

Vita

Dan W. Waddill was born on July 6, 1961, in Pittsburgh Pa. He received a B.S. in mathematics from Davidson College in 1983. During the next six years, he worked on a ranch in Wyoming as a groundskeeper, irrigator, and mechanic. In 1990, he came to Virginia Tech and completed a master's degree in Crop and Soil Environmental Science. During this time, he worked as a Graduate Project Assistant with the university physical plant and supervised the maintenance of the university athletic fields. In 1993, he began working on a Ph.D. in Soil Physics, and his research focused on laboratory and numerical experiments on the recovery of non-aqueous phase liquids from porous media. He transferred into the Hydrosystems Division of the Virginia Tech Civil Engineering Department in 1994, and continued his Ph.D. work with assistance from a Via Doctoral Fellowship. During four years of his graduate work, he served as Chief Justice of the Graduate Honor System, and he was the graduate student representative to the Virginia Tech Board of Visitors for the 1995 – 1996 academic year.

Mr. Waddill was married in 1992, and he and his wife, Karen, have a son, Wilson, and twin girls, Lillian and Evan.