Whether at home, on the road, or just practicing during the week, the Virginia Tech Hokies are well-covered by the media. This year, media representatives will have the luxury of working in a brand-new, larger, state-of-the-art press box as part of the west side expansion.
Media Information

Sports Information

Football media services are coordinated by Sports Information Director Bryan Johnston. Please direct interview requests for any of the coaches, as well as credentials to Smith. All player interview requests should be made to Johnston.

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

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

The Press Box

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

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

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

Press Credentials

Requests for press credentials are screened with care due to the demand for credentials and to ensure a working press box. Traditional print, television and radio (media agency) regularly assigned to cover Virginia Tech and the visiting school will receive first priority, as well as national news-gathering agencies. Credentials for on-line Internet sites will be granted to Virginia Tech-operated Web sites, the visiting team's official Web site and the Atlantic Coast Conference's official Web site. Requests should be made in writing on company letterhead at least 10 days prior to the game to guarantee consideration. Requests should be directed to Dave Smith, sports information director. Requests the week of the game will be honored on a space-available basis and will be left at the Will Call window at Lane Stadium/Worsham Field if they cannot be mailed.

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

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

Additional Accreditation Guidelines

• Only full-time, salaried employees intending to provide actual game coverage may receive a credential.
• A requesting media agency must represent a collective, organizational editorial voice, not simply the offerings of a single individual.
• Membership in a writer's association does not automatically qualify an agency for credentials.
• A media agency may assign one of its credentials to its on-line entity.
• An on-line entity, not associated with a traditional media agency, may qualify for one credential, subject to the following conditions:
  An on-line entity may receive a credential only if its own full-time staff writes a majority percentage of that site's own material.
  On-line entities that focus primarily on Virginia Tech Athletics and also sponsor message boards or chat rooms, may receive credentials provided they adhere to a policy that requires that a posted message or opinion is identified with the actual name and city of the individual.

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

On-line entities will not receive photography credentials. On-line entities (other than those identified above) registering 20,000 legitimate unique users per month in each of the past 12 months will be given first consideration.

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

Media Will Call

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

2005 Preseason Dates

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TYPICAL HOKIE GAME WEEK SCHEDULE

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Virginia Tech Hokies
Photo Credentials
The NCAA has established a control policy to keep the
field free from congestion. Only photographers on assignment
and members of the television media are given photo
credentials. Freelance or amateur photographers will not be issued
credentials.
All photographers must work outside the 30-yard lines
as prescribed by the NCAA. Photographers are not permitted
in the bench area. On the front line of the sidelines, as
well as in the south end zone, photographers are required to
kneel. Those photographers shooting from behind the second
line, as well as in the north end zone, are allowed to stand.
For those who need to transmit
photos electronically, a work room
for photographers is available.
This room is located in the June
Oblinger Shott Media Center, on
the ground level beneath the
south end zone. A member of the
Sports Information Staff will be
on the sidelines to lend assistance
during the game.

Rights Restriction
Virginia Tech is and shall be
the sole owner of any and all
copyrights, intellectual property
rights and proprietary rights for
images, sounds and data arising
from or during Virginia Tech home
athletics contests.
The use of photographs, video
and/or audio for purposes other
than traditional news coverage
is forbidden. No redistribution is
permitted.

ENG Crew Restrictions
Electronic news gathering
(“ENG”) crews acknowledge and
agree they shall abide by the
following restrictions regarding
the use of television footage of
home football games of Atlantic
Coast Conference (“ACC”) schools. If
the ACC football game is
telecast by ABC or ESPN (“ABC/
ESPN Games”), ENG crews (i) may
not use television footage of
the ABC/ESPN Game, except for
excerpts consistent with ABC’s
or ESPN’s, as applicable, news
guidelines, and (ii) may
not authorize the use of any such
Television footage by any third
parties. ENG crews acknowledge
and agree that ABC and ESPN have
the exclusive right to telecast
live home football games of
ACC schools between 3:30 p.m.,
and 11 p.m., east coast time
(excluding telecasts of games
commencing at noon east coast
time that extend into overtime
or whose start times are delayed by
extraordinary circumstances, such
as inclement weather).

Just Virginia Tech, Please

While the full name of the school is Virginia Polytechnic Institute
and State University, the school is commonly referred to as “Virginia
Tech.” Founded in 1872, as Virginia Agricultural and Mechanical College,
the university changed its name to Virginia Polytechnic Institute in
1896. Fans of the athletic department, as well as media covering the
Hokies, shortened the name to VPI, but it eventually became Virginia
Tech. The “State University” was added in 1970 to bring the official title
to what it is today.
Those covering Hokie athletics are asked to refer to the university as
simply “Virginia Tech.”
Virginia Tech University, VPI and SU, VPI&SU, “Vah Tech,” VT or VA
Tech are not recognized names and should not be used.

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Dave Smith is a 1970 graduate of
the University of
Virginia. He has
photographed Hokie sports for
24 years, since he came to the
university as a student in 1981.
Prior to joining the Tech
staff in 1996, he worked for
local newspapers. He has also
volunteered extensively in many
capacities with Special Olympics
Virginia.

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

Media requests for digital
images of Tech players, coaches
and administrators should be
made to Knachel by calling
(540) 231-1838 or e-mail at
dknachel@vt.edu.
Parking
Game day media parking is available on a limited basis in a media-designated lot near the Burrows-Burleson Tennis Center. The entrance to this lot is on Tech Center Drive off of Southgate Drive. Requests for parking credentials should be submitted to Dave Smith, sports information director. If you plan to visit the Tech campus during the week, parking information is available on page 327.

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

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

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

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

Game Day Media Parking
(Media parking pass required)
When entering from Southgate Drive, turn right onto Tech Center Drive. Media parking is located on the right as you drive up the hill.

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

With the west side expansion comes a new state-of-the-art press box. Media should use elevator Nos. 4 and 5 when entering the game. A stairwell located in the back of the press box, as well as elevator No. 3 can be used for postgame. Media using the elevator or the stairs to go to postgame should be advised you will have to re-enter the stadium. Additional seats and televisions, as well as a spacious dining area make the Virginia Tech press box one of the finest around.
Telephones

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

Postgame Interviews

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

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

Wireless Internet

For the second year, Virginia Tech will offer free wireless internet to members of the media working the game. To be able to use this feature, you must have a wireless (802.11 compatible) card in your laptop, tested and configured prior to arriving. To register for this service, you must email Brad Tilley at rtilley@vt.edu prior to arriving on game day, or meet with him in the press box or south end zone when you arrive. Your email address will serve as both your user name and password.

Virginia Tech Web Site

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

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

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

The ACC on the Web

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

Interview Policy

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

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

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

At no time will a players’ phone number be given out and media are asked not to call or e-mail the players at home or ask for their contact information.
Beamer Teleconference Session
On Mondays during the season, Coach Frank Beamer will be available via teleconference for approximately 15-20 minutes. The interview session will begin at 11:40 a.m. Media interested in this opportunity are asked to call the Sports Information Office at (540) 231-6726 for the phone number.

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

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

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

ACC Teleconference
The ACC football coaches will be featured on a weekly teleconference, beginning on Wed., Aug. 31. The final teleconference, for the UNC game, will be on Tues., Nov. 24. Each coach will be available for 10 minutes with Coach Beamer scheduled to start at 12:10 p.m. The teleconference number will be mailed to media members who cover Virginia Tech football. Members of the media can also secure the number by contacting the ACC office at (336) 851-6062.

Satellite Feed
The ACC provides weekly satellite feeds with highlights, along with coach and player interviews. Additional information is available through the ACC office.
### Wire Service
The Associated Press (Richmond)
The Associated Press (Roanoke)

### Newspapers
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Bluefield Daily Telegraph
Bristol Herald Courier
Charlottesville Daily Progress
Collegiate Times
Danville Register & Bee
Fredericksburg Free Lance Star
Harrisonburg News-Record
Hopewell News
Kingsport Times News
Lynchburg News
Martinsville Bulletin
Newport News Daily Press
News-Messenger
Norfolk Virginian Pilot
Petersburg Progress-Index
Potomac News
Pulaski Southwest Times
Richmond Times Dispatch
Roanoke Times
South Boston News & Record
Staunton Daily News Leader
Washington Post
Washington Times
Waynesboro News Virginian
Winchester Star

### Local Radio
ISP SPORTS
WBRW-Radio
Virginia News Network
WJUT-Radio

### Local Television
WDBJ-TV (Roanoke, Va.)
WSLS-TV (Roanoke, Va.)
WSET-TV (Lynchburg, Va.)
WCYB-TV (Bristol, Va.)
WTTR-TV (Richmond, Va.)
WAVY-TV (Portsmouth, Va.)
WTKR-TV (Norfolk, Va.)
WVEC-TV (Norfolk, Va.)
WWTVR-TV (Charlottesville, Va.)
WWBT-TV (Richmond, Va.)
WRIC-TV (Richmond, Va.)
WWVA-TV (Bluefield, W.Va.)
Game days in Blacksburg are truly spectacles, with Corps of Cadets formations and such treats as a flyover by a B-2 stealth bomber flown by Virginia Tech alumni.

The HighTecs dance troupe adds to the pageantry of college football at Lane Stadium/Worsham Field where the fans are as loud and dedicated as any in the country.

Known as “The Spirit of Tech,” the Marching Virginians bring the stadium alive with their music and get the fans on their feet with the “Hokey Pokey” during the final quarter break of each home game.

The cheerleaders entertain the crowd with their athletic performances.

“The Walk” is a more recent tradition at Virginia Tech where thousands of fans line Spring Road to greet the Hokies as they arrive on game day.

Another long-time tradition at Lane Stadium, is “Skipper” being fired following the National Anthem and each time the Hokies score.

The HokieBird is a fan favorite.

The Highy-Tighties, the regimental band of the Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets, showcase the history and tradition of the university.
Virginia Tech continues to develop talented players who go on to succeed at the next level. Under Frank Beamer, 56 players have been drafted, including one overall No. 1 pick, five first-rounders and 26 players in the last six drafts alone. More than 120 of his former Hokies have signed contracts with the NFL.