Moseley To Retire At Tech

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After Tech's 6-4 season of 1969, Moseley gave up coaching but continued to serve as athletic director, heading a sports program that generally has turned out successful football teams against major intercollegiate competition and, last season, a basketball team that won the National Invitation Tournament championship.

During Moseley's tenure as director of athletics, Tech has built a 10,000-seat coliseum and a new football facility, Lane Stadium, that seats 35,000 and is being expanded.

Ironically, announcement of Moseley's retirement plans came only a few weeks after Virginia Tech completed a disastrous 2-9 football season.

Moseley said his decision was "unrelated to the outcome of the season" — that he had made up his mind "some time ago" to step down and make way for a younger man.

Moseley will continue to live in Blacksburg after retirement and Hahn said he will be available for special assignments on behalf of Tech's sports program on a limited basis.

Moseley, a native of Montgomery, Ala., played quarterback for Alabama in the early 1930s and later coached football and baseball at Maryland and Kentucky before becoming football coach and athletic director at Virginia Tech.

Famed as a tough disciplinarian, he produced hard-nosed football teams that came up winners for seven of his 10 seasons before handing over the head coaching reins to Jerry Claiborne in 1961.

Claiborne, now coach at Maryland, resigned the Virginia Tech job under fire in 1970 after two straight losing seasons and was succeeded by Charlie Coffey, whose three-year record is 12-20-1.