Six Area Gridsters At VPI

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Virginia Tech, located in Blacksburg, Va., will have six area football players on their 1973 varsity and freshman football squads.

One of these freshmen from the area on the VPI grid squad will include CHARLIE DAHER a lineman with the Welch Maroon Wave last season. Daher is listed on the VPI 1973 roster as a defensive tackle, weighing 215 pounds and standing 6-4.

Another McDowell County grid star at VPI on the freshman roster will be TOMMY BEASLEY, who graduated from Northfork High School last spring. Beasley is listed as tackle weighing 215 and standing at 6-5½.

The other area player on the VPI football roster is from Woodrow Wilson High School in Beckley, MARK LESTER. Lester is listed as a linebacker weighing 195 and standing at 6-2.

The above three football freshmen will be members of the 1973 VPI Freshmen Squad with some of last year's grid standouts such as the talented quarterback Eddie Joyce from Roanoke, running back Charlie Brown from Pulaski, and halfback Reginald Robinson of St. Albans.

All three southern West Virginia football players were recruited by Marshall Taylor, VPI receivers coach.

The other varsity player for the Gobblers on the 1973 squad will be BRUCE MCDANIEL a kicking specialist from Woodrow Wilson High School in Beckley. McDaniels is a sophomore at VPI this fall.

The VPI campus is located in Blacksburg, Va. Blacksburg, Va. is located 38 miles west of Roanoke, Va. on Corridor “Q” (U. S. 460).

The school has an enrollment of 15,500 and was established in 1872 as the Land Grant University of the state of Virginia.

Lane Stadium, where the area football athletes will be playing, seats 35,000 spectators.

The school colors for Virginia Tech are orange and maroon. The nickname is “Fighting Gobblers” and the 100 member band is known as the “Hightly Tightsies”.

During the history of football at VPI it has produced five All-Americans, Carroll Dale, Frank Loria, Bob Schweichert, Mike Widger and Don Storock. Storock graduated just last spring from VPI.