

UNIVERSITY COMMENCEMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes, June 7, 1982

Next Meeting: June 21, 1982  
12 noon  
Cardinal Room - Student Union



Present: McDaniels, Lavery, Holt, Hoffman, Keller, D. Ford, Powell, Sochinski, M. Johnson, S. D. Ford, Lane, Payne, Siburt, Waldrop, Forkner, Giegold, Lile, Bowker, Talbutt, Savage, Osborne, Smoot, Haines, O. Johnson, Tozier.

Next meeting June 21, will be an oral evaluation of Commencement, 1982. Please come.

McDaniels welcomed President Lavery who expressed his appreciation to the Committee for its hard work in making Commencement a time of celebration for students, parents, faculty and guests. He said we have put a lot into planning Commencement, 1982, but that is what makes it special, and we should take pride in our accomplishments. He thought the Senior Honors Reception which was held on June 4th was very successful and should continue to be a part of our Commencement celebration.

The President announced that McDaniels and Johnson have completed their terms as Chairman and Director of Processions, respectively, and that Enid Tozier and Phillip Mason will be assuming these responsibilities. He particularly thanked McDaniels for his good leadership and Johnson for his realistic assumption of his responsibilities during the past three years. He indicated that although he has not attended many of our meetings, he felt well informed about our activities through the minutes and frequent conferences with McDaniels.

McDaniels also thanked the Committee members for their cooperation and called attention to several actions initiated during his term as Chairman. These included inviting the Commencement Speaker a year in advance, the work of the Diploma Sub-Committee and the sale of coffee and doughnuts at the stadium before Commencement exercises. He invited the members to share the special cake and coffee provided for this special occasion. (It was good.)

Johnson told the members that he couldn't remember ever being on a Committee in which all the members were as cooperative and helpful as this one. But he stressed that their assistance is still needed --- think fair weather for June 12!

Wayne Waldrop has started a new tradition for the Senior Class President! His speech is all written and he has shared it with President Lavery who says it shows unusually good feeling for the situation and the time. See what you have to live up to, Greg Brainerd!

The schedule for Chris Kraft's visit to campus is complete. He will be available to the press on June 11 from 2-4 p.m. in the Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Norris Hall. Committee members who would like to meet him are invited to come there at either 2:00 or 4:00 p.m.

Juice and coffee will be available for the stage party in the "dug-out" or Monogram Room, Commencement morning, as the weather indicates.

Committee members and their families will be welcome to sit in the President's box at the stadium during Commencement.

Plans for inclement weather were reviewed. Again!

- 3 p.m. Friday - McDaniels check with weather service, Woodrum.
- 6 a.m. Saturday - McDaniels check with weather service, Woodrum and with Dr. Lavery.
- 7 a.m. Saturday - Firm decision made about location of Commencement which will be outside if possible.

Buildings and Grounds will be ready by Thursday noon. The rain and money are creating problems and they hope the academic people will understand if lawns near class buildings have to be mowed during class time.

The Commissioning Ceremony will be at 7:15 p.m., Friday, at the CEC with a reception at the University Club afterward.

Smoot requested that the bills for refreshments which the University is to pay be sent to him immediately after Commencement so they can be paid from the 1981-82 budget. These are the bills from the dining halls, the University Union, the CEC, and from outside rentals.

Ken Haines asked that anyone knowing any unusual newsworthy event associated with Commencement let him know. Va. Tech is one of the last of many Commencements in the area and state, and traditional items often are not considered "news" by that time.

A brief discussion of the Senior Honors Reception indicated that the guests might be sent a letter in addition to, or in place of, the formal invitation. Many seniors do not understand why they were invited, what the event is, or their responsibilities for dress, behavior, etc. Lane suggested the inclusion of a letter the same size as the invitation to help the situation. The Committee also needs to consider having a member monitor handing out the books and to investigate the parking regulations in force at that time.

The meeting closed with the "Annual Al Payne" raffle. We like it, Al, but we will let you visit us when you're empty-handed!

Enid F. Tozier, Secretary