Tech Not Involved
In New Conference

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Virginia Tech Athletic Director Frank Moseley flatly denied Thursday that Tech is interested in joining a proposed all-sports conference that also would include Richmond, William and Mary and West Virginia.

"I have not been contacted by anyone from any school, even about the possibility of a meeting," Moseley said. "And I personally wouldn't recommend (school president) William Lavery that we join such a conference if asked.

"I've always maintained that I'm in favor of being involved in a conference format. But, right now, the only one we'd be interested in joining would be the Atlantic Coast Conference."

According to the Associated Press, an unidentified official at the University of Richmond said a meeting of the 10 schools involved would be held next month to discuss the feasibility of forming the conference.

The Richmond official admitted the affair "is still strictly in the formative stage and nothing is concrete. However, tentative plans call for the proposed conference to be split into two divisions. Richmond, Virginia Tech, William and Mary, East Carolina and West Virginia would form one, with South Carolina, Memphis State, Louisville, Cincinnati and Southern Mississippi comprising the other.

Richmond Athletic Director Clyde Biggers was said to be at a speaking engagement and unavailable for comment on the report.

Officials at Cincinnati were similarly "busy and unable to be reached." Of the other schools mentioned in the plan, only Dr. Leo W. Jenkins, chancellor of East Carolina, would make a statement. He would not confirm that a meeting is to take place next month, but he did hint at the prospect of such a conference.

"If any new gang came along to talk of a new conference, I'd be less than honest if I said we wouldn't be interested," Jenkins said. "I think we'd have the makings of a strong conference with such schools as Richmond, South Carolina, West Virginia and Virginia Tech."

According to Moseley, Jenkins and anyone else who links Tech with such a conference are mistaken. "I don't know how in the world our name even came up," Moseley said. "The whole thing is news to me."