Tech Plans Football Banquet
With Bryant As Speaker

Paul (Bear) Bryant, a living legend in college football, will be guest speaker for Virginia Tech's revitalized football banquet, May 22, at the Roanoke Civic Center.

The banquet will be open to the public at $8.50 a ticket. Reservations may be made through three outlets in Salem (Tarpley's, Security National Bank and Billy's Barn) and several in Roanoke, including Holiday Inn Airport, and a number of banks or through members of the Tech Student Aid Board of Directors.

The buffet style meal will be served at 7 p.m. The program will include Bryant's talk plus introduction of Tech's football squad.

Bryant, subject and co-author of a current best-seller book, "Bear," has had many close ties with Tech during his career, first of which was his first loss as a head coach to the Gobblers here in old Miles Stadium.

His most recent association with Hokie-land of course is that Tech head coach Jimmy Sharpe played and coached under Bryant before coming here in 1974.

"In the future we intend to have our annual banquet shortly after the end of the football season," Sharpe said, "but for this particular time, I can't think of a more appropriate way to reward our football team, honor our 1974 seniors and to show appreciation for what has been accomplished in the off-season and what we feel certain will be achieved in spring practice.

"Coach Bryant is not only