

2007 VMI Baseball Media Guide

GENERAL

Name of School	Virginia Military Institute (VMI)
City/Zip	Lexington, Va. 24450
Founded	1839
Enrollment	1,300
Nickname/Mascot	Keydets/Moe (Kangaroo)
School Colors	Red, Yellow & White
Home Field	Patchin Field
Conference	Big South
Superintendent	Gen. J.H. Binford Peay III '62
Athletic Director	Donny White '65
Athletic Department Phone	.540-464-7251

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach	Marlin Ikenberry (VMI '95)
Record at VMI	.80-85 (Fourth Season)
Overall Record	.80-85 (Fourth Season)
Office Phone	.540-464-7609
Assistant Coaches	Ryan Mau (College of Charleston '00) Barry Shelton (West Virginia State '97) Matt McGuire (William & Mary '03)
Athletic Trainer	Scott Morrison (Penn State '06)

TEAM INFORMATION

2005-06 Overall Record	.30-25 (9-15 Big South)
Home/Away	.24-8/6-17
Postseason	None
Letterwinners Returning/Lost	14/6
Starters Returning/Lost	6/3
Pitchers Returning/Lost	9/2
Newcomers	15

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The 2006-07 season promises to be an exciting one and we will do everything we can to keep you up to date on the latest with Keydet baseball. If you have a special request or if we can be of further service to you, please contact us.

INTERVIEWS: Head coach Marlin Ikenberry will be available for interviews following all home games. Players will also be available for interviews at that time. Both coach and player interviews outside of postgame situations must be coordinated through the VMI Sports Information office. Since cadets do not have phones in their rooms, it is virtually impossible to contact a player directly. However, we will be more than happy to arrange interviews with any player, usually in the afternoons before practice.

PHOTOGRAPHERS: All photographers are asked to shoot from behind the fences behind home plate and down the first and third base lines (shooting is allowed beyond the third base dugout). Photographers may also shoot from the hillsides in the outfield and down the first base line. Under no circumstances will photographers be allowed into the dugouts or onto the field during a game. We ask for your cooperation in this matter.

CREDENTIALS: Press and photography passes will be supplied to those media outlets covering VMI Baseball. To request credentials, contact Christian Hoffman (contact info at left). The passes can be mailed out if time allows, or they can be picked up at the ticket stand down the right-field line, close to the Patchin Field Locker Room Complex.

PRESS FACILITIES: For many years, members of the media and visiting SIDs at Patchin Field have understood and adapted to the lack of facilities available to those working a game at "The Patch". This season, the VMI Sports Information office can finally begin paying back those hard-working individuals by offering the best seat in the house at each VMI home game. As many as ten spaces are available at each game for working members of the media in the press box, located directly behind home plate. As always, statistics and notes will be available prior to each game and a complete box score and play-by-play will be available approximately 10 minutes after the conclusion of each game. We look forward to seeing you out at Gray-Minor Stadium this season to take in an exciting time in VMI Baseball.

RADIO BROADCAST LINES: Visiting teams wishing to broadcast games from Patchin Field are asked to contact VMI Sports Information Director Wade Branner (540-464-7515) at least two weeks prior to the game.

KEYDETS ON THE WEB: Fans and media are encouraged to follow the team on the VMI athletic home page. Timely information on the diamond Keydets will be available to both media and fans alike. Included are schedules, rosters, stats and the latest notes on the team as well as access to live radio broadcasts. As an added feature this season, fans and media will be able to view a live stats broadcast of most, if not all, of the team's contests. The VMI Keydets can be accessed on the world wide web at www.vmikeydets.com.

BIG SOUTH CONFERENCE: Baseball statistics for the nine Big South Conference schools are compiled throughout the season at the conference office in Charlotte, N.C. For up-to-date information, call Mark Simpson in the Big South office at 704-341-7990 or visit the League's revamped website at www.BigSouthSports.com.

ITS 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". Any help in using the correct moniker would be greatly appreciated.

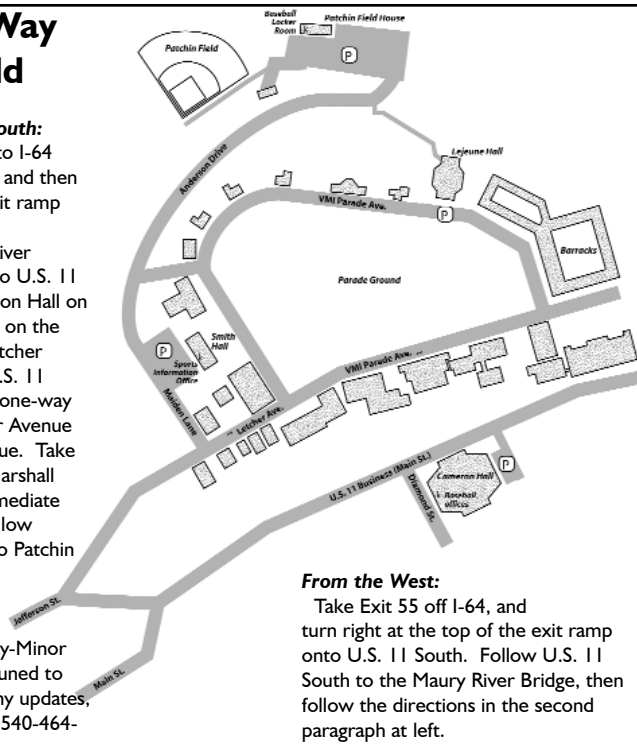
Finding Your Way to Patchin Field

From the East, North or South:

Follow I-81 to Exit 191 onto I-64 West. Take Exit 55 off I-64, and then turn left at the top of the exit ramp onto U.S. 11 South.

After crossing the Maury River Bridge, veer to the right onto U.S. 11 Business. Drive past Cameron Hall on the left and the VMI campus on the right, and turn right onto Letcher Avenue immediately after U.S. 11 Business splits into a pair of one-way streets. Proceed up Letcher Avenue and turn left at Parade Avenue. Take the first left (just after the Marshall Museum), then make an immediate right onto Maiden Lane. Follow Maiden Lane down the hill to Patchin Field.

NOTE: Due to extensive construction on post, directions and access to Gray-Minor Stadium may change. Stay tuned to www.vmikeydets.com for any updates, or call Christian Hoffman at 540-464-7514 to confirm directions.



From the West:

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VMI

Superintendent

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, and J.M. Hall have just recently been completed, with major modernization projects at Kilbourne Hall and Mallory Hall, a new Leadership and Ethics Center, and a third Barracks all commencing in fall 2006. In addition to the new third barracks structure, this four-year 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 small undergraduate colleges. As part of the extensive Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) accreditation process, the academic team is currently engaged in conducting a comprehensive review of its "core-curriculum." Modernized and technologically enhanced academic buildings and a full academic support staff compliment splendid instructors. The Institute receives annual 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. 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 which was dedicated - Foster Stadium - on 30 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 will be completed in time for the 2007 baseball season and will be dedicated in the spring. 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, a Captain, VMI Class of '98, and Ryan, a Captain, VMI Class of '02, both currently serving in the United States Army. 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 of the Board of Trustees, The National Defense University; Chairman, the Allied Defense Group, and a Director, BAE Systems, Inc.



General Peay at the groundbreaking of the Minor-Gray Baseball Stadium, held in September of 2005.



Athletic Director Donny White

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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 eighth-year Athletic Director Donny White has been a guiding force in the process.

Earlier this year, the dedication for Foster Stadium, a \$14 million upgrade on the school's existing football stadium, took place while a new 1,400-seat baseball stadium at Patchin Field will open in time for the 2007 season.

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.

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 an assistant 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 compiled 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, Sergeant Cabell (left) and Sport (right).

THIS IS THE VIRGINIA

The Institute

The Virginia Military Institute is the nation's oldest state-supported military college, founded in 1839 in Lexington, Virginia, located at the southern end of the Shenandoah Valley. VMI offers qualified young men and women a demanding combination of academic study and rigorous military training that exists nowhere else, and grants B.A. and B.S. degrees in fourteen disciplines within the general fields of engineering, science, and liberal arts. The Institute's emphasis on qualities of honor, integrity, and responsibility contributes to its unique educational philosophy. Professional leadership training is provided to all cadets through the Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) programs, maintained at VMI by the Department of Defense. Cadets are encouraged to pursue commissions in the U.S. Army, Air Force, Navy, or Marine Corps.

In every field of endeavor, whether it's leadership in business, industry, public service, education, the professions, or careers in the military, success comes early to a high number of VMI graduates. In an independent survey of college graduates seeking employment, armed forces commission, or admission to graduate or professional school following graduation, 95 percent of VMI graduates met their goal by the following October.

VMI's academic breadth is diverse, and curricula for the selected major begins the first year. About 30 percent of cadets major in civil, electrical, or mechanical engineering, about half the Corps majors in liberal arts fields, and the two most popular majors are economics/business and history.

For six consecutive years, U.S. News & World Report's "America's Best Colleges," has named VMI as the No. 1 public-supported liberal arts college in the nation, and ranked its engineering program in the top one-third of "Best Undergraduate" accredited programs at schools offering only bachelor's and master's degrees. In separate rankings for engineering specialties, VMI's civil engineering program ranks ninth. VMI has been repeatedly included in Peterson's "Competitive Colleges," guide. The highly respected book includes information on, "top colleges for top students." In addition, Princeton Review has named VMI to its "Best Mid-Atlantic Colleges" list.

Alumni

VMI's alumni support is unparalleled in many ways, especially in their financial support. In the most recent survey by the National Association of College and University Business Officers (2003), VMI's \$280 million endowment is the largest per student of any public institution.

VMI alumni include Nobel Prize winner George C. Marshall; ten Rhodes Scholars; and 40 college presidents. VMI alumni have distinguished themselves in every American conflict since the Mexican War, among them 7 Medal of Honor



recipients, and 265 general and flag officers. Some 500 alumni served in Gulf War operations "Desert Storm" and "Desert Shield," and nearly 1,000 VMI graduates are now or have been deployed in support of operations in Afghanistan and Iraq. Lieutenant General Carl A. Strock, Chief of Engineers for the U.S. Army, continue a long line of VMI graduates in the highest positions of military leadership.

The VMI Corps of Cadets

Today 1,300 young men and women in the VMI Corps of Cadets represent 36 states and six foreign countries. Over 100 study abroad each year, one-third compete in intercollegiate athletics, and all have significant leadership opportunities.

All cadets reside in "Barracks," the centerpiece of the VMI "Post." The original structure was built in 1850 and is a National Historic Landmark. An additional wing was added in 1949.

VMI cadets uphold an honor system as old as the Institute. An oath of honor is taken by each cadet, "not to lie, cheat, or steal, nor tolerate those who do," and the oath is practiced in daily life. Because it is basic to cadet life, honor is ingrained, and builds strong character. Honor is the cornerstone of every cadet's lifelong commitment to integrity, duty, self-discipline, and self-

reliance.

One of the oldest VMI traditions is the orientation and instruction provided to new cadets by old cadets. Regardless of background or prior training, every cadet in his/her first year at VMI is a "Rat," and each is a "Brother Rat" to the other. They live under the "Rat System" until "Break Out," and their bonds formed by this experience are lifelong.

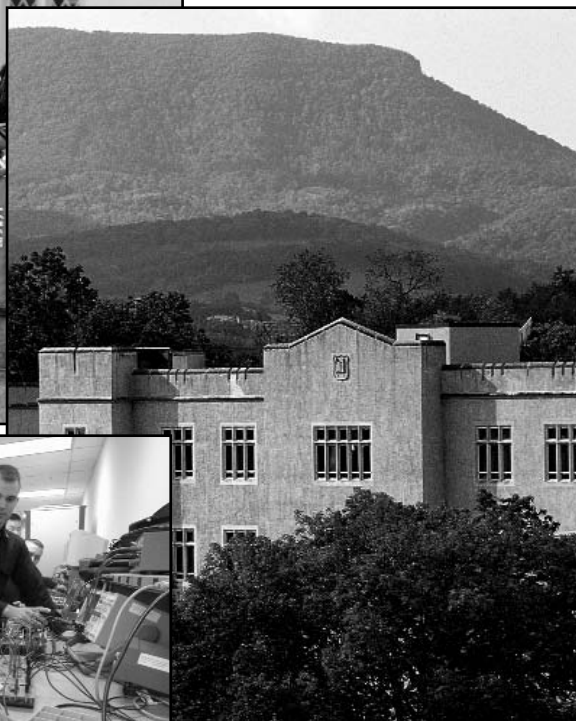
Faculty

All VMI faculty members teach in the classroom, and 98 percent hold doctoral or terminal degrees in their disciplines. The cadet to faculty ratio is 11:1, permitting a close, "mentor" relationship between a cadet and instructor, and faculty research is frequently conducted in partnership with cadets. ROTC instructors are experienced military officers, and make an outstanding contribution to cadet leadership training.

Academic Program

VMI's demanding academic program reflects established needs and emerging trends of an ever-changing, global society. A robust undergraduate research initiative extends through summer, affording cadets and faculty financial incentives and continuous support for a wide range of investigative projects. The Institute's international pro-

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grams include faculty and student exchanges with more than a dozen international academies and universities, seven foreign internships, and numerous study-abroad programs each semester and during the summer. The Institute Honors Program offers highly motivated and high-achieving cadets the opportunity to enrich their academic experience, including through competition for prestigious external scholarships. The Institute Writing Program seeks to equip cadets for both academic success and participation in the full range of rhetorical occasions they will encounter in their lives as citizens and professionals.

VMI is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, is a member of American Council on Education, the Association of American Colleges, the College Entrance Examination Board, and the Association of Virginia Colleges. VMI's engineering programs are accredited by the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology; and the chemistry program is accredited by the American Chemical Society.

Majors and Degrees

VMI offers the baccalaureate degree in fourteen curricula. The B.S. is awarded in applied mathematics, chemistry, civil engineering, computer science, electrical engineering, mechanical engineering, and physics. The B.A. is conferred in economics and business, English, history, international studies, modern languages, and psychology. The B.S. or B.A. can be earned in biology. A course of study leading to the B.S. or B.A. is chosen upon entering VMI, but transfer from one major field of study to another is permitted.

Facilities

The VMI Post is 134 acres. Twelve acres are designated a National Historic District.



Alumni You Might Have Heard Of...

Bobby Ross '59 - Former Head Coach of the Detroit Lions and San Diego Chargers, Current Head Coach at Army.

Dabney Coleman '53 - Film and television actor.

Gen. John Jumper '66 - Former Chief of Staff of the U.S. Air Force.

George C. Marshall '01 - General of the United States Army, Secretary of State, and Nobel Peace Prize recipient for creating the Marshall Plan for the post-World War II reconstruction of Europe.

George J. Collins '62 - Chairman of the Board, T. Rowe Price Associates, a leading investment firm.

Lt. Gen. Robert B. Flowers '69 - Commanding General, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Jonathan Daniels '61 - Declared a Modern Martyr of the Faith by the Episcopal Church for giving his life to save a black teenage girl during the Civil Rights Movement in Alabama in 1965.

Dr. John Duke Anthony '67 - CEO, National Council on U.S. - Arab Relations...knighted by Moroccan King Muhammed VI (June 2000).

William Cowart III '67 - Former Deputy Director/ Chief Curator, The Corcoran Gallery of Art, Washington D.C.; Current Executive Director of the the Roy Liechtenstein Foundation.

Fred Willard '55 - Actor-Comedian, Best in Show, A Mighty Wind, Waiting for Guffman.

VMI's academic facilities, Superintendent's quarters, library, alumni hall, and other administrative buildings, along with Barracks, encircle a 12-acre parade ground used for marching drills, weekly parades, training exercises, and social gatherings. The George C. Marshall Research Museum and the VMI Museum are located on Post.

Athletic grounds and facilities are within easy access to the Post.

Vision 2039

From the perspective of VMI's long history, the 200th anniversary of its founding is just around the corner. Superintendent J.H. Binford Peay III has set in motion the work of a number of study groups that are focusing on such areas as the Institute's physical and cultural environment; academics; athletics; and military component. These groups are looking at ways to ensure VMI will be vibrant and relevant when the Institute's 200th anniversary arrives in 2039.

Gray-Minor Stadium, Patchin



After over a year of construction, the Keydets will open Gray-Minor Stadium this February.

PATCHIN FIELD YEAR-BY-YEAR RECORDS (Present Location)

1988	8-5	1998	9-15
1989	10-6	1999	14-10
1990	7-8	2000	8-15
1991	1-14-1	2001	8-15
1992	6-15	2002	8-17
1993	15-13	2003	15-5
1994	15-6	2004	18-12
1995	11-12	2005	19-8
1996	12-9	2006	24-8
1997	8-17		

ABOUT PATCHIN FIELD (Present Location)

General Information

Dedicated	April 5, 1988
Surface	Natural Grass
Capacity	1,400
Chair-Back Seats	726

Dimensions

Left Field	.330'
Left-Center	.365'
Center Field	.395'
Right-Center	.385'
Right Field	.335'
Fence Height	.15'

The Records

All-Time Record	.216-210-1
Record in One-Run Games	.58-25
Record Vs. In-State Opponents	.39-51-1
Record In Conference Games	.82-126
Most Wins, Season	.24, 2006
Best Win %, Season	.75.0%, 2003 & '06
Most Runs Scored By VMI	.25, vs. Marshall, 1988
Most Runs Allowed By VMI	.25, Three Times

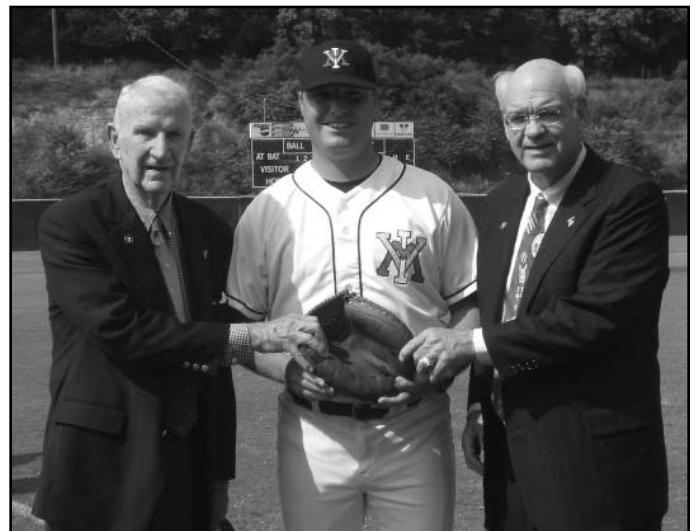
When the VMI baseball team runs out onto the field for their first home game in mid-February against Bucknell, they will do so in a beautiful brand new stadium named after two of the most successful VMI Baseball alums to ever wear the Red, Yellow and White.

Gray-Minor Stadium, named after Senator Elmon T. Gray '46 and Gil Minor '63, is the new home of the Keydet baseball program, and features seating for 1,400 fans, along with state-of-the-art press box facilities, lighting, dugouts, concessions and restrooms, as well as new features like an area for professional scouts to observe the action at field level, and handicapped seating above home plate.

The construction of the stadium comes just five years after a complete renovation of the playing surface itself, as both the infield and outfield surfaces were revamped. This offseason, the field received yet another upgrade, as new fencing has been installed, raising the fence height to 15 feet around the entire outfield.

Gray-Minor Stadium completes an upgrade of the program's facilities that began in August of 2003, when construction the Patchin Field Clubhouse commenced. The project entailed the expansion of the existing locker rooms along with the addition of one locker room for visiting teams and a trainers room.

Along with the improvements and additional square footage, the new and improved locker rooms were fitted with audio and visual equipment. The funding for the project, estimated at \$1.1 million, was donated by Bill Paulette '69, Minor '63, Senator Gray '46, and the Keydet Club. The Patchin Field Locker Complex was constructed by Paulette's general contracting company, KBS, and that building will carry his name when Gray-Minor Stadium is completed.



Below, a trio of former VMI catchers, as Senator Elmon Gray '46 (left) and Gil Minor '63 (right) pose with VMI head coach Marlin Ikenberry '95. VMI's new stadium carries the names of both Gray and Minor.

Field and Locker Room Complex

Many fans enjoy taking in a Keydet baseball game from high atop centerfield, where they can tune in to Wade Branner delivering the play-by-play while enjoying a breathtaking view of Patchin Field and the Blue Ridge Mountains.



At left is the VMI baseball clubhouse locker room, part of the Patchin Field Locker Room Complex that was completed in 2003.



At right, the Patchin Field Locker Room Complex, which houses locker rooms for the Keydets' baseball, lacrosse, women's soccer and men's soccer teams, as well as a visiting locker room, an officials' locker room, as well as an athletic training facility.



At left, the new covered and lighted batting cages, located just beyond the rightfield wall of Patchin Field, have given the team the ability to work on the fundamentals regardless of darkness or inclement weather.



Keydets In

The VMI baseball program has a proud history of alums that go on to play professionally, dating wins for the third time in four seasons, seniors Kelly Sweppenhiser and J.J. Hollenbeck became are eight recent grads to do so.



The lone Keydet to play in the Major Leagues, Ryan Glynn '96 joined the Oakland Athletics in 2005 following a trade from the Toronto Blue Jays. Glynn also pitched in the majors with the Texas Rangers, and reached Triple A in the Braves, Marlins and Brewers organizations. A 2005 inductee into the VMI Sports Hall of Fame, Glynn still holds the school record for most strikeouts per nine innings (8.78), while his 31 home runs and 126 RBI place him among the top ten in each category as well.



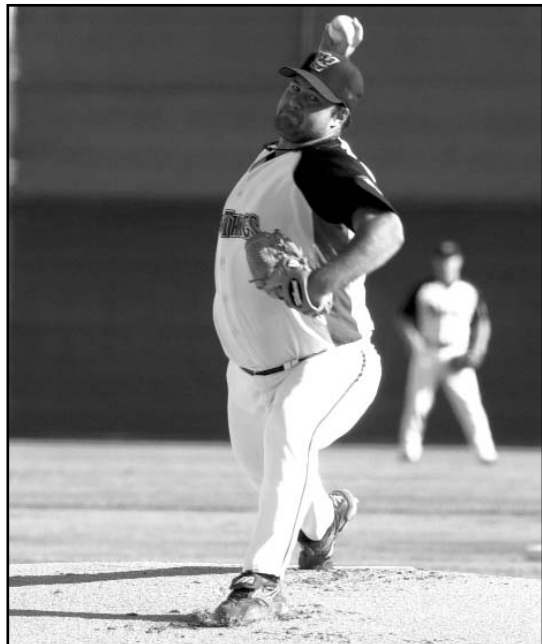
Third baseman Kelly Sweppenhiser '06 was selected in the 44th round of the draft by the Toronto Blue Jays, following a career that saw him break the school records for hits (263), runs (172), total bases (411) and on-base percentage (.457). Sweppenhiser was assigned to the High-A Auburn (N.Y.) Doubledays, but became only the second Keydet to reach AAA when he was called up on the final weekend of the season to Syracuse.



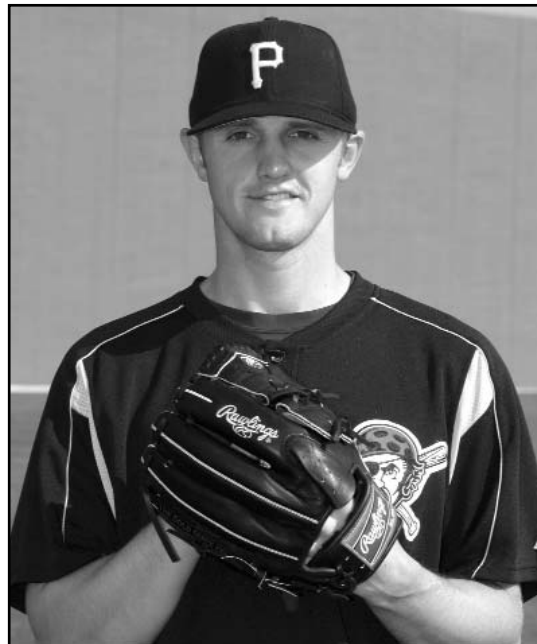
Shortstop Matt Smith '05 signed a free agent contract with the Texas Rangers organization, and has now played for a season-and-a-half with the Single A Clinton (Iowa) LumberKings. The all-time leader in assists at the Institute, Smith ranks third (tied) on the career hits list with 218, while his 37 doubles, 121 runs, 38 stolen bases and 95 walks each place him among the top ten in each career category.

The Pros

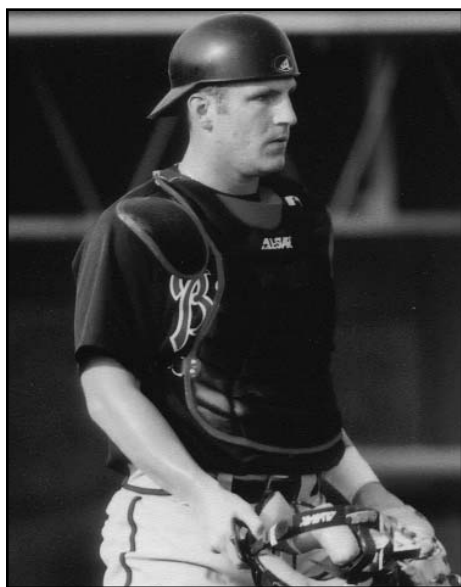
back as far as the 1930's. Following a season that saw the Keydets break the school record for the newest members of the fraternity of Keydets to play professional baseball. Featured below



Right-handed pitcher J.J. Hollenbeck '06 was signed in the Summer of 2006 with the Washington (Pa.) Wild Things of the Frontier League and went 3-0 with an ERA of 2.70. Hollenbeck graduated as the only Keydet to finish in the top five in career strikeouts (198), ERA (4.79) and innings pitched (272.2).



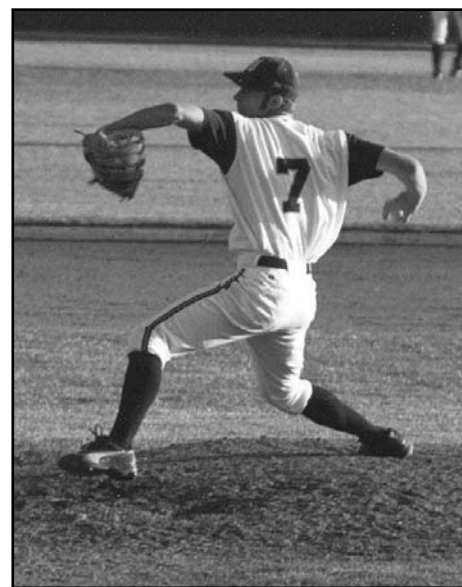
Right-handed pitcher Duke Acors '05 was taken in the 32nd round by the Pittsburgh Pirates following his graduation. Acors left the Institute as the career leader in strikeouts (245), innings pitched (319) and games started (61), while he also ranks in the top five in wins (13), strikeouts per nine innings (6.91) and ERA (5.70).



Catcher Andy Barden '03 was drafted in the 19th round by the Atlanta Braves, spending time in both the Braves and Royals organizations.



Right-handed pitcher Jeremy Harper '03 went to the Toronto Blue Jays in the 14th round of the 2003 draft. In 2005, he earned four saves for the Single A Lansing Lugnuts. He still ranks among the top ten in career strikeouts (186), and strikeouts per nine innings (7.43) and starts (36).



Right-handed pitcher Phil Hendrix '03 was selected in the 35th round of the 2003 draft by the Milwaukee Brewers. He went 2-1 for Helena in 2003 before joining the Gateway Grizzlies in 2004. In his VMI career, Hendrix ranked among the top five in strikeouts (216), wins (13), innings pitched (306.2), starts (42) and appearances (78).

Coaching Ties

Did you know that VMI is one of only ten schools in the country to boast four alums as current Division I head baseball coaches? In fact, the 1993 team included each of the four, as Chris Finwood '88 served as the head coach, Tom Slater '90 served as an assistant, and both Chris Chernisky '93 & Marlin Ikenberry '95 played on the team.



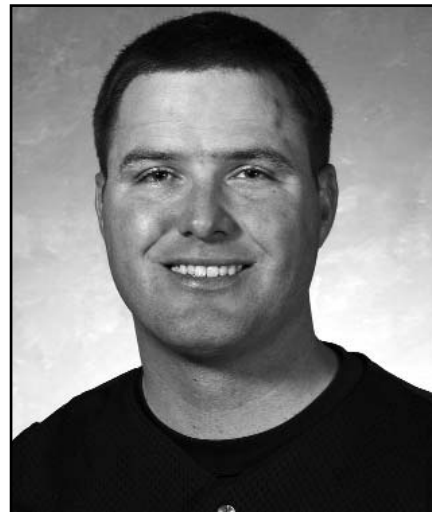
Chris Finwood '88 is currently in his second season at the helm of the Western Kentucky baseball program. A 2003 inductee into the VMI Sports Hall of Fame, Finwood was voted All-Southern Conference three times in his standout career, while his .399 batting average in 1988 is still the fifth-best mark in school history. As the Keydets' head coach from 1992-94, Finwood won 52 games, the fifth-most in school history, while his eighth-seeded 1993 team advanced to the SoCon Tournament Finals before falling to second-seeded Western Carolina. He also recruited Marlin Ikenberry prior to the 1991 season.



Tom Slater '90 enters his third season as the head coach at Auburn, where he has compiled a 56-60 record. In his first season on the Plains, Slater's team went 34-26 and advanced to the Finals of the Tallahassee Regional, where they fell to #10 Florida State. Also that year, the Tigers posted their lowest team ERA in 11 seasons, while hitting 14 points better than the previous season. As VMI's head coach from 2001-03, Slater won 50 games and led the team to a 16-14 mark in the Southern Conference in 2003, earning him Coach of the Year honors by posting the program's first winning season in the League in 14 seasons.



Chris Chernisky '93 took over the head coaching duties at Niagara prior to the 2004-05 season. Since that time, Chernisky has accrued a 53-54 overall record, while posting an impressive 33-19 mark in Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference games and a pair of postseason appearances. In his first season at NU, Chernisky led the fourth-seeded Purple Eagles to the Finals of the MAAC Tournament before falling 5-4 to top-seeded Marist. Previously, Chernisky served as an assistant at Appalachian State for four seasons after a five-year stint at VMI as an assistant under former Keydet skipper Scott Gines.



Marlin Ikenberry '95 enters his fourth season as head coach of the Keydets with an 80-85 overall mark with a win total that already places him third among Keydet coaches all-time. Overall, Ikenberry has been a part of four of the last five teams to establish a new wins record at VMI, doing so as a player (1994), assistant coach (2003), and twice as a head coach (2005, 2006). Last year's 30-25 team not only became the Institute's first 30-win team, but also became the first squad to post a winning record in 41 seasons. He was the fastest VMI skipper to 75 wins, needing only 149 games to hit the mark.

Opposing Stadiums

Over the past three seasons, the Keydets have traveled to several of the top collegiate baseball facilities in the nation, including Auburn University's Plainsman Park, voted the nation's No. 1 college baseball facility by Baseball America, and Florida State University's Dick Howser Stadium, the home to nine consecutive NCAA Regionals. This season, the team will visit the home of the 2005 National Runners-Up Florida, while again paying a visit to The Diamond, home of the VCU Rams and the AAA Richmond Braves.



**Dick Howser Stadium-
Florida State University
Home of Nine Consecutive
NCAA Regionals**



**Plainsman Park-Auburn University
Ranked #1 Collegiate Ballpark
by Baseball America**



**The Diamond- Home of the VCU
Rams and AAA Richmond Braves**



**McKethan Stadium-Florida
Ranked in Top Ten Collegiate
Ballparks by Baseball America**

Lexington, Virginia and Rockbridge County

Rockbridge County is located toward the south end of the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. The county takes its name from Natural Bridge, the massive stone formation that spans Cedar Creek in the southern part of the county.

For centuries, this area has been a natural thoroughfare from the northeast to the richness of the lands west of the Appalachians. The Cherokee and Monacan Indian tribes lived in the area prior to its settlement by European colonists, which began in the 1730's.

Most of the settlers were Scotch-Irish and Germans, who migrated south from Pennsylvania in search of more land. Several large land grants, notably one to Benjamin Borden, stimulated settlement in the 1740's. Grantees were required to induce a certain number of families to settle on the granted land. The Borden Grant, originally 100,000 acres, included most of present-day Rockbridge County.

In 1777, Rockbridge County was established, and the town of Lexington was founded as the county seat.

A defining event occurred in 1782, when Liberty Hall Academy was moved from Augusta County to a site just west of Lexington. The school's future was assured in 1796, when George Washington gave it \$50,000 worth of James River Canal stock, at that time the largest such bequest to a college in the history of the new nation. The school was renamed Washington College in the general's honor, and soon moved to its present location after the Liberty Hall building burned. The ruins of Liberty Hall can still be seen just north of Rt. 60 at the western edge of town.

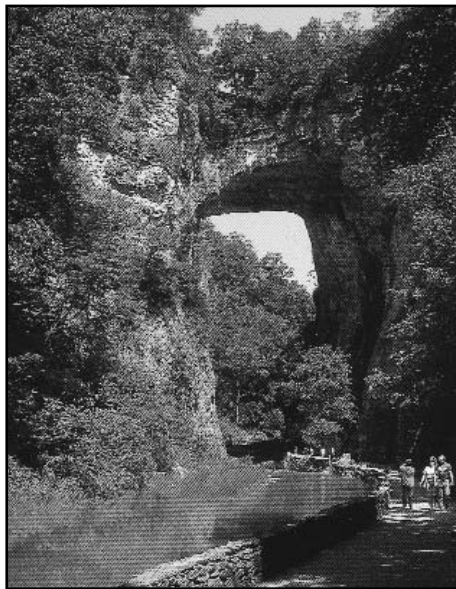
In 1839, the Virginia legislature established Virginia Military Institute at Lexington, in what had previously been a state arsenal. VMI has educated thousands of citizen-soldiers in its more than 150-year existence, including Gen. George C. Marshall, Gen. George S. Patton, and Adm. Richard E. Byrd.

The Civil War had a devastating effect on Lexington and its people. Raiding Federal troops burned VMI in 1864. Graduates of VMI and Washington College served with distinction in many campaigns of the war, and the VMI Corps of Cadets fought as a unit at the Battle of New Market. Gen. Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson, a professor at VMI until the war, is remembered as one of the history's greatest military strategists. Jackson is buried in Jackson Memorial Cemetery, along with many other Civil War veterans.

After the war, Gen. Robert E. Lee was persuaded to come to Lexington to serve as president of Washington College. Lee revitalized the school, modernized the curriculum,



The city of Lexington, Va. is nationally renowned for its beauty and charm.



Natural Bridge

and encouraged reconciliation between the North and South. After his death in 1870, the school's trustees renamed it Washington and Lee University.

Around 1890, a speculative boom hit western Virginia. Numerous towns were established by development companies, with a grand hotel as a centerpiece. Streets were laid out and lots sold, and resold, at ever inflating prices. Buena Vista and the towns of Glasgow and Goshen were all founded as a result of the boom. When the bubble burst, many of these boom towns stagnated.



Goshen Pass in Rockbridge County

Buena Vista weathered the crash and became the industrial center of the county. The boom-era hotel is now Main Hall at Southern Virginia University.

We invite you to visit our museums - the Marshall Museum, the VMI Museum, and the Stonewall Jackson House; walk the campuses of our towns, take a drive on the Blue Ridge Parkway, see a horse show at the Virginia Horse Center, enjoy a cool swim in Goshen Pass, take in a play in the natural setting of Lime Kiln Theater, or browse in our many distinctive shops.