Humphreys Named Coach of Virginia Tech Baseball

ROANOKE, (AP) — Bob Humphreys, a major league pitcher for seven years, today was named head baseball coach at Virginia Tech.

The announcement was made by Dr. Wilson B. Bell, faculty chairman of athletics and president of the board of directors of the Virginia Tech Athletic Association.

Humphrey’s a native of Bedford County, was a standout in baseball and basketball at Hampden-Sydney, where he received his degree in 1958. During his major league career, Humphreys was with Detroit, St. Louis, Washington and Milwaukee.

He was a top relief pitcher at St. Louis when the Cardinals won the world series in 1964.

His main duties at tech will be to coach baseball but he also will assist the athletic director in various intercollegiate projects such as recruiting, fund raising and in administrative affairs, said Bell.

In addition to his baseball experience, Humphreys was an administrative assistant to former Virginia Rep. Richard Poff — as a parttime employe from 1966 until he retired from baseball in 1971 when he became a full-time employe.

When Poff resigned to accept appointment to the Virginia Supreme Court, Humphreys joined the national park service, where he is now employed as a congressional liaison agent.

Humphreys will replace Red Laird as the Tech coach. Laird retired last spring after 30 years on the job.

Softball Officers

Five new officers were elected into the Richmond Metro Softball Association last night at the Holiday Inn West. Tom Hardy was elected president, Charlie Cloe vice president, Gene Anderson secretary-treasurer and Mildred Burrell and Jim Castellow members at large.