Sharpe Seeks Bandits-Headhunters

BLACKSBURG—Virginia Tech Coach Jimmy Sharpe is encouraging "Bandits" and "Headhunters" during the next four weeks. "Bandit" is new terminology for one of Tech's defensive end positions because Sharpe plans for that position to be more involved than previously in Gobbler pass coverage.

"About 70 percent of the time he'll be playing more or less as an additional linebacker," Sharpe explained. "We believe this will help us to be more effective against split backs of veer teams."

As for "Headhunters," that's a term of pride among defensive units, and Sharpe hopes that the Gobblers will earn and merit such a monicker.

Tech's defense progressed appreciably during the 1974 season (Continued On Page 7)
season, "and we hope that we'll continue to improve enough to warrant a 'Headhunter' label," he said.

Tech will have considerable experience in its secondary, but the defensive front is very much a rebuilding proposition, and linebacking depth so far is questionable.

"We do have some depth problems," Sharpe says, "but we have to feel that overall our defense is fundamentally more stable than it was at this time last year."

Leader among Tech's bandits is Keith McCarter, a rising junior from Colonial Heights.

By the time of the Gobblers' annual Spring intrasquad game, May 17, Sharpe hopes that headhunters will be legion.