BLACKSBURG—Disappointment but not despair was the reaction of Virginia Tech’s sports establishment Monday afternoon upon receiving official notification that Tech has been rejected for membership in the Atlantic Coast Conference.

The University keeps its options—including that of becoming a member of another conference—open.

Tech’s president, its athletic director and its basketball coach had the following comments after the ACC decision was made.

VPI&SU President, Dr. William E. Lavery: “We’re disappointed that the ACC didn’t choose to expand at this time because we would have liked 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.

“We’re glad that the air has been cleared on these deliberations, and we trust that we’ll continue to enjoy the same good relations we’ve had with the ACC, collectively, and with its individual members over many years.

“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

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