Football is preparing to steal the sports spotlight but in the meanwhile there is no shortage of headlines: A former Demon basketball coach has been hired at Wake Forest, three CHS girls will play college sports, Virginia Tech has signed an authentic blue chip in basketball.

If all the preceding were not enough, consider the local sports menu for the coming week: Tech football picture day, two golf tournaments, a bowling tournament, and a 4-H horse show and NFL exhibitions are here.

Congratulations to Bob Burton, now in the employ of his old friend Carl Tacy at WFU. After engineering the world-beater 1974-'75 CHS hoop season, Burton served for a year on the staff of Don DeVoe at Wyoming.

A graduate assistantship is not normally an end in itself but a stepping stone to a full time assistant's job and finally to a head coaching post. No one who follows ACC basketball needs to be told that Wake has a sound basketball program and Burton will give it his best. Burton and Tacy are former New River basketball opponents, dating to the days when Tacy coached at the old Pulaski High School.

Congratulations also to Debbie Reed and Susan Chambers of CHS basketball and track standout Kathy Ryan (who also played basketball). The three athletes will play college sports: Chambers at Emory and Henry, Reed at the University of Wyoming, and Ryan at East Tennessee State.

That shining object seen in Blacksburg over the weekend was coach Charlie Moir's smile when the news broke that Tech had landed its first authentic blue chip of basketball's recruiting, super guard Dwayne Grant of Mocksville, N.C.

Grant, a 6-4, 190 guard, led North Carolina high school scorers for the past two years. His addition to the team has to be a shot in the drumstick for the Gobblers.

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