Tim Harvey

Former Bobcat basketball player Tim Harvey is one of many Techmen who will be seen in Saturday night's opener for the Hokies. According to Tech coach Don DeVoe, Tim is one of the most conscientious players we have. He knows our philosophy inside and out and can be called upon at a second's notice. His ability to lead the team will allow him to play often. Tim, who is a 4-0, senior guard, is a two-year letterman for the N.I.T. champions.

Dennis Shrewsberry

A two-time ALL-State choice for the Pulaski Orioles and a transfer student from Appalachian State where he led the Freshmen team in scoring two years ago with a 28 point average, Dennis Shrewsberry will be one of many players to seek action in the home opener for Va. Tech this Saturday night.

Hokie Tradition On Line Saturday

BLACKSBURG – Virginia Tech, with the pride of its homecourt record on the line, will open its 1972-73 basketball season against VMI here in the Tech Coliseum, Saturday night.

Tech hasn’t lost to a state team in Blacksburg in the last 16 years, and the Gobbler’s 12-year record in the Coliseum is 16-10. Don DeVoe, starting his third season as Tech head mentor, has seen his Tech editions in the last two years contribute to that tradition with a 20-1 mark.

Saturday’s contest will be the first time in a decade that the Keydets and the Gobbler have met in regular season play, but DeVoe recalls his only previous meeting with the Keydets two years ago in a tournament at Roanoke. VMI scored a 74-68 upset.

Tech’s record at that moment was 3-3, but the Techmen under DeVoe have come a long way since then – to a 38-13 record, to be exact.

There should be a near-capacity crowd to welcome the returning members of Tech’s 1973 N.I.T. champs, and there will be at least four (maybe five) seniors in the starting lineup.

“...you don’t have to ‘psych’ a Tech team to play here at home,” DeVoe notes. “Our players really respond to our fans, and I know they’re looking forward to Saturday’s opener.”

He might have added that the Gobbler also are aware of Tech’s tradition of winning at home.

Tech’s starting frontline will comprise captain Craig Lieder, 6-4, Calvin Wade, 6-4, and Ed Frasier, 6-4. Despite lacking good height by major college standards, all three are experienced seniors.

Bobby Stevens, 6-3-10 senior, will be backcourt “quarterback.” His running mate will be either 6-4