Gobblers' Stadium
Will Be Expanded
To 50,000 Seats

BLACKSBURG — Preliminary planning has been authorized for the expansion of Virginia Tech's Lane Stadium, probably to about 50,000 permanent seats, University officials reported Tuesday.

Detailed plans and specific arrangements for construction will be developed following preliminary engineering work and planning. The Stadium now has about 35,000 permanent seats and also can accommodate about 5,000 spectators in temporary bleacher seats.

Stuart K. Cassell, Tech's vice president for administration, said development of final plans will depend upon engineering recommendations and plans for financing additional stadium construction.

The existing stadium was financed entirely from private funds and named in honor of E. H. Lane '10, chairman of the board of the Lane Company. Any expansion also would be funded with private funds and gifts.

Cassell said that preliminary engineering and planning should be completed in about a year, so that final plans can be developed at that time.

Lane Stadium's west stands and press box were completed and used for the first time in 1965. The east stands were completed in 1969.