Dooley Names Steve Bernstein VPI Grid Aide

BLACKSBURG (Special to Daily Press) — Steve Bernstein, an assistant coach with Chuck Mills for eight years at Utah State and Wake Forest, has been added to the Virginia Tech football staff, Gobbler coach Bill Dooley announced Monday afternoon.

“We are extremely pleased to have Steve with us,” Dooley said. “He is bright, honest and a tireless worker. We feel he is an excellent addition to our staff.”

Bernstein, who is credited with developing free safety Bill Armstrong into Wake Forest’s first consensus All-American, joined the Utah State staff in 1970 as a secondary coach, and later took charge of ends and linebackers. Following the 1972 season, he made the move with Mills to Wake Forest, where he coached linebackers for one season before resuming duties as defensive backfield coach.

An NAIA All-American at Occidental College, Bernstein joined the Marines Cops following graduation in 1967. He served as assistant coach of the Okinwa team in 1968 and of the Quantico squad in 1969 before joining Mills at Utah State.

In addition to his duties at Okinawa and Quantico, he served a seven-month tour of duty in Vietnam, during which time he was awarded the Purple Heart. His unit received both Presidential and Naval Unit citations.

The 33-year old Southern California native holds a Masters of Education degree from Utah State.