William Boatwright, OL
1991 Will Furrer, QB
1991 Frank Beamer, Coach
1992 Vaughn Hebron, RB

East-West Shrine Football Classic
Palo Alto, California

1967 Frank Loria, DB
1969 Jerry Green, OT
1980 Doug McDougald, DL
1994 Tyronne Drakeford, CB
1995 Ken Brown, OLB
1995 Antonio Freeman, WR
1998 Marcus Parker, FB
1998 Shawn Scales, WR
1999 Derek Smith, OT

Hula Bowl Maui All-Star Football Classic
Honolulu, Hawaii

1968 Frank Loria, DB
1973 Don Strock, QB
1982 Robert Brown, DE
1992 Eugene Chung, OG
1992 Damian Russell, FS
1994 Jim Pyne, OL
1995 Ken Brown, LB
1998 Ken Oxendine, RB
1998 Shawn Scales, WR
1999 Pierson Prioleau, S
2000 Jimmy Kibble, P/PK

Senior Bowl
Mobile, Alabama

1956 Jim Locke, T
1960 Carroll Dale, E

1961 Allen Whittier, T
1961 Mike Zeno, G
1964 Jake Adams, E
1965 Bob Schweickert, B
1965 Sonny Utz, B
1968 Ken Barefoot, E
1985 Joe Jones, TE
1992 Eugene Chung, OL
1992 John Granby, DB
1992 Will Furrer, QB
1992 Damian Russell, DB
1994 Tyronne Drakeford, DB
1994 Jim Pyne, OL
1995 Antonio Freeman, WR
1996 J.C. Price, DL
1997 Cornell Brown, DL
1997 Jim Druckenmiller, QB
1997 Torrian Gray, DB
1997 Jay Hagood, OL
1998 Todd Washington, OL
1999 Derek Smith, OL
2000 Shayne Graham, PK
2000 Corey Moore, DE
2000 Nathaniel Williams, DT

Tyco Gridiron Classic
Orlando, Florida

1999 Loren Johnson, CB
1999 Pierson Prioleau, S
2000 Carl Bradley, DT
2000 Anthony Midget, CB/S
2000 Jamel Smith, LB
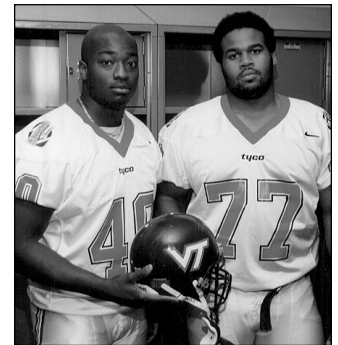
Jamel Smith & Carl Bradley

All-Southern Conference Honors

Virginia Tech's All-Southern Conference football players from 1933-1964:
1933 — Red Negri, end; Al Casey, back
1934 — Dave Thomas, end
1935 — Herman "Foots" Dickerson, fullback
1946 — John Maskas, tackle
1951 — Second team: Ki Luczak, center
1952 — Second team: Buzz Nutter, linebacker
1953 — Second team: George Preas, tackle; Harold Grizzard, guard
1954 — First team: Tom Petty, end; George Preas, tackle; Dickie Beard, back;
    Second team: Howie Wright, back
1955 — First team: Jim Locke, guard; Jack Prater, center;
    Second team: Grover Jones, end; Dickie Beard, back
1956 — First team: Jimmy Lugar, back;
    Second team: Grover Jones, end; John Hall, center; Bobby Wolfenden, back
1957 — Second team: Carroll Dale, end; Jim Burks, tackle; Corbin Bailey, back
1958 — First team: Carroll Dale, end; Billy Holsclaw, back;
    Second team: Jim Burks, tackle; Nick Mihalas, center
1959 — First team: Carroll Dale, end; Mike Zeno, guard; Alger Pugh, back;
    Second team: Bernie Vishneski, tackle
1960 — First team: Allen Whittier, tackle; Mike Zeno, guard;
    Second team: Don Oakes, tackle; Warren Price, back
1961 — First team: Gene Breen, tackle;
    Second team: Joe Moss, tackle; Warren Price, back
1962 — First team: Newt Green, guard;
    Second team: Kyle Albright, end
1963 — First team: Gene Breen, tackle; Newt Green, guard; Bob Schweickert, back;
       Sonny Utz, back;
    Second team: Tommy Marvin, end
1964 — First team: Tommy Marvin, end; Bob Schweickert, back; Sonny Utz, back;
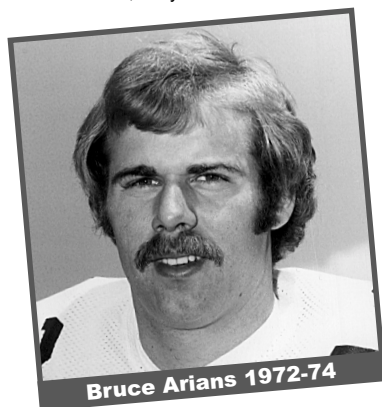   Second team: Ken Whitley, linebacker

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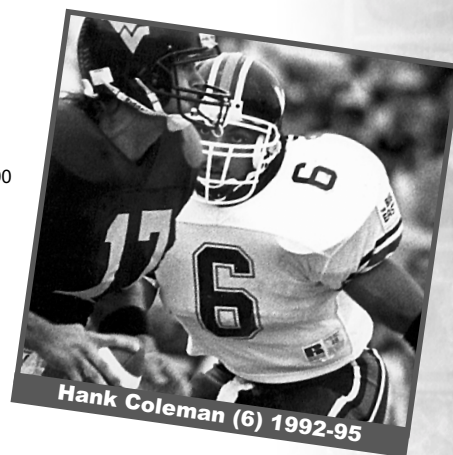
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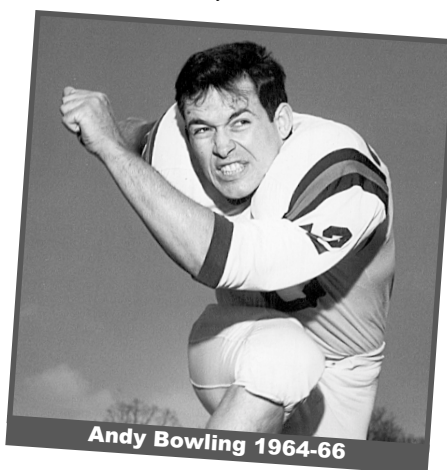
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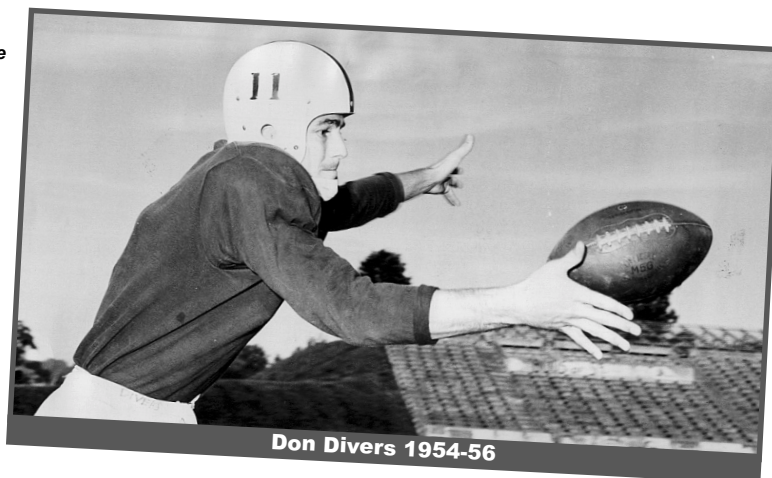
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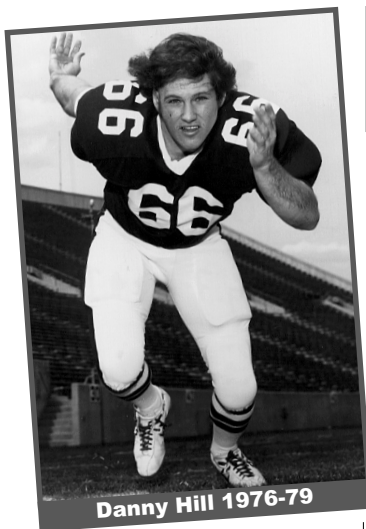
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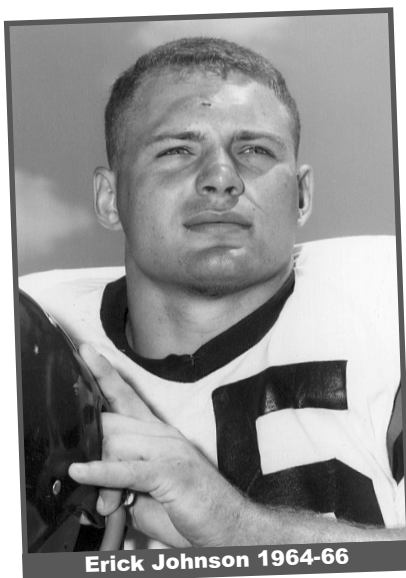
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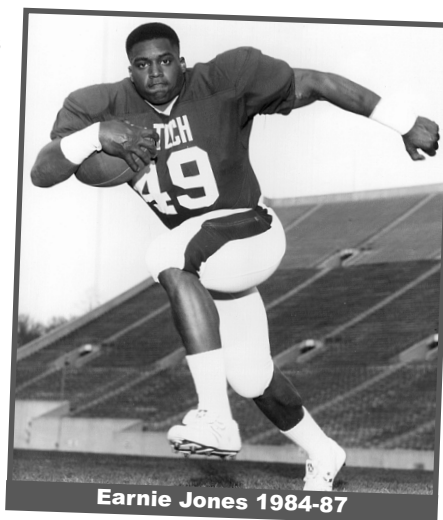
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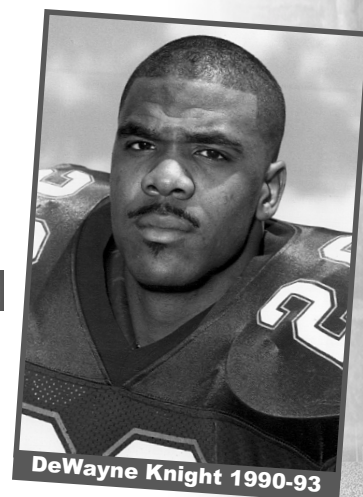
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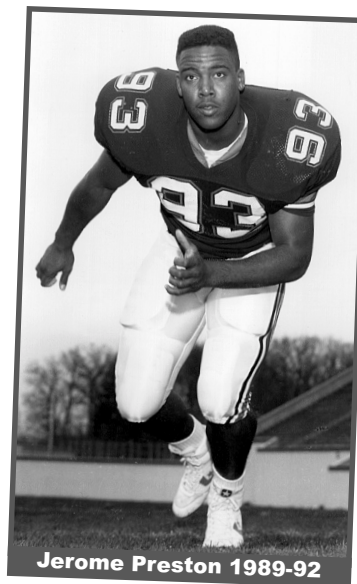
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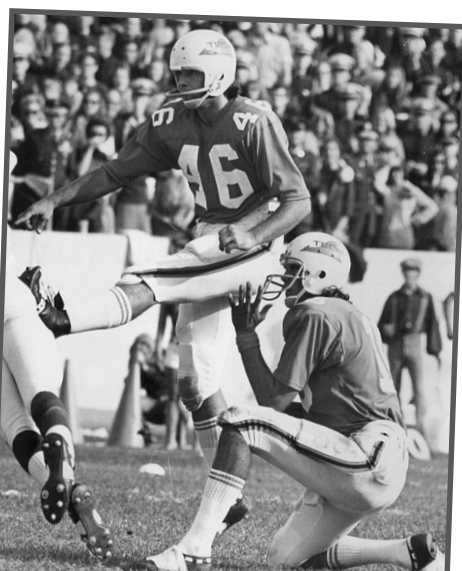
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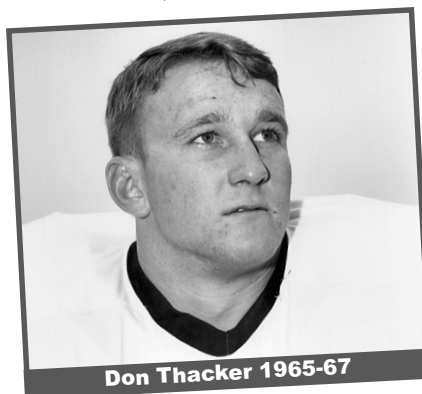Wright, Howie 1952-54
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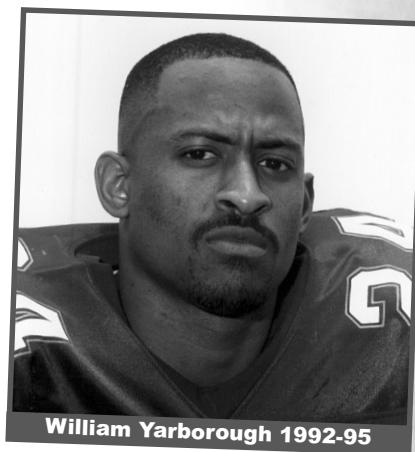
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