New Coaches Named
In Women's Sports

BLACKSBURG—Although appointment of a women's athletic director is still in a screening process, Virginia Tech's new women's intercollegiate athletic program is moving ahead with appointment of two coaches, Frank Moseley, athletic director, announced here Friday.

John Wetzel, former Tech star and a pro player for the last nine years, will coach the women's basketball team.

Billy Beecher, a former Tech swimmer, will direct the women's swimming program in addition to similar responsibilities with the men's team.

Applications are still open for coach of the women's tennis team.

Dr. William E. Lavery, president, in August announced a series of steps to implement, eventually, a comprehensive women's athletic program in keeping with development of the total university.

First step was the creation last month of the new position of women's intercollegiate athletic director, and responsibility of filling this post was assigned to Moseley, assisted by an advisory committee including faculty and student representatives.

"We're still screening through 14 worthy applications, and I believe we'll reach a decision very soon," Moseley said.

"Meanwhile, we felt it imperative to get the basketball and swimming programs underway."

Wetzel, a native of Waynesboro, played his varsity career at Tech, 1963-66, and was the Gobblers leading scorer in his junior and senior seasons. During that time Tech's record was 48-22, including an N.I.T. appearance.

His pro career included stints with the Los Angeles Lakers, Phoenix Suns and Atlanta Hawks.

He announced his retirement in August, and he has returned to finish his education at Tech.

Beecher, a native Blacksburger, was a three-year letterman, specializing in breaststroke, for Tech while earning his undergraduate and master's degrees in Health and Physical Education.

He has coached the Tech girls' team for the last two years.