Mission Statement

The Department of Athletics is an integral part of the University of Virginia’s commitment to educational excellence. Its mission is to enhance and support the intellectual purpose of the University and its exemplary academic standards and traditions.

Critical to the Department’s mission are high academic achievement; nationally competitive and successful teams; comprehensive integration of student-athletes within the University and local communities; a strict adherence to NCAA, ACC, and University rules and regulations; fiscal integrity, which is embodied through the generation and efficient use of resources; the attraction and retention of the highest quality student-athletes and staff, which includes equitable opportunities for women and minorities.

The Department of Athletics pursues its mission by uniting the varied constituencies of the University community through its intercollegiate and intramural programs. These programs are designed to build support for and add value to the academic purposes of the institution, while developing students with strong values of leadership, sportsmanship, equity, citizenship, physical fitness, teamwork, and a commitment to excellence.

The operating principles of the Athletics Department require that, in pursuing its mission, the Department will consistently provide exemplary service to all of its internal and external constituencies.

The Department of Athletics

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Dear Friends of Virginia Athletics,

I look forward to the opportunity this time each year to thank the thousands of donors, friends and dedicated staff who have made it possible for Virginia Athletics to be ranked among the top intercollegiate athletics programs in the nation. Important strides, including the addition of new coaches and the completion of impressive facilities, were made during the last year to broaden the department’s national competitiveness. We have already benefited and will continue to benefit from these staff and facility additions.

New coaches who made an immediate impact include Mark Guilbeau in women’s tennis, Dave Leitao in men’s basketball and Karen Johns in softball. Coach Guilbeau did a remarkable job last spring, leading the women’s tennis team to the NCAA Tournament and a school-record six conference wins during the regular season, including two victories over top 10 opponents. The men’s basketball team was picked pre-season to finish 12th in the conference, but Coach Leitao guided the team to a seventh-place tie in the regular season standings and a berth in the National Invitation Tournament. Coach Johns led the softball team to a winning season with an aggressive style of play.

In addition, new head coaches Michele Madison and Steve Garland joined us to take over the field hockey and wrestling programs, respectively. Coach Madison has a history of success in developing players at the collegiate and international levels, while Coach Garland, an outstanding wrestler during his career at Virginia, returns to Grounds after six very successful years as an assistant coach at Cornell University.

Nineteen of our teams were represented in postseason competition, with men’s lacrosse recording a remarkable undefeated season—winning both the ACC and NCAA titles. Virginia teams won a total of five conference championships during the 2005-06 athletics year, for a total of 20 Atlantic Coast Conference Championships won in the last four years (the most in the ACC). That’s our best four-year run of conference championships since Virginia entered the ACC in December of 1953. Among the highlights were the eighth consecutive conference championship for the men’s swimming and diving team, the seventh consecutive ACC championship for women’s rowing and the first conference championship for men’s cross country since 1984. Women’s lacrosse captured the ACC title, its second in three years.

The completion of a number of important facility projects, brought about by the generosity of our donors and the hard work of our Virginia Athletics Foundation staff, will provide significant benefit to our teams as they continue to strive for excellence. The facilities completed during the past year include the Lewis W. Oehmig Short-Game Center at Birdwood Golf Course; the Boyd Tinsley Indoor Courts at the Boar’s Head Sports Club; an Olympic Sports Training Room; the completion of phase one of the renovation of Olympic Sports locker rooms; three FieldTurf practice fields; and moving in the left field fence at Davenport Field. Thanks to all of you for your generous support of these projects. Donors to the Foundation provided nearly $5 million in funding to finish construction on these facilities. These funds were raised over and above the $12.5 million raised for the Foundation’s Annual Campaign.

In addition, the John Paul Jones Arena was completed in July, affording our women’s and men’s basketball teams many new opportunities and providing an academic center and dining hall for all student-athletes. As a multi-purpose facility, the arena will benefit the University community and all of Central Virginia. We are very grateful for the unprecedented support shown by our donors. Over $120 million has been raised toward the cost of construction of this spectacular facility.

Finally, thank you to everyone who returned for the women’s and men’s basketball teams’ “Last Ball in U-Hall.” University Hall will not be forgotten as a home to the Cavaliers and as a gathering place for generations of Cavalier Basketball fans. Please know how grateful I am for the continuing support you provide. I look forward to the challenges that lie ahead and the work we will do together on behalf of the Virginia Athletics program.

Craig Littlepage
Director of Athletics
Doug Brody will be the first to admit that his interests aren’t typical. Lacrosse and the Jefferson Society? A fraternity brother and fashion photographer? A member of a Yiddish singing group and a banking analyst for Citigroup?

“It all seems so unrelated – Jeff Society or photography or athletics – they don’t seem like they should go together,” said Brody, who also appeared as a (clothed) male model in Playboy. “But I think the discipline and structure that athletics imposes, which at times can be trying and difficult, give me the skills to seek excellence in all realms.”

An ACC Scholar Athlete and member of the University’s Raven Society, Brody earned the Ernest H. Ern, Jr. Award for his outstanding contributions to student life at Virginia. Though his on-field participation was limited, Brody eagerly tackled the job of back-up goaltender: “There’s a responsibility to the coaches and the team to contribute,” Brody said. “It’s a bit contagious, the whole mindset.”

“He’s the perfect blend of ambition and selflessness,” head coach Dom Starsia said. “He has been a joy to be around for four years. He doesn’t play an obviously meaningful role on game day, but he brings a spark to the team and in the locker room. He’s one of the most interesting individuals we have had in the program.”

Tomika Ferguson’s collegiate track career could hardly have gotten off to a rockier start.

“I think I quit four or five times,” she said of her freshman year. “After one practice, I went to [coach Randy Bungard’s] office and I cried. I bawled in his office. I told him I wasn’t the athlete he needed.”

After that tearful visit from Ferguson, Bungard started nurturing her through workouts, rather than being quite so demanding.

By the end of that tumultuous first year, Ferguson was Virginia’s top triple jumper, and in her third year she set school records in the event in both the indoor and outdoor seasons. The former mark – 13.32 meters (43’8½”) – she set during March’s NCAA indoor championship meet, earning sixth place and recognition as an All-American.

Never mind how far she’s come to jump such lengths, Ferguson now wants to keep jumping farther – her eyes are set on 44’.

“It’ll be an inside personal goal because it’s a length that I never thought I could get, but now I’m less than four inches away,” Ferguson said. “If I can get that, I can probably win Nationals.”

Said Bungard: “That’s why I coach, in a nutshell, to see someone go from a stumbling, fumbling first-year who doesn’t even know if they belong out there to someone who’s one of the best nationally in her event.”
Virginia diver Eric Kelley doesn’t mind getting wet. A board member for U.Va.’s Nicaraguan Orphan Fund, Kelley and two friends traversed the Latin American country on foot, collecting charitable pledges of $5,000 to give back to a needy orphanage. Kelley’s friend, Kyle Boynton, proposed the trek after the two returned from a spring break trip to an impoverished orphanage in Nicaragua in 2005. “We wanted to do more to help the kids we came into contact with,” Kelley said. “Kyle asked me, ‘What if we walked across the country? It’s only 200 and something miles.’” So they flew to Bluefields, Nicaragua, and hiked 208 miles in 16 days, suffering through a bounty of blisters and frequent downpours.

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It was an opportunity he just couldn’t resist.

Win
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Winning a medal would have been almost too much to ask. Melanie Kok was ecstatic just to be competing for her native Canada at the 2005 World Rowing Championships.

“Even just wearing the Canadian uniform and putting the maple leaf on our blades, that was a big moment,” said Kok, a rising fourth-year who rows for the Cavaliers’ varsity eight.

A member of Canada’s lightweight quad crew, the 5’6” Kok competed first in the 2005 World Cup in Lucerne, Switzerland, and then in the World Championships just outside Gifu, Japan in September.

Complicating the competition for Canada was a bad accident just two weeks before the championships, prompting what might as well have been a last-minute lineup change. Still, though, Kok believed her boat would be successful.

“We really only had two weeks that we rowed together, but in those two weeks we practiced a lot and I was confident enough going into the finals,” said Kok.

Kok and her teammates advanced to the finals and bested Denmark by nearly two seconds to capture the gold.

“Virginia prepared me well for the national team,” the St. Catharine’s, Ontario, resident said.

“In terms of the intensity of training and volume, it wasn’t all that different.”

Kok has already won a world gold, now she wants to lead her Virginia teammates to an NCAA national championship.
In Dave Leitao, Sean Singletary found a kindred spirit.

“He’s very much like me—he wants to win,” Singletary, a rising junior, said. “He wants to do everything the right way. He’s like a father figure for the players.”

The word “win” is peppered throughout any conversation with Singletary; it’s a constant motivation for the young point guard.

Singletary had a memorable season, averaging 17.7 points, 4.4 rebounds, 4.2 assists, and 1.9 steals per game. The scoring assists and steals totals – along with his average minutes played (33.9) and free throw shooting (81.5%) – all ranked in the top-10 of the Atlantic Coast Conference, and Singletary became the first Virginia player selected to the All-ACC first team since Bryant Stith in 1992.

Predictably, however, Singletary was more concerned with his shortcomings than the recognition.

“I really appreciate the honor, but when I look back at the season, I usually focus on the things I didn’t do too well,” he said. “I want to be the best I can be.”

In just one season under Leitao, Singletary said the team is more focused, more positive and more committed to winning.

“We’re going to do a lot of big things next year. I think we’re going to shock a lot of people.”

When Melissa Aldrich Shelton became head volleyball coach before the 1995 season, she quickly realized the challenges ahead, which included a competition site in need of repair.

“When I first got here, we were in Memorial Gym, but it was pretty outdated,” Shelton said. The proposed solution was to move to University Hall—a newer facility but one that had its own flaws as a volleyball venue.

“U-Hall was so much more cavernous that it didn’t feel like anyone was ever there for our matches. On top of that, practice time on the floor was limited because the space was shared with both basketball teams. So it wasn’t much of a home-court advantage for us.”

Today the Cavaliers are back in Memorial Gym thanks to anonymous donors who gave the athletics department over $1.5 million to renovate the building and improve the locker rooms for the volleyball and wrestling programs. “When they renovated Mem Gym, it just gave us a home,” Shelton, the winningest coach in Virginia history, said. “And they did it first-class. It’s gorgeous inside. We really feel that we have one of the best facilities in the ACC.”

The new Mem Gym has given the Cavaliers a competitive advantage, and it has helped attract top recruits such as 2004 ACC Freshman of the Year Sarah Kirkwood. In its third year in the improved facility, Virginia posted an impressive 20-11 record, including a 15-7 mark in conference play.

“When they are able to see all that our department is putting into our program and our facilities,” Shelton said of her recruits, “they understand that we want to become a top-25 team, and they want to help take us there.”

Each of the 25 intercollegiate programs received the maximum number of scholarships allowed by the NCAA for their sport.

• There are 32 named endowments that are awarded annually by the Virginia Athletics Foundation. In 2005, the endowment reached $51,919,450.

The Athletics Department paid the University $12 million including:

• $1.8 million for overhead
• $1.3 million for utilities
• $25,000 of Music City Bowl proceeds to the Faculty Senate towards the Faculty Senate Dissertation Year Fellowship
• $25,000 of Music City Bowl proceeds to the Music Department for the Marching Band endowment
• $8.7 million in tuition and fees, room and board, and books for student-athletes on athletics scholarships

$100,000 for operating support of the Marching Band

$1.2 million of reserves were spent on facility expansion and renovations including:

• University Hall equipment room storage
• Scott Stadium expansion joint repair
• Olympic Sports Training facility

FieldTurf projects for football and soccer
• Custom backstop padding for Davenport Field

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Build and maintain the finest facilities in the country with the purpose of attracting and developing the best student-athletes in the country.

The Olympic sports weight room was renovated to include rubber flooring, state-of-the-art weight equipment and a new sound system.
- Field hockey locker room was renovated.
- Concrete repairs and waterproofing were completed on the East Side of Scott Stadium.

The left field wall at Davenport Field was moved in from 352 feet to 335 feet to provide a more competitive and exciting atmosphere and to make room for additional seating.
- A wireless network and ethernet were installed at Klöckner Stadium and Davenport Field for faster media reporting and real-time game coverage.
- Padding was installed on the outfield fence and on the backstop fence, and the bullpens were leveled.

The outfield fence of the softball field was moved in from 220 feet to 200 feet to provide a smaller field for greater offensive production and to prepare for future renovations.

Boyd Tinsley Courts
Located at the Boar’s Head Sports Club, this $7.5 million indoor court expansion opened on January 14, 2006 when the Virginia women’s tennis team hosted Wisconsin. Twelve days later the #1 ranked men’s team played #33 Virginia Commonwealth University in front of the largest indoor crowd in U.Va. history. Nine state-of-the-art cushion courts were added in the expansion for a total of 12 and a seating capacity of over 1,000. The U.Va. competition courts are named for Boyd Tinsley, a benefactor of the project, local philanthropist and violinist for the Dave Matthews Band.
John Paul Jones Arena

The John Paul Jones Arena was designed and built to benefit the U.Va. basketball programs, the entire athletics department, the University and all of Central Virginia. The arena provides a beautiful and functional home for men’s and women’s basketball, benefits all of the department’s student-athletes with its dining hall and academic center, and gives residents of Central Virginia a venue to watch collegiate basketball at its highest level as well as a variety of other entertainment options.

The arena, academic center and dining hall are valuable assets in the department’s efforts to achieve its 10-year goals. They are critical additions designed to assist in academic and athletic development, and in creating an edge in the competitive world of student-athlete recruitment.

From a basketball perspective, the men’s and women’s programs each have one and a half practice courts available at all times for team and individual work. The arena also features coaches’ office complexes, locker rooms, a training room, a strength and conditioning area and an equipment room.

With a construction budget of $129.8 million and an additional $7.5 million state-of-the-art audio-video system, the John Paul Jones Arena is designed to provide a wonderful experience for individuals attending a variety of events as well as for the student-athletes who use the facility on a daily basis.

Perhaps U.Va. men’s basketball player J.R. Reynolds stated it best in an interview with Charlottesville’s Daily Progress — “That arena is fantastic. The job everybody has done, the donors, the fund-raisers, it means a lot to our program. It’s going to be something special.”

The Lewis W. Oehmig Short-Game Center at the Birdwood Golf Course

This state-of-the-art short-game practice area was dedicated on November 12, 2005. Its construction included a large putting area where players can practice on tournament greens and four chipping/pitching/target greens from 165 yards and in. Designed by world-renowned golf course designer Pete Dye, the center was named in honor of Lewis W. Oehmig, a 1939 graduate of the University, who had a distinguished amateur career that spanned five decades.
Based on how coaches rate their top prospects, we will Attract our top prospective student-athletes to the University of Virginia.

Sean Doolittle has done a lot for Virginia baseball.

As a sophomore, Doolittle became the Cavaliers’ No. 1 pitcher, taking the mound in the opener of each weekend Atlantic Coast Conference series.

“I’m really happy with how it’s come along,” Doolittle said of his pitching. “I’ve surprised myself a little bit. I went from coming out of the bullpen and throwing two or three innings once or twice a week last season to being the Friday guy of what’s becoming a very elite program not only in the ACC but in the country.”

At the plate, Doolittle batted .324 and led the team with 57 RBIs and had 54 walks in 62 games. On the mound he went 11-2 with a 2.38 ERA and 108 strikeouts in 90.2 innings.

Doolittle knew the Cavaliers were poised for a breakout season in 2006, even if critics weren’t so sure.

“To be honest, I did,” he said. “I know a lot of people might not have because we’re a young team, but they didn’t see the work ethic our guys had in the fall and in the winter when we were working out as a team.”

For his efforts in leading Virginia to a 47-15 season record, Doolittle was named the ACC Player of the Year.

There were 168 first-year student-athletes. Of these, 16 maintained a 3.5 GPA or above and 50 had a 3.0 GPA or above.

First-year student-athletes were recognized for their accomplishments with the following honors:

• 13th place finish at the National Junior Cross Country Championship
• 2006 U.S. Women’s Open qualifier ACC Championship teams
• All-ACC Academic teams
• All-ACC teams
• All-ACC Freshmen teams
• All-ACC Tournament teams
• ACC Rookie of the Week
• ACC Freshman of the Year
• College Soccer News All-Freshman team
• FILA Junior National All-America team
• Inside Lacrosse.com All-American team
• Louisville Slugger Freshman All-America team
• Marriott Classic All-Tournament team
• National Freshman of the Year
• NCAA All-Tournament team
• NCAA East Regional qualifier in Track and Field
• Soccer America Freshman All-America team
• Soccer Buzz All-Region team
• Soccer Buzz All-Freshman Team
• NSCAA/adidas All-Region team
• The Sporting News Freshman All-America team
• Women’s Lacrosse.com All-America team

Wide receiver Deyon Williams averaged 13 yards per reception and scored seven touchdowns.
The Boyd Tinsley Courts at the Boar’s Head Sports Club were completed for the men’s and women’s tennis teams.

The athletics department committed to upgrading the boathouse for the rowing team and the locker rooms for women’s track and field and women’s soccer.

Three fields were converted to FieldTurf, providing additional access for all teams and allowing the astroturf field to be used mainly by field hockey.

Virginia has only had a women’s golf team for three years, but it’s quickly making its mark: qualifying for the NCAA tournament in Year 2 and finishing in second place in the very competitive ACC in Year 3.

The team’s captain and most valuable golfer has been rising senior Leah Wigger, a three-time All-ACC selection who was the runner-up at the NCAAs as a sophomore. But Wigger is more apt to rave about the team than about herself.

“We went back to [NCAA East] Regionals and that says a lot about our team and the amount of talent we have,” the Louisville, Ky., native said.

Though she’s still looking for her first individual tournament win, Wigger, who earned second team All-America honors in 2006, has been at the forefront of Virginia’s success. She has doubled her own school record for career top-10 finishes with 10, including a ninth place finish at the 2006 NCAA championship.

“At every tournament, you learn something,” said Wigger, an All-American scholar and a psychology major. “Being able to continue to finish in the top-10, it’s just rewarding to see that I can do it, and it whets your appetite to do better things. Next year is going to be even better.”

The Lewis W. Oehmig Short-Game Center at the Birdwood Golf Course was opened for the men’s and women’s golf teams.

The locker room for field hockey was renovated.

The softball field was upgraded by relocating of the outfield fence, padding the backstop fence and leveling the bullpens. A master plan for additional facility renovations was developed.

Women’s sport program offices were upgraded.

The Olympic Sports training room was completed.

All student-athletes will have access to the new John Paul Jones Arena dining facility and academic affairs services.

FORWARD JESS ROSTEDT WAS NAMED ACC FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR WITH A TEAM-HIGH 12 GOALS AND 29 POINTS.

To miss two weeks of school and four games of the college field hockey season seemed unthinkable, but that was the choice Cavalier juniors Katherine Blair (top) and Mia Link (bottom) had to make to play for the United States in the Under-21 Junior World Cup last September.

“It was definitely a hard decision to make,” Link said. “I had always put Virginia field hockey above everything.”

The reward, of course, was a chance to spend a fortnight in Chile and compete for their country.

“It’s everything everyone says it is,” Blair said. “I know it’s incredibly cliché when everyone talks about hearing your national anthem and the sense of pride, but it’s true.”

Despite having only two days to practice, the U.S. enjoyed an early confidence booster, tying perennial power Germany – the eventual World Cup runner-up – in a scrimmage. Both Cavaliers started for the U.S. team. Blair at goaltender and Link at forward. Link scored three goals and the Americans went 4-2-2 in their eight games to finish an American-best seventh at the championships.

The U.S. team fell just short of reaching the medal round.

“We were one goal away from competing for spots one through four,” Blair said. “We tied Spain, and if we had beaten them, we’d have been playing in the semifinals.”

For both, it was an unforgettable experience.

“It was really cool to see a culture that really gets into field hockey and thinks it’s a cool sport,” Blair said. “In the United States it’s not a huge sport, but in South America it is.”

During the tournament, Link said she played at a level she never experienced before, which made returning to the college game relatively easy. Catching up on school work, however, wasn’t so simple.

“I can safely say that my life was basically play field hockey and do work with less eating and sleeping than usual,” Link said with a laugh.

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CENTER SIEDAH WILLIAMS LED THE TEAM IN SCORING WITH 11.8 POINTS PER GAME.
Baseball

47-15; 21-9 in ACC
HEAD COACH: BRIAN O’CONNOR

Highlights
• Earned its highest ever ranking when the Cavaliers were ranked fifth in the National Collegiate Baseball Writers’ Association Poll and the USA Today Coaches’ Poll on May 22
• Won a school record 47 games in 2006 and for the first time in school history, Virginia won 40 or more games in three consecutive years
• Made third consecutive trip to NCAA Regional, hosting for the second time
• Made its sixth NCAA Tournament appearance in 2006
• Tied the school record with 31 home wins, and posted a 31-3 record at home
• Pitchers Sean Doolittle and Jacob Thompson became the third and fourth players in the program’s history to win 10 or more games in a single season
• Mike Ballard pitched the first Virginia no-hitter since 1974 against Boston College
• Led the nation in team ERA (2.56), opponent batting average (.217) and shutouts (9). Ranked fifth in winning percentage (.796)
• Third-year head coach Brian O’Connor picked up his 100th career win on March 12
• Mike Ballard selected by Texas in the 14th round of the Major League Baseball Draft
• Tom Hagan selected in 39th round of MLB Draft by Pittsburgh
• Sean Doolittle was finalist for National Player of the Year and was selected to the 2006 USA Baseball National Team’s final 22-man roster for the second straight year

Academic Awards and Special Honors
ALL-ACC ACADEMIC TEAM
Andrew Carraway
Tim Hagan

COSIDA DISTRICT 3 ALL-ACADEMIC TEAM
Tom Hagan

Athletic Honors
COLLEGE BASEBALL FOUNDATION COACH OF THE YEAR
Sean Doolittle, second team

LOUISVILLE SLUGGER ALL-AMERICAN
Sean Doolittle, second team

COLLEGE BASEBALL FOUNDATION ALL-AMERICAN
Sean Doolittle

Softball

29-26; 7-13 in ACC
HEAD COACH: KAREN JOHNS

Highlights
• Head coach Karen Johns was selected as an assistant coach for the 2006 USA Softball National Team
• Sara Larquier was selected by the Akron Racers in the second round of the 2006 National Pro Fastpitch Senior Draft
• Sara Larquier became the ACC’s all-time RBI leader and was named one of two recipients of U.Va.’s Craig Fielder Memorial Award for overcoming adversity
• Erin Horn was invited to play for the Russian National Softball Team

Academic Awards and Special Honors
NATIONAL FASTPITCH COACHES ASSOCIATION
ALL-ACADEMIC TEAM, 2004-05
ALL-DISTRICT III ACADEMIC TEAM
Jennie Haynes, second team

ALL-ACC ACADEMIC TEAM
LOUISVILLE SLUGGER FRESHMAN ALL-AMERICAN
Jennie Haynes

ALL-ACC TEAM
Jessica Taylor
Lindsey Preuss

ACC PLAYER OF THE YEAR
Sean Doolittle

ALL-ACC TEAM
Kyle Arnold, first team
Tom Hagan, first team
Brandon Marsh, second team
Jacob Thompson, second team

BASEBALL AMERICA FRESHMEN ALL-AMERICA TEAM
Jennie Haynes

ALL-ACC TEAM
David Adams, second team
Jacob Thompson, first team

VASID ALL-STATE BASEBALL HONORS
Brian O’Connor was named Coach of the Year for the third straight season
Sean Doolittle was named Pitcher of the Year
Jacob Thompson was named Rookie of the Year

VASID ALL-STATE BASEBALL TEAM
Mike Ballard, second team
Sean Doolittle, first team pitcher; 2nd team first base
Brandon Gruen, second team
Tom Hagan, first team
Brandon Marsh, first team
Jacob Thompson, first team

Athletic Honors
ALL-ACC
Jessica Taylor, second team
Erin Horn
Amy McKean
Lindsey Preuss
Jessica Taylor

COLLEGE BASEBALL FOUNDATION ALL-AMERICAN
Sean Doolittle

**Community Service**

Hard work and dedication are demanded of student-athletes in athletic competition and the classroom. But, an appreciation for community service develops lifelong traits of respect, compassion and selflessness.

Despite long days of classes, practices and study time, Virginia student-athletes spent hundreds of hours volunteering in local schools and the community. Here are some of the organizations that benefited:

**Alzheimer’s Foundation**
The men’s basketball team sponsored and participated in the Foundation’s Memory Walk.

**Breast Cancer Run**
Over 50 members of the rowing team participated in this annual four-mile race that supports breast cancer research.

**University of Virginia Children’s Hospital**
Connor Hughes (football) coordinated bi-weekly visits for the football team. On alternating weeks, Kerry Maher (rowing) coordinated visits for student-athletes from other sports.

**Local Elementary Schools**
Student-athletes read and spoke with students at many local elementary and middle schools on topics ranging from the importance of reading to life as a college student-athlete and the important character traits of an individual. Men’s and women’s track and field and softball helped Agnor-Hurt Elementary School with its Fall Carnival.

**Habitat For Humanity**
The rowing, volleyball and men’s swimming and diving teams, joined by fellow student-athletes from various sports, volunteered with Habitat in helping to build homes.

**Special Olympics**
Men’s and women’s lacrosse sponsored and participated in the Diet Pepsi 10K. Men’s soccer held a clinic with Special Olympian soccer players and numerous student-athletes coached a variety of Special Olympic sports.

**Computers 4 Kids**
Doug Broyd (men’s lacrosse) was the guest speaker at the graduation ceremonies for the Computers 4 Kids program.

**Kluge Rehabilitation Center**

**Virginia Blood Services Drive**
Men’s Lacrosse

2006 National Champions
2006 ACC Champions
17-0, 2-0 in the ACC
HEAD COACH: DOM STARSIA

Highlights
- First team to go 17-0 in NCAA history
- Won its fourth NCAA title in school history, and sixth overall national title
- Matt Ward was awarded the Tewaaraton Trophy as the sport’s top player
- Eight Cavaliers earned All-America honors
- Five Cavaliers were selected in the Major League Lacrosse Draft: Kyle Dixon, Matt Ward and Michael Culver in the first round; Matt Poskay in the second round; and J.J. Morrissey in the third round

Academic Awards and Special Honors
USILA SCHOLAR-ALL-AMERICAN
Michael Culver
Matt Poskay
Matt Ward
ACC WEAVER-JAMES-CORRIGAN POST-GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP
Matt Ward
GUSS TEBELL MEMORIAL AWARD (highest GPA among U.Va’s senior male athletes)
Doug Brody
ERNEST H. ERN, JR. AWARD (outstanding contributions to student life at U.Va.)
Doug Brody
ALL-ACC ACADEMIC TEAM
Michael Culver
Adam Fassnacht
Steve Giannone
Jared Little
Matt Poskay
Ben Rubeor
Drew Thompson
Matt Ward

Athletic Honors
TEWAARATON TROPHY FINALISTS
Kyle Dixon
Matt Ward

USILA NATIONAL DEFENSEMAN OF THE YEAR
Michael Culver

USILA NATIONAL MIDFIELDER OF THE YEAR
Kyle Dixon

Women’s Lacrosse

ACC Champions, 15-4, 4-1 in the ACC
HEAD COACH: JULIE MYERS

Highlights
- Received 11th consecutive bid to NCAA Tournament and made 21st postseason appearance
- Upset top-ranked Duke to win the 2006 ACC Championship
- Tyler Leachman set a new ACC record for goals scored in the conference tournament (11)
- Cavaliers played in the 500th game in the program’s history in 2006, only the seventh school in Division I to have played that many games

Academic Awards and Special Honors
ACC WEAVER-JAMES-CORRIGAN POST-GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP
Tyler Leachman

ACC SCHOLAR-ATHLETE AWARD
Nikki Lieb

ACC TOP VI AWARD
Meredith Lazarus

JETTIE HILL MEMORIAL AWARD (highest GPA of all U.Va. senior female athletes)
Meredith Lazarus

VASID ACADEMIC ALL-STATE TEAM
Nikki Lieb, second team

ALL-ACC ACADEMIC TEAM
Meredith Lazarus
Tyler Leachman
Nikki Lieb
Ginger Miles

Athletic Honors
ALL-AMERICA (IWLCA)
Tyler Leachman, first team
Nikki Lieb, first team

ALL-AMERICA (INSIDELACROSSE.COM)
Tyler Leachman, first team
Nikki Lieb, first team
Blair Weymouth, third team

ALL-AMERICA (WOMENSLACROSSE.COM)
Tyler Leachman, first team
Nikki Lieb, first team
Blair Weymouth, second team
Kim Conrons, second team

NATIONAL FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR
Blair Weymouth

ALL-ACC
Kim Conrons
Tyler Leachman
Nikki Lieb
Blair Weymouth

ACC FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR
Blair Weymouth

ACC ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM
Tyler Leachman (MVP)
Julie Hauser
Nikki Lieb
Blair Weymouth

Nikki Lieb
• Tewaaraton Trophy Finalist
• National Defensive Midfielder of the Year
• State Player of the Year

Julie Hauser
• National Unsung Hero of the Year

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Life Skills

The Life Skills program offers student-athletes support in three areas: personal development; career planning and skill development; and community service. Special events are organized to recognize the achievements of student-athletes and to provide opportunities to develop new skills. In 2005-06, those opportunities included:

Scholar-Athlete Banquet
More than 80 student-athletes who earned a GPA of 3.3 or higher in the preceding two academic semesters were honored at this second annual event. Awards were given for highest team GPA (women’s golf – 3.39) and highest cumulative GPA (for a graduating student-athlete) within each of the six undergraduate schools:
- Arts and Sciences: Doug Brody, men’s lacrosse
- Architecture: Matt Bernstein, baseball
- Commerce: Meredith Lazarus, women’s lacrosse
- Education: Kirsten Graslie, rowing
- Engineering and Applied Science: Doug Stewart, men’s tennis
- Nursing: Sarah Miller, field hockey

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**Women’s Tennis**

14-10; 6-5 in ACC
HEAD COACH: MARK GUILBEAU

**Highlights**
- Reached second round of NCAA Tournament
- Team improved from 73rd in the ITA rankings to 23rd by the end of the season
- Doubles team of Kristen James and Lori Stern, ranked 23rd in the nation, received an at-large bid to NCAA Tournament
- Mark Guilbeau was named ACC Coach of the Year
- Team upset sixth-ranked Miami, 10th-ranked Duke, 17th-ranked Wake Forest, and 19th-ranked TCU during the regular season

**Academic Awards and Special Honors**

**ALL-ACC ACADEMIC TEAM**
- Kristen James

**Athletic Honors**

**ALL-ACC**
- Kristen James

**VASID ALL-STATE TEAM**
- Lindsey Pereira, singles second team
- Kristen James, doubles
- Lori Stern, doubles

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**Men’s Tennis**

**ACC Runner-up, 24-9; 9-2 ACC**
HEAD COACH: BRIAN BOLAND

**Highlights**
- Received the first #1 national ranking in school history
- 14th-ranked Somdev Devvarman was NCAA runner-up in singles
- 54th-ranked Rylan Rizza reached the NCAA second round and 63rd-ranked Treat Huey was selected as an alternate
- Seventh-ranked doubles team of Rizza and Nick Meythaler reached NCAA round of 16
- Team was ACC runner-up and reached NCAA quarterfinals
- Team finished season ranked eighth in ITA rankings

**Academic Awards and Special Honors**

**ALL-ACC ACADEMIC TEAM**
- Nick Meythaler
- Mariko Miklo
- Doug Stewart

**ACC SCHOLAR-ATHLETE AWARD**
- Doug Stewart

**Athletic Honors**

**ALL-AMERICA HONORS**
- Somdev Devvarman
- Nick Meythaler
- Rylan Rizza

**ALL-ACC**
- Darin Cohen
- Somdev Devvarman
- Treat Huey
- Nick Meythaler
- Rylan Rizza
- Doug Stewart

**VASID ALL-STATE TEAM**
- Darin Cohen
- Somdev Devvarman – Player of the Year
- Treat Huey
- Nick Meythaler
- Rylan Rizza
- Doug Stewart

**VASID STATE COACH OF THE YEAR**
- Brian Boland
- SOMDEV DEVARMAN
  - Mideast Region ITA Player to Watch
  - NCAA Singles Runner-Up
  - VaSID All-State Player of the Year

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**Life Skills**

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**African-American Heritage Month Celebration**

In February, 40 student-athletes gathered to celebrate the contributions of African-Americans to athletic life. George King, U.Va.’s first scholarship African-American student-athlete (wrestling and lacrosse in the early 60s), spoke about the efforts and the progress of African-American student-athletes over the decades.

**“Shoot Out For Cancer”**

This annual event raised more than $3,200 for the Jennifer Fund, a program of the University of Virginia Hospital’s Children’s Medical Center that provides assistance to children and their families battling cancer.

**“Game Night”**

Now in its fifth year, this event encourages student-athletes to try out another sport, i.e., a soccer player throwing a softball, to learn the different rigors of fellow student-athletes. Between 350-400 student-athletes participate in this event that helps strengthen the athletics community bond.

**Small Group Luncheons with Faculty**

Twice each semester, student-athletes joined University faculty members, including NCAA Associate Director for Education Outreach Curtis Hollomon and Vice President for Student Affairs Pat Lampkin, for informal conversation over lunch.

**The Business Playbook**

Working with the Virginia Athletics Foundation, resumés for graduating student-athletes were published online for the second time, assisting both student-athletes with career opportunities and employer’s seeking their talents.

**Care Packages**

The SAMs (Student-Athlete Mentors) coordinated and sold over 150 care packages, which they distributed during the fall 2005 exam period. The proceeds provided $2,265 for the “Shoot Out For Cancer” event.

**Career Services**

Three seminars were offered to student-athletes in the following areas:
- How to Market Yourself to Employers as a Student-Athlete
- Job Interviewing Skills
- Resume Workshops
team highlights

Women’s Soccer

ACC Runner-up
18-6-1; 8-2-0 in the ACC
HEAD COACH: STEVE SWANSON

Highlights
• Reached the NCAA Quarterfinals for the third time in school history
• Received sixth seed to NCAA Tournament—its 12th straight tournament appearance and 18th overall
• Sarah Huffman was a semifinalist for the Hermann Trophy and finalist for SoccerBuzz National Player of the Year
• Jess Rostedt was a finalist for SoccerBuzz National Freshman of the Year
• Sarah Huffman and Noelle Keselica were selected to the United States U-21 National Team
• Team played fourth toughest schedule in the nation
• Tied school record with 18 wins

Academic Awards and Special Honors
KARA FREDERICK
• Selected to live on the lawn for 2006-07

ALL-ACC ACADEMIC TEAM
Ryan Burke

VASID ACADEMIC ALL-STATE TEAM
Ryan Burke, second team

Athletic Honors
SOCORR BUZZ ALL-AMERICA TEAM
Sarah Huffman, second team

SOCORR BUZZ ALL-REGION TEAM
Sarah Huffman, first team
Noelle Keselica, first team
Nikki Kryszk, third team

NSCAA/ADIDAS ALL-REGION TEAM
Sarah Huffman, first team
Noelle Keselica, first team
Jess Rostedt, first team
Becky Sauerbrunn, first team

ACC FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR
Jess Rostedt

ACC ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM
Christina de Vries
Sarah Huffman
Jen Redmond
Jess Rostedt

Men’s Soccer

12-5-3; 6-2 in the ACC
HEAD COACH: GEORGE GELNOVATCH

Highlights
• Awarded 13th seed in NCAA Tournament, making its 25th consecutive appearance in the NCAA Tournament
• Head Coach George Gelnovatch picked up his 150th career win with a 2-0 upset over second-ranked North Carolina
• Cavaliers posted shutouts in their first five games of the season for the first time in school history
• Finished second in the ACC during the regular season, while recording the most conference wins since 2001

Academic Awards and Special Honors
RYAN BURKE
• Selected to live on the lawn for 2006-07

ALL-ACC ACADEMIC TEAM
Ryan Burke

VASID ACADEMIC ALL-STATE TEAM
Ryan Burke, second team

Athletic Honors
NSCAA/ADIDAS ALL-REGION TEAM
Ryan Burke
Nico Colaluca
Yannick Reyering

ALL-ACC
Yannick Reyering, first team
Nico Colaluca, second team
Adam Cristman, second team

ALL-ACC FRESHMAN TEAM
Yannick Reyering

VASID ALL-STATE TEAM
Jeremy Barlow, second team
Nico Colaluca, first team
Adam Cristman, first team
Matt Poole, first team
Yannick Reyering, first team

YANNICK REYERING
• Soccer America All-Freshman Team
• College Soccer News All-Freshman Team

The mission of the Athletics Video Services unit is to support the department’s ten-year goals by providing athletics programs with the technology they need to enhance performance. Athletics Video Services also uses video technology to enhance recruiting capabilities and to enhance the fans’ experience at athletics events. The unit provides important marketing tools through the video on-demand capability of VirginiaSportsTV.com and through the broadcast of the weekly television show, Cavalier Sports Weekly.

2005-2006 accomplishments included:

Game Coverage
• Provided videotape coverage of 254 athletics competitions that included all 25 sports programs
• The footage from each of these events was used by coaches for performance analysis and was used in the production of ‘Hoo Vision, Cavalier Sports Weekly, VirginiaSportsTV.com, highlight videos and to fulfill video requests.

Performance Analysis
• Secured the first SportsCode Elite site license with Sportstec International. SportsCode Elite software is the one of the most advanced software programs designed specifically to analyze athletics performance. University of Virginia athletics became the first collegiate institution to secure a site license, allowing the software to be used by multiple coaches in each sports program.

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Women’s Golf

2nd at ACC Championships
HEAD COACH: JAN MANN

Highlights
- Leah Wigger placed ninth at the 2006 NCAA Championships after earning a trip to the national tournament by finishing sixth at the NCAA East Regional
- 19th-ranked Cavaliers finished in a tie for eighth place at the NCAA East Regional, losing in a playoff for the final berth to go to the NCAA Championships
- Leah Wigger placed in the top 10 in 10 tournaments and finished the season ranked 19th in the Golfweek/Sagarin Rankings
- Four Cavaliers, Jennie Arsenault, Sally Shonk, Lauren Milbrecht and Leah Wigger qualified for the U.S. Amateur. Arsenault also qualified for the U.S. Open
- Leah Wigger set a single-stroke average record of 73.26

Academic Awards and Special Honors
DISTRICT III ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICAN
Leah Wigger
ALL-ACC ACADEMIC TEAM
Rachel Smith
Carly Truitt
Leah Wigger
NATIONAL GOLF COACHES ASSOCIATION
ALL-AMERICAN SCHOLAR TEAM
Lindsay Robinson
Leah Wigger

Athletic Honors
ALL-AMERICAN
Leah Wigger, second team
ALL-ACC
Leah Wigger
Lauren Milbrecht

Field Hockey

8-11, 0-5 ACC
HEAD COACH: JESSICA WILK
(MICHELE MADISON NAMED HEAD COACH 1/19/06)

Highlights
- Team ranked as high as 20th during the season after upsets of 15th-ranked James Madison and 19th-ranked William and Mary
- Team received ACC Sportsmanship Award for the Fall Season
- Mia Link and Katherine Blair were both starters on the USA Junior National Team that placed seventh in the Junior World Cup
- Mia Link and Katherine Blair, playing for the USFHA Maryland Thundersticks, defeated the top-seeded South team 4-2 to win the USFHA High Performance National Championship

Academic Awards and Special Honors
ACC TOP VI AWARD
Allie Flynn
ALL-ACC ACADEMIC TEAM
Katherine Blair
Allie Flynn
Mia Link

SUSAN J. GROSSMAN MEMORIAL AWARD
(Outstanding service and contributions to Student-Athlete Mentors)
Allie Flynn

Athletic Honors
KATHERINE BLAIR
- Starting goalkeeper for USA Junior National Team
- Named to the Dartfish South All-Regional Team
- Named to VaSID All-State First Team

ALLIE FLYNN
- Named to the Dartfish South All-Regional Team
- Named to VaSID All-State Second Team

MIA LINK
- All-ACC Team
- Starter on USA Junior National Team
- Named to the Dartfish South All-Regional Team
- Named to VaSID All-State Second Team

ERIN HAYES
- Named to VaSID All-State Second Team

Men’s Golf

10th at ACC Championships
HEAD COACH: BOWEN SARGENT

Highlights
- Won the Mason Rudolph Invitational
- Placed second at the Cavalier Classic led by Brad Tilley, who took medalist honors
- Daniel Kefale posted the team’s low round of the season (65) at the Hootie at Bulls Bay Tournament
- Three U.Va. players, Greg Carlin, Daniel Kefale and Eamonn McLoughlin, qualified for the 2006 U.S. Amateur Championship

Academic Awards and Special Honors
ALL-ACC ACADEMIC TEAM
Conrad Von Borsig

Live Production
- Produced all content in-house for ‘Hoo Vision and the LED ribbon boards at all six 2005 home football games.
- Produced all content in-house for the special ‘Hoo Vision LED screen that was installed in University Hall for the “Last Ball in U-Hall” vs. Maryland. This production featured numerous historical video clips along with live coverage and game replays that enhanced the experience of this memorable event.
- Produced all content in-house for the May All Sports banquet honoring department accomplishments for the 2005-2006 academic year.
- Implemented motion-capture technology into the Adventures of Cavman episodes that appeared on ‘Hoo Vision during each home football game. This technology records the movements of “actors” and applies that data to the animated Cavman. The result is more realistic animated motions and movements.

TV and the Internet
- Produced 31 episodes of Cavalier Sports Weekly, a 30-minute television show highlighting the latest accomplishments and results of the Virginia Athletics program. Cavalier Sports Weekly also showcases behind-the-scenes footage and the interesting stories of U.Va.’s student-athletes. The show received a Platinum Aurora Award for Overall Sports Program and a Gold Aurora Award for Sports-Related Documentary. Cavalier Sports Weekly airs on the following television stations and networks, reaching households across the mid-Atlantic:
  - Comcast SportNet (Virginia, Maryland, Washington, DC, Delaware, Pennsylvania)
  - WCAV-TV CBS (Charlottesville)
  - WVAW-TV ABC (Charlottesville)
  - WAHU-TV Fox (Charlottesville)
  - WRAL-TV Fox (Raleigh)
  - WSET-TV ABC (Roanoke, Danville)
  - CSTV (National Cable / DirecTV / Dish Network)

- Produced all content for VirginiaSportsTV.com. Over 850 video features have been posted to this website in the last two years. The website is dedicated to providing video highlights for each of U.Va.’s 25 sports programs along with human interest stories, press conferences and exclusive behind-the-scenes footage.

Building for the future
- Worked with project consultants and Professional Products, Inc. to design and integrate the control room that will produce and provide content to the ‘Hoo Vision video displays in John Paul Jones Arena, Klöckner Stadium and Davenport Field.
Men’s Basketball

15-15; 7-9 ACC
HEAD COACH: DAVE LEITAO

Highlights
• Made its sixth postseason appearance in last seven years with a bid to the NIT, its 12th overall NIT invitation
• Sean Singletary earned first-team All-ACC honors, the first Virginia player to do so since Bryant Stith in 1992
• Finished 11-3 at home, in the final season at University Hall
• Had victories over 24th-ranked and defending national champion North Carolina, and 11th-ranked Boston College during the regular season

Academic Awards and Special Honors
ALL-ACC ACADEMIC TEAM
Billy Campbell

Athletic Honors
ALL-ACC TEAM
Sean Singletary, first team
J.R. Reynolds, second team
RICHMOND TIMES-DISPATCH STATE PLAYER OF THE YEAR
Sean Singletary
RICHMOND TIMES-DISPATCH ALL-STATE
Sean Singletary, first team
J.R. Reynolds, second team
VASID ALL-STATE TEAM
Sean Singletary, Player of the Year and first team
J.R. Reynolds, second team
UNITED STATES BASKETBALL WRITERS ASSOCIATION ALL-DISTRICT III
Sean Singletary

Women’s Basketball

20-12; 5-9 ACC
HEAD COACH: DEBBIE RYAN

Highlights
• Made its 24th postseason tournament appearance in 2006 with a bid to the WNIT
• Recorded its 20th 20-win season under Coach Ryan
• Team upset 18th-ranked Virginia Tech and 25th-ranked Boston College
• Virginia named the eighth Greatest College Women’s Basketball Program of All Time by Street & Smith’s
• Incoming freshman Monica Wright invited to USA Basketball U18 National Team Trials

Athletic Honors
ALL-ACC TEAM
Sharnée Zoll, third team
ACC ALL-FRESHMAN TEAM
Lyndra Little, honorable mention
VASID ALL-STATE TEAM
Sharnée Zoll, first team
SHARNEE ZOLL
• Eclipsed the sophomore record for assists with 201, and ranked ninth nationally for the season in assists (6.3 apg)
• Named to Marriott Cavalier Classic All-Tournament Team
Tiffany Sardin
• Named MVP of Marriott Cavalier Classic Tournament
• Named to Paradise Jam All-Tournament Team
SiédaH Williams
• Named to Marriott Cavalier Classic All-Tournament Team
Lyndra Littles
• Named to Marriott Cavalier Classic All-Tournament Team
Denesha Kenion
• Named to Paradise Jam All-Tournament Team

Wrestling

12-5; 4-1 in the ACC
HEAD COACH: LENNY BERNSTEIN
(Steve Garland named head coach on 4/20/06)

Highlights
• Team finished in a tie for first place in ACC regular season and placed third in ACC Tournament
• Eric Albright named the ACC Freshman of the Year and selected as an alternate for the NCAA Championships
• Brent Jones won the 96 KG weight division at the FILA Junior National Championships

Academic Awards and Special Honors
ALL-ACC ACADEMIC TEAM
Nick Alparone
Scott Smith
Brian McReynolds
• Selected to live on the lawn for 2006-07

Athletic Honors
FILA JUNIOR NATIONAL ALL-AMERICA
Eric Albright
Ross Getomer
Brent Jones
ALL-ACC
Drew Dipasquale
Mike Grogan
Damon Johnson
Kyle Narkiewicz

For the eighth consecutive year, Cavalier Sports Marketing worked with Virginia Athletics to grow corporate support for athletics and to maintain strong relationships with partners and fans. In July 2006, Cavalier Sports Marketing officially changed its name to Virginia Sports Properties.

CSM Highlights for 2005-06
• Generated $4.75 million in gross revenue and trade
• Maintained a statewide radio network, consisting of 19 affiliates
• Network radio partners broadcast Virginia football, men’s and women’s basketball, and coaches’ shows to listeners throughout the Commonwealth
• Aired 31 broadcasts of the award-winning television show Cavalier Sports Weekly, which highlights stories across Virginia’s 25 varsity sports and is hosted by a different student-athlete each week
• Produced 160,000 complimentary GameDay programs, distributed at all home games, for football and men’s basketball
• Partnered with Yahoo! Sports to deliver the audio feed on the internet of all football, men’s and women’s basketball, coaches’ shows, baseball and lacrosse broadcasts
• Created various sponsored premium items and on-field/court promotions to engage the crowd and to enhance the fan experience at numerous Virginia Athletics events

2005-06 Corporate Partners
Team Virginia
State Farm
Virginia Lottery
Wachovia
Cavalier Partners
Adelphi
Advance Auto Parts
Altel
Chase Credit Card
Sprint
University of Virginia Health System
Radio Network, GameDay, Hospitality Tents and Promotional Sponsors
84 Lumber
AIC Copies
Allied Concrete
American Eagle
Andrew Minton Jewelers
Arheuser-Busch
Anthem
Atlantic Coast Conference
Barton Malow
BB&T
Beecroft & Bull

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Women’s Swimming and Diving

ACC Runner-up; 23rd at NCAAs
6-3; 5-0 in ACC

HEAD COACH: MARK BERNARDINO

Highlights
• Rachael Burke, Katie Gordon, Anna Steenrod, and Brielle White qualified for the NCAA Championships
• Burke and White qualified for NCAAs for the fourth consecutive year and ended their careers with a combined 12 All-America honors
• White broke her own ACC records in the 100 backstroke and 200 backstroke at the NCAA meet and earned two All-America honors in 2006 to bring her career total to seven
• White named the ACC Swimmer of the Year for second straight year and became a 2008 Olympic trials qualifier
• Team garnered CSCAA Academic All-America Team accolades with a 3.32 GPA

Academic Awards and Special Honors
ALL-ACC ACADEMIC TEAM
Elaine Bennet
Katy Bland
Anne Dawson
Stephanie Glover
Katie Gordon
Anna Steenrod
WEAVER-JAMES CORRIGAN POST-GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP
Katie Gordon
COLLEGE SWIMMING COACHES ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA (CSCAA) ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA
Elaine Bennet, honorable mention
Katie Gordon, honorable mention
Katie Gordon, first team
Rory Schmidt, honorable mention
Jenny Steiner, honorable mention

Athletic Honors
ALL-AMERICAN
Fran Crippen, honorable mention (two events)
Stefan Himiak, honorable mention (three events)
Ethan McCoy, honorable mention
Vanja Rogulj, honorable mention (three events)
Bryan Stahl, honorable mention

ALL-ACC ACADEMIC TEAM
Ryan Berg
Fran Crippen (two events)
Stefan Himiak (three events)
Ethan McCoy
Vanja Rogulj (three events)
Bryan Stahl

NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP
Katie Gordon

Academic Awards and Special Honors
ALL-ACC ACADEMIC TEAM
Elaine Bennet
Katy Bland
Anne Dawson
Stephanie Glover
Katie Gordon
Anna Steenrod
WEAVER-JAMES CORRIGAN POST-GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP
Katie Gordon
COLLEGE SWIMMING COACHES ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA (CSCAA) ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA
Elaine Bennet, honorable mention
Katie Gordon, honorable mention
Katie Gordon, first team
Rory Schmidt, honorable mention
Jenny Steiner, honorable mention
Football

7-5; 3-5 in the ACC
HEAD COACH: AL GROH

Highlights
• The Cavaliers defeated Minnesota 34-31 in the Gaylord Hotels Music City Bowl – it was Virginia’s 16th bowl appearance in school history, and fourth in a row
• Virginia defeated fourth-ranked Florida State in front of the second-largest crowd at Scott Stadium (63,106) and a national TV audience (ESPN)
• Marcus Hamilton led the ACC in interceptions (6) and Wali Lundy became the ACC’s all-time leader in touchdowns (52)
• U.Va. was one of 29 schools recognized by the America Football Coaches Association for graduating 70% or more of their football student-athletes
• Five Cavaliers were selected in the 2006 NFL draft, four more players were signed as free agents following the draft

Academic Awards and Special Honors

ALL-ACC ACADEMIC TEAM
Marcus Hamilton
Mark Miller
Tom Santi
Kurt Smith

ACC WEAVER-JAMES-CORRIGAN HONORARY AWARD
Connor Hughes

WINA AWARD (U.Va.’s top male athlete)
D’Brickashaw Ferguson

CRAIG FIELDER MEMORIAL AWARD (U.Va.’s award for overcoming adversity)
Ryan Best

Athletic Honors

ALL-ACC
D’Brickashaw Ferguson, first team
Connor Hughes, first team
Branden Albert, second team
Brennan Schmidt, second team

BRENNAN SCHMIDT
• Co-recipient of the Defensive BackLinebacker of the Year by the Touchdown Club of Richmond


Volleyball

20-11; 15-7 in ACC
HEAD COACH: MELISSA ALDRICH SHELTON

Highlights
• Finished fourth in ACC
• Sarah Kirkwood became the first sophomore in ACC history to register 1,000 kills
• Team led ACC in service aces per game and ranked second in hitting percentage, kills per game and assists per game
• Team registered ninth 20-win season

Academic Awards and Special Honors

ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICANS
• Branden Albert, third team
• Brennan Schmidt, second team
• D’Brickashaw Ferguson, Associated Press first team, Walter Camp Football Foundation second team, Rivals.com third team, The Sporting News second team, CollegeFootballNews.com, CNN/SI

ALL-ACC ACADEMIC TEAM
Emily Kirkwood
Sarah Kirkwood
Lindsay Osco

ACC TOP VI AWARD
Kristin Chaney
Lisa Krzikowski

VASID ACADEMIC ALL-STATE TEAM
Sarah Kirkwood, second team

Athletic Honors

SARAH KIRKWOOD
• AVCA All-American, honorable mention
• AVCA All-East Region Team
• All-ACC First Team

SHANNON DAVIS
• ACC All-Freshman Team
• MVP of Junior Nationals

VIRGINIA SPORTS INFORMATION DIRECTORS ALL-STATE TEAM
Sarah Kirkwood, second team

The following individuals joined the athletics program between July 1, 2005 and June 30, 2006:

Steve Bernstein, Assistant Football Coach
David Bobely, Assistant Football Coach
Shaun Brown, Assistant Strength and Conditioning Coach (Men’s Basketball)
Ken Cain, Administrative Assistant – Facilities
Kristin Chaney, Video Coordinator
Matt Chulis, Assistant Men’s Soccer Coach
Bill Courtney, Assistant Men’s Basketball Coach
Jim Davise, Assistant Athletics Director for Media Relations
Robert Diaco, Assistant Football Coach
Brandon Duncan, Assistant Softball Coach
Brian Edmonds, Cavalier Sports Marketing Director of Sales
Natalie Fitzgerald, Academic Coordinator/Study Skills Specialist
Steve Garland, Head Wrestling Coach
Elizabeth Harrell, Virginia Athletics Foundation Suites and Events Coordinator
Brad Hunt, Assistant Track and Field Coach
Matt Kennelly, Cavalier Sports Marketing Account Executive
Chip Kline, Assistant Swimming Coach
Alex Kyser, Assistant Field Hockey Coach
Mike London, Assistant Football Coach
Kevon Lozo, Assistant Media Relations Director
Kase Lugar, Football Graduate Assistant
Michele Madison, Head Field Hockey Coach
Claudia Pirkle, Director of Academic Affairs for Football
Kyle Riley, Football Assistant Equipment Room Manager
Matt Riley, Assistant Sports Publications Director
Chris Spice, Associate Head Field Hockey Coach
Cliff Staton, Facilities Electrician
Byron Thwaites, Football Graduate Assistant
Everett Walker, Shop Technician
Rich Yahner, Football Graduate Assistant
Zac Yarbrough, Football Graduate Assistant
Women’s Cross Country

Sixth at ACC Championships
HEAD COACH: JASON DUNN

Highlights
• Team placed third at NCAA Regional and received at-large bid to NCAAs where it placed 26th
• Emily Harrison finished 10th at ACC Championships and 38th at NCAAs

Academic Awards and Special Honors
WICCCA ALL-ACADEMIC TEAM HONOR

Athletic Honors
ALL-REGION
Emily Harrison
Kara Scanlin
ALL-ACC TEAM
Emily Harrison

Men’s Cross Country

ACC Champions
HEAD COACH: JASON DUNN

Highlights
• Finished 26th at NCAA Championships
• Finished second at NCAA Regionals and earned first automatic berth to NCAAs
• Jason Dunn named ACC Coach of the Year
• Andy Blaudeau named ACC Freshman of the Year and finished 13th at National Junior Cross Country Championships

Academic Awards and Special Honors
USCCCA ALL-ACADEMIC TEAM
Andrew Dummm
ALL-ACC ACADEMIC TEAM
Andrew Dummm
Jan Foerster
Ryan Foster

Athletic Honors
ALL-REGIONAL
Andrew Dummm
Jan Foerster
Ryan Foster
ALL-ACC TEAM
Andy Blaudeau
Andrew Dummm
Jan Foerster
Ryan Foster
Soren Lindner
Alex Tatu

Rowing

ACC Champions
HEAD COACH: KEVIN SAUER

Highlights
• Captured seventh consecutive ACC Championship
• Placed second in the South Region championships
• Won seven out of 12 races in the ACC/Big Ten Challenge

Academic Awards and Special Honors
COLLEGIATE ROWING COACHES
ASSOCIATION NATIONAL SCHOLARS
Christie Monaghan
Michelle Ellison

ACC TOP VI AWARD
Kerry Maher

NCAA LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
Kerry Maher

ALL-ACC ACADEMIC TEAM
Allison Brennan
Kelsee Chaudoin
Mary Eddy
Michelle Ellison
Yvonne Epp
Vanessa Furman
Melanie Kok
Diane Leigh
Sara Lipps
Libby McCorm
Caitlin Mixter
Christie Monaghan
Victoria Moore
Mike Pitts
Anna Samaha
Bianca Spinosa

Athletic Honors
ALL-AMERICAN
Heather Gardner
Melanie Kok
ALL-SOUTH REGION
Heather Gardner, first team
Melanie Kok, first team
Kerry Maher, second team

ACC CREW OF THE YEAR
Second Varsity Eight (Michelle Ellison, Mindy Fiesler, Mikee Pitts, Karin Sydlik, Andria Haneman, Kelsee Chaudoin, Sara Lipps, Anna Samaha, Crystal MacLeod)

ACC CHAMPIONS
Varsity Eight (Sadie Peeling, Jessica Streufert, Augusta Stratos, Vanessa Furman, Mariel Plagenhoef, Amanda Chase, Krista Weissbart, Manana Lima, Bianca Spinosa)

ALL-ACC
Melanie Kok
Sara Lipps
Crystal MacLeod
Kerry Maher
Caitlin Mixter

MELANIE KOK
• Won a gold medal as a member of Canada’s lightweight women’s quad crew at the World Rowing Championships in Japan in September 2005
**Women’s Indoor Track and Field**

**Ninth at ACC Championships**

**HEAD COACH: RANDY BUNGARD**

**Highlights**

- Tomika Ferguson finished sixth in the triple jump at the NCAA Indoor Track and Field meet and earned All-America honors
- Emily Harrison recorded an NCAA provisional qualifying time in the 5000m

**Academic Awards and Special Honors**

- ALL-ACC ACADEMIC TEAM: Megan Schuelke
- **ACADEMIC AWARDS AND SPECIAL HONORS**
  - **ACC WINTER SPORTSMANSHIP TEAM AWARD**
  - **ALL-ACC**
    - Erin Crawford, Tomika Ferguson
  - Five first-years qualified for the USA Junior Championships

**Athletic Honors**

- **ALL-AMERICA**
  - Tomika Ferguson

**Women’s Outdoor Track and Field**

**Sixth at ACC Championships**

**HEAD COACH: RANDY BUNGARD**

**Highlights**

- Billie Jo Grant earned All-America honors in the discus with a sixth place finish at the NCAA meet
- Erin Crawford earned All-America honors and became the first woman in school history to run under 57 seconds in the intermediate hurdles, placing 5th at the NCAA Championships
- Erin Crawford earned the bronze medal in the 400m hurdles (58.70) at the NACAC Athletics Championships in Santo Domingo and was the top American finisher
- Erin Crawford was named to Team USA for Under-23 NACAC Track Championships
- 10 Cavaliers qualified for the NCAA East Regional meet where the team finished 15th
- Two Cavaliers earned All-ACC honors
- Erin Crawford and Tomika Ferguson qualified for USA Championships
- Five first-years qualified for the USA Junior Championships

**Academic Awards and Special Honors**

- **ALL-ACC ACADEMIC TEAM**: Megan Schuelke
- **STEVE HILTNER**
  - Selected to live on the Lawn for 2006-07
  - All-Academic honors from the U.S. Track & Field / Cross Country Coaches Association

**Athletic Honors**

- **ALL-ACC**: Kellen Blassingame, Kevin McHale, Alex Tatu

**Men’s Indoor Track and Field**

**Sixth at ACC Championships**

**HEAD COACH: RANDY BUNGARD**

**Highlights**

- Kellen Blassingame (400 meters) and David Sullivan (pole vault) were provisional qualifiers for NCAA Meet
- Kellen Blassingame established a new school record of 46.73 in the 400m dash
- Virginia’s men’s distance medley team of Alex Tatu, Kellen Blassingame, Jordan Orr and Kevin McHale ran a 9:41.73, the second fastest time in school history and a provisional NCAA qualifying time
- Three Cavaliers earned All-ACC honors

**Academic Awards and Special Honors**

- **STEVE HILTNER**
  - Selected to live on the Lawn for 2006-07

**Athletic Honors**

- **ALL-ACC**: Kellen Blassingame, Kevin McHale, Alex Tatu

**Men’s Outdoor Track and Field**

**Fourth at ACC Championships**

**HEAD COACH: RANDY BUNGARD**

**Highlights**

- Andy Biladeau, Jan Foerster and Soeren Lindner qualified for the NCAA Championships
- Ryan Foster was an NCAA provisional qualifier in the 10K and six more Cavaliers qualified for the NCAA East Regional Meet
- Virginia finished 12th at NCAA East Regional Meet
- Yemi Ayeni won the discus at the IC4A Championships
- Five Cavaliers earned All-ACC honors
- Andrew Dumm led a 1-2-3 sweep in the ACC 5K run posting the fastest winning time in that event since 1988
- Jason Dunn named the East Region Assistant Men’s Coach of the Year for Distance by the U.S. Track and Field/Cross Country Coaches Association

**Academic Awards and Special Honors**

- **STEVE HILTNER**
  - Selected to live on the Lawn for 2006-07

**Athletic Honors**

- **ALL-ACC**: Andrew Dumm, 5000m, 10,000m
  - All-ACC
  - Andrew Biladeau, 5000m, 10,000m
  - Ryan Foster, 5000m, 10,000m
  - Soeren Lindner, 3000m Steeplechase
  - Kevin McHale, 800m, 1500m
Virginia Athletics Foundation

Since 1948, the Virginia Athletics Foundation has supported the athletics program as it strives to become one of the most respected and successful programs in the nation, while upholding the University’s academic tradition.

The Foundation’s annual fund raised more than $12.5 million in 2005, over two-thirds of which went to grants-in-aid for more than 400 student-athletes. The Foundation supports the Office of Academic Affairs/Athletics, the operating budget for twenty-five sports programs, facility renovations, and athletics capital projects, such as the construction of the John Paul Jones Arena and the new golf and tennis facilities. This year, the Foundation also began a new funding initiative Virginia Student-Athletes...Cavaliers for Life which encourages contributions and participation by student-athlete alumni.

Provided donors 10 issues of the Cavalier Corner, an independent publication covering Virginia Athletics
• Managed gift agreements and operations for football, baseball and basketball suites
• Coordinated ACC Men’s Basketball Tournament travel for donors
• Coordinated Student-Athlete Thank-You-Thons to thank donors for their support
• Planned and implemented 80 special events for donors and fans

Revenues
Annual Commitments $11,788,818
“Friends Of” 1,014,488
Parking 373,003
Interest Income 282,845
Endowment Income Distribution 1,595,832
V-Sabre and “V” License Plate Revenue 45,630
Total $15,100,616

Expenses
Personnel $1,346,727
General and Administrative 352,443
Publications 360,896
Parking 167,085
Sponsored Events 216,006
Travel 166,471
Scholarships 8,603,743
“Friends Of” Revenue Transferred 590,764
Academic Affairs Support 823,030
Depreciation 16,963
Athletics Marketing 168,385
Athletics Ticket Scanner System 100,000
Total $12,912,513

Fund-raising efforts not reflected in these financials:
New commitments to the John Paul Jones Arena $17,799,701
Individual gifts designated for specific facility improvement projects $2,978,616
Individual gifts to the endowment $1,524,815