



Dear Virginia Tech Crew Alumni,

Greetings from Blacksburg!

The 2004-2005 season marks the 13th anniversary of rowing at Virginia Tech. Depending on when you were last on campus, the team has changed considerably over the past 13 years. In 1996 the team purchased its first Dirigo racing 8+. Now, at the start of the 2004-2005 season, the team owns 7 Dirigo 8+'s and 2 4+'s. An erg and weight facility was added in 1996 and now contains 18 ergs and serves as the center of our on-campus training. The team still rows from Claytor Lake State Park. However, we have recently relocated to a new site where the boathouse construction will begin in the near future. Through tireless efforts with the state, the university, and the park, the lease is in the final stages of development and temporary structures are being approved. In fact, by the time Alumni Weekend rolls around, you will be launching from the site of the future boathouse. The next endeavor is the creation of a large-scale fundraising campaign.

Last spring, our team experienced a very dichotomous semester. On a tragic note, we suffered the loss of one of our varsity athletes, Clayton Waterfield, whose life is celebrated through the Clayton Waterfield Memorial Team Points trophy, awarded each year to the winner of the William and Mary dual. On a positive note, the novice women's eight won the school's first gold medal at SIRA and the team qualified 3 boats for the ECAC collegiate crew championship (novice women's eight, varsity men's lightweight eight, varsity men's open four). Our school finished 19 out of 42 in the total points standing by the end of the weekend.

We would like to invite you to come back to campus for a weekend and celebrate the successes of Virginia Tech Crew. We will be hosting the team's annual Alumni Weekend on the weekend of October 16th-17th in conjunction with Homecoming. Saturday's events include the football game against Florida A&M (time still TBA, but most likely noon or 1pm) and a team social after the game. Sunday, we will venture to Claytor Lake for a not-too-early in the morning scrimmage of alumni and current rowers.

We look forward to seeing you and having a chance for the current members of Virginia Tech Crew to meet some of the successful athletes that were here before their time.

For your convenience, a list of area hotels and phone numbers is attached.

Please complete and return the attached interest form no later than October 1st so that we may begin planning for your weekend. Final details on event times and places will be distributed by e-mail as soon as game time is confirmed.

GO HOKIES!

Sincerely,
The Coaches, Officers, and Members of Virginia Tech Crew 2004-05



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Name:	
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E-Mail Address:	
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_____ I will be able to attend.	
_____ I will be unable to attend, but please accept my tax-deductible donation in the amount of \$_____. (Please make checks payable to Treasurer, Virginia Tech Foundation. We are a 501(c)3 charity as defined by the IRS).	
_____ I will be unable to attend, but please include me in future mailings.	
_____ I no longer want to receive VT Crew mailings. Please remove me from your list.	

You may return this information either via e-mail to brwhita2@vt.edu

or by regular mail to

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Blacksburg / Christiansburg Area Hotels

Hotel Name	Phone	Location
Best western red Lion Inn	540-552-7770	Prices Fork Rd, Blacksburg
Comfort Inn	540-951-1500	S. Main St., Blacksburg
Day's Inn	540-382-0261	I-81, Christiansburg
Donaldson Brown Hotel	540-231-8000	Campus
Econo Lodge	540-382-6161	I-81, Christiansburg
Four Points Sheraton	540-552-7001	Prices Fork Rd., Blacksburg
Hampton Inn	540-382-2055	I-81, Christiansburg
Hampton Inn	540-381-5874	Rte 460, Christiansburg
Howard Johnson Express	540-381-0150	I-81, Christiansburg
Microtel Inn & Suites	540-381-0500	Rte 460, Christiansburg
Ramada Limited	540-951-1330	S. Main St, Blacksburg
Super 8 Motel	540-382-7421	Rte 460, Christiansburg