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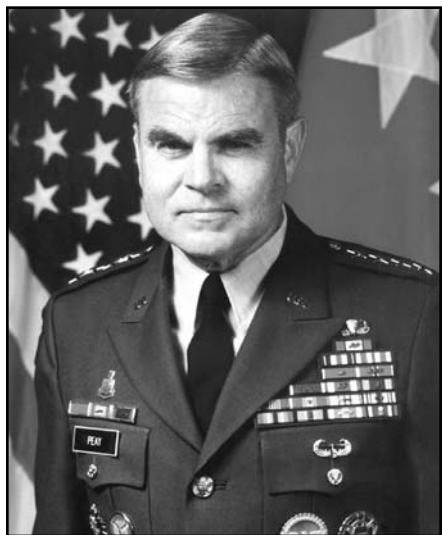
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Gen. J.H. Binford Peay III

General J. H. Binford Peay III, VMI Class of 1962, became the Institute's 14th Superintendent on July 1st 2003. Through Vision 2039, he has ushered in a period of enthusiasm, growth, and change throughout all aspects of VMI. Never losing sight of VMI's primary "academic focus," which he emphasizes as "first among equals," Vision 2039 sets forth a plan that will guide the Institute for decades to come, as it moves toward its 200th anniversary.

Enhancing the physical and cultural environment is a key component for the future. Full renovations of Nichols Engineering Hall, Crozet Hall, Mallory Hall, and J.M. Hall have recently been completed, with a major modernization project at Kilbourne Hall, a new Leadership and Ethics Center, and a third Barracks all in "full swing." In addition to the new third barracks structure, this project will include modernization of all rooms in the current Old and New Barracks as well. General Peay and his staff have also spent hundreds of hours buried in the details of cadet leadership functions, cadet organizations, the regimental and class systems, the Honor System, and the cadet daily schedule.

"We must have the daily schedule right; leadership, cadet life, study time, management skills, and everything else at VMI evolve around that," says General Peay.

Academically, VMI remains a clear leader among undergraduate colleges. In July 2007, the Institute, in a superb performance, successfully completed its ten year Compliance

Certification by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools receiving reaffirmation of accreditation. Modernized and technologically enhanced academic buildings and a full academic support staff complement splendid instructors. The Institute receives annual national and state recognition for its programs.

Military and athletics combine with academics to form the historic three-legged stool at VMI, and both play major roles in Vision 2039. A significant increase in commissioning is called for as General Peay emphasizes the importance of military service, not necessarily as a career, but rather for a couple of years in the true spirit of the citizen-soldier. Over the past four years, the percentage of graduating cadets receiving commissions has grown from 34% to 51%. A strong proponent of athletics, Vision 2039 (and "every cadet an athlete") calls for huge capital building efforts which will benefit intercollegiate teams, club teams, intramural sports, and the Corps in general. The initial and most obvious effort is the newly renovated football stadium at Alumni Memorial Field, dedicated - Foster Stadium - in September 2006 in honor of P. Wesley Foster, Jr., VMI Class of 1956. The Gray-Minor Baseball Stadium, named in honor of Senator Elmon Gray '46 and G. Gilmer Minor, III '63, and the Paulette Locker Room complex in honor of Bill Paulette '69 were completed and dedicated in March 2007. A lacrosse-soccer stadium, additional multi-purpose fields, new Corps confidence courses, tennis courts, RAT Challenge courses, and an improved cross country "Chessie Trail" are planned for the North Post area and will "round-out" what General Peay calls "leadership valley."

General Peay considers his Superintendency as an opportunity to give something back to VMI which has had such a significant influence on his life and that of his family. His Father, J.H.B. Peay, Jr. was a graduate of the VMI Class of 1929, and he and his wife, Pamela, have two sons, who are also graduates: Jim, Class of '98, and Ryan, Class of '02. Born in Richmond, Virginia on 10 May 1940, General Peay, upon graduation, was commissioned a Second Lieutenant of Field Artillery, embarking on a 35-year career in

the United States Army. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from VMI, a Masters of Arts degree from George Washington University, and he is also a graduate of the United States Army War College. As a cadet, he was a quarterback on the football team, a member of the Honor Court, a Battalion Commander and awarded the Institute's prestigious Cincinnati Medal at graduation.

He assumed command of the 101st Airborne Division on 3 August 1989 and led the Division throughout Operations DESERT SHIELD and DESERT STORM in the Persian Gulf. Promoted to Lieutenant General in 1991, he was assigned as the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations and Plans, Department of the Army and Senior Army Member, United States Military Committee, United Nations and on 26 March 1993, he was promoted to the rank of General and appointed the 24th Vice Chief of Staff of the United States Army.

His last assignment was Commander-in-Chief, United States Central Command, MacDill Air Force Base, Florida, from 5 August 1994 to 13 August 1997, with responsibility for the region encompassing twenty countries in Africa, the Middle East, Persian Gulf and South Asia. General Peay is currently Chairman, the Allied Defense Group, and a Director with BAE Systems, Inc.





Donny White

ATHLETIC STAFF

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Director of Intercollegiate Athletics
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Chief of Staff
 Col. Tom Baur
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 Cliff Wade
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Assistant Equipment Manager
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 Jimmy Coale, C.S.C.S.
Head Strength & Conditioning Coach
 Jimmy Whitten
Assoc. Head Strength & Conditioning Coach
 Phil Sabatini
Strength Training Coach for Football

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 Christian Hoffman
Assistant Sports Information Director
 Joel Balthaser
Assistant Sports Information Director

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Lance Fujiwara, M.Ed., ATC
Assistant A.D./ Sports Medicine
 John Hoffman, M.Ed., ATC
Assistant Athletic Trainer
 Micaela Kelso, M.Ed., ATC
Assistant Athletic Trainer

The most ambitious capital improvements to athletic facilities in 20 years have been launched under the Vision 2039 initiative of VMI Superintendent General J.H. Binford Peay, and ninth-year Athletic Director Donny White has been a guiding force in the process.

Over the past year, both the football and baseball programs have seen their facilities significantly upgraded with the additions of P. Wesley Foster, Jr. '56 Stadium and Gray-Minor Stadium.

Facilities improvement is just one issue that White has tackled since taking over as AD in 1998. Upon his return, White immediately went to work addressing the challenging issues facing the VMI athletic department. At the same time, he has built support for intercollegiate athletics among the VMI community and its alumni. His effort has resulted in a change in conference affiliation, increased funding for operations, the development of women's athletics, and a better overall competitive environment for VMI sports.

In 2006-07, VMI enjoyed considerable success on the field with the basketball reaching the Conference finals and the baseball team posting big wins over a pair of top ten programs.

White returned to the Institute on Apr. 22, 1998, after serving six successful years as athletic director at Patrick Henry High School in Ashland, Va. White guided the school's athletic program to unprecedented achievement both on and off the field and led the efforts to improve funding and facilities for the school's athletic program.

White compiled a distinguished VMI coaching career in two sports spanning 15 years. He joined the football staff of Bob Thalman in 1971 as a defensive backfield coach and helped lead the Keydets to two Southern Conference Championships and a State Championship in 1977. White coached the defensive backs to a number one national ranking in 1975 and number four ranking the following season. He served as VMI co-defensive coordinator from 1976 to 1981 and had the Southern Conference's top-ranked defense in 1977. His defensive backfields led the conference in pass defense three times. White also recruited seven football players who were selected all-conference.

In the fall of 1981, White became VMI head baseball coach and began to resurrect a program that had not won a Southern Conference game the three previous years. His 1982 debut squad com-

pleted six league wins and White was named Southern Conference Co-Coach of the Year. His teams won 85 games in six years and his 1987 squad reached the Southern Conference championship game. While serving as baseball coach, White also taught on the Physical Education staff as an assistant professor.

White entered private business in 1987, but returned to the full-time athletic ranks in 1992 when he accepted the athletic director position at Patrick Henry. White supervised all areas of the Patriot athletic program and helped improve facilities, season ticket sales, and booster club membership. The football program reached the ranks of the state's elite, winning 57 of 65 games, five district titles, four regional titles, a state runner-up trophy, and the state AAA, Division 5 championship in 1994.

White is a 1965 graduate of VMI with a B.S. degree in civil engineering. As a cadet, he was a Distinguished Military Student, named Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities, and was awarded the Pres. Brown Athletic Cup for excellence. White co-captained the 1964 VMI football team and was selected All-Southern Conference in baseball for three consecutive years as a shortstop while also leading the team in batting. He was inducted into the VMI Sports Hall of Fame in 1975.

After graduation from VMI, White was commissioned as a field artillery officer in the U.S. Army and served a tour of duty in Vietnam. His decorations include the Bronze Star, Purple Heart, and Air Medal with four oak leaf clusters.

White and his wife, Bettie reside in Lexington.



Donny and Bettie White with their dogs, Sport (left) and Sergeant Cabell (right).



Donny White '65 with Gil Minor '63 at the dedication of Gray-Minor Stadium in March 2007.





Joel Balthaser
ASSISTANT SPORTS
INFORMATION DIRECTOR

Balthaser begins his third season with the Keydets after joining the VMI Sports Information Department in the fall of 2005.

At VMI, Balthaser has served as the media contact for several Keydet sports, including men's soccer, men's and women's track and field, and lacrosse. Balthaser's duties also include assisting in the promotion of football and basketball and assisting with in-game operations and post-game interviews.

Balthaser received his B.S. degree in Sport Management from the University of Dayton with minors in journalism and general business in 2002. While at Dayton, Balthaser worked for three years with the Miami Valley Golf Association as media relations coordinator, and interned with the Illinois Junior Golf Association in Chicago as communications manager.

Prior to coming to VMI, Balthaser spent three years as the National Director of Media Relations for Pop Warner football, in charge of website maintenance, publications and all related media initiatives. He was the primary media contact for three Pop Warner Super Bowls, and planned and coordinated three national scholar banquets for the company.

At Pop Warner, Balthaser also published an image series book entitled "Images of America: Pop Warner" for the company in the spring of 2004.



Sherry Baucom
SENIOR WOMAN
ADMINISTRATOR/
ACADEMIC ADVISOR

Sherry Baucom begins her third year at the Institute, and currently holds dual roles as Senior Woman Administrator and Athletic Academic Advisor.

At VMI, Baucom's responsibilities include helping provide academic support for athletes to meet NCAA eligibility requirements and maintain progress toward their degree. Athletic advisors also assist in coordinating tutoring sessions for athletes and assist coaches in recruiting visits with prospective athletes.

Baucom also currently serves on the Big South Conference Board of Administrators and Council of Senior Woman Administrators, VMI Athletic Council, and is an advisor to VMI Student Athlete Advisory Committee.

Prior to moving to Lexington, Baucom was a science teacher at schools in North Carolina & Tennessee, and also held several coaching roles at those respective schools.

Baucom received her Bachelors Degree in Chemistry from Mars Hill College in North Carolina, where she was also the Assistant Coach of the Lions women's basketball team. Baucom currently holds teaching licenses in North Carolina and Tennessee in Chemistry, with over seven years of teaching experience to her credit.

A Brasstown, N.C. native, Baucom is married to VMI Head Basketball Coach Duggar Baucom. The

couple resides in Lexington, Va., and have a 21-year old son, Travis, who is a recent graduate of UNC-Wilmington.



Col. Tom Baur
FACULTY CHAIR OF
ATHLETICS

Col. Thomas S. Baur is beginning his second year as VMI's Faculty Athletics Representative. He graduated from the Virginia Military Institute in 1975 with a BS degree in biology and commissioned in the United States Army. He served two years on active duty and four years in the reserves as an Infantry officer. Following his active military duty he entered graduate school and earned a Masters degree in Exercise Physiology from West Virginia University and a doctorate in the same field from Purdue University. He was employed by the Department of the Army, as an exercise physiologist, at the Soldiers Physical Fitness School, at Ft. Harrison, Indiana for six years before returning to VMI to teach in the biology department.

Baur is beginning his 20th year on the VMI faculty, a tenure that has seen him awarded both the Thomas Jefferson and Distinguished Teaching Awards. In addition to his teaching duties, he has served as head of the Biology department, director of the Summer Transition Program, director of the Summer Session, Officer in Charge, Class Advisor, chairman of numerous committees, and as the Superintendent's Representative to the Honor Court. His wife Judy is an elementary physical education teacher. They have two sons, Steve and Dan.



Bart Bellairs
SR. ASSOCIATE A.D./
OPERATIONS & MKTG.

After an 11-year run that made him the winningest basketball coach in VMI history, Bart Bellairs is in his second season as the Senior Associate Athletic Director for Operations and Marketing.

Bellairs' duties include overseeing much of the day-to-day operation of the department, while also generating corporate partnerships, providing in-game promotions and coordinating efforts in managing Big South Conference marketing contracts.

Since starting his new position, the Marketing Department has seen its revenue double in one fiscal year, an increase in promotional and community outreach programs, and a significant increase in licensing revenue. Bellairs was also instrumental in the implementation of online ticketing operations.

With 11 years at the helm of the Keydet Basketball team, Bellairs held the position longer than all but one previous head coach while collecting the most wins of any coach in the school's history.

His best season took place in 1995-96, his second year in Lexington, when he guided the Keydets to an 18-10 record and was named 1996 State Coach of the Year by the Richmond Times-Dispatch. He also earned Southern Conference Coach of the Year honors in his debut season of 1994-95 after the Keydets posted a 10-17 mark, doubling the win total of the previous year.

A native of Richmond, Kentucky, Bellairs graduated with a bachelor's degree from Warren Wilson College in 1979.

Bellairs is married to the former Jacki Berkshire. They have three sons, Andrew (16), Jacob (14), and Will (10), and two daughters Katie (25), and Alli (9).



Wade Branner
ASST. ATHLETIC
DIRECTOR/MEDIA
RELATIONS

Wade Branner, a 1983 graduate of VMI, was promoted to assistant athletic director for media relations in 2002.

Branner assumed the duties of sports information director in July 1992, when Mike Strickler became public relations director at VMI. Branner is responsible for athletic media relations and communications, and is the primary contact for Keydet football and basketball.

A two-year letterman in baseball at VMI, Branner served a one-year internship before becoming the school's first assistant sports information director in 1984, a title he held until his promotion to SID.

Branner is also known as "The Voice of the Keydets" and has handled play-by-play of VMI football and basketball since 1987. In 1991, he was named executive producer of the VMI Sports Network, and he supervises all aspects of the operation including sales, marketing, and distribution.

Branner has served as a vice president for the Southern Conference Sports Media Association. He is a member of the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) and the Virginia Sports Information Directors (VaSID).

The Richmond, Virginia, native enjoys golf, flounder fishing, and celebrating Red Sox victories. He also sings in the acoustic duo, "MainPage" on those rare nights SID's are free.

Branner is married to the former Elizabeth Matthews Outland. The couple resides in Lexington. The couple has a son, Harrison (9) and a daughter, Margaret (5).



Judy Cash
ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT
SECRETARY

Judy Cash is in her 26th year at VMI and is the Administrative Assistant to the Director of Intercollegiate Athletics.

Cash, a Buena Vista native, is the primary secretary for the Athletics Director, and also provide clerical support, including maintaining parallel expense records for the entire athletic department. She also provides support in game contracts, travel, purchasing, correspondence and other miscellaneous duties, as well as an array of other services as required for the department.

Prior to joining the VMI staff in 1981, Cash was employed at the Buena Vista City School System for 14 years, serving as a secretary at Parry McCluer H.S.

Cash is married Roy Cash, Jr., and the couple of 43 years have two sons, Jason and Chip, as well as six grandchildren.



Jimmy Coale

HEAD STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING COACH

Jimmy Coale has guided the growth of VMI's strength and conditioning program for 25 years.

Coale, who is a 1979 graduate of Springfield College in Massachusetts, also teaches in the department of physical education, in which he is a professor.

Coale received his undergraduate degree in physical education while at Springfield and was co-captain of the football team his senior year, a member of the Kappa Delta Pi Honor Society, and graduated Cum Laude.

Following graduation, he joined the physical education staff at VMI and was an instructor for four years. During his first stint at the Institute he earned his Masters in Physical Education at James Madison University. During the 1982-83 school term at VMI, he also served the dual role with both the physical education and athletic department.

He then left for the University of Maryland where he worked for a year as assistant strength coach and two years as an instructor of physical education. During this period he completed all course work and dissertation research for his doctorate, and he was awarded his Ph.D in 1987.

He and his wife, Kathy, have three sons: Kevin (22), who plays lacrosse at the University of Virginia, Danny (19) and Ryan (12).



Christian Hoffman

ASSISTANT SPORTS INFORMATION DIRECTOR

Christian Hoffman is in his fourth year at the Institute as the Assistant Sports Information Director.

Since joining the VMI staff, Hoffman has served as the media contact for many Keydet sports, including baseball, men's and women's soccer, lacrosse, wrestling, cross country, swimming and diving, along with assisting in the promotion of football and basketball. On football gamedays, he supervises press box in-game operations and coordinates the post-game and locker room interviews.

Hoffman came to VMI after spending one year at Mercer University in Macon, Ga. While at Mercer, Hoffman worked toward his MBA while serving as the media contact for several of the Bears' sports, including baseball, women's basketball, women's soccer and cross country.

Over the past three years, he has worked Official Stats for the first and second rounds of the NCAA Men's Basketball Championships held in Orlando, Fla., as the statistician for the WBA's Macon Blaze, and served as the tournament SID for the 2003 Atlantic Sun Men's Soccer Championship, the 2005 Big South Conference Cross Country Championships and the 2006 ACC & Southern Conference Wrestling Championships. He has also worked on ESPN's Sunday Night Baseball broadcasts in Atlanta and Philadelphia and as a scorer at the 2004 Roosevelt World Basketball Challenge, held in Warm Springs, Ga.

Hoffman graduated from Lee University in Cleveland, Tenn. in 2003 with a B.S. in Mathematics and minors in Religion and Business. He worked in the Flames' Sports Information office for a year and a half, working primarily with baseball and men's basketball. He is a native of West Point, Va.



Col. Eric Hutchings

CHIEF OF STAFF

Col. Eric D. Hutchings, VMI '77, begins his first year as Athletic Department Chief of Staff after transitioning from a

lengthy and successful term as VMI's 49th Commandant of Cadets. In that regard, Hutchings' recently completed seven year tour as VMI's Commandant marks him as longest serving commandant since Scott Shipp's 27-year tenure in the position from 1862 to 1889. Hutchings currently stands as the third-longest serving Commandant in the Institute's history.

Hutchings lettered in both football and track as a VMI cadet, starting at defensive tackle on the 1974 Southern Conference Championship football team and serving as co-captain of the 1976 Keydet football team. Hutchings was also designated a distinguished military graduate of the Class of 1977.

After graduation from VMI, Hutchings was commissioned as an infantry officer. During his subsequent 23 year tenure in the U.S. Army he served overseas tours in Korea, Germany and Italy. Hutchings' career in the Army was defined by his numerous Special Operations assignments, including command of a Special Forces Scuba detachment and four separate tours in Ranger units. In the Rangers, Hutchings commanded at the platoon, company and battalion level and in his final tour on active duty, served as Deputy Commander for the Army's 75th Ranger Regiment.

He has been awarded the Ranger and Special Forces tabs, as well as the Scuba, Master Parachutist, Military Free Fall, Air Assault, and Expert Infantry badges. Hutchings is a graduate of the Army's Command and General Staff College, the Joint Professional Military Education Program, the School of Advanced Military Studies and holds two advanced degrees. During the summer of 2000, Hutchings was selected for promotion to full Colonel in the regular Army as well as attendance for schooling at the Air Force War College; he instead declined these advancements to retire and assume duties as the Commandant of Virginia Military Institute.

Col. Hutchings is married to the former Janine T. Thompson of Columbus, Ohio. They have three children: Jennifer (26), Amanda (23) and Michael (19), a third classman at VMI and varsity linebacker for the Keydets.



Elizabeth Igo

ASSISTANT ATHLETIC ADMIN. FOR TICKETING & COMPLIANCE

Elizabeth Igo begins her third year at the Institute as the Assistant Athletic Administrator for Ticketing & Compliance. Igo has been essential in helping the Marketing Department increase its promotional and

marketing efforts, seeing a 100% increase in marketing revenue over the past year. Igo has also helped coordinate two conference championships, and assisted in the installation of a new online ticketing system.

Igo, who grew up in Wilmington, Del., came to Lexington to attend school at Washington & Lee. While at W&L, she was a four year letterwinner on the Generals basketball team, and served as team captain for her senior season. She graduated with a degree in Sociology in the Spring of 2003.

After graduation, Igo attended graduate school at VCU in Richmond, Va. where she received a Masters of Science in Sports Leadership. While at VCU, Igo also served as a graduate assistant for the Richmond women's basketball team.



Jimmy Mason

EQUIPMENT MANAGER

Jimmy Mason is beginning his 26th year on the equipment staff and second as head equipment manager. He replaced longtime mentor and friend Karlyos Hayslett.

Currently, Mason has been busy with the expansion of VMI's equipment room in Clarkson-McKenna Hall and preparing for the upcoming season. One of his first actions upon being named equipment manager two years ago was hiring Ronnie Weeks as an assistant in the operation. Weeks joins Francis Watts on the equipment staff. He resides in Lexington with his wife of 29 years, Rita, and sons Adam (26) and Jordan (21), and daughter Caitlin (23).



Betsey Nicely

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT SECRETARY

Betsey Nicely enters her tenth season in the Athletic Department, where she works in support of the basketball, wrestling, lacrosse and men's soccer programs. A graduate of National Business College in Roanoke, Nicely began working in the Math and Computer Science Department at VMI in 1974, where she served for 24 years before coming over to the Athletic Department.

A native of Culpeper, Va., Nicely is married to Allen Nicely, and the couple of 32 years have two children, Jamey, who teaches 7th grade civics at Maury River Middle School in Lexington, and daughter Kathleen, who is a senior at UVA. She also has a stepson, Mark, who lives in Las Vegas, Nev.



Karen Robinson

FOOTBALL SECRETARY

For 34 years VMI football has been fortunate to have the services of Karen Robinson.

A longtime resident of Rockbridge County, Robinson is married to Wes Robinson, the microcomputer support manager at VMI. They have two children - a son, Ethan (15) and daughter, Tess (12).



**Stephen Ross****ACADEMIC ADVISOR**

In January 2006, Stephen Ross took a new position on Post in the Athletic

Academic Advising office. Ross was previously head coach of the men's soccer team for 17 seasons.

During Ross' tenure as head soccer coach at VMI, he produced 16 all-conference players, four conference Freshmen-of-the-Year, four all-conference tournament selections, three All-South Atlantic Region selections, and three All-VaSID members. He was also a two-time Conference Coach of the Year selection.

Ross is a 1983 graduate of the Institute with a degree in economics, and was a starter and co-captain of the 1982 Keydet soccer team. He has a Master's degree from the University of Arkansas, and a Premier Diploma coaching license from the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA).

After graduating from VMI, he served four years in the U.S. Air Force, three of which as a player-coach of the Little Rock (Ark.) AFB Team.

Ross returned to VMI to teach economics in 1987, and served under then-head coach Doug Bartlett for one season before assuming head coaching duties.

**Cliff Wade****ASSOCIATE A.D./
BUSINESS & COMPLIANCE**

In fall 2005, Cliff Wade was named Assistant Athletic Director for Business and Compliance after a two-year

stint as the Assistant Academic Advisor to Athletes.

Prior to joining the athletic department, he served three years as the Executive Officer of the Naval ROTC unit at VMI from August of 1999-July 2002. He retired as a Commander after serving 26 years of active duty in the Navy.

Wade has a B.A. Degree in Business Administration from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. He has an M.S. Degree in Management from Webster University in St. Louis, Mo.

He is married to Laurie and they have four children: CB, Nick, Alex and Samantha.

**Andrew Westhouse****ASSISTANT TO THE
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR**

Andrew Westhouse joined the VMI athletic staff in June of

2003 as the ticket manager and was named Assistant to the Athletic Director in the spring of 2005.

Among his numerous duties, Westhouse is in charge of the ticket staff that coordinates the sale and distribution of all VMI football and basketball tickets. He currently played a key role in the recent implementation of the XOS online ticketing platform, which provides Keydets fans the access the purchase tickets to VMI athletic competitions online, and streamlined the entire ticketing process.

In his marketing role, he assists in the promotion of the athletic department through the attaining of corporate sponsorships and the execution of in-game promotions. Westhouse has helped plan and oversee two major conference championships on post, and has helped assist in the increasing promotional and marketing efforts for the Keydets.

Westhouse comes to Lexington from Denison University in Granville, Ohio, where he served as an assistant football coach during the 2002 season. He played for the Big Red throughout the 1998-2001 seasons and was named the team's defensive most valuable player and outstanding linebacker during his senior campaign.

A native of Evanston, Ill., Westhouse, 27, recently completed work on an M.S. in Athletic Administration from James Madison University.

**Jimmy Whitten****ASSOCIATE HEAD
STRENGTH AND
CONDITIONING COACH**

Jimmy Whitten is beginning his fourth year as VMI Associate Head Strength and Conditioning Coach, where he has made a positive impact on the program.

Whitten came from East Carolina University in August 2004, where he was Director of Strength and Conditioning. While at ECU, Whitten implemented the strength and conditioning programs for Pirate Football and Men's Basketball for three years and headed up the strength programs for the Pirate Men's Basketball, Baseball, Softball, Men's Track, Men's and Women's Soccer, and Swimming teams.

Prior to his ECU tenure, Whitten was head strength and conditioning coach for UNC Charlotte from July, 1999, to February, 2001. He was also assistant strength and conditioning coach at his alma mater, Virginia Tech, for two years after serving as a graduate assistant in the program for two years.

He was a defensive end standout for the Hokies and was named the team's Co-MVP as well as most valuable defensive lineman in 1990. He also held the Captain's Award for Hokie Football in 1990.

Whitten earned a Bachelor of Science in Education at Virginia Tech in 1991 and earned a Masters of Arts in Counseling Education at Virginia Tech in 1996.

Whitten is a member of the Collegiate Strength and Conditioning Coaches Association and National Strength and Conditioning Association.

A native of Danville, Va., Whitten and his wife, Eileen, have two children - daughter Mandolin (4), and son Luke (3).

VMI COACHING STAFF:**Baseball:**

Marlin Ikenberry, *Head Coach*
Ryan Mau, *Assistant Coach*
Barry Shelton, *Assistant Coach*

Basketball:

Duggar Baucom, *Head Coach*
Daniel Willis, *Assistant Coach*
Jason Allison, *Assistant Coach*
David Andrew, *Assistant Coach*

Cross Country:

Paul Spangler, *Head Coach*
Tim Sykes, *Assistant Coach*

Football:

Jim Reid, *Head Coach*
Bob Bodine, *Offensive Centers, Guards*
Brent Davis, *Off. Coordinator/QB's*
Jeff Hanson, *Defensive Line/Chief of Staff*
Richard McNutt, *Defensive Backs*
Brock Pittman, *Offensive Tackles*
Greg Shockley, *Running Backs*
Vince Sinagra, *Def. Coord./Linebackers*
Paul Soltis, *Wide Receivers*
Phil Sabatini, *Strength and Conditioning*

Lacrosse:

Jeff Shirk, *Head Coach*
Chris Feifs, *Assistant Coach*
Nat St. Laurent, *Assistant Coach*

Track & Field:

Mike Bozeman, *Head Coach*
Darrin Webb, *Associate Head Coach*
Zack Scott, *Assistant Coach*
Paul Spangler, *Assistant Coach*
Jackie Tugman, *Assistant Coach*

Rifle:

Jim Thorp, *Head Coach*

Men's Soccer:

Ben Freakley, *Head Coach*
Henry Ellis, *Assistant Coach*

Women's Soccer:

Bryan Williams, *Head Coach*
TBA, *Assistant Coach*

Swimming & Diving:

Bill Nicholson, *Head Coach*

Wrestling:

John Trudgeon, *Head Coach*
Chris Skretkovicz, *Assistant Coach*



Director of Sports Medicine Lance Fujiwara and his assistants, John Hoffman and Micaela Kelso, handle VMI's Sports Medicine program. They service the medical needs of VMI's 16 Intercollegiate Athletic Programs as well as the treatment and rehabilitation of athletic injuries for the entire Corps of Cadets.

With expanded responsibilities and increased workload, the sports medicine staff now consists of a director of sports medicine, two assistant athletic trainers, four graduate assistant athletic trainers and several cadet assistants.

Lance Fujiwara is now in his 20th year as director of sports medicine at VMI. Three years ago, he gained the added responsibility of assistant athletic director. Fujiwara originally arrived at VMI in 1987 as an assistant athletic trainer. Lance is a 1985 graduate of Oregon State University with a dual emphasis from the Department of Physical Education in Athletic Training/Commercial and Industrial fitness. Upon graduation he served as a fitness director at Cascade Athletic Club and Albany Athletic Club in Oregon. He returned to the educational setting and received his Masters of Education in Athletic Training/Sports Medicine from the University of Virginia in the spring of 1987, and earned a second Master of Education degree from UVA in 1998 in Counselor Education with an emphasis in Higher Education. During that time, Fujiwara also completed his graduate practicum at Fork Union Military Academy in Fork Union, Virginia. Fujiwara has a 21-year old daughter Kace, and an 18-year old son, Jamo.

John Hoffman, ATC joined Lance Fujiwara's athletic training staff in August of 2003. Hoffman came to VMI from Marshfield, Wisc., where he worked with high schools in the area for four years. Hoffman is no stranger to the Institute, serving as a graduate assistant during the 1996-97. He is a proud Wisconsin native and did his undergraduate work at the University of Wisconsin-Lacrosse.

Micaela Kelso, ATC came to the Institute as a graduate assistant in the fall of 2005 and returned after a brief stint at Ferrum College in the winter of 2006. A 2005 graduate of Albion College with a B.A. in Physical Education with a focus in Athletic Training, Kelso worked as a graduate assistant in the Sports Medicine office at VMI during the 2005-06 season while completing her Masters of Education in Sports Medicine from UVA. Following her graduation, Kelso moved on to Ferrum, where she worked the men's basketball and men's and women's soccer programs before returning to the Institute.

VMI welcomes three new members to this year's sports medicine staff. Heather Schmidt, Antoinette Michel, Juliet Huang will all come on board as graduate assistants.

The sports medicine staff also involves many health care professionals. VMI is extremely fortunate to have the services of these physicians for consultations in their medical specialties. Dr. David Copeland, internist and VMI post physician, coordinates all medical treatment for all injured or ill cadets. Dr. George Henning '61, provides direct medical coverage for all cadet-athletes. Dr. Henning, VMI team physician of Roanoke Orthopaedic, has devoted his skills and service to the VMI athletic department for 29 years.

The Sports Medicine Department is also grateful to be involved with many physicians in the Lexington area which play an integral part in the health care of cadet athletes. These physicians have always been very generous with their time and efforts on behalf of VMI athletes.



The Clarkson-McKenna Training Room services the Keydet football team and is one of three such facilities on post.



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Approximately 2,400 alumni, parents and friends of VMI athletics are members of the Keydet Club. Their annual gifts, combined with income from endowed funds, provided over \$3.25 million for scholarship grant-in-aid and athletic operations last year.

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