Best Wishes, Jim Sharpe

Virginia Tech has a new head football coach. Announcement was made at a press conference Tuesday that Jimmy Sharpe, top offensive assistant at Alabama, received the awesome task of leading the Gobbler football team out of the morass. Details about the new mentor will be found in the sports section.

It’s a tough assignment that Sharpe has accepted. We want to tell him that he has the best wishes for achieving success. Faculty, students, and alumni of Virginia Tech naturally want to see the new head man achieve success in the undertaking that he has embarked upon. Such good wishes also come from county residents—professional and businessmen, governmental officials, and the like. Numbered among such are some of the best fans that Virginia Tech can claim. Some of the best supporters that Virginia Tech has never went here.

Sharpe has a tremendous task confronting him, but from what has been said, he seems to have what it takes to make a go of the Virginia Tech gridiron endeavors. We all wish him well.

With the Tuesday announcement, one of the three openings that has created so much popular interest was filled. With the filling of the head football coaching post, popular interest will turn to the names of the assistant football coaches. Some of Sharpe’s success will turn on the assistant coaches he hires.

The other two posts that had created much public discussion yet to be filled are the ‘chief’ of the Blacksburg police and the director of athletics at Virginia Tech.

The naming of a chief of police is expected early in February. Eight of the 93 applicants have been selected to be interviewed by three representatives of the International Chiefs of Police Association Friday and then by town officials. In a week or so, Blacksburg ought to know who is the new police chief.

The third post that was mentioned for filling is that of director of athletics at Virginia Tech. Frank O. Moseley is scheduled to retire at the end of June. Because of the Charlie Coffey resignation and the work necessary to select Jimmy Sharpe as new head football coach, it seems that it would be wise to get Moseley to stay on another year, if he is willing to give up a year of his retirement.

Moseley can be of great help to get the Sharpe program under way. With his Alabama background, Moseley can be of tremendous aid. He has had nearly a quarter of a century experience at Tech as head football coach and athletic director. He began at Tech in Jan., 1951.

Several friends of Tech football have expressed the idea that Moseley could be of great assistance if he could be prevailed upon to postpone his retirement another year. The athletic rebuilding program at Tech needs all the help it can get, so it is hoped that the powers that be at Virginia Tech will endeavor to get Moseley to stay on as director of athletics for one more year.