BLACKSBURG—Virginia Tech Athletic Director Frank Moseley fired the six coaches who served under Charlie Coffey Monday in a move that will aid Tech in building its program back and hopefully into national prominence.

Moseley said that he felt that Tech can rebuild its program, and with the right people it can be built back to national prominence in two or three years.

Relieved of their duties were offensive coordinator Dan Henning, administrative assistant Jack Prater, end coach Marshall Taylor, offensive line coach Richard Trail, defensive tackle coach Carl Ellis and freshman coach T.D. Phillips.

Moseley, who will retire this summer said that the reason the coaches were fired, were to insure the new head coach that he would have a free hand in picking his new assistants. The moves were made after three-year coach Charlie Coffey resigned last week.

As for finding a new coach, “We’ve gotten a number of real good suggestions and a lot of calls recommending different fellows,” the old Alabama griddle Moseley said. “We’ve asked for assistance from other coaches in suggesting suitable coaches. Some of the names we’ve gotten aren’t qualified we feel, but we haven’t closed the door on anyone yet.”

Coffey’s main reason for leaving Tech was that the school had promised him the athletic directorship when he initially came to Tech, but backed out of the promise, which upset Coffey. Coffey had planned to retire this year and bring in a bowl appearance coach for next year until he learned he wasn’t going to receive the job.

Billy Clay’s main reason for not coming back to Tech as defensive coordinator was that he learned of disloyalty to Coffey from some of Coffey’s staff, and told Coffey so, which also led to Coffey’s resigning.

**Coffey’s 6 Assistant Coaches Fired**

Jack Prater
Special Administrative Assistant

Dan Henning
Tech Offensive Coordinator