Nine Virginians Sign With VPI

BLACKSBURG—Of 24 football players Virginia Tech signed to grants on national letter day, only nine played their high school football in Virginia.

Two Roanoke Valley players, Ricky Bush of William Byrd, a 205-pound running back-defensive end and Ricky Harmon, a defensive back off Patrick Henry’s state championship team, signed.

Radford’s Barry Miller, a 235-pound tackle and Mike Southworth, a 215-pound defensive end also signed.

New Tech head coach Jimmy Sharpe said, “It didn’t look too promising when we started late on the recruiting trail, but we’ve come up with 24 players with various abilities, whom we think have one thing in common—they’re all winners.”

Sharpe added that his staff is still pursuing some players involved in spring sports. “If we get them,” he said, “it will be much later.”

Tech’s complete roster of signees:

- Greg Birtsch 6-5 248
- Henry Bradley 6-4 185
- Ricky Bush 6-4 205
- Roscoe Coles 5-10 170
- Dave Golphin 6-3 220
- Ricky Harmon 5-10 143
- Dicky Holway 6-0 190
- Mike Hughes 6-2 215
- Steve Julian 6-0 200
- Larry Justice 5-10 170
- Matt Keatley 6-3 185
- Barry Miller 6-4 235
- Charles Moore 6-2 205
- Richard Phillips 6-2 220
- Rick Rizzano 5-11 205
- Joe Santone 6-2 225
- Larry Schmidt 6-3 240
- Gerald Sheehan 6-2 195
- Bill Smith 6-3 215
- Mike Smith 6-5 200
- Eddie Shell 6-1 175
- Mike Southworth 6-3 215
- Kim Spencer 6-3 240
- Leonard Walker 6-4 242

C East Aurora, N.Y.
SE Rogersville, Tenn.
HB-DE Roanoke (Wm. Byrd)
HB-DB Virginia Beach (Bayside)
TE-LB Neward, Del. (Christiana)
DB Roanoke (Patrick Henry)
RB Weelsake, Ohio
LB Va. Beach (First Col.)
LB-FB Lynchburg (Brockville)
RB Hickory, N.C. (St. Steph.)
SF-WR Beckley, W.Va. (Wood, Wil.)
T Radford
FB Earlino, W.Va.
DE-LB Prosperity, W.Va.
FB-LB New Castle, Pa.
LB Rockville, Md.
LB Wilmington, Del. (St. Eliz.)
T Richmond (Douglas Freeman)
RB-SF Snellville, Ga.
QB Shellville, Ga.
DE Martinsville
T Davlo, W.Va.
T Petersburg