

VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE AND STATE UNIVERSITY

Department of History

Blacksburg, Virginia

1977 Commencement Committee Minutes

March 29, 1977

PRESENT: Robertson, Devens, Acuff, Arnold, Forkner, Huffman, Keller, Krebs, Lile, Martin, Osborne, Sherman (for Solomon), Nischkaemper.

In the event that inclement weather forces a dual Burruss Hall-Coliseum commencement, LRC will position three projectors in Burruss. Two television cameras will operate in the Coliseum. (Additional lighting may be needed there for TV purposes.) The C&P will install a party line for TV transmission. Frank Marvin will handle the line and general situation in Burruss by means of a TV monitor.

BURRUSS  
TELECAST

Heath will provide an 85-piece band for use in the stadium (good weather) or the coliseum (bad weather). Heath will need to inform Dr. Krebs of specific dorm and dining hall needs. No chorus will be used this year. Lynn Stradley has volunteered to lead the audience in the singing of the National Anthem, etc.

MUSIC

Devens will reply to E. A. Manus' recent memo relative to desired amplification in the coliseum.

P. A. SYSTEM

The Committee reviewed the composition of the two stage parties that will be used in case of inclement weather. Burruss Hall would have a stage party of twelve, consisting in part of the associate deans of the various colleges. The coliseum and stadium parties are now firm.

STAGE  
PARTIES

Dr. Krebs was asked to investigate the availability of funds to defray the costs of college programs, possible refreshments, platform constructions, etc.

FUNDS

Devens announced that organization of team assignments is progressing well. However, in cases where insufficient manpower exists, the deans may be asked to appoint persons as ushers and assistants.

TEAM  
ASSIGNMENTS

Since Mr. Strother was not at the meeting, no report came forth on the possibility of an insert in the commencement invitations which go to parents.

INSERT

Following lengthy discussion, it was the consensus of the Committee that, immediately upon the conclusion of the May 27 wine-and-cheese party, Dr. Friedman would move to CEC auditorium for a one-hour, informal discussion with students, parents and other interested persons. The CEC auditorium affair should receive independent and widespread publicity so as to draw the largest possible crowd. The Committee's thinking at the moment is to have the wine-and-cheese party run from 4:00 to 5:30, with the auditorium discussion lasting from 5:30 to 6:30.

OPEN  
DISCUSSION  
WITH  
FRIEDMAN


Dr. and Mrs. Robertson will act as official escorts for the Friedmans. On Friday morning, May 27, the Robertsons will fly in the "Hokie" to Vermont to pick up the Friedmans for transportation to Blacksburg. Hopefully, Dr. Friedman's son--a member of the Tech Economics Department--might wish to accompany his parents on the return flight on Saturday to Vermont.

FRIEDMAN  
ESCORTS

Henceforth, the Commencement Committee will meet every other Tuesday at 11:45 a.m. in one of the dining rooms adjacent to Squires Cafeteria. Specifically, the Committee meetings are now scheduled for April 12 and 26, and for May 10 and 24. Please note these dates on your calendar and make every effort to be in attendance.

COMMITTEE  
MEETINGS

Respectfully submitted,

  
James I. Robertson, Jr.