FIFTEEN ATHLETES (cont'd)

He enjoyed a fine spring practice, drawing the praise of Coach Jimmy Sharpe:
"I'm not sure at which position but Bill has the potential to be in our starting lineup when we open the season against Kentucky." Heuserlight is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Heuserlight of Route 3, Gate City.

Paul Adam, a former four varsity sport letterman at Carthiwood is another Virginian vying for a spot. Adam, after missing the entire '73 season, became the starting fullback last year and finished the season as the team's third leading rusher, despite a number one assignment as a blocker. This fall, the 6-0, 220-pounder, who holds the Goldberer home run record (5) in baseball, should be in the thick of the battle for the starting fullback job again.

Adam is the son of Mrs. Kathryn Adam of Damascus.

Three former members of Appalachian's state championship football squad -- Plan "Toupe" Thomas, Tom Turner and Lake Marsellig -- round out the Southwest Virginia group. Davis, captain and all-district defensive back while at Appalachia, came to Tech without a scholarship, but played enough to letter in '73. His 1974 performance improved considerably and now he is considered as solid a player as Tech has in its secondary. The 5-11, 185 pound senior, a sure starter at left corner, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Stuart of Oak Street, Appalachia.

Turner, a leader in the Lonesome Pine Conference was twice all-state in high school as well as a three-sport captain. A two-year letterman at Tech on a defensive tackle, Turner's career with the Goldberers has been plagued by injury. A leading candidate for a starting tackle berth after Spring Practice, the 6-1, 230 pound senior sustained a knee injury requiring surgery during early Fall drills and may well miss the entire '75 season. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul W. Turner of Abingdon.

FIFTEEN PLAYERS (cont'd)

Goldie, a captain and all-conference performer in both football and basketball while at Elliston, is in a four-way battle for the wide receiver spot. A hard worker, he should be prepared for action if the opportunity presents itself in '75. The 6-2, 180 pound sophomore is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Goodwin of Route 7, Elliston.

Church Hill High School also has a pair of representatives on the '75 Tech squad, junior offensive lineman Keith Gibson (6-1, 295) and freshman defensive tackle Don Parker, 5-11, 220. Gibson, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Gibson of Route 4, Church Hill, has earned two varsity letters since coming to Tech. A sophomore starter in '74, he enjoyed a productive Spring practice and according to Sharpe "has developed into one of the top players on the field."

Parker, a sophomore letterman for coach Ray Bailey, won all-conference, and all-East Tennessee and all-state honors in high school. He also participated in track as a weightman and member of the two-mile relay team. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul J. Parker of 224 Hammond Avenue, Mt. Carmel.

Former Dobyns-Bennett star Gary Smith is also a first-year man with the Hokies. Smith, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Randal C. Smith, of 901 Patton Avenue, Kingsport, earned honorable mention all-state honors as a running back for coach Fred Nelms. He also helped set a regional record in the 440-yard relay and placed third in the state indoor track meet with a time of 50.6 in the 440.

Henry Bradley, who won all-conference recognition in basketball and track, in addition to being chosen all-state defensive back and wide receiver for coach Darrel Jones at Rogersville High School, is another Tennessee-product.

At Tech Bradley earned a starting spot at free safety his freshman year, interception three passes. In Spring practice the 6-2, 195-pounder continued...