23-year reign to end July 1

Moseley to retire as Tech AD

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Frank O. Moseley, the man who helped to direct Virginia Tech to its greatest athletic successes, is retiring.

Moseley officially announced his decision today after a series of talks with top university officials—President Dr. T. Marshall Hahn; Stuart K. Cassell, vice president for administration; and Wilson B. Bell, development director and faculty chairman for athletics.

The retirement will become effective July 1 but Moseley made his announcement early to enable university officials to conduct a widerange search for a successor.

Dr. Bell said he expected the committee to be appointed to make the search for a new athletic director. Hahn is in Antarctica on a scientific study.

Moseley is now in his 23rd year as the Tech athletic director. He came to Blacksburg in 1951 as head football coach and athletic director.

The football position until 1961 when he turned the duties over to Jerry Claiborne.

Moseley enjoyed an unbeaten season in 1954 when the Techmen posted an 8-0-1 record. He called this one of his top thrills in coaching.

During one three-year period, Moseley's teams enjoyed a combined record of 21-5-3, which was a vast improvement over the 1-25-3 record for a three-year period before his arrival.

Moseley was generally considered the man who had most to do with improving the football and athletic programs in the state.

"If it hadn't been for Frank Moseley, we would still be in the sandlot stages in all sports," said one rival coach.

Two of the top facilities erected during Moseley's term as athletic director were the Tech Coliseum which has a capacity of 10,000 and the Lane Stadium, which seats 35,000 with plans for additional seats.

Tech now prides itself in having an athletic plant that ranks with the best in the nation and most observers give Moseley much of the credit.

"I have had my mind made up for some time," said Moseley. "I feel it is now time to turn the duties over to a younger person. But I will always have a fond spot in my heart for Virginia Tech and all of the wonderful associations I have made here."

Dr. Hahn said he accepted Moseley's resignation with reluctance.

"I can understand Frank's desire to be relieved of the often times severe pressure in the athletic program," Dr. Hahn said. "Everyone here at Tech and throughout the area realizes just what a tremendous contribution he has made to Virginia Tech athlet-