

Student accuses official of sexual misconduct

Lawsuit: Student says Gerry Moseley, former vice provost, made 'inappropriate sexual advances' to him

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A student who says he received "unwelcome sexual contact" from a high-level University administrator during an overnight trip to the Oregon Coast last December is threatening to sue both the administrator and the University.

In a June 6 tort claim notice, 22-year-

old undergraduate David Reed accuses Gerry Moseley, the former vice provost for academic support and student services, of making "inappropriate sexual advances" to him while the two were spending the night at Moseley's rental property in Florence.

Reed also charges in the claim notice that the University had previously received other, similar complaints about Moseley and done nothing about them. "University officials knew or should have known that Gerry Moseley posed a risk of harm to the students he came in contact with," the notice said.

Moseley is directing all questions about the charges to his lawyer, David Jensen, who was unavailable for comment Wednesday. However, in the June 30 issue of *The Register-Guard*, Jensen said Moseley "vigorously denied" all of Reed's charges, which he described as "very cruel."

Moseley — who resigned from the vice provost's position May 15, citing a severe case of diabetes — is still employed by the University, but has remained on medical leave since April 11. Moseley had been vice provost since 1978.

Reed, as with any other plaintiff seeking restitution from a state agency, is

required to file notice of intent to sue with the attorney general's office within 180 days of the incident in question, in order for the suit to be considered.

According to the claim notice Reed filed, Moseley and Reed became acquainted during fall term 1994, through Moseley's position as the highest-ranking student services administrator and Reed's involvement in student government.

The notice said Reed was invited in early December to help do maintenance and repair work at Moseley's rental prop-

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Having a blast



Silas Prince, 5, Jake Bandy, 5, and Isaac Prince, 6, enjoy fireworks Tuesday night at Autzen Stadium. The event, sponsored by the Eugene Active 20/30 Club, has just celebrated its 49th year.

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Investment fund loses \$800,000 of OSSHE endowment income

Impact: Money lost by a single trader will lower return rates

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The University of Oregon Foundation will lose \$4,000 in investment income this year as a result of the unauthorized activities of a single trader for an East Coast, college-endowment investment fund.

The foundation's loss is only part of the \$800,000 gone from the reinvestment coffers of the Oregon State System of Higher Education and the \$127.2 million that will not return to another 1,420 higher education institutions across the country.

All of these institutions had invested a total of \$20 billion with The Common Fund, a Connecticut-based, non-profit fund that oversees endowment investments of schools of various sizes. In a July 3 letter to its members, the fund alleged that 39-year-old senior trader, Kent Ahrens had been making unauthorized trading decisions for more than three years and had taken "elaborate steps" to hide "risky" transactions from his employer, First Capital Strategists Inc. of York, Pa. In that period, Ahrens had lost \$128 million of the members' investment revenues, the letter said.

However, OSSHE officials said the impact of the loss would be minimal because the principal amount of the funds has remained untouched, and only the interest-revenue gained from the invested principal has been lost. As such, instead of receiving a 13.5 to

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New law gives OPS officers right to frisk

Security: Officers will soon be able to stop and search people for weapons

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University public safety officers will have their security tools sharpened in September with a new law that allows them to frisk people beginning Sept. 9.

The law, passed by the Legislature last month, goes into effect Sept. 9 and gives public safety officers on state college campuses the right to stop people and search them for weapons if there is a reason to do so.

Current laws allow the officers to make arrests if they have probable cause, according to state law. However, officers have not been able to stop people or frisk them against their will.

University Public Safety Director Carey Drayton said it is about time the laws were changed.

"If you ask a person to do a particular job, you should give them the necessary tools to do that job," Drayton said.

But some say they are not sure the law is necessary.

Jane Lesser, a lobbyist for the Oregon Student Lobby who worked on the bill when it was in the Legislature, said the new law could be abused if it is not monitored. Many opponents see it as an infringement on students' rights.

To help control potential abuse of the law, an amendment was included that requires the state higher education system to report to the Legislature by Jan. 1, 1997, on the law's effects, Lesser said.

"We are going to have to keep a close eye on how [the law] is implemented on the

campuses," she said.

Lesser said the intent of the legislation to protect the students on campus is valid, but it may be used without probable cause.

But Drayton said that is inaccurate. The officers have to follow the existing laws and the Constitution, which require probable cause for any stop or search.

People have to understand, Drayton said, that it is a very dangerous situation for officers to put their hands on people. Needles and knives can carry diseases and injure officers.

Drayton gave the following example: If officers see a transient near a building late at night, they will call the Eugene police. If it turns out the person is wanted by police, then the officers should be able to handcuff and frisk the transient for weapons — for the officers' own safety while waiting for

the police to arrive.

Currently, the law is not clear on that issue, but after Sept. 9 the officers will have the right to stop the suspect and search him or her for weapons.

The officers are already in danger, Drayton said; this law offers them a small amount of safety.

"[The law] will make me sleep better at night," he said.

The public safety office is made up of five Eugene police officers, who work on campus under a contract the University has with Eugene police, in addition to its own security staff.

OPS officers must spend a year on the job without ever taking reports. This will give them a chance to get trained to the level necessary for the position, Drayton said. All of the officers who will be able to frisk people will have police training before they are allowed to be on the job.

■ GOOD MORNING

► HATFIELD, Ark. (AP) — Revvin' for righteousness and gunnin' their engines for God, the Christian Motorcycle Association has convened.

"I'm here because the Lord wanted me here," said Dale Bridges of White Cloud, Mich., one of about 5,000 motorcyclists who have rolled into tiny Hatfield for this week's annual rally.

"The services, the fellowship — we get charged up to go home and minister," said Bridges, 62.

President Herbie Shreve says the CMA is a ministry, not a bike club, and one of its main goals is to convey the Christian message to the motorcycle community.

The group was born in 1975 of Shreve's love for bikes and his father's calling as a minister.

Shreve, 38, recalled that his father, a pastor of a Southern Baptist church, "was losing me."

"He knew I had a love for motorcycles and thought that would be a bridge," Shreve said.