Moseley To Stay Tech AD

BLACKSBURG (AP) — Unsettled conditions in the Virginia Tech sports program have prompted athletic director Frank O. Moseley to postpone his previously announced plans to retire July 1.

Tech President T. Marshall Hahn announced Thursday that he and other university officials had persuaded Moseley to stay on the job for an indefinite period.

Moseley has headed the department of athletics here for 23 years. But since he first revealed his retirement plans in December, Tech’s football program has fallen into a temporary state of disarray.

The difficulties arose in January when Charlie Coffey, head football coach for three years, quit with the recruiting season in full swing. Coffey’s entire staff then was released.

This month, after a wideranging search by a committee headed by Moseley, former Alabama offensive coordinator Jimmy Sharpe was named to succeed Coffey. Sharpe chose a completely new set of assistants.

“Perhaps when everything has settled down and our athletic situation is in better shape, we can think about retirement again,” Moseley said.

Present indications, he added, are that he will stay on the job for “some time.”

Moseley, like Sharpe, came to Virginia Tech from Paul “Bear” Bryant’s staff. He arrived in 1951 and until 1961 was both head football coach and athletic director.