Sharpe Hires
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BLACKSBURG—Virginia Tech head coach Jimmy Sharpe has hired his fifth assistant and second defensive specialist.

Thirty-six-year-old Buddy Bennett, coach of the defensive secondary at Georgia Tech, coached All-America selection Randy Rhino of the Yellow Jackets, a safety.

Bennett is a graduate of South Carolina where he played quarterback in the late 50's. He coached at East Tennessee State University in Johnson City for four years. During that time the Buccaneers played in the Grantland Rice Bowl. ETSU led college division teams with 34 interceptions in 1969.

Bennett's other credentials include a year at the University of Tennessee, where his secondary stole 35 passes, tops in the NCAA. His other coaching credits include two years at Arkansas before going to Georgia Tech.

No stranger to offense, Bennett led the ACC in rushing in his junior year and senior years, 1959 and '60. After graduation he returned to the Gamecocks as a graduate assistant and also coached at a high school.

Bennett and his wife have four children.

Coach Sharpe commented about Bennett: "He has exceptional ability in getting the maximum out of young men and his exposure to football in various sections of the country makes his knowledge of the game a valuable asset to the Tech program."

Sharpe is expected to hire his remaining coaches—probably three more—soon. Hired previously were defensive specialist Charlie Pell and offensive coaches Danny Ford, Perry Willis and Nelson Stokley.