Coach Jimmy Sharpe’s announcement of areas of strongest concentration with an eye to improvement in the spring practice season which opened yesterday mentions that the kicking game will be worked on every day and more game-type scrimmages will be held.

Having outlined the problem, Tech now must solve it and we believe that they will.

The kicking game was the source of many problems last season ranging from unimpressive punts in some situations, missed field goals from the 30-yard range on others, and inadequate defensive work on kickoff and punt coverage, especially costly against teams with speedy return men.

The off-season muscle building program under the direction of Bill Ellenbogen also could pay dividends. For sheer determination and nerve, Ellenbogen was the equal of any Hokie offensive lineman of recent years as a player.

The program climaxes with the May 17 intra-squad game which likely will be a hard-hitting affair, with Tech showing the level of play it must maintain to upset the Kentucky Wildcats less than four months later before a highly partisan crowd at Lexington’s Commonwealth Stadium.