Tech signs 7 to grants

Virginia Tech has taken a big early lead in the football recruiting wars among the five major schools in the state.

Tech has reportedly signed seven prospects since the official signings opened last Saturday. The five prospects who have been made known by newspapers and other information include only one state player—Mike Hughes, a 6-2, 218-pound offensive tackle and linebacker from First Colonial High in the Tidewater area.

Other signees known are Matthew Kealey, a 6-2, 180 safety, and Richard Phillips, a 6-3, 215-pound defensive end, both from Beckley, W.Va.; Henry Bradley, a 6-3, 185-pound safety from Rogersville, Tenn.; and Don Marshall, a 6-3, 235 tackle from Christiansburg who was re-signed. He played freshman ball at Tech several years ago and then went into the service.

Richmond signed only Randy Pike, a wide receiver and running back from Ferrum Junior College. VMI, Virginia and William and Mary did not sign any prospects.

Virginia, reportedly, has several top prospects ready to sign but new Coach Sonny Randle wants to make personal visits in the home before signing any players.