A large crowd of Tech basketball supporters filled the seats. There was an air of excitement in the air, but no one said "fasten your seat belts," or mentioned anything about lower air turbulence. For one swift moment, the idea of March, the initials MSG, NIT and the memory of Bobby Stevens' shot heard round the world came back.

It was honor the champs night at the Red Lion. A steady stream of fans remained as a table companion that he had always been a football fan himself, but fortunately the remark didn't carry very far.

Don DeVoe sounded the battle cry of the next season: "Follow the Lieder!" which can also be spelled the other way and announced that Lieder will captain the team.

Sonny Smith told us Tech has signed up Phil Thiemann, 6-4 guard from Louisville, Ky. More details will be forthcoming later.

The efforts of JV coach and scout Jim Halihan in signing Duke Thorsne, the young gun, and the likes of Devoe, who said Thorpe could become one of the great ones at Tech.

We didn't get a close look at the watch presented to the group, but gossip has it that all dates of basketball (and football) games will come up in orange on its calendar part.

It was too early to look ahead to the next basketball season, but the crowd departed, Nit glasses and coasters in hand, with certain speculations running through their heads.

Would the defending champs live up to the fans' great expectations? Where do you get another Bristow? Will the New York Times carry stories of Tech basketball games? Will ever McCloskey cut his hair?

In a distant corner of the room, an athletic-looking type in a Holden orange shirt and spectacles was overheard to say aloud (according to a source who occasionally has bad dreams in which Bear Bryant rides an elephant through a flock of turkeys) "William and Mary? Gonna sock 'em in September!"

Encouraging words about soccer:

The Tech alumni took to the idea of participating in the first annual alumni-varsity spring game last Saturday to the extent that they converged on Blacksburg from distant points. One from Philadelphia, four from New York and two from Chicago.

Who is Gary Smith and where did he get those shorts?

To answer the last question, said that Gary Smith, who played in white shorts emblazoned with numerous red hearts, seen bumping a varsity scoring shot away from the goal with his head in tomorrow's paper, was first team All State in soccer in Virginia in 1967.

Smith was a standout at Tech when soccer was still a club sport. It gained varsity status last year.

For the record, we here insert the scoring of the match, our original notes of which may still be blowing about the drillfield somewhere.

Dave Stocker scored with 20 minutes and Jim Stratham did the same at 24-40 of the first half for the alumni.

Gary Victor scored at 21-35 of the first half for the varsity.

In the second half, alumni scorers were Todd Morriseette (33 minutes) and Mike Hurt twice at 33 and 37 minutes.

One of the best executed plays came when Dave Seig, a winger, sent a brilliant corner kick right into Hurt's path in front of goal and Hurt scored.

Soccer has a Sept. 22 exhibition date at Charlottesville with U. Va., opens at home Wednesday, Sept. 26, against Hampden-Sydney and entertains VMI at home Sept. 29.

Tech's football team is out of town on the 22 (at West Virginia) and on the 29th (at SMU) and football fans naturally take to soccer.