First Tech Home Game To Honor Stuart K. Cassell

BLACKSBURG—Of the six football games that will be played by Virginia Tech at home in Lane Stadium, at least four have been designated as special occasions.

The first game against Texas A & M to open the season, Saturday, Sept. 17 will find the late Stuart K. Cassell ’32 honored with the placing of a plaque upon the nearby Cassell Coliseum which has been named in memory of him.

Cassell, who entered VPI in 1928 as a student, was graduated in 1932 and earned his master’s degree the following year. He became a faculty member of the agricultural economics department before being placed in charge of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration (AAA) in Virginia with headquarters in Blacksburg.

In Jan. 1946, Dr. John R. Hutcheson ’07, who had been named Tech president the preceding August, appointed Cassell business manager “to help me read balance sheets and financial charts.”

Cassell remained in that post until his death in Oct. 1976, although the title of the position was expanded to “vice-president of finance and business manager.”

Clemson, Oct. 1 and Virginia, Oct. 15 are scheduled to play in Lane Stadium without any additional designations. The Nov. 5 game with Florida State has been selected as Homecoming with many classes planning reunions for that weekend of Friday and Saturday, Nov. 4 and 5.

The 13th annual Governor’s Day will be held Nov. 19 in connection with the Wake Forest football game. This will be the eighth Governor’s Day honoring Gov. Mills E. Godwin, who for four years between 1966 and 1969 was governor as Democrat and this coming Nov. 19 will be his fourth year as governor as a Republican.

Besides honoring the Governor, the lieutenant Governor, attorney general, members of the General Assembly, and other state officials are invited to a weekend program that includes dinner Friday, Nov. 18.

The first formal event Sunday, Nov. 19 will be luncheon for the distinguished guests at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 19 prior to the 1:30 p.m. kickoff at the Virginia Tech-Wake Forest football game in Lane Stadium.

A social hour is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Saturday at the Sheraton Red Lion Inn for those staying in Blacksburg after the football game.

The final game of the season will be against VMI in Lane Stadium, Saturday, Nov. 26.