Virginia Tech's 12th president, on the job for less than two years, Dr. William E. Lavery is paid $50,300 annually to deal with problems that would boggle the minds of most of us. He has a college education that makes himself and his duties in high school and university level with which suit. Sometimes Lavery must think he isn't paid nearly enough, like now, for instance.

Even now paying a new car, on the least of which is football, which might be the most visible of all.

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"Regrettably any of which we do, It is important to the university that it is handled in a very first-rate manner. I'm dedicated to that, and I think it can be done."

Frank O. Moseley has been Tech's athletic director since 1950 when he arrived from the University of Kentucky, an assistant on then-coach Bear Bryant's staff, to serve a dual capacity as football coach and A.D. Moseley is an institution, the man who receives most of the credit for Tech having created an athletic complex virtually second to none, and Lavery knows you don't treat institutions lightly.

In late 1973, Moseley announced plans for retirement, effective the following July. He subsequently was persuaded to change his mind. Now, at 65 with years of yeoman service behind him, Moseley might consider making those retirement dreams permanent. He certainly has earned them.

"It's a drawing a parallel to his immediate predecessor, Dr. T. Marshall Hahn. "It's just that leadership requires of any organization change from time to time."

If Moseley steps down, then Lavery would locate a replacement, and he would be responsible for Sharpe's future. "if I had to hire or fire a coach, I would," Lavery said, firmly.

"If the decision is an absolute in all of this, it would be his conviction that no man should not wear two hats. "In today's environment, the job of athletic director is so demanding it would be asking too much of him to be the coach of a program, too," Lavery said.

At the same time, Lavery says it would be wise to consider the possibility of splitting the job with another head coach. But Tech, in order to maximize the talent on its roster, may have to be content with the current team. "I'm the one who has to make the decision," Lavery said.

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