Carolyn Owen is New Tech Girls Coach

BLACKSBURG—Ms. Carolyn Owen, a highly successful prep coach at Midlothian High School near Richmond, has been named head coach of the women’s basketball and tennis teams at Virginia Tech.

In making the announcement, Frank O. Moseley, athletic director, stated, “Virginia Tech is most fortunate in being able to acquire the services of Ms. Owen.”

Ms. Jo Kafer, assistant director for women’s sports, said, “Ms. Owen’s knowledge and accomplishments in the field of women’s athletics are recognized state-wide. Her credentials as a coach and her contacts throughout the state make her a tremendous addition to our staff.”

Ms. Owen spent two years coaching at Grange Hall High School in Chesterfield County before moving to Midlothian in 1967 as a physical education instructor and women’s varsity basketball coach. Her 10-year stint at Midlothian produced a 126-36 record, along with lofty .746 winning percentage, four district champions, three regional champions and a state runner-up.

In addition to coaching basketball, she served as varsity football coach for seven years and tennis coach for one season.

An active booster of women’s athletics in Virginia high schools, Ms. Owen served on the Advisory Committee for Girls Sports to the Virginia High School League, and was instrumental in initiating a state basketball tournament for girls.

A native of Danville, she holds a B.A. degree in psychology from Westhampton College in Richmond and a M. Ed. degree in counselor education from the University of Virginia.

Ms. Owen will assume her new post on September 1.