Tech Good News:
Adams Is Eligible

Virginia Tech football coach Jimmy Sharpe, who has had pre-season workouts disrupted by injuries of late, received a dose of good news for a change yesterday when senior fullback Paul Adams checked in with a wide grin on his face.

Adams, a 6-0, 220-pounder who gained 768 yards a year ago, completed summer school requirements which enabled him to retain his athletic eligibility just four days prior to the Hokies season opener Saturday night at Wake Forest.

“Big Paul is happy,” said Sharpe. “He came in with a smile from ear-to-ear. He checked all of his professors and found he had made all the grades he needed to make. He’s clean.”

Sharpe said he was not at liberty to discuss Adams’ grades or what grades his fullback needed to remain eligible. However, an athletic department source said that Adams needed A’s in all six courses he took during the summer.

“Paul paid a helluva price,” said Sharpe. “He was in study hall three hours a day, and he did not miss a class.”

Sharpe also was able to report that the Hokies’ injury situation had improved to the point that it appears only veteran defensive back Henry Bradley is doubtful for the Wake game. Bradley, who broke his foot last year, is suffering tenderness and inflammation in the area of that previous fracture.

Yesterday’s workout was not without its injury, however. Quarterback Mitcheal Barnes twisted his ankle and had it packed in ice. He is expected to be ready by Saturday, but may not be 100 per cent.