



Coaching Staff



Head Coach

Marlin Ikenberry

VMI '95 ■ Third Season

As Marlin Ikenberry enters his third season as the head coach of the VMI baseball team, he looks to continue the upward trend of the Keydets on the diamond, a run he has been instrumental in through his days as a player, assistant coach, and now as the team's head coach.

Marlin Ikenberry was named head coach on July 22, 2003, being promoted to the top spot in the program after former head coach Tom Slater departed VMI in the summer of 2003 to accept a coaching position at the University of Florida. Slater is currently in his second season as head baseball coach at Auburn University.

As Slater's top assistant and recruiting coordinator for three years, Ikenberry has played a key role in the resurgence of the VMI baseball program that set a school record for victories in 2003 at 24-28. That same year, the Keydets posted a 16-14 mark in the Southern Conference, securing their first winning conference mark since 1969.

Since taking over the helm, Ikenberry has continued that success, leading the Keydets to a 23-32 mark in 2004, which stood as the second-most wins in school history, before breaking the school record with last year's 27-28 mark and first appearance in the Big South Tournament, where the Keydets earned the fifth seed.

Ikenberry has played an enormous role in VMI's recent success. He was responsible for signing 19 players to letters of intent, including 2003 Southern Conference Freshman-of-the-Year and Louisville Slugger freshman All-American Kelly Sweppenhiser and 2003 All-SoCon Tournament selection Jon Wade. This past season, for the first time in five years, a pair of Keydets were honored as All-Conference performers, as Ikenberry signees Sweppenhiser and Matt Smith teamed to give VMI both honorees on the First Team left side of the infield.

Ikenberry, 32, also served as VMI's pitching and catching coach in 2003 and was vital in the staff's remarkable improvement that season. Working closely with the Keydet pitchers and catchers, Ikenberry helped guide the pitching staff to an improvement of nearly two runs in team earned run average from the previous season.

"We're very excited to have Marlin Ikenberry as our head baseball coach," VMI athletic director and former Keydets head baseball coach Donny White said. "He has all the ingredients to be a great head coach. His recruiting work has made a difference in the program and has certainly been instrumental to our success. He has the leadership and abilities to build on the program's recent performance and reach the goal of a conference championship."



Marlin Ikenberry currently ranks 5th (tied) in wins at VMI with 50 in just two seasons.

A 1995 graduate of VMI, Ikenberry played for the Keydets and was recruited by VMI Hall of Fame Coach Chris Finwood, now head coach at Western Kentucky. Ikenberry returned to his alma mater in the summer of 2000 after spending three years at the college of William and Mary as an assistant coach and recruiting coordinator. While in Williamsburg, Ikenberry earned a reputation as one of the state's top recruiters and landed two high school All-Americans and freshman All-Americans.

In 2000, the Tribe of William and Mary finished with a school record 32 wins and placed third in the Colonial Athletic Association Tournament. The team also set a school record for best fielding percentage at .967. The next season, William and Mary won the CAA Championship and earned a berth in the NCAA Regional Tournament.

During his coaching career, Ikenberry has helped guide 19 players onto professional careers in baseball. In recent years, Ikenberry was instrumental in the development of pitchers Duke Acors, Jeremy Harper, Phil Hendrix, as well as catcher Andy Barden and shortstop Matt Smith.

Ikenberry was a four-year starting catcher for the Keydets. While playing, he developed a reputation for his excellent defensive skills and his handling of the pitching staff. He also caught for former Keydet and major league pitcher Ryan Glynn.

He played on VMI's 1993 squad that advanced to the Southern Conference Championship game and ranked third in the nation in defense. In 1994, he helped the Keydets in breaking the school record for wins along with a third place finish in the Southern Conference Tournament.

A native of Richmond, Va., Ikenberry has two brothers who both attended VMI. Twin brother Merlin Ikenberry was a teammate as a pitcher and designated hitter while his oldest brother Steve Ikenberry is an alum of the class of 1980. Ikenberry is a graduate of Douglas Freeman High School. He married the former Shannon Marshall in August, 2000.

Winningest Keydet Baseball Coaches

By Wins

1. Scott Gines (1995-2000)	104
2. Donny White (1974, 1982-87)	91
3. Charlie McGinnis (1961-65)	55
4. Chris Finwood (1992-94)	52
5. Marlin Ikenberry (2004-05)	50
5. Paul Maini (1988-91)	50
5. Tom Slater (2001-03)	50

By Win Percentage (Min. 50 Games)

1. Charlie McGinnis (1961-65)	.544
2. Marlin Ikenberry (2004-05)	.455
3. Jack Null (1956-58)	.400
4. Donny White (1974, 1982-87)	.377
5. Scott Gines (1995-2000)	.361



Marlin and Shannon Ikenberry

The Ikenberry File

Education

- Douglas Freeman High School (1991)
- Virginia Military Institute (1995-B.S.)

Coaching Experience

- Assistant Coach, William & Mary (1998-2000)
- Assistant Coach, Virginia Military Institute (2000-03)
- Head Coach, Virginia Military Institute (2003-Present)

Personal

- Born: February 23, 1973 in Richmond, Va.
- Wife: Shannon, married August 12, 2000

Year-By-Year Record

1992	VMI	11-39	Starting Catcher
1993	VMI	20-29#	Starting Catcher
1994	VMI	21-29*	Starting Catcher
1995	VMI	19-28	Starting Catcher
1998	W&M	24-28	Assistant Coach
1999	W&M	29-24	Assistant Coach
2000	W&M	32-25*	Assistant Coach
2001	VMI	15-32	Assistant Coach
2002	VMI	10-41	Assistant Coach
2003	VMI	25-27*	Assistant Coach
2004	VMI	23-32	Head Coach
2005	VMI	27-28*	Head Coach

*- Broke School Record for Wins

#- Tied School Record for Wins

Ikenberry Facts

- Has been a part of three of the last four teams to break the VMI season wins mark. In 1994, was a junior starting catcher on the team that won 21 games, was an assistant on the 2003 team that achieved 24 wins, and was the head coach of last year's 27 win team. Also was an assistant on the 2000 William & Mary team that achieved a school-record 32 victories.

- Is the second-fastest Keydet coach to 50 wins, doing so in 107 games, trailing only Charlie McGinnis (1961-65).

- Needs only six wins to become the third-winningest coach in Keydet history.

- Was mentioned in the NCAA News in 1993 when he and twin brother Merlin formed the battery for the Keydets vs. Duke, while the Blue Devils also had a battery of twins in the lineup at the same time.

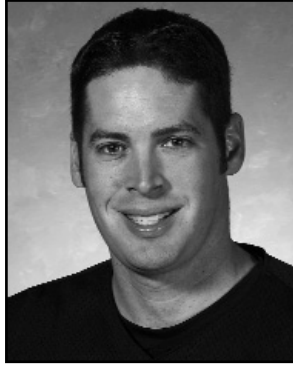
- Starting catcher on the 1993 VMI team that made the Southern Conference Championship game before falling to Western Carolina.

- Threw out over 50% of opposing basestealers during his four seasons at VMI.

Assistant Coach Ryan Mau

Coll. of Charleston '01 ■ First Season

Ryan Mau begins his first season in Lexington following two seasons at Marist College, the 2005 Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) Regular Season and Tournament Champions. The Red Foxes took part in the Baton Rouge Regional last June, falling to LSU and Northwestern State, despite holding leads late in each contest. Mau will serve as the Keydets' pitching coach, a role he held at Marist, where he coached both the MAAC Pitcher of the Year and Relief Pitcher of the Year last season.

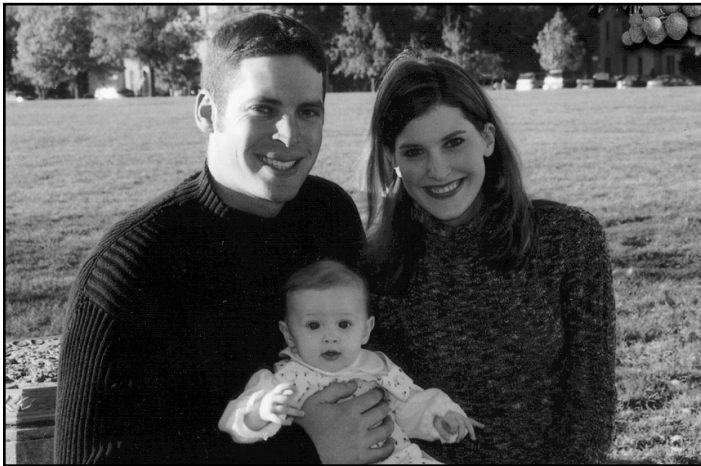


Before his two-year stint in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., Mau spent one season at Big South foe Charleston Southern, where he lowered the staff ERA by 2.00 runs from the previous season, had a pitcher named Big South Player of the Year and worked with a pair of players drafted in the top 12 rounds of the MLB Draft. Mau also coached the South Carolina Diamond Devils AAU team for two seasons, compiling a 34-17-2 mark and 370 strikeouts while working with 19 future collegiate pitchers, 15 of whom went on to play in Division I.

Mau, a standout pitcher for the College of Charleston from 1998-2001, still ranks among the Cougars' best in career victories, games started, ERA, strikeouts and innings pitched. He also established the Cougars' single-season mark for winning percentage (.1000) while posting a 1.79 ERA, the second-lowest single-season total in school history. Following his collegiate career, he signed as a free agent with the Florida Marlins and pitched for two seasons in the Marlins organization. He also split another season with the Kenosha Mammoths and the Southeastern Cloverleafs.

A native of Lake Mary, Fla., Mau is a 2001 graduate of the College of Charleston with a degree in Communication, as well as an alum of Lake Mary High School. He married the former Leslie Burnett in October, 2003, while their daughter, Grace, was born in April of 2005.

Ikenberry on Mau- "I am extremely excited about Ryan coming to VMI. He comes from a great baseball background as a standout pitcher at the collegiate level, gained valuable experience playing professionally, and has seen great success as a coach. I think that his coaching style is well suited for our program, and that he will help us achieve the kind of success that we are looking for here at VMI."

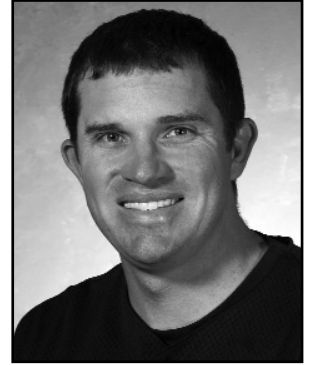


Ryan, Leslie and Grace Mau

Assistant Coach Joe Hastings

East Carolina '01 ■ First Season

Joe Hastings has come to the Institute after spending last year as the volunteer assistant at the University of Virginia, as the Cavs advanced to the Corvallis Regional following an improbable run to the ACC Championship game, where they fell 4-3 to #1 seed Georgia Tech. While at UVA, Hastings worked heavily with the Cavs' summer camp and recruiting efforts while coaching outfielders and first basemen. At VMI, he will work primarily with the Keydet hitters and infielders.



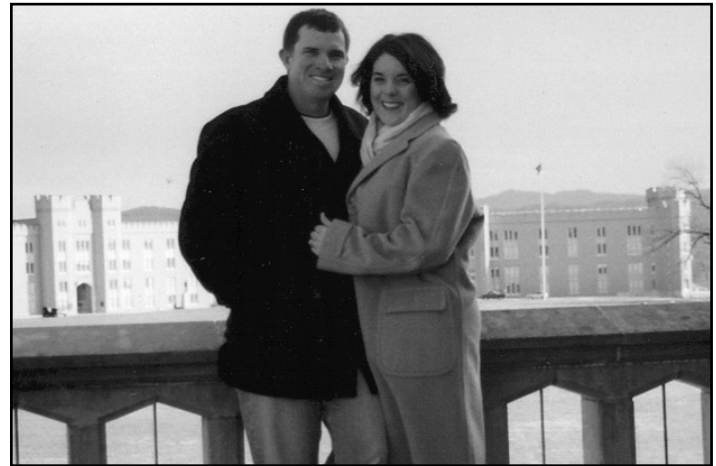
An NCBWA Third Team All-American as a senior first baseman at East Carolina, Hastings was drafted in the 24th round of the 2001 MLB Draft by the San Diego Padres. He played in the Padres' system from 2001-2004, progressing as high as Double A when he played for the Mobile Baybears of the Southern League in 2003. In 2002, he set a team single-season record for most doubles while playing for the Fort Wayne Wizards.

While in Greenville, N.C. as a collegian, Hastings earned four letters with the Pirates (1997, 1999, 2000, 2001) and established himself as one of the top players in the Colonial Athletic Association. He helped guide East Carolina to three NCAA Regional appearances (1999, 2000 and 2001) and one NCAA Super Regional appearance in 2001. The Pirates were the No. 1 seed in each its three NCAA Regional appearances during Hastings' career.

Hastings led East Carolina in batting average (.352), RBI (60) and home runs (13) in 2000 and also recorded a team-leading 62 RBI in 2001. He ranks 10th all-time at ECU for most RBI in a career with 136 and also ranks in the top ten in at bats (245), hits (83), runs scored (61) and RBI (60) in a season at ECU.

A native of Connelly Springs, N.C., Hastings is a 2001 graduate of East Carolina with a degree in Exercise and Sport Science, as well as an alum of East Burke High School. He married the former Laura Welch in December, 2001.

Ikenberry on Hastings- "I am very excited about Joe joining our staff. He has seen a lot of success as an All-American at East Carolina and playing professionally, as high as Double A. Last season he reached his fourth regional in the past seven years, so he knows what type of work it takes to get there."



Joe and Laura Hastings

Assistant Coach Matt Street

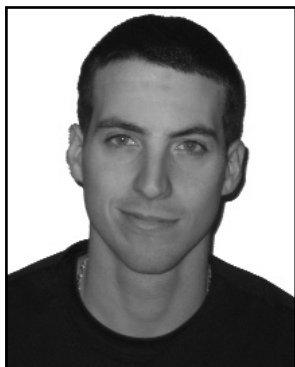
Virginia '04 ■ First Season

Joining the Keydets as Volunteer Assistant Coach this season is former University of Virginia standout Matt Street. A four-year starter for the Cavs, Street comes to Lexington following back-to-back NCAA Regional appearances as a junior and senior.

Street left Charlottesville tied for the second-most games played in Cavalier history, participating in 219 contests in his four years, making 214 starts. In his career, he hit .296 with 33 doubles, six triples and 12 home runs, while successfully stealing 55 bases in only 70 attempts. He stole a career-high 19 bases as a junior in 2004, helping Virginia to their first Regional appearance in eight years, while he set highs in batting average (.315) and doubles (14) as a sophomore.

A native of Purcellville, Va., Street earned MVP honors at Loudoun Valley High School in 2000. He graduated with an undergraduate degree in Psychology in 2004 before earning a Masters degree in 2005. He has worked with Brian O'Connor's summer camps the last five seasons and will primarily work with the Keydets' outfielders this season.

Ikenberry on Street- "We're very excited to have Matt as a part of our staff. He will make our outfielders and base-runners better. He was an extremely hard worker as a player and will be as a coach."



Student Assistant Jeff DeMara

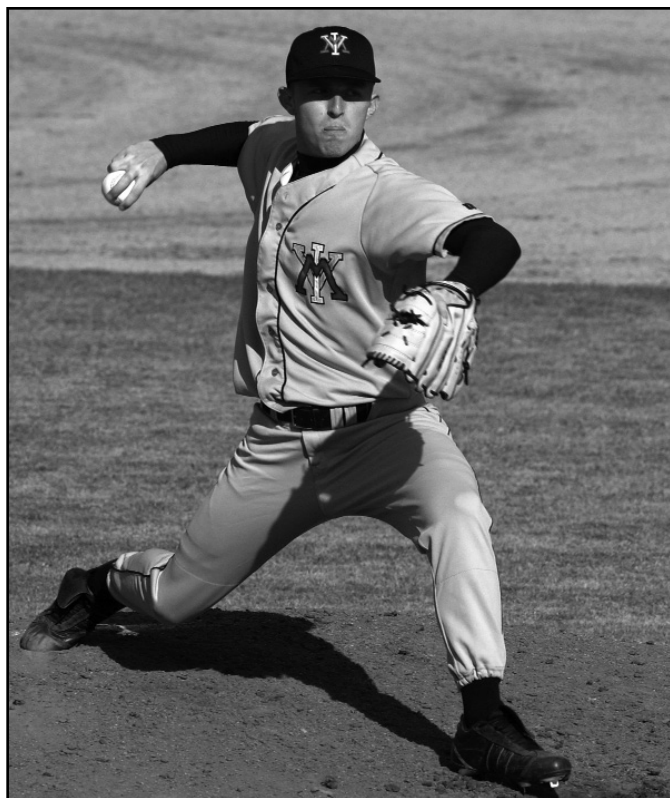
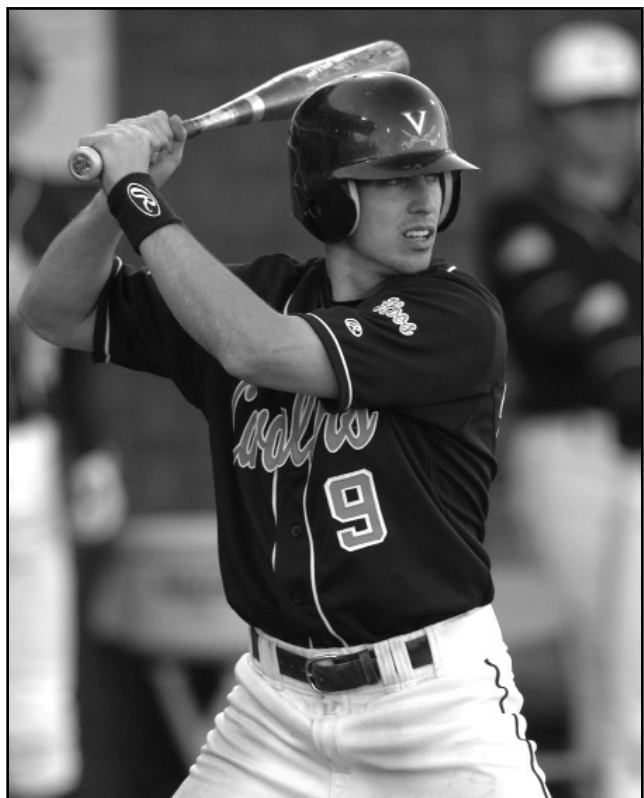
Following a standout four-year career as a pitcher at VMI, Jeff DeMara will serve as a Student Assistant coach for the 2006 season.

DeMara graduated last season as the Keydet's all-time leader in saves with 13 and appearances with 104. He was a member of the 2005 senior class that won a school-record 84 contests in his four years, while helping lead the Keydets to three consecutive 20-win seasons, another first at the Institute.

The team's closer for the past three seasons, DeMara ranked third in the Big South in both saves (6) and appearances (33) last year. As a senior, he also tied for the team lead with six victories, striking out 40 batters in 60.1 innings of work. In his career, he posted an ERA of 3.91, striking out 129 batters in 170.1 innings, winning 12 contests.

A native of Chesapeake, Va., DeMara grew up playing AAU baseball on the Virginia Blasters team featuring former VMI teammates Elliott Erbe '05 and Matt Smith '05, as well as current major league players David Wright of the New York Mets and B.J. Upton of the Tampa Bay Devil Rays. He is pursuing a degree in economics and business and is scheduled to graduate in May.

Ikenberry on DeMara- "For us to be able to add one of the top closers in VMI history to our coaching staff this year is a great addition. Jeff will help our pitching staff to develop to their full potential, just like he did as a player."



Baseball SID Christian Hoffman

Lee '03 ■ Second Season

Entering his second year at the Institute as the Assistant Sports Information Director is Christian Hoffman. 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.

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 teams.

Over the past two 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, 2005 Big South Cross Country Championship, and MatJam 2006. 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.



Athletic Trainer Elizabeth Uczekaj

Charleston Southern '05 ■ First Season

Serving as one of the baseball team's athletic trainers this season is Elizabeth Uczekaj, a 2004 graduate of Big South member Charleston Southern. Uczekaj is working with the Keydets while pursuing a Master's degree in Sports Medicine at the University of Virginia.



The Phoenix, Ariz. native brings extensive experience in the athletic training field to the Institute, having worked in the field over the past year and a half as an undergrad. While at Charleston Southern, Uczekaj worked with several of the Bucs' sports, including baseball, football, softball and women's basketball, assisting the teams with numerous duties, including practice and game-day preparation, rehabilitation and injury care and pre-game taping and modalities.

Uczekaj also gained experience with a professional team in working with the South Carolina Stingrays of the ECHL for two semesters, assisting in game-day setup and operations and serving as the off-ice liaison for visiting team's doctors and athletic trainers.

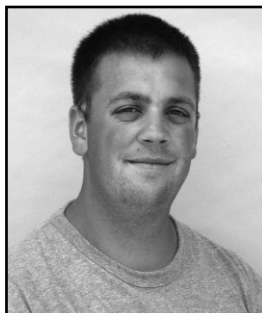
Uczekaj played four years for the Charleston Southern women's soccer team, two of those as a starter. She appeared in 62 games in her career, and was named to the Big South's All-Academic team in 2001 and 2002. A double major, she graduated with a degree in both Athletic Training and Biochemistry and was named to the school's Presidents List for every semester she attended CSU. She was a member of Phi Kappa Theta and has presented at the SCSCA conference on the biomechanics of the baseball and softball pitch. Since joining the VMI staff, Uczekaj has worked with the Keydets' women's soccer and baseball programs.

Athletic Trainer Andrew Spadafora

Brigham Young '05 ■ First Season

Andrew Spadafora will serve as one of the baseball team's athletic trainers as he works toward a Master's degree in Sports Medicine at the University of Virginia.

A 2005 graduate of Brigham Young University with a degree in Exercise Science with an emphasis in Athletic Training, Spadafora worked with the Cougars' football, men's basketball and track & field teams. As a senior, he also worked at American Fork High School, where he provided athletic training services for the school's football, women's soccer, wrestling and softball programs.



While attending school, Spadafora was a member of the BYU Student Athletic Trainers' Association, serving as President of the organization as a senior. He also received the award for Outstanding Student Athletic Trainer of the Year last year.

A native of Provo, Utah, Spadafora spent two years as a missionary in Florianopolis, Brazil. Since coming on board at VMI last August, Spadafora has worked with the Keydets' men's soccer and baseball teams.

Keydet Baseball Support Staff



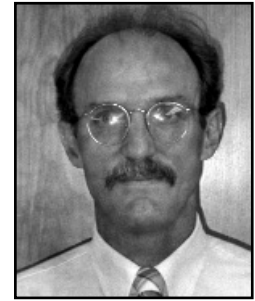
Sherry Baucom
Senior Woman Administrator/
Academic Advisor



Bart Bellairs
Assistant Athletic Director/
Operations & Marketing



Jimmy Coale
Strength & Conditioning Coach



David Copeland, M.D.
VMI Physician



Lance Fujiwara
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Team Orthopedic Physician



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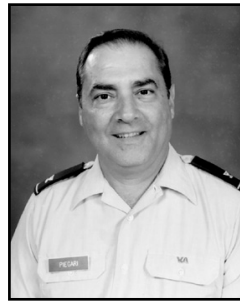
Elizabeth Igo
Assistant Athletic Administrator/
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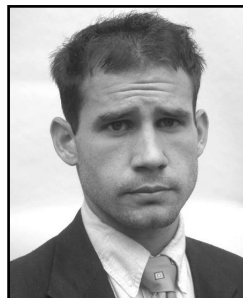
Col. George Piegari
Faculty Athletic Representative



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Assistant to the Athletic Director
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Associate Head Strength &
Conditioning Coach

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The VMI Baseball Campaign

A five-year endowment campaign to raise \$1.25 million was initiated for the VMI baseball program on April 6, 1991. On this date, campaign chairman and former All-Southern Conference catcher G. Gilmer Minor III '63, announced to an audience of former players and VMI parents that an anonymous donor had pledged \$500,000 as a challenge for others to meet over the length of the campaign. As a commitment to increased and long term success for Keydet baseball, three foundational goals were outlined: 1) the hiring of a full-time coaching staff; 2) increased scholarship aid; and 3) a financial base for operational support.

Since that time, the VMI Baseball Campaign has provided the means to hire a full-time head coach and two limited-earnings assistants. In addition, donorship provides partial scholarship aid in honor of the Spessard Family, the VMI Class of '42, Kenneth Johnson '62, and an anonymous donor, further accentuating the efforts of the VMI Keydet Club.

The origins of this unique project rest in the spirit and leadership of VMI alumni Gil Minor '63, Senator Elmon T. Gray '46 (Honorary Chairman and former VMI catcher), Steve Phelps '66, Thomas G. Slater Jr. '66, former VMI head coaches Donny White '65 (All-American and 1982 Southern Conference Coach-of-the-Year) and Paul Maini '66 (1988 Southern Conference Coach-of-the-Year), and former VMI players John L. Morgan '55, William A. Paulette '69, and W. Ruben Terry '67. Their tireless assistance, in concert with the VMI Athletic Department, the VMI Foundation, and VMI Keydet Club, have galvanized the steady and upward movement of Keydet baseball in the Division I ranks.

To date, the baseball campaign continues to flourish and reach forward in pursuit of the aforementioned goal. Interested donors should contact Warren J. Bryan '71 in the VMI Foundation at (540) 464-7287.

The VMI Keydet Club

The VMI Keydet Club is one of the nation's oldest and most distinguished athletic foundations. Since 1934, its mission has been to support, strengthen, and develop the intercollegiate athletic program at VMI and to promote ever closer cooperation and understanding among cadets, the Athletic Department, faculty, staff, alumni, and the public. To fulfill its mission, the Keydet Club raises funds for athletic scholarships, promotes VMI's intercollegiate athletic programs, assists the Institute with financing capital projects necessary for strengthening the competitiveness of VMI athletics, and raises funds on behalf of the VMI Development Board for athletic operations expenses.

The Keydet Club is administered by a volunteer Board of Governors that meets three times a year. Day-to-day operations are managed by an executive vice president and staff, located in Neikirk Hall on the VMI Post.

Over 3,000 alumni, parents, and friends of VMI athletics are members of the Keydet Club. Their annual gifts, combined with income from endowed funds, will provide grant-in-aid assistance to over 170 athletes at VMI this year, at a cost of over \$2 million.

Membership in the Keydet Club is based on total annual giving during the foundation's fiscal year (July-June), including matching gifts from qualified corporate programs. Gifts to the recently established Athletic Operations Fund (AOF) are credited for leadership-level membership in the Keydet Club, and annual endowment gifts between \$500 and \$2,000 are credited at 50% (100% if \$2,000 or more).

For more information about the VMI Keydet Club, please call 800-444-1839 or direct email to kclub@vmiaa.org. Also visit the Keydet Club's web page at www.keydetclub.org.

Keydet Road Headquarters

Auburn- Feb. 3-5

Arrive: Thurs., Feb. 2

Depart: Sun., Feb. 5

Hotel: The Hotel at Auburn University
241 S College Street
Auburn, Ala. 36830
(800) 228-2876

Mercer- Feb. 10-12

Arrive: Thurs., Feb. 9

Depart: Sun., Feb. 12

Hotel: LaQuinta Inn & Suites
3944 River Place Dr.
Macon, Ga. 31210
(478) 475-0206

Liberty- Mar. 31-Apr. 2

Arrive: Fri., March 31

Depart: Sun., Apr. 2

Hotel: Ramada Inn
3436 Odd Fellows Rd
Lynchburg, Va. 24501
(434) 847-7500

High Point- Apr. 7-9

Arrive: Thurs., Apr. 6

Depart: Sun., Apr. 9

Hotel: Biltmore Suites Hotel
4400 Regency Drive
High Point, N.C. 27265
(336) 812-8188

Birmingham Southern- Apr. 21-23

Arrive: Thurs., Apr. 20

Depart: Sun., Apr. 23

Hotel: Quality Inn
155 Vulcan Rd.
Homewood, Ala. 35209
(205) 945-9600

UNC Asheville- Apr. 28-30

Arrive: Thurs., Apr. 27

Depart: Sun., Apr. 30

Hotel: Quality Inn & Suites Biltmore South
1 Skyline Inn Drive
Arden, N.C. 28704
(828) 684-6688

Big South Championship- May 23-27

Arrive: Wed., May 22

Depart: To Be Determined

Hotel: To Be Determined

Day Trips Include: Richmond, Feb. 28; Virginia Tech, April 5; Virginia, April 18; Virginia Commonwealth, May 10; George Mason, May 17.