DURHAM, N.C.—Virginia Tech's attempts to gain membership in the Atlantic Coast Conference has died for lack of adequate support from member schools. Tech fell short of the number of votes needed when a membership vote was taken Monday afternoon in a special ACC meeting at The Governor's Inn near here.

ACC President Ken Vickory of Clemson issued a statement saying that the conference received Tech's "application" in February and a conference committee made a tour of Tech's physical athletic plant in Blacksburg and turned in a report April 1 to the full ACC.

Each member school (North Carolina, North Carolina State, Wake Forest, Duke, Clemson, Maryland and Virginia) attended today's meeting and each "carefully considered the application."

Vickory's statement concluded "The institution (VPI&SU) failed to achieve (adequate) support and therefore the application was denied."

The meeting, called only to consider the Virginia Tech matter, opened at 2 p.m. and closed approximately 45 minutes later after a vote had been taken and Conference Commissioner Bob James had been instructed to notify Virginia Tech by telephone.

Smith Barrier, sports editor of the Greensboro, N.C., News Record, commented on his return from covering the meeting, "The distribution of ACC basketball tickets was the sole determining issue in my opinion."

Tickets currently are split seven ways among the member schools. Barrier said that if Tech had become a member the eight-way split would have "cut each member to 300 to 400 tickets."

No details on the voting—the number of yes and no votes—nor the identity of any member school voting (Continued on Page 2)

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affirmatively or negatively—were given out by the ACC.

Tech's membership in the conference reportedly was proposed by Virginia, Duke and Clemson.

Competition for ACC basketball tournament tickets traditionally is intense and Barrier said, "A year ago you had to contribute $500 to buy two and I know it's gone up."