ACC Says ‘No’

By Steve Barry

The Atlantic Coast Conference voting committee issued a statement Monday stating that Virginia Tech had failed to achieve the support needed for admittance into the conference. Conference policy did not allow for disclosure of the final votes.

Athletic director, Frank Moseley stated that “We’re certainly not downcast; we feel that we still have the same solid base that we’ve built as a major independent over the last 12 years.”

Moseley concluded that “Of course, as a general philosophy we’ve felt that alliance with a good conference would be preferable to permanent independent status, and the ACC always has been a natural for our interest—and I expect it likely will remain so.”

Charlie Moir, head basketball coach, commented briefly, “I hadn't given it much thought. We were independent when I took the job, and I felt then, as I do not, that we can be competitive nationally in basketball whether as an independent or as a member of a league, each of which has some advantages and some disadvantages.”

Tech president, William E. Lavery made his opinion public today after receiving the ACC statement. Lavery said, “We’re disappointed that the ACC didn’t choose to expand at this time because we would like to have been part of a good league in our geographical area, and we felt that we could have been an asset to that league.”

He added, “Now that a decision has been made, however, Virginia Tech will be free to review other options and possible alternative conference affiliations, and to decide whether to continue as a major independent. In any event, the University will continue to develop the strongest possible intercollegiate athletic program consistent with its broadening academic concerns.”