Tech To Appoint Women’s Sports Head

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A Women's athletic director who will oversee several upgraded sports this year at VPI & SU should be named within the week, according to Tech President William Lavery.

The school's first women's athletic director will probably be selected from the eight tramural teams for women. The last three sports are now without coaches and, along with field hockey, appear as the most likely extramurals to bid for intercollegiate status this year.

"I would emphasize there are some obvious ones we need to move with now," said Lavery. "But to designate any particular program at this time, the 1975 federal law required, effective July 26, public educational institutions to "carefully evaluate...and conform current policies and practices, to the requirements of the regulation." Although the amendment demands no formal plan, it warns university officials the one year "adjustment period is not a waiting period."

In the total aspects of Title IX, an administration group has been working on a regular basis," explained the Tech president. "We're taking a look at all the aspects and evaluating it regularly."

Lavery said the decision on the sports to be upgraded depended upon student interest. He pointed out that Tech has "twice as many men as women and in providing programs we will be proportionate in numbers."

"As far as women's sports," espoused Lavery, "we may be talking about four or five sports. I think interest and proportion are the two keys."

The president added a process assuring leadership and funding to the upgraded sports is under consideration by the administrative committee studying women's sports.

Intramural and extramural sports are currently funded through university general funds. Intercollegiate sports — basketball, football, wrestling, swimming, track, tennis, golf, soccer, baseball and cross-country — gain financial support from the university Athletic Association through private monies.

Most varsity support, said Athletic Director Frank Moseley last month, comes from football profits with basketball coming close to covering its own expenses.