

MINUTES
VIRGINIA TECH ATHLETIC COMMITTEE
Wednesday, December 4, 1991

The meeting was convened at 9:00 a.m. Present were Tom Goodale, Kelli Craven, Linda Bucy, W. R. Chickering, Will Furrer, Elyzabeth Holford, John Moody, John Ficenec, Gene Seago, Tony Dziepak, S. J. Ritchey, Vince Cilimberg, G. E. Russell (for Mace Coleman), Joe Thomas, Jeff Bourne, Steve Horton, Dave Braine, Jack Williams, Bennet Cassell, Harry Robertshaw, Larry Killough and Minnis Ridenour.

Minutes from the November 13 meeting were approved as amended. The agenda was adopted as distributed. Athletic Director Dave Braine introduced the guest coach, Stephanie Hawbecker, Head Coach of the Women's Volleyball Team. The team's success for the fall was noted. Coach Hawbecker enumerated goals of her program. Coach Hawbecker cited the commitment of the University to the Women's Volleyball Program in the hiring of a full time head coach. She outlined her recruiting plans (in state and midwest) plus her intentions to conduct workshops and clinics among high schools in the state. Coach Hawbecker pointed to development of club teams as essential to development of talent in state.

The sub-committee on Women's Programs had not met since the November meeting of the Athletic Committee, therefore no report was made. The sub-committee on resource allocation presented a report of its findings, followed by considerable discussion. It was agreed to carry forward to the January meeting the topics raised by the sub-committee.

Steve Horton reported on issues to be considered at the upcoming NCAA Convention. Several of the proposals involve standards for admissions and academic performance. The proposals were all in support of more stringent requirements for academic performance. Steve also noted a proposal to create a recruiting calendar for sports other than football and basketball.

Dave Braine summarized the fall football program as frustrating and disappointing, but expressed confidence that the program is making progress. Both men and women's basketball programs have started slowly with losses in season opening tournaments. Repairs to Lane Stadium are awaiting results of an engineering study. Eugene Chung became the sixth Virginia Tech football player to be named to a first team All-American team. Dave complimented Will Furrer on receiving a National Football Foundation Scholarship for his athletic and academic achievements. Dave commented on winter meetings for the Metro and Big East Conferences. The Metro Conference meeting should be routine, however, the Big East Conference could involve some intense discussion. The issues at hand include revenue sharing by the conference membership.

John Moody presented a summary of the Second Century Campaign. Monies pledged exceed \$13 million out of the \$17 million goal established for the campaign. Cash-in-hand is nearly \$8 million. Some of the gifts are in the form of property, and the \$8 million figure includes some property already transferred to the University. Much of the money raised by the Second Century Campaign has been designated for endowed scholarships. Such contributions provide little relief for current budget shortages. Returns on University endowment funds have been fairly high, perhaps 12 - 15%, but fund policy is to reinvest a portion of the interest into the principal on the endowment, and to return 6% annually to the beneficiary. There have been some shortages in donations to the annual fund, probably as a result of disappointments in the fall football campaign. Also, pledges to support capital items are behind target. Givers seem to prefer to contribute to endowed scholarships.

* Jeff Bourne discussed current status of the budget, with emphasis on scholarships for all athletic programs. For the current year the scholarship budget is \$434,590 in arrears. The Athletic Department has been forced to divert some principal on scholarship endowments to handle this shortage. The deficit projected for next year is \$220,422. It may be necessary to reduce the number of scholarships to cover this shortage. The operating budget has a deficit of approximately \$500,000, which must come from the maintenance reserve fund or cash reserve fund. This deficit exists despite no growth in the athletic program. On the positive side, income from fall football contests was \$325,000 more than budgeted, primarily as a result of excellent crowds at the JMU and East Carolina games. The importance of season ticket sales and good attendance at athletic events to the success of the overall athletic program was emphasized.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

really
not
the
case