Personal opinions and other piffle:

In search of more enthusiasm and a Virginia resident, Virginia Tech has dropped Charlie Harville and hired Bud Kaatz of Norfolk’s WAVY-TV to do the football play-by-play. Kaatz, who certainly will liven up the previously dull broadcasts, will also serve as host on Charlie Coffey’s weekly television show.

Kaatz has a short-term contract with Tech, believed to include only this football season. It’s sort of a make-good deal. If Coffey is satisfied with Kaatz’ job this year, he will likely become the “voice of the Hokies” and do the basketball as well as football.

In other Virginia Tech developments, Coffey and his staff are currently on a statewide recruiting and mingling-with-the-alumni swing . . . Wally English will be Tech’s offensive coordinator next season, although no official announcement has been made . . . On paper, Tech’s basketball coaches had a fine recruiting year, certainly the best in several years . . . The enrollment for the Hokies’ summer all-sports camp is already double last year’s . . . It is entirely possible that football recruiter Chuck Rohe may sign two more players.