Moseley to retire at Tech on July 1

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BLACKSBURG — Frank O. Moseley, athletic director at Virginia Tech, will retire next July 1, following the selection of a successor to head the university’s intercollegiate athletic programs. He is 62.

The retirement, granted at Moseley’s request, is being announced in advance so there can be a wide-ranging search for a successor, university officials said.

The announcement here followed Moseley’s discussions with President T. Marshall Hahn Jr., Stuart K. Cassell, vice president for administration; Wilson B. Bell, development director and faculty chairman for athletics, and others.

Bell said Virginia Tech promptly will begin a national search for qualified candidates for the position.

Moseley said he regretted announcing his impending retirement soon after the close of an unsuccessful football season.

“The decision was unrelated to the outcome of the season,” he said. “Indeed I had made up my mind some time ago to retire next year.”

Moseley said he had no specific plans for retirement, other than “to remain in Blacksburg and enjoy retirement years with my family.”

“Virginia Tech and its athletic programs have been so much a part of my life so long, we’ll have to think more about retirement after it comes. But first we have to get busy finding a new man,” he added.

President Hahn said he had accepted Moseley’s decision to retire with reluctance. “I can understand Frank’s desire to be relieved of the often-times severe pressures in the athletic program,” he observed.

“Everyone at Virginia Tech, I am sure, will be extremely sorry to see Frank go into retirement,” Hahn said.

“I have a deep appreciation for the progress made under his leadership, and some sensitivity to the difficulties of the task. He is a good personal friend, completely supportive of the university’s academic and athletic programs.”

Since Moseley will be remaining in the community, Hahn noted, it is anticipated that he will be available for special assignments on behalf of the athletic programs.

Moseley will retire under a formula worked out with the athletic association for all of its long term staff members, parallel to the state supplemental retirement system for state employees.