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About Dr. Gieck: Joe Gieck was an educator and athletic trainer at the University of Virginia for 43 years before retiring in 2005. He served on the Advisory Board of Physical Therapy for the Commonwealth of Virginia and the Governor’s Council for Physical Fitness and Sport, and was Virginia’s director of sports medicine from 1998-2004. Dr. Gieck worked with college athletics departments around the country the project APPLE (Athletic Prevention Programming and Leadership Education), the purpose of which was to provide an educational forum for college and university athletic departments and their athletes to evaluate and update their policies and programs in tobacco, alcohol and drug prevention and education. Dr. Gieck received a special commendation award from the National Intercollegiate Administrators Association for his service to high school athletics, and was the NATA 1986 Professional Educator of the Year. The University of Virginia has endowed a scholarship and a teaching position in his name. He was inducted into the NATA Hall of Fame in 1990.

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