Season Tickets
For Tech Games
Sets New Record

BLACKSBURG - Virginia Tech football excitement - as measured in dollars and cents- is high with the first game of the season 11 days away.

Tom A. McNeer, VPI ticket manager, reports season ticket sales have passed the 9,000 mark - 10 to 15 per cent higher than ever before. Season tickets now have been sold for all available space from about the 15 yard line to the other 15 on the press box side of the stadium.

All tickets in the family plan section, at one end on the east side of the stadium - 1,529 seats - also are sold out. Sale of season tickets at $35 will continue through Sept. 7.

McNeer says a sellout is virtually assured of all tickets for the Oct. 20 game against Virginia. As of Aug. 23, only 2,000 tickets of any description remained for the public for the Virginia game. Tickets reserved for students are sold the week of the game, and it's likely that all of these will be taken.

The official capacity of Lane Stadium is 37,189 (public and student admissions alone) and all seats apparently will be taken for the Cavalier clash.

McNeer says individual game sales for the middle three home games - South Carolina (Oct. 6), Virginia, and Florida State (Nov. 10) - are very brisk.

For the first time since the 1969 season, temporary bleachers may be added at the scoreboard end of the stadium. Tech's all-time high attendance mark was reached in '69 against Alabama and could fall this year.

Tickets normally reserved for students will be placed on public sale, except for a minimum amount, for the William and Mary home opener Sept. 8. Tech students will not be back in classes until the Monday after the away game at Lexington, Kentucky Sept. 15.

William and Mary defeated Tech last year in deep mud and rain in the Tobacco Bowl at Richmond City Stadium.

Tech's next home appearance after the game with the Indians will be Oct. 6 against South Carolina following road appearances at Kentucky, West Virginia and Southern Methodist.