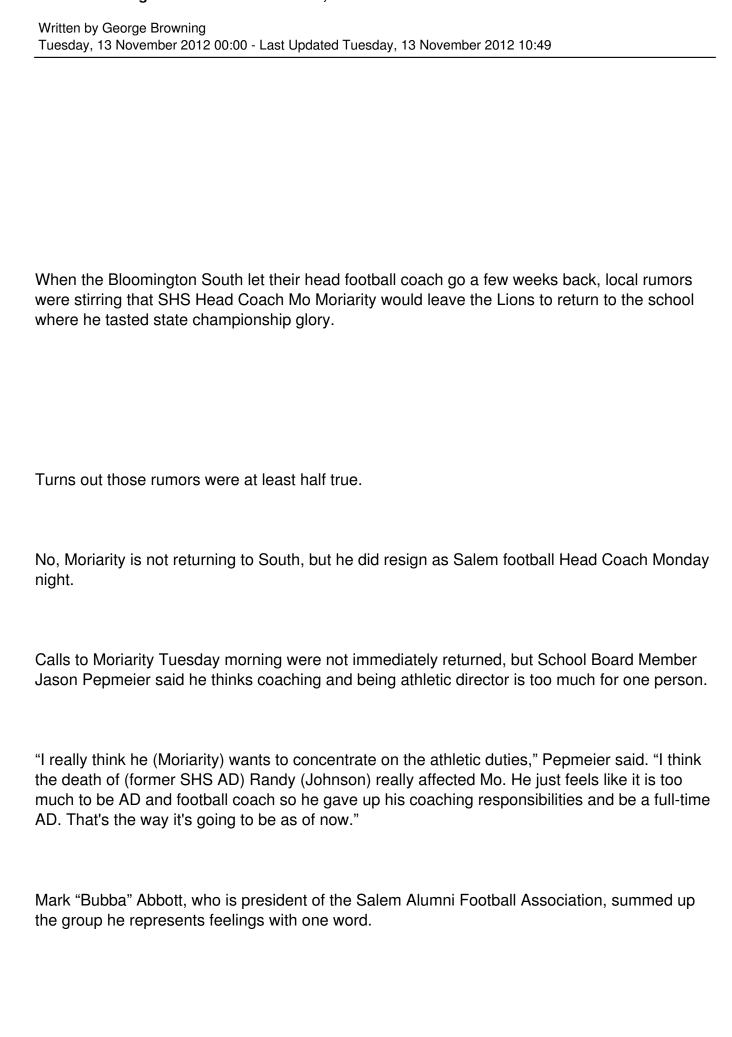
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"We are obviously disappointed," he said. "I think everybody thought that it was going to be a longer-term situation than what it ended up being. I have not spoken with Mo about it yet, but I think the general consensus is disappointment.

"With that being said, our focus has to turn to trying to do the same thing we did two years ago when we hired Coach Mo. We need to get the best possible candidate we can, as long as that works out with the administration and what they are looking for."

Pepmeier said the board decided to take applications for the next 60 days and then make a decision as to who will be the next coach after that.

"It will probably be mid-January or so before we get someone hired," he said.

In his first year at the program, 2011, Salem managed just two wins, both over first-year program, Silver Creek.

This past season, he helped the Lions double the production and they earned four wins.

Pepmeier said he knows the coach had hoped for more, but it's clear to see that a solid foundation has been laid for the next coach.

"I know Mo didn't get the program back to where he wanted to, but he did get our numbers back up and he has things turning in the right direction," Pepmeier said. "It is not showing as far as wins or losses but as a Board member I do feel like things are moving in the right direction. He got kids interested and the numbers are good, and hopefully, whoever inherits this thing will reap the benefits of the ground work that has been laid."

Abbott agreed, "We made great strides in the two years Mo was here and and a lot of things went into place as far as work ethic and discipline."

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Abbott said the key for whoever comes in will be to keep the excitement level high at all levels from senior down to youth league.