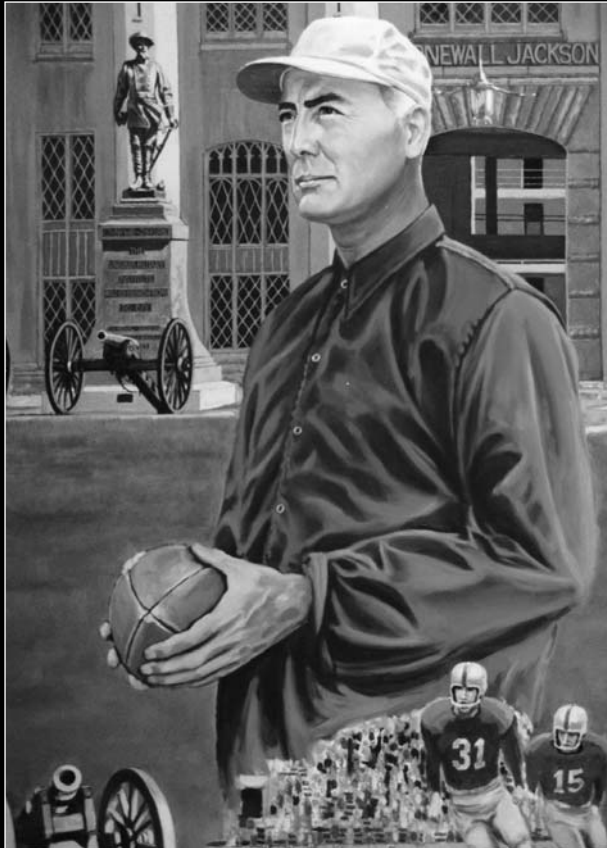




VMI FOOTBALL

2007 MEDIA GUIDE

In Remembrance



John McKenna (1914-2007)

The Coach John McKenna Era

- ◆ Four Southern Conference Championships (1957, 1959, 1960, 1962)
- ◆ Five State Championships (1953, 1957, 1959, 1961, 1962)
- ◆ Southern Conference Coach of the Year (1957, 1959, 1962)
- ◆ Ranked 13th by AP in 1957 final season poll
- ◆ Only VMI football team to be nationally ranked
- ◆ 18-game winning streak- the longest in school history
- ◆ Six consecutive winning seasons (1957-62)
- ◆ Coached one of two undefeated VMI football teams in the 20th century, going 9-0-1 in 1957
- ◆ Inducted into the Virginia Sports Hall of Fame (2007)

INTRODUCTION TO THE MEDIA

Media Information	2
Media Outlets	3
Keydets On The Air	4

FACILITIES

Alumni Memorial Field at P. Wesley Foster, Jr. '56 Stadium.....	6-7
Vision 2039.....	8-9
Strength & Conditioning.....	10-11
Academic Enhancement	12

LOOKING AT 2007

2007 Preview	14-15
Lettermen Returning, Lost	16
2007 Pre-Camp Depth Chart	17
Players to Watch	18

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach Jim Reid	20-21
Assistant Coaches	22-24

MEET THE KEYDETS

Meet the Keydets.....	26-43
Incoming Freshmen	44-45
Alphabetical and Numerical Rosters	46-47
Where The Keydets Play in 2007	48

THE OPPOSITION

2007 Opponents	50-55
Year-by-Year Against 2007 Opponents	56
Keydets Against All Opponents.....	57
2006 In Review - Game Boxes.....	58-61
2006 In Review - VMI Stats	62-63
2006 In Review - Big South Stats	64-65
2006 In Review - Honors	66

ATHLETIC STAFF

VMI Superintendent	68
Athletic Director	69
Athletic Staff.....	70-72
Sports Medicine.....	73
VMI Keydet Club, Inc.	74

RECORDS AND HISTORY

Single Game Records	76-77
Single Season Records	79-80
Seasonal Leaders	81
1,000 Yard Club.....	82
Career Records	83-84
Defensive Records.....	85
Honored Keydets.....	86-87
Coaching Records	88-89
Home & Away Records.....	90
Lettermen	91-92
Team Awards	93
Alumni Memorial Field Records	94
Year-By-Year Results.....	95-99
"The Last Time"	100
The Big South Conference	101
Virginia Military Institute	102-105
VMI Football & Athletic Traditions.....	106-107
Lexington & Rockbridge County	108

CREDITS:

Written and Edited by: Wade Branner, Sports Information Director. Co-edited by Christian Hoffman and Joel Balthaser, Assistant SIDs. Record verification by Randy Atkins.
Layout and design by: Christian Hoffman and Joel Balthaser, Assistant SIDs.
Cover design and special assistance by: Joel Balthaser, Assistant Sports Information Director.
Photos by: Andre Studios of Lexington, VMI Communications & Marketing, Chuck Steenburgh, B.R. Floyd, Kevin Remington, Tom Woodward, Wade Branner and Joel Balthaser.
Printed by: B&B Printing Company, Richmond, Va.
 This guide has been prepared to assist the media in covering VMI football during the 2007 season. Football fans and friends of VMI may purchase copies of the guide from VMI Sports Information at the cost of \$7.00 each. VMI regrets it cannot supply complimentary copies to collectors.





WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW BEFORE VISITING LEXINGTON...

WORKING MEDIA

Press passes and parking permits will be supplied well in advance to those media outlets regularly covering VMI football well in advance of the season. All others are requested to call the Sports Information Office far enough in advance so that passes can be mailed.

Complimentary passes are available upon request.

PHOTOGRAPHERS

Photographers will be granted field privileges, but must limit their work outside the 25 yard restrictions and no closer than six feet from the sidelines. Those holding passes or complimentary tickets will not be permitted in the press box unless covering the game.

PRESS BOX

All press, radio, PA, and statistical crews are located on the fourth floor of VMI's football building. Entrance is through the middle door located across from the concession stand behind the stadium. An elevator will take you to the fourth floor. Television and film crews will work from the top of the press box level, and TV broadcast talent will be located at a designated booth on the fourth floor.

RADIO

Two radio booths are available. One is reserved for the "official" visiting station. Two telephone lines are already installed for the visiting network's broadcast, and a tradeout agreement is desirable. Additional lines should be ordered through the VMI Sports Information office one month prior to the contest.

GAME INFORMATION

All media in the press box will be provided updated statistics on both teams, easy to read flip cards with accurate numbers and current depth charts, a souvenir program, and an outstanding buffet lunch. The view of the Blue Ridge Mountains is breathtaking. Score updates of other games around the country are also provided.

AFTER THE GAME

A complete statistical game package will be available as soon as possible. The visiting team's locker room is located under the home team stands. Coach Reid's post-game press conference and individual player interviews will be on the third floor of the football building, one floor below the press box level. Coordinate all interview requests with VMI Sports Information.

IT'S VMI, PLEASE

When referring to our athletic teams, it is requested that members of the media refer to this institution as "VMI", or "Virginia Military Institute", not "Virginia Military" or the cryptic "Va. Military" or V.M.I. Any help in using the correct moniker would be greatly appreciated.

KEYDET FOOTBALL ON THE WEB

Fans and media are encouraged to follow the team on the VMI athletic home page. Timely information on the football Keydets will be available to both media and fans alike. Included in the service will be schedules, rosters, stats and the latest notes on the team, as well as access to live radio and video game broadcasts. The VMI Keydets can be accessed on the world wide web at www.vmikeydets.com.

INTERVIEW POLICY

Media members are reminded that all interview requests with VMI players, coaches and staff **MUST** go through the VMI Sports Information Office first. Interviews are encouraged to be conducted Monday through Wednesday of game weeks.

INTERNET BROADCASTS

All VMI football game radio broadcasts can be heard on the internet at www.vmikeydets.com. Listeners can go to the athletic home page and click on the link provided for audio streaming. Video streaming of all home and Big South games can be accessed in conjunction with the Big South Conference on www.vmikeydets.com.



Wade Branner
Sports Information Director
Asst. AD/Media Relations
Coverage: Football, Basketball, Rifle, Radio Network



Christian Hoffman
Assistant Sports Information Director
Coverage: Baseball, Wrestling, Women's Soccer, Swimming & Diving, Cross Country



Joel Balthaser
Assistant Sports Information Director
Coverage: Lacrosse, Men's Soccer, Indoor Track & Field, Outdoor Track & Field

KEY PRE-SEASON DATES...

July 26-27	Big South Media Days - Charlotte, N.C.
August 5	Team reports
August 6	Practice begins
August 10	Photo and Media Day (tentative)
August 25	Final scrimmage
August 28	Classes begin

HOW TO REACH

VMI SPORTS INFORMATION...

Office Phone: (540) 464-7253
Office FAX: (540) 464-7583
Press Box Phone: (540) 463-6725
Web site: www.vmikeydets.com
SID: Wade Branner
Office Phone: (540) 464-7515
Home Phone: (540) 463-5033
E-mail: BrannerWH@vmi.edu
Assistant SID: Christian Hoffman
Office Phone: (540) 464-7514
Cell Phone: (540) 460-6920
E-Mail: HoffmanJC@vmi.edu
Assistant SID: Joel Balthaser
Office Phone: (540) 464-7015
Cell Phone: (540) 466-0262
E-Mail: BalthaserJD@vmi.edu

Mailing Address

(USPS or Overnight service):
Virginia Military Institute
Sports Information Office
116 Smith Hall
Lexington, VA 24450

DIRECTIONS TO

ALUMNI MEMORIAL FIELD...

Most of our annual visitors know how to get to the Keydet home field, but for those who have never visited the charming city of Lexington, take note:

From the East, North, or South:

Follow I-81 to Exit 188 B toward Lexington (U.S. 60 west). Follow U.S. 60 west to Nelson Street into town. Turn right at the intersection of Nelson and Main Streets. Follow Main Street .5 mile to the stadium on the right.

From the West:

Follow I-64 East to Exit 55 (U.S. 11) and head south (right turn) toward Lexington. Follow U.S. 11 toward Lexington for .5 mile. Stay to the right across the Maury River Bridge and follow U.S. 11 Business for .3 mile. The stadium will be on your left.



DAILY NEWSPAPERS

Roanoke Times

201 W. Campbell Ave., Roanoke, VA 24010
Phone 540-981-3221.
Toll free 1-800-346-1234
Sports Editor: Jeff Gilbert
Direct releases to Doug Doughty, Mark Berman and Katrina Waugh
e-mail: mark.berman@roanoke.com or katrina.waugh@roanoke.com
Fax: 540-981-3392

Richmond Times-Dispatch

300 East Franklin St., Richmond, VA 23219
Phone 804-649-6554
In state toll free 1-800-488-1885
Out of state toll free 1-800-588-9884
Sports Editor: Mike Harris
Direct releases to John Packett (beat writer) and John O'Connor
e-mail: jpackett@timesdispatch.com and joconnor@timesdispatch.com
Fax: 804-775-8085

Lynchburg News & Advance

P.O. Box 10129, Lynchburg, VA 24506
Phone 434-385-5554
Sports Editor: Steve Trosky
Direct releases to Chris Lang
e-mail: clang@newsadvance.com
Fax: 434-385-5538

Newport News Daily Press

7505 Warwick Blvd., Newport News, VA 23607
Phone: 757-247-4630
Sports Editor: Doug Roberson
Direct releases to Dave Fairbank
e-mail: dfairbank@dailypress.com
Fax: 757-247-9420

Norfolk Virginian-Pilot

150 West Brambleton Ave., Norfolk, VA 23510
Phone: 757-446-2366
In state toll free: 1-800-446-2012
Sports Editor: Chic Ribel
Direct releases to Ed Miller and Tom White
e-mail: sports@pilotonline.com
Fax: 757-533-9004

Charlottesville Daily Progress

P.O. Box 9030, Charlottesville, VA 11906
Phone 434-978-7246
Sports Editor: Jerry Ratcliffe
e-mail: ajoyner@dailyprogress.com
Fax: 434-975-7104

Staunton News Leader

P. O. Box 59, Staunton, VA 24401
Phone 540-885-7281 x8
Sports Editor: Hubert Grim
e-mail: sports@newsleader.com
Fax: 540-885-1904

Waynesboro News Virginian

544 W. Main St., Waynesboro, VA 22980
Phone: 540-932-3557
Sports Editor: Jim Sacco
e-mail: jsacco@newsvirginian.com
Fax: 540-942-4542

Petersburg Progress Index

15 Franklin St., Petersburg, VA 23804
Phone 804-732-3456 x251
Sports Editor: John Medeiros
e-mail: pi5151@yahoo.com
Fax: 804-732-8417

Harrisonburg Daily News-Record

P.O. Box 193, Harrisonburg, VA 22801
Phone 540-574-6284
Sports Editor: Chris Simmons
e-mail: csimmons@dnronline.com
Fax: 540-433-9112

TELEVISION

WHSV-TV 3 (ABC)

50 N. Main St., Harrisonburg, VA 22801
Phone 540-433-9191 x108
Sports Director: Joe Downs
e-mail: jdowns@whsv.com
Fax: 540-433-2700

WDBJ-TV 7 (CBS)

2807 Hershberger Rd., Roanoke, VA 24017
Phone: 540-985-3623, 3624, 3637
Sports Director: Mike Stevens
Also direct releases Travis Wells and Grant Kittleson
e-mail: mstevens@wdbj7.com, twells@wdbj7.com, gkittleson@wdbj7.com
Fax: 540-343-7269

WSLS-TV 10 (NBC)

P.O. Box 10, Roanoke, VA 24009
Phone: 540-855-3531
Sports Director: John Appicello
e-mail: jappicello@wsls.com
Fax: 540-343-7269

WSET-TV 13 (ABC)

P.O. Box 10, Lynchburg, VA 24506
Phone: 434-528-1313 x137
Sports Director: Dennis Carter
e-mail: dcarter@wset.com
Also direct releases to John Organ
Fax: 434-847-8800

WTVR-TV 6 (CBS)

3301 West Broad Street, Richmond, VA 23230
Phone 804-254-3645
Sports Director: Lane Casadonte
e-mail: lcasadonte@wtvr.com
Fax: 804-254-3697

WWBT-TV 12 (NBC)

P.O. Box 12, Richmond, VA 23218
Phone 804-230-2614
Sports Director: Ben Hamlin
e-mail: bhamlin@nbcl12.com
Fax: 804-230-2789

WRIC-TV 8 (ABC)

Arboretum Place, Richmond, VA 23236
Phone: 804-330-8829
Fax: 804-861-9452
Sports Director: Chip Tarkenton
e-mail: ctarkenton@wric.com

OTHER MEDIA OUTLETS

Associated Press, Virginia Office

Suite 1250, 600 E. Main St., Richmond, VA 23219
Phone 804-643-6646
Sports Director: Hank Kurz
e-mail: hkurz@ap.org
In state toll free 1-800-552-9935
Fax: 804-643-6223

Lexington News-Gazette (Weekly)

20 W. Nelson St., Lexington, VA 24450
Phone: 540-463-3113
Sports Editor: TBA
e-mail: sports@thenews-gazette.com
Fax: 540-464-6397

WREL Radio - AM 1450 / FM 96.7

P.O. Drawer 902, Lexington, VA 24450
Phone 540-463-2161
Sports Director: Jim Bresnahan
e-mail: news@wrel.com
Fax: 540-463-9524

Virginia News Network

3245 Basie Rd., Richmond, VA 23228
Phone: 804-474-0155
Sports Director: Gary Hess
e-mail: garyhess@clearchannel.com
Fax: 804-474-0167

WFIR Radio - AM 960

3934 Electric Rd., Roanoke, VA 24018
Phone 540-345-1511
Sports Director: Bob Clark
Fax: 540-342-2270

WLNI Radio - FM 105.9/ 106.3

5066 S. Amherst Hwy.
Madison Heights, VA 24572 Suite 110
Phone: 434-846-8255
Sports Director: Rich Roth
e-mail: sportsline@wlni.com
Fax: 434-847-5709

The Rockbridge Weekly

31 W. Washington St., Lexington, VA 24450
Phone: 540-464-6600
Fax: 540-464-6603





2007 VMI Radio Network Crew: Wade Branner (middle), Cal Murray (left), Randy Atkins (right).

RADIO

Keydet football returns to the airwaves this fall with a five-station network spanning the state of Virginia.

The network flagship station for Keydet football will originate from WWZW (96.7) FM, which has recently upgraded its signal to a strong 25,000 watts that can be heard on both sides of the Blue Ridge, including the city of Lynchburg. Affiliates for the 2007 season include WLEE (990) AM in Richmond, WRIS (1410) AM Roanoke, and WBVA 1450 AM in Hampton Roads.

Wade Branner, "The Voice of the Keydets" since 1987, will produce the network and provide play-by-play for the 2007 season. Providing color commentary once again for selected games will be Cal Murray, VMI Class of '83 and a former punter for the Keydets from 1980 through 1982. Also returning to the network is the irreplaceable "Handy" Randy Atkins (VMI '79), who enters his 32nd season crunching the numbers as broadcast team statistician. Ray Tate, who served as color commentator for the University of Richmond network for 20 seasons, will join the booth for home and selected road games.

"Keydet First Call," the pregame show of the network, will air 15 minutes before kickoff each Saturday. The network will originate from WREL 96.7 FM in Lexington under the direction of Steve Williams.

2007 VMI Football Radio Network

WWZW	96.7 FM	Lexington
WLEE	990 AM	Richmond
WWZW	96.7 FM	Lynchburg
WRIS	1410 AM	Roanoke
WBVA	1450 AM	Hampton Roads

TELEVISION

The Keydets are scheduled to make a pair of appearances on television this season. The Oct. 20 contest against Gardner-Webb will be carried regionally by SportSouth, while the Military Classic of the South contest between VMI and The Citadel on Nov. 17 will be carried nationally on College Sports Television (CSTV).

THE INTERNET

All VMI football radio broadcasts can be heard on the internet at www.vmikeydets.com. Video Streaming services are provided by XOS Technologies. All home and Big South Conference games will be video streamed and can be accessed at www.vmikeydets.com

3WZ 96.7 FM – FLAGSHIP STATION FOR RADIO NETWORK

"3WZ" 96.7 FM, which boasts a 25,000-watt FM signal that reaches both sides of the Blue Ridge, including the city of Lynchburg, will assure Keydet football fans in both the Shenandoah Valley and central Virginia of clear reception of VMI football games for the coming seasons.

The popular pre-home game tailgate show sponsored by the Keydet Club last season is slated to return this fall. Airtime is one hour before kickoff.



VMI will host a pair of televised contests at Alumni Memorial Field at Foster Stadium in 2007.



2007 VMI FOOTBALL MEDIA GUIDE

ATHLETIC FACILITIES

ALUMNI MEMORIAL FIELD AT FOSTER STADIUM • 6

VISION 2039 • 8

STRENGTH & CONDITIONING • 10

ACADEMIC ENHANCEMENT • 12

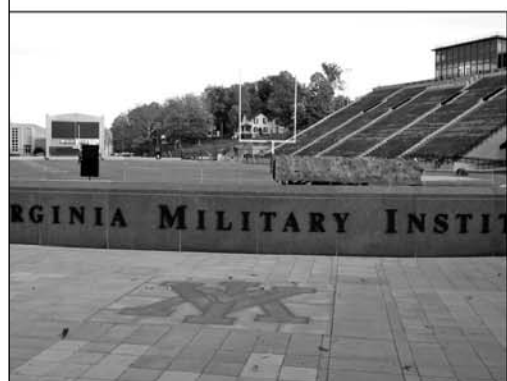


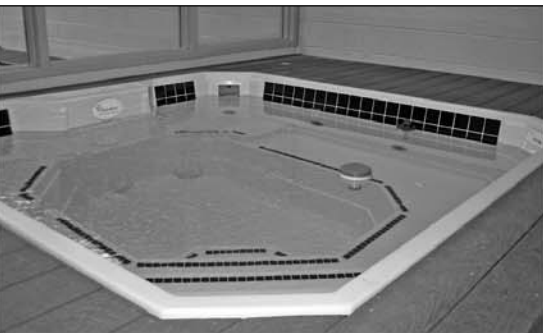


VMI Football Facilities



ALUMNI MEMORIAL FIELD AT FOSTER STADIUM





Alumni Memorial Field at Foster Stadium:

Improvements to the football stadium were a major focus in the "Vision 2039" initiative launched by VMI Superintendent General Binford Peay. In an effort to continually upgrade the Institute's athletic facilities, Alumni Memorial Field received a major facelift thanks to the generous contributions of P. Wesley Foster, Jr. '56.

The \$15 million facelift to the facility included new entranceways, new concourses and restrooms, upgraded seating and a new scoreboard. New game-day locker rooms were also created under the existing stands.

Those renovations changed the entire feel of VMI's new football home, which was

formally dedicated on September 29, 2006. The new stadium features an entrance plaza at the Cameron Hall corner complete with permanent ticket booths, restrooms, concessions, and donor recognition wall. Pillars representing the familiar VMI architecture will be spanned by wrought iron gates upon which the VMI logo is displayed. A new concourse under the home stands was created, and features several fan-friendly amenities including new concession stands and new restrooms.

Improvements to Clarkson-McKenna Hall, which houses VMI football operations, included an expanded locker room, the Luck Weight Room, and a new Sprinturf practice field.

At Clarkson-McKenna, the locker room and training facilities were expanded and a 3,400 square foot weight room added. Perhaps the most significant improvement is the state-of-the-art all weather practice field, with synthetic turf, enhancing VMI's practice capabilities.

"Mr. Foster's out-front leadership truly jump-started our Vision 2039 initiatives. His commitment ... was hugely important to the early advancement of Vision 2039 objectives," --VMI Superintendent Gen. J.H. Binford Peay III '63



P. WESLEY FOSTER, JR. STADIUM CLASS OF 1956

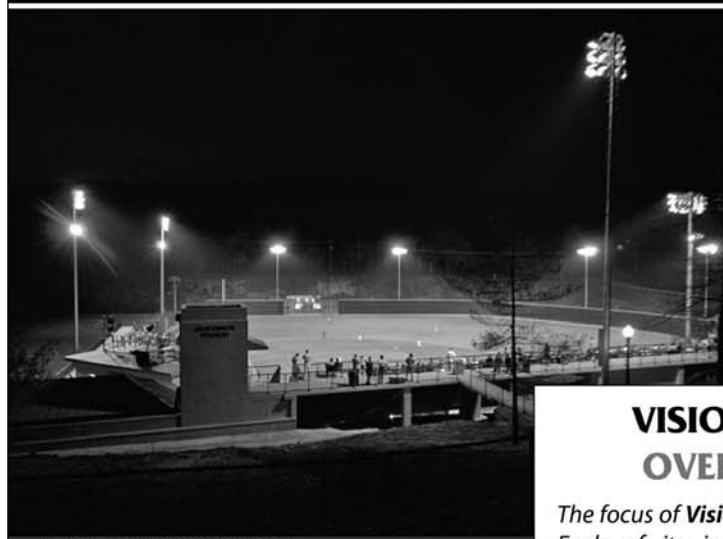




VISION 2039 IN MOTION

“Vision 2039 is a series of efforts and initiatives to move VMI to the future...it builds upon the wonderful traditions and fundamentals that VMI is known for.”

- VMI Superintendent General J.H. Binford Peay III



▲ GRAY-MINOR STADIUM
CENTER FOR LEADERSHIP & ETHICS ▼



CROZET HALL ▲
ALUMNI MEMORIAL FIELD AT FOSTER STADIUM ▼

VISION 2039 OVERVIEW:
*The focus of **Vision 2039** is the cadet. Each of its initiatives is targeted squarely at **crafting a four-year journey** that produces young men and women of **character** to **LEAD AND SERVE OUR NATION** in times of peace and peril.*





About VISION 2039:

Vision 2039 is not a construction plan; it is a leadership plan that seeks to improve all aspects of the VMI experience: academic, military, physical/cultural, and athletic. However, construction of new facilities and the renovations of older buildings on Post are essential components of Vision 2039 all the same. They provide the foundation for excellent programs. They encourage pride and set standards that impact the thinking and attitudes of cadets.

Just as the proud traditions and history of VMI influence the culture of the Corps of Cadets, so too do the physical facilities in which the Corps lives, learns, trains, and competes. Indeed, the unique architectural flavor of the VMI Post helps set the tone for all that happens on it and communicates the extraordinary expectations that the Commonwealth of Virginia and the nation have for cadets and for the Institute itself.

The facilities necessary to provide an education that thoroughly prepares cadets to meet the challenges of the 21st century are far more complex than they were in 1839. Vision 2039 aims to maintain the historic atmosphere of the Post as it develops the modern, technologically advanced facilities that VMI needs to prepare cadets for lives of success, service, and leadership.



▲ PROPOSED FIELD HOUSE & AQUATIC CENTER

NEW FOOTBALL SCOREBOARD ▼



Vision 2039 is not a construction plan; it is a leadership plan that seeks to improve all aspects of the VMI experience: Academic, Military, Physical/Cultural, and Athletic.



▲ BUILDINGS & GROUNDS FACILITY

▼ WELCOME PLAZA AT FOSTER STADIUM



SPRINTURF FIELD ▼



Vision 2039 In Motion





Strength & Conditioning



STRENGTH & CONDITIONING

Strength and conditioning is a key component to the success of the football program, and VMI prides itself on providing the cadet-athlete with the tools to improve oneself physically.





Luck Weight Room

In Fall 2006, a brand-new 3,400 square-foot facility opened on the ground floor of the newly expanded Clarkson-McKenna Hall, which houses all VMI football operations. The facility features the latest in strength and conditioning equipment and provides Keydet football players a state-of-the-art facility conveniently located near the locker room and practice fields.

Strength and conditioning is a key component to the success of the football program, and VMI prides itself on providing the cadet-athlete with the tools to improve oneself physically.

The Luck Weight Room was made possible through the generous support of Mr. Charles Luck, III '55 and Charles Luck, IV '83, continuing the Luck Family legacy of providing VMI cadet-athletes with the best in strength and conditioning equipment.





The Academic Advising Office provides academic support to all NCAA athletes in a variety of functions. The office located in Miller Academic Center in Carroll Hall, assists athletes with the identification of individual career goals and selection of an academic major, and also maintains the tutoring program.

The Academic Advising staff mentors the cadet-athlete throughout the cadetship, and devotes all resources to continued progress toward degree completion and successful employment upon graduation.



The Academic Advising Office is currently staffed by **Sherry E. Baucom**, who also serves as the VMI Senior Woman Administrator, **Stephen T. Ross**, former VMI head men's soccer coach, and **Col. Donald K. Jamison**, professor emeritus of Civil Engineering and former VMI head tennis coach.

