Sharpe Seeking T-Bones, Shunning Pork And Beans

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Jimmy Sharpe is looking for T-bone steaks.

Virginia Tech's new head football coach, on the Peninsula to speak to alumni and friends at the Hampton Holiday Inn Thursday, feels his staff have already removed the worst situation left over from Charlie Yeager's unceremonious flag as the Gob- bers' boss.

"The problem at Tech has not been football players - who play ball, who don't, who kick the ball, who runs the halfback," he says. "That's been attitude. We found a group of young men who had total in-difference to academics, athletics, everything else."

They didn't even know each other."

After last Saturday's spring game, Sharpe feels that indifference has been overcome and some appetites have been whetted.

"At 3:30 Sunday," says Sharpe, "the winners of the spring game filed in - players, coaches, managers - and sat down to the best T-bone steaks money can buy. Then the losing team - players, coaches, managers - all filed in and had pork and beans, salami and sauerkraut.

"All the new coach, tran- splanted from Paul "Bear" Bryant's Alabama staff, even shared the meager "losers' meal." I was on that side, so I ate the pork and beans," he says.

New Virginia Tech head football coach Jimmy Sharpe makes his point to interested alumni, friends. Thursday night prior to Peninsula chapter of student and group's social rally at Hampton Holiday Inn. Swapping views with Sharpe are from left, Bob Dunn, Phil Routten, Mrs. Dunn and member of Tech's grid staff, Terry Phillips.

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