Basketball Workouts
In Full Swing At Tech

BLACKSBURG—Virginia Tech, with most of the NIT champion squad back, is back into the swing of basketball drills again with a new playing floor, a pair of big shoes to fill and about five weeks to put everything together.

Returning from the squad that shook the basketball world last March are team captain Craig Lieder, 6-5 205 forward from Norfolk; 6-4 180 forward from Altavista, Ed Frazier, and guards Bobby Stevens, 5-10 165 from Norfolk and 6-3 160 Charlie Thomas of Harrisonburg. All are seniors.

The big empty shoes are those formerly occupied by Allen Bristow, scoring leader of his three years on the varsity and currently in the employ of the Philadelphia ’76ers. Bristow, originally a forward, played center for his senior year.

Soph Kyle McKee, 6-8, 192 of Richmond, Ind. and soph Mike Collins of Brownsville, Pa. are the only two centers listed on the tentative roster. McKee had some varsity experience as a freshman and the accurate-shooting Collins missed all except some very early action last season due to a leg injury now healed.

Acknowledging sixth man on the squad is senior Calvin Wade, 6-5, 192 forward from Mebane, N. C., ace reliever who saved several key games last season.

Among the newcomers are two highly regarded freshmen, both outstanding in high school. They are 6-5 190 Duke Thorpe of West Point, a high scoring forward with phenomenal jumping ability and “all-everything” guard Denny Fugate, 5-11, 155 of Hazard, Ky.

Soph Dave Sensibaugh, 6-0 163 guard from Cincinnati, O. who played some in nearly every game last year has returned.

Promising newcomers are Dadeeye Dennis Shrewsberry 6-5 175 soph forward-guard from Pulaski, a talented transfer from Appalachian State who sat out a year of eligibility last season; soph forward-guard Mark Cartwright, 6-4 180 from Martinsville and junior 6-6 210 Geoff Wiggins of Paris, Ill.

The last of a trio of two-year lettermen (the others are Lieder and Frazier) is senior Tim Harvey, 6-0, 160 guard from Radford.

Tech opens its season at home Saturday, Dec. 1, against the VMI Keydets, winners of the last meeting of the teams two seasons ago in Roanoke.