VPI’s Grid Coach Elated By Recruits

BLACKSBURG (Special to Daily Press) — How’s Virginia Tech’s football recruiting doing? If Coach Charlie Coffey and his staff stopped right now, they probably could consider it a good year.

“We’re still working hard to finish our recruiting before the end of January, but we’re satisfied that we’ve already done well,” Coffey says.

“We certainly feel that we’ve gotten some outstanding players. For instance, we lise a great quarterback like Don Strock, but we recruit a fine youngster like Eddie Joyce (of Salem) who unquestionably has the capability during the next few years of rewriting Strock’s amazing records.”

Joyce, 6-4, 195, during his four years at Andrew Lewis high school completed 461 passes, including 63 for TDs.

Bill Housewright, linebacker at Gate City, was the only Virginia high school player picked on perhaps the most widely recognized All-America team.

Joyce, Housewright and all-state guard Stuart Patterson, of E. C. Glass in Lynchburg, are among 34 Virginians Tech has signed.

“We concentrated first within the state,” Coffey points out. “We feel that we’ve gotten quality, as well as size and speed, and we’ve been even more selective among See Gobblers, P. D-9, Cols. 8-9