

MINUTES
VIRGINIA TECH ATHLETIC COMMITTEE
Wednesday February 12, 1992

The meeting was convened at 9:00 a.m. Present were Jack Williams, Bennet Cassell, Dave Braine, Steve Horton, Jeff Bourne, Joe Thomas, Sharon McClosky, Vince Cilimberg, Larry Killough, Sue Murrmann, Elyzabeth Holford, John Ficenec, Gene Seago, Will Furrer, Kelli Craven, Linda Bucy, Fred Baumgartner, Ray Myers, Minnis Ridenour, and Buddy Russell.

Minutes from the December 4, 1991 meeting were approved as read. The agenda was adopted as presented.

Dave Braine announced changes were underway in the football coaching staff. Vacancies will be filled in accordance with state policy and prior to spring practice if possible. Dave discussed an incident involving the swimming coach. At issue was a racial slur made to a black athlete. The Big East football conference has finalized agreements for its champion to play in the Cotton, Orange, or Sugar bowl. The second place team in the conference will go to a lower bowl. Within a year, the conference hopes to have placed its third place team in a bowl as well. The Burrows-Burleson Tennis Complex was dedicated on February 8. This is a top notch facility, making Virginia Tech unique among universities on the east coast in the quality of its varsity tennis facilities.

Dave also reported on the first Big East meeting that included the 10 full members as well as the 4 football only schools. He expressed hopes for full conference affiliation somewhere down the road. Dave reported lots of progress for the conference during the last year. Football revenue sharing plans were discussed at the meeting. The Metro Conference winter meeting has also discussed. Men and Women basketball tournaments will be held back to back March 11 through 15 in Louisville, Ky. This event should bring cohesiveness to the new Metro group.

Steve Horton reported on major action at this year's NCAA convention. Core curriculum requirements have been raised to 13 courses, with enforcement beginning in 1995. This year's high school freshman class will be the first group affected. Minimum eligibility index combining GPA and SAT scores was also adopted. A satisfactory progress requirement such that a maximum of 6 of 24 required hours per year from summer school was also adopted.

Sharon McCloskey reported on progress of recruitment of student athletes for the 1992-93 academic year. The admissions office has been involved with all signees from fall 1991 recruiting efforts. Academic requirements for admission to Virginia Tech are understood by all coaches and assistant coaches. Recruiting efforts are directed to those prospects who have met or are in the process of meeting admissions requirements to the University. For instance, two of the top football prospects in

the state were not recruited^{Ru} by Virginia Tech because they are only now taking their second math course and three math courses are required for admission. One of these has signed with the University of Virginia.

Jeff Bourne reported that increases in tuition for the coming year would require \$148,000 more to hold scholarship support constant from the current year. The next five years look bleak for expanding scholarship support for non revenue sports. In addition to increases in tuition costs, interest rates are not helping returns to endowment funds. On a more positive note, operating budgets were doing "pretty well - better than projected."

Jerry Via reported success in the academic areas for scholarship athletes. Currently, 22 seniors on the football team are scheduled to graduate in 1992. Two members of last year's men's basketball team graduated in December. Post graduate interest seems to be building among several scholarship athletes. Men's tennis and women's volleyball averaged over 3.0 GPA's for fall semester. One of the Athletic Department's goals is to graduate a higher percent of scholarship athletes than the university as a whole. Progress is being made toward this goal.

Sue Murrmann reported that the subcommittee on women's programs had met twice since December. They are in the process of gathering information pertinent to their purpose and will continue their efforts.

The committee then passed a motion by Joe Thomas to recognize Will Furrer for winning the National Football Foundation Scholar Athlete Award and for being named MVP for the Grey squad in the Blue/Grey game. Proper recognition is to be made at the March meeting.

The University Athletic Committee then went into executive session to consider the response of the Athletic Department to the report of the subcommittee on resource allocation. Results of that session will be forwarded to appropriate administration officials.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.