Coach Charlie Coffey spoke to a football player waiting to have his picture taken for the hometown paper on picture day last week at Lane stadium. The conversation was something like this:

Coach: “How are you, son?”
Player: “How are you, coach?”
Coach: “Well that depends pretty much on how you and some others are.”

Tech will have a good chance to test its soundness on Friday when the Gobblers don the pads for the first time and the meaningful crunch begins.

Bruce Arians now appears a certainty as starting quarterback, due in part to an injury to Rick Popp, who had appeared headed for a photo finish for the position until a fracture of the left hand suffered in a softball game during the summer changed all that. Popp will be ready when the team opens against William and Mary Sept. 8 but will have missed some important time with the cast still on the limb.

All of the injured who missed the spring game are back together and ready.