Last November 6, teams representing the University of Virginia and Virginia Tech committed a football game in Charlottesville. Tech won 60-0, and had the game not carried the usual solemnity and attachments. Virginia Tech, a small, new university, had not a football team. Before the contest started, the critics would have had knives, guns and pistols of antitrust. As an exercise in football art, the Tech/Virginia game of 1911 was sadly lacking. So, however, were the two teams. Virginia Tech had been 2-5 and 24 men the year before, and Tech was 2-5 going in. The critics, no doubt motivated by competition, realized this and did not mention Tech's perfor-

mance.

One of the coaches provides punishment enough, albeit a year's suspension for a football player. "I've got a lot of guys," U.Va. coach Don Law-

rence said yesterday, "and when I look at the film later, I'm going to be calling them in and saying, 'What the hell would you do if you wouldn't take it.'

Lawrence hopes the Cavaliers will be more alert to opportunity Saturday. The Vahas and the Hokies meet again in U.Va.'s Scott Stadium, and this time the records reflect that they were no serious rivals. The Cavaliers are 0-6-1, and the Hokies are 1-5-1.

BEFORE YOU destroy your Chippendale furniture in a rush to the phone to order a ticket, you should know three things:

(1) Tech hasn't played yet.

(2) Virginia Tech has a reputation for selling "lucky numbers".

(3) Tech is off on a tawky ticket left anyway.

As of early yesterday afternoon, there were only 10k odd" tickets available for thepfereic office (it's their normal allotment long ago). By the time you read these per-

nials, you can order tickets. Some of Tech's season ticket holders say you say? Forget that, too. Last year, U.Va. did not turn away anybody who showed up for the game. Hundreds of standing room tickets turned up Saturday. There are no standing room tickets this year.

If you don't have your tickets already, the last minute dis and make sure it's working.

VIRGINIA COLLEGE football does not have, and probably never will have, the mystique of the football teams of Ten-

nesee-Alabama, or Oklahoma-Texas. Tech-Virginia, howev-

er, is the merriest of the college football games.

Coaches, players, administrators, alumni, and just plain fans of each school have a generally good-humored dislike for the other. The Hokies and the Cav-

liers, both led by coaches going into their second seasons, fight for the same goals, each one a football player and for the same space in the newspapers. The prize to the victor in this game is, for want of a better word, prestige.

Virginia Tech is a football team of different roles in college football, and they probably should not be judged by the same standards as the rest of U.S. college football. They didn't get the national prominence, and they have the will and the desire to do it. Virginia athletic director Gene Corrigan said recently that "We don't know yet what level of competition we want to reach," but it is unlikely that U.Va.'s adminis-

trators will ever permit Tech-style competition for a national powerhouse.

FOR THAT REASON, Lawrence believes the pressure to win will be on his Tech team Saturday.

"It's a must game for them," said Lawrence. "They've been in a lot of games this fall. (Tech's home oppo-

nition/ticket campaign slogan), and they've been spending a lot of money. Now, Lawrence also said that on the list of things he took last week from Tech Hall last month he expected the Hokies to make a bowl game this year. "I'm sure they're not going to mess up our program. I really don't think their people would accept them losing to us."

Tech coach Charlie Coffey bristled when told of Lawrence's analysis of the situation.

"It's not an important game," he said, "just as any game next on your schedule is important. But I don't base my program on whether we win or lose one game, and if I ever got forced into that situation, this job wouldn't be worth a damn. The only pressure I feel is that pressure which I put on myself, and that's the only kind of pressure that's important...the pressure that you feel inside to do your job right.

As for 'Explosion 72,' it's an interesting factor which helps make our tickets sell. And the excuse for the name? "It's because of the college's location on the Second Street."

COFFEY AND SIX of his assistant coaches saw the Cav-

aliers knock off favored South Carolina, 24-16, Saturday night in Columbia. South Carolina is 3-2, and the Gamecocks are rated "standing outstand-

ing." Coffey did not seem impressed. At least he did not resort to the usual coaching gambles of Savages. "We didn't try to win because we deserved to, not because they lost."

The other story of the night was that Virginia Tech was electric for both the U.Va. players and their fans, 200 of whom were at the Charlottesville airport Sunday morning to cheer for their team. One of the U.Va. Cavalier fans thought the Hokies might not be nearly as bad a football team as the newspapers they would.

More than anything else, this worries Coffey. "I figure they'll be at about a 90 per cent better football team because they won the South Carolina game," said the Tech coach.

Against what should be a very good Tech team, there is no question that Virginia Tech's season ticket holders, 24-6, 

will be enough.