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Plano coach gets reassigned after charges of fondling girl

PLANO (AP) — A high school basketball coach accused of fondling a cheerleader has been reassigned as part of an agreement that includes his resignation next year. Gary Moseley, head basketball coach at Plano East Senior High School, was placed on leave with pay Sept. 21, a month after the 16-year-old girl complained he had touched her breasts. The agreement for Moseley's reassignment and resignation was

reached by his attorney, Steve Rogers, and school officials during a three-hour emergency school board meeting early Saturday. The board agreed to reassign Moseley as assistant athletic director, pay \$5,000 of his legal fees, and give him a good reference. Moseley agreed to resign from the school district, effective when his contract expires Aug. 31, 1990. Moseley has been with the Plano In-

dependent School District for 18 years. School board President Allan Bird said the board's agreement does not mean board members believe Moseley is guilty of the allegation. "You can say it (the reassignment) was a mini-promotion," Bird said. Moseley, 42, was unavailable for comment. His attorney said his client supports the agreement. "He just feels that he has given

everything that he possibly could to basketball and it was time for him to move on," Rogers said. "He doesn't feel that his long and loyal service with the Plano ISD has been returned with loyalty."

Board member Howard Shapiro said it was hard to accept Moseley's resignation but the allegations would have detracted from the basketball season, which begins Monday.

"I think it's best for all concerned, considering the allegations," Shapiro said. "It was a hard decision." The student, who has requested anonymity, said she was talking to Moseley in his office during cheerleading practice Aug. 24 when he shut the door, turned off the lights and pulled her close to him, touching her breasts.

She said she yelled, and Moseley told her he was just kidding. The girl filed a complaint with the Plano Police Department, but police decided against seeking a charge of indecency with a child against the coach.

The girl later filed a Class C misdemeanor assault complaint in Plano Municipal Court against Moseley.

A trial on that complaint is scheduled for next month.

Howard Breckenridge, president of the Plano chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and an adviser to the girl's parents, said Saturday that he was not satisfied with the agreement reached between Moseley and the school board.

"They (school board members) are trying to hide and protect this man," Breckenridge said. "I'm more concerned with what the courts are going to say."

Breckenridge also said he was disturbed that the board had decided to pay Moseley's legal fees.

"I think that it's a shame that the school board will misappropriate tax funds to pay for the wrongs that the coach has done," he said.

Minority conference builds leadership skills

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A minority leadership conference held in Dallas Friday provided Texas A&M students with the chance to increase both leadership skills and their understanding of different cultures.

Sponsored by and held at the University of Texas at Dallas, the conference, "Preparing Today's Minority Students for the Leadership Challenges of Tomorrow," was designed to increase current leadership abilities and the future success of minority student leaders.

Leaders from various student organizations at A&M attended the conference including representatives from the Corps of Cadets, Fish Camp, the MSC, and Student Government.

While many students, such as Michelle Alvarado, MSC chairman of the Committee for the Awareness of Mexican-American Culture, viewed the conference as a means to gain new information and sharpen leadership skills; others saw the conference as a way to increase cultural understanding.

Dub Oliver, a graduate assistant in the Department of Student Affairs, said his primary reason for attending the conference was to learn ways to improve the University through increased minority involvement.

"I hoped to gain a better understanding of how minority student leaders can impact the campus, and how we can further involve minorities in regions of our campus to create a better overall environment, a life-learning environment at A&M," Oliver said.

Todd Guidry, assistant director of Fish Camp, said he also attended the conference to increase his understanding of minorities as well as to learn how to increase minority representation at Fish

Camp.

"I hardly think I could speak to a minority group without understanding the concerns of minorities," Guidry said.

Gloria Williams, head coordinator of the conference, said goals of the minority conference included furthering the development of existing leadership skills and providing visible role models for minority students and professionals in the local area.

Co-coordinator Steven Brooks said another goal of the conference was to "open lines of communication between different university students."

Speakers at the conference, representing minority leaders from the Dallas region, discussed ways of improving leadership skills and how minorities can further increase their leadership roles in such fields as education and business.

A common view of the speakers was that success necessarily involved open-mindedness and the ability to take in new ideas.

Hugh Robinson, chairman and chief executive officer of TETRA Group, Southland Corporation, spoke on the significance of diverse thinking. Robinson attributed his business success to "a diverse background, a willingness to try new things, and a belief in challenging myself."

Williams said this was the first year of the conference, and its development was inspired by her attendance at the Southwest Black Leadership Conference held last January at A&M.

Williams said she wanted to create a conference similar to A&M's that would also be affordable for students from the local Dallas area to attend.

Attendance to the conference by A&M students and staff was encouraged through Multicultural Conference Outreach, a program that supports conferences which contribute to cultural diversity.



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