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STREAKING

With Saturday's win over Georgia State, men's basketball is on a tear.

—SEE SPORTS, B1

BUILD UP

Football head coach O'Leary picks his new assistant lineup.

—SEE SPORTS, B1

O'Leary Knighted as coach

College football's ex-Coach of the Year signs five-year contract

ASHLEY BURNS
Sports Editor

George O'Leary has had an active few weeks since accepting the job as UCF's new football coach, and it's not all been good.

When his hiring was announced on Dec. 8, O'Leary still had a few games to go with the Minnesota Vikings, for whom he spent the last two years as defensive coordinator. The Vikings had hoped to reach the NFL playoffs, but blew their shot with a Dec. 28 loss to the Arizona Cardinals.

Three days after that, O'Leary was taken by his wife to a hospital to check on an apparent cold, and was told he was suffering from a mild heart attack, for which he had angioplasty performed on an artery that was 100-percent blocked.

Given those bumps, confronting UCF's football misfortunes would seem to be right in line. Indeed, the man who took Georgia Tech to five straight bowl games and was honored as the 2000 National Coach of the Year quickly faced criticism among UCF faculty for lying on a resume, a deed that cost O'Leary his dream job after one week as coach at Notre Dame in 2001.

He refuses to look at the past, or even discuss it.

"I always lived the quote that I can't do anything about setbacks except move on," O'Leary said at the news conference where UCF President John Hitt and Athletic Director Steve Orsini announced his hiring. "That is basically what I intend to do with this job. The past is my past. I won't field any questions regarding it. If you want to know anything about it, it is well-documented."

There are volumes on it, but read the good part, too."

It's the good part that caught Orsini's attention. He also offered no apologies for picking his former colleague at Georgia Tech to turn around a team that finished 3-9 last year, ending its season with a spate of player suspensions and the firing of six-year Coach Mike Kruczek.

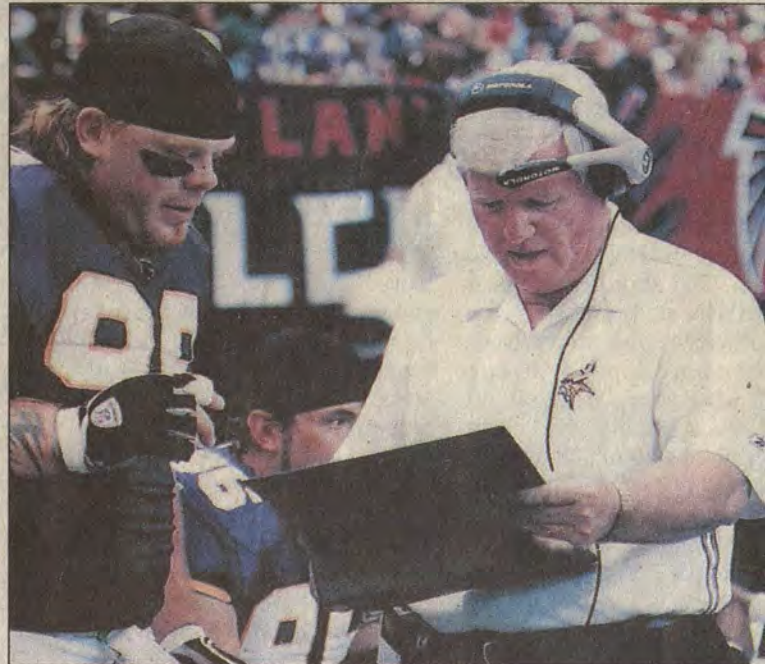
"I've always respected George as a coach and as a leader of young men," said Orsini, who was an assistant athletic director at Georgia Tech. "His record stands for itself. What he has done as a coach at a great institution like Georgia Tech, he'll do it here at this great institution as well. I firmly believe that. He is the best man for this job. He has built a program to the national level. He is a true disciplinarian. He is a great teacher and coach of football at the highest level of the nation."

O'Leary, Orsini's top pursuit, will receive salary and incentives totaling about \$700,000 a year for the next five years, according to ESPN. Kruczek had a base salary of only \$185,000 a year.

O'Leary also will have \$1.3 million at his disposal to put together his coaching staff. O'Leary has already hired five new faces for his staff as well as retained wide receivers coach Sean Beckton. He hopes to have his remaining positions, including offensive and defensive coordinators, hired this week.

One name missing from that staff will be former interim head coach and running backs coach Alan Gooch.

PLEASE SEE **UCF** ON A6



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George O'Leary, right, served for the past two seasons as defensive coordinator for the NFL's Minnesota Vikings, a job he took after being forced to leave the head coach job at Notre Dame.

Coach's hiring has teachers seething

ANDRES HEALY
Senior Staff Writer

While the hiring of Coach George O'Leary has many UCF football fans dreaming of bowl games and national championships, some members of the UCF community feel the move is an embarrassment for the school and a step in the wrong direction.

"No doubt O'Leary is a well-qualified coach and, under other circumstances, his hiring would be an unbelievable coup for UCF," said Jim Gilkeson, an associate professor of finance at UCF. "But these are not ordinary circumstances; we were able to hire him only because others were unwilling to so soil the reputation of their programs."

The controversy about O'Leary's hiring exists because of the circumstances surrounding his dismissal two years ago from the head-coach position at the University of Notre Dame. Richard Crepeau, a sports historian and UCF professor of history, said O'Leary was fired after only five days when it was discovered that certain parts of his resume weren't true.

"O'Leary's resume indicated he had a master's degree from New York University," the professor of history said. "Records at NYU indicated no such degree. If O'Leary had been applying for a job in the State University System in Florida and lied about his educational background, he would [have been] guilty of criminal fraud."

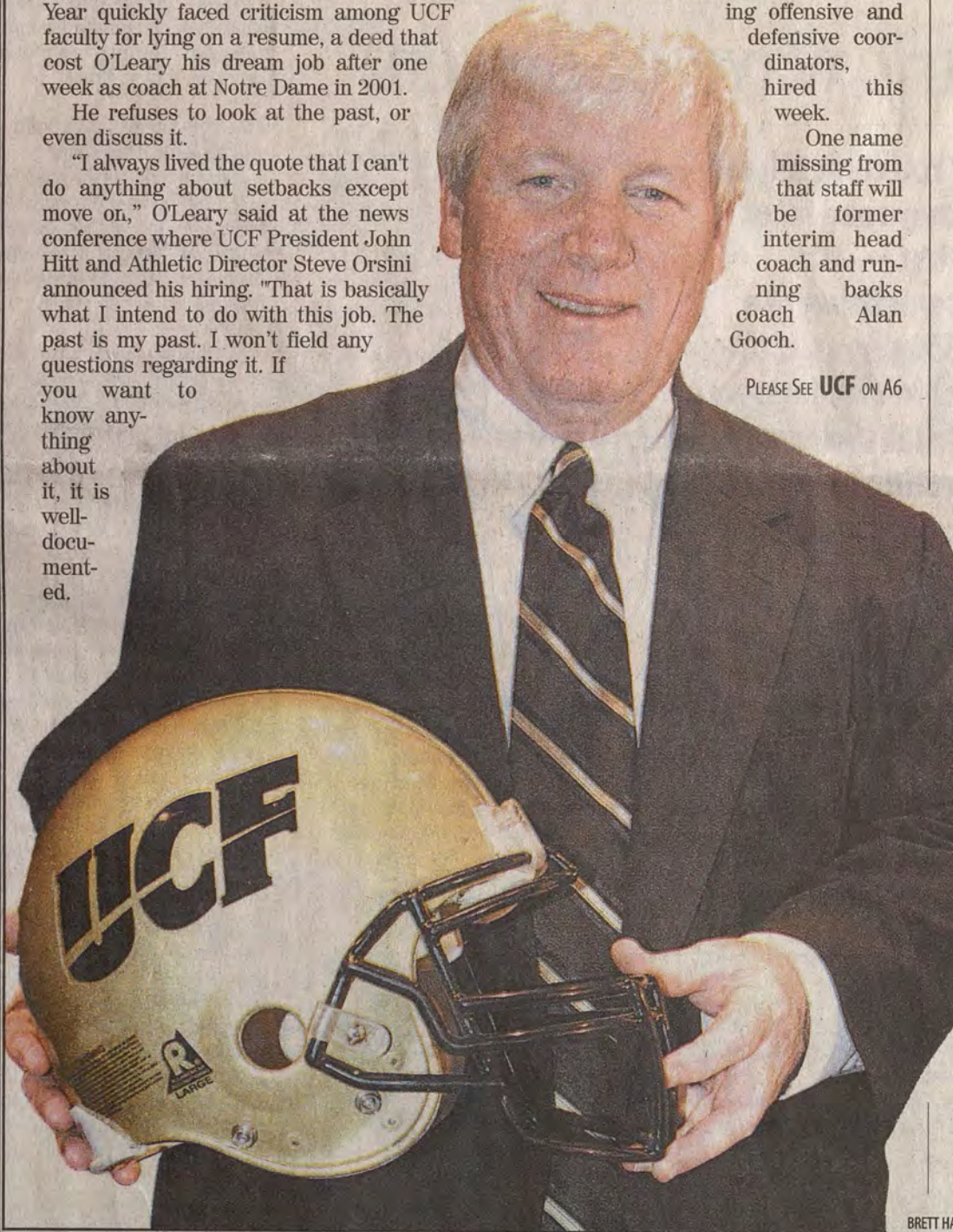
Furthermore, [his] biographical sketch indicated he had earned three letters in football at the University of New Hampshire," Crepeau said. "That too did not square with reality. Apparently this experience makes him ideally suited for the UCF football program, where academic fraud has been a recent problem."

UCF's Athletic Director Steve Orsini agreed that O'Leary had made mistakes in the past, but stressed that the consequences O'Leary faced mirrored those that football players, who were suspended last semester for instances of academic fraud, suffered.

"Those students admitted they made a mistake and paid the price," Orsini said. "O'Leary has paid a price both professionally and personally for the mistake he made. Not only did he lose his dream job, coaching at Notre Dame, but he also lost a package worth between \$1.5 million and \$2 million. His name was tied to that mistake and represented across the world."

Still, Orsini said that the Minnesota Vikings didn't hesitate to hire O'Leary, where he most recently served as their defensive coordinator, and

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SAE fraternity suspended for one year after hazing incident

ALEX BABCOCK
Managing Editor

A fraternity involved in a two-pickup-truck collision in October now faces a one-year suspension for hazing.

The ruling came at a hearing Dec. 8, where members of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity faced administrators who confirmed a suspicion investigated for nearly two months: students from the fraternity were involved in a hazing ritual Oct. 16 that sent one man to an area hospital.

Witnesses that night reported that after the two trucks collided in a Lake Claire Apartments parking lot, groups of men in both trucks fled the scene, some apparently bound with tape by their wrists and ankles. UCF Police reported that the men were members and pledges of the SAE fraternity.

Administrators found the fraternity in violation of Rules 3 and 7 of the Rules of Conduct in the 2003-2004 Golden Rule. These rules apply to disruption of traffic flow on campus and fraternity hazing, respectively.

Patricia MacKown, director of the

Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities, had authority to accept or reject the decision of the administrative hearing. She said the evidence stood on its own. An earlier misdeed by the fraternity resulted in the stiff sentence.

"If you as an organization have prior offenses that warrant a sanction, the decision could incorporate that," she said. "In the case of SAE, they were on probation in the fall for an alcohol violation."

MacKown said a business fraternity, Alpha Kappa Psi, went through the same process for a hazing incident last year.

Under the suspension, the fraternity won't be allowed to participate in any university-related or fraternity-sponsored activities, including a role in the Interfraternity Council. The fraternity cannot have any on- or off-campus social events either. With permission from UCF, SAE can still hold educational, philanthropic and fund-raising events, though.

SAE President Ryan O'Rourke, who also presides over the Interfraternity Council, stepped down from that post to defend his fraternity within a week of the

PLEASE SEE **SAE** ON A6



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An Oct. 16 collision involving two pickup trucks and pledges bound with tape led to the fraternity's suspension.

Ready to serve

Rosen School opens new I-Drive campus

RACHEL BECK
Staff Writer

Today UCF students will dust off their backpacks, pull out their notebooks and return for the first day of the spring semester. Most are returning reluctantly, but those in the Rosen School of Hospitality Management have something to look forward to — a new, \$28.1 million campus.

The campus, located on Universal Boulevard in the International Drive tourism corridor, opens today. The facility has 22 classrooms, ranging from 20-seat lab rooms to a 4,000-seat auditorium, as well as food labs, beverage labs and computer labs.

"It's a showcase for the hospitality management industry," said Stephen LeBruto, associate dean of the school. "It's a state-of-the-art facility structured for students studying hospitality management located in the heart of the tourism district."

"It was breathtaking," said senior hospitality management major David Buckalew, who toured the campus about three weeks ago. "It had everything they promised us it would have."

By that, Buckalew meant two side-by-side kitchens filled with equipment, banquet rooms for meeting planning and a beer and wine lab.

He said the Mediterranean-style building was designed to look like a hotel with a front desk and hotel-style rooms. "It's just beautiful," he said. "I'm really looking forward to going there."

The Rosen School was named for Harris Rosen, a local hotelier and member of the UCF Board of Trustees who donated \$18.2 million and 20 acres of land for the school to be built on.

"He built his future here, all his enterprises are here, and he wanted to give back to the community," said Abraham Pizam, dean of the school.

Those involved believe the location of the new campus is ideal, despite its distance from the main campus.

"Our students work in the tourism industry and do internships and the main campus is 40 to 50 minutes from their place of work," Pizam said. "It makes sense that our campus would be near the industry."

Hospitality management students are required to work in the hospitality field while attending UCF. The new location puts students closer to the core of Central Florida's tourism industry, a concentrated area of restaurants, hotels and theme parks.

Students will be able to take all of their classes at this campus, as it will offer general requirement courses in areas such as English, math and history.

However, "Students may have problems if they wanted to do stuff beyond the norm," Buckalew said. He said it was his understanding that only basic classes will be offered at the new campus, at least in the beginning. For example, Buckalew said, only one foreign language — Spanish — will be taught at the campus, and even that won't be available this semester.

Students may not find every course they wish to take at the new campus, but they will have enough options to complete their degree.

They also will have access to a library that features hospitality-related materials, meeting rooms for hospitality clubs and organizations, and a recreation room for students to use between classes.

In August of 2005, students also will be able to live on the campus. The school plans to add two residence halls that will house 400 students. Pizam described the planned apart-

PLEASE SEE **ROSEN** ON A2

Students still can register today for classes with no penalty

Procrastinators can register today for classes without a penalty, thanks to a calendar quirk this semester.

UCF extended the registration period through the end of today to compensate for the fact that the university was closed on Friday. "If the university offices hadn't been closed, we wouldn't have had an issue with extending the registration period," said University Registrar Dennis Dulniak.

Ordinarily the first day of classes would be considered as late registration, with an accompanying late fee of \$100 charged to any student who had not already signed up for classes. Accordingly, the official late registration period now will begin tomorrow and continue until 5 p.m. Friday, the last day for spring registration.

Students registering for courses that begin today won't be penalized academically for missing the first day of class, Dulniak added. The same applies to students who add or drop classes.

Register at <http://connect.ucf.edu>. The Registrar's Office is open from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. today through Thursday, and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday in Millican Hall Room 161.

Tips for tackling a job interview and landing work that you want

The Student Resource Center offers the following sessions, all in Room 185 of the center:

A workshop at 10:30 a.m. today will cover topics from dressing for success to researching companies and negotiating a salary.

A follow-up session at 2:30 p.m. will focus on how to use UCF's recruitment management and online resume system, the GOLD Connection, to find job and internship listings.

A workshop at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday will cover writing a cover letter and other business correspondence.

At 4:30 p.m. Thursday, learn how to get a job with the government when the Office of Personnel Management offers a presentation on who is hiring and the application process.

For more information on all of sessions, visit <http://www.crc.ucf.edu> or call 407-823-2361.

Get ready for GMAT with a workshop in test-taking skills

Prepare and perfect skills needed to take the GMAT test at a workshop from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday at the University Tech Center Suite 390.

The course is designed to sharpen skills in arithmetic, analytic geometry, plan geometry, charts and graphs, logic, reading, test-taking skills, practical judgment and writing. Timed sample tests will help students learn to budget their test time while applying what they learn.

For more information call the Division of Continuing Education at 407-882-0260.

FROM A1

ment-style residences as the most modern and luxurious in the area.

LeBruto said the residence halls will be structured similar to a hotel, and some of the hotel management curriculum will be incorporated into the lodging process through the students working and living in the facilities.

"They [students] will never have to travel to the main campus, unless they want to," Pizam said.

For students who do want to travel back and forth from the main campus, the UCF shuttle service has expanded its routes to include several trips to the new Rosen School. Starting today, the shuttle will run four round trips Mondays through Thursdays. The first trip of the day departs from the main campus at 7:45 a.m.; the last trip will depart from the Rosen School at 4:30 p.m. The shuttle will make just two trips on Fridays.

Shuttles will pick up travelers from the main campus at the cul-de-sac at Pegasus Circle and Aquarius Agora Drive. The buses will take about 40 minutes to travel the 35 miles between the two campuses.

The services are paid for by the Student Transportation Access Fee, which also funds the shuttle services on the main campus.

Buckalew said the shuttle has helped ease the resistance some students had about the distant location, especially those who do not own vehicles. "People are starting to accept it," he said.

The Rosen School now has



more than 900 students. LeBruto expects that number to increase. He predicts that with the new location, people who currently work in the local hospitality industry will begin taking classes, and he expects to attract more as course offerings expand the program in new directions, such as club management and cruise line management.

Many hospitality courses still will be offered at the main campus. However, Buckalew said, many upper-level courses will only be offered at the new campus, because for many of these courses the labs and technology of the new campus are essential.

A formal dedication ceremony for the new campus will take place at 10 a.m. Feb. 5.



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The exterior, top, and interior courtyard, below, of the new Rosen School campus were designed to match the hotel-themed architecture of the neighboring tourism district.

Patriot Act worries spark wave of dissent

Activism during break included virtual uprising

ALEX BABCOCK
Managing Editor

It might now be possible for politicians to say they were wrong and look good saying it.

Two bills in the U.S. Senate aimed at weakening the USA Patriot Act continue drawing bipartisan support, most coming from senators who voted for the Patriot Act. A similar bill in the U.S. House has picked up 35 co-sponsors.

The two U.S. Senate bills are currently in Judiciary Committee.

The Patriot Act has drawn fire from both politicians and activists who say it's unconstitutional and endangering the civil liberties of law-abiding Americans. Passed a month after the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, the act was designed to

give law enforcement agencies more power to stop terrorism. The act gave federal agents more powers to spy on Americans, including searching of library checkout records.

Locally, a group led by Rachel Olander, a UCF student, continued its quest to get Orlando Mayor Buddy Dyer to criticize the act. Olander and local activists the American Freedom Coalition held a "virtual march" Dec. 12, inundating Dyer's office with phone calls, faxes and e-mails from citizens opposed to the Act.

Olander, president of the American Civil Liberties Union's UCF chapter, says the goal is to get Dyer's attention and convince him to put a resolution against the act to a City Council vote. Dyer has refused requests from the group to consider such a measure because he says the council has no power over federal law.

Constituents in other parts of the country are influencing federal law, though. Resolutions in major cities have led to legisla-

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— PATTY SHEEHAN
ORLANDO CITY COMMISSIONER

tion in Congress aimed at taking away some of the powers the Patriot Act gave law enforcement agencies.

The problem with the act, said Orlando City Commissioner Patty Sheehan, is that it was passed too fast, and Congress didn't know what they had voted for. "You can't tell me they read

all of that — it's something like 350 pages," Sheehan said. "If they didn't understand what they were voting on, that's pretty bad."

In July Sen. Russ Feingold, D-Wis., introduced a bill called the Library, Bookseller and Personal Records Privacy Act. The bill makes it more difficult for the government to request such records. Passing the bill would make it harder for authorities to gain access to library records.

Eleven senators have co-sponsored the bill. The coalition of Democrat and Republican supporters recently added Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., a Democratic presidential candidate.

Also on the table is the Security and Freedom Ensured, or SAFE Act. Introduced by Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho, the bill takes several direct shots at the Patriot Act. Roving wiretaps, a tactic used to conduct an investigation with an unknown number of suspects, will be limited to

PLEASE SEE **FIGHT** ON A4

New section begins Thursday

The *Indie*, a weekly arts and entertainment section, debuts Thursday inside the *Future*. The new section will feature coverage of campus events, local music, Orlando hot spots and more, with an alternative flair.

The section replaces the Monday and Thursday lifestyles section of the *Future* and also merges the twice-monthly publication *The Independent Journal*. Look for *The Indie* each Thursday — your source for what's happening on and off campus.



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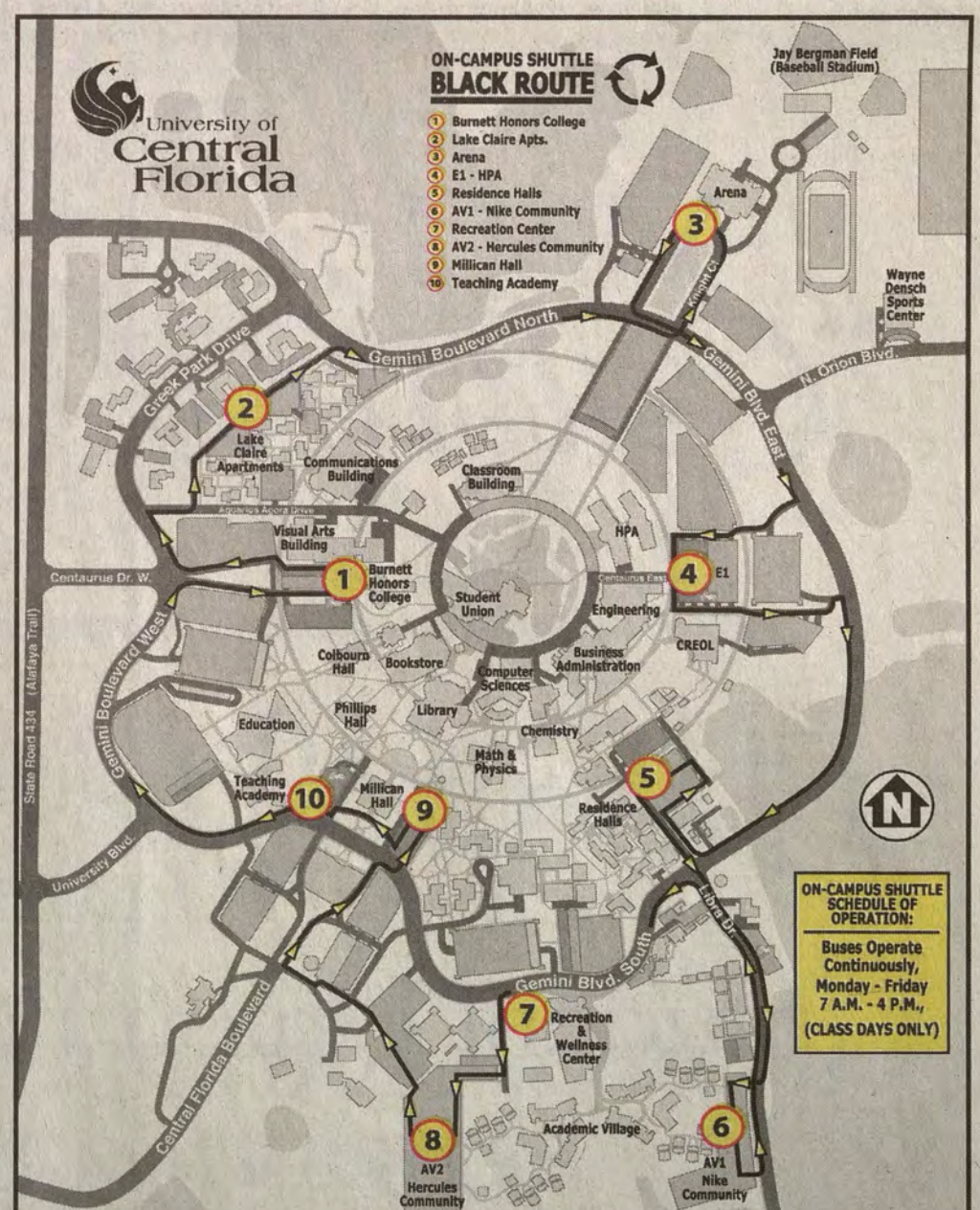
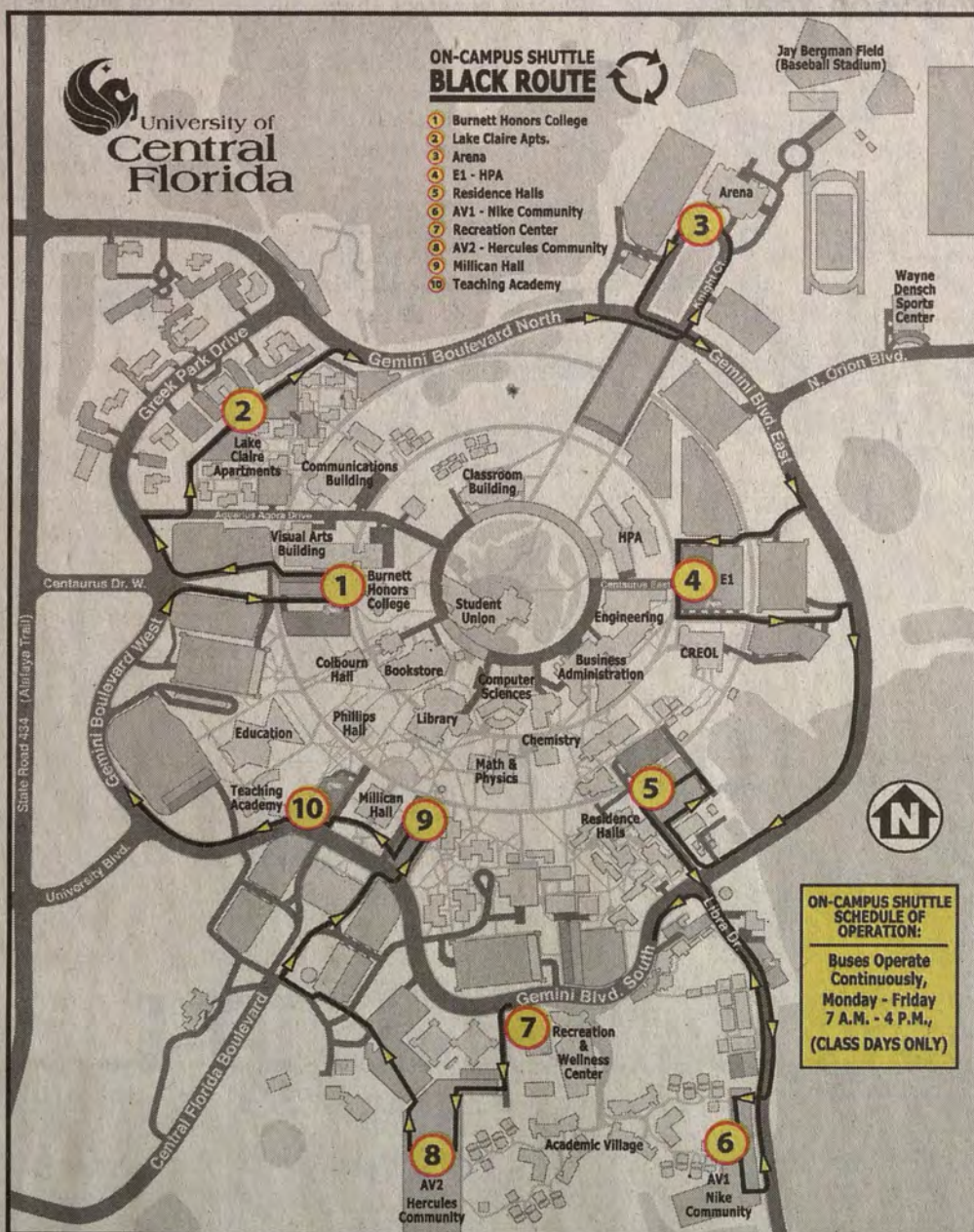
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Fight to be taken to SGA this week

FROM A2

instances where suspects can be named. Activists have called this provision of the law one of the most dangerous, as it allows law enforcement to get a warrant to tap anyone the agency suspects might be a part of a criminal investigation.

The bill also requires quicker notification to suspects when a search is conducted of a building or vehicle. Under the Patriot Act, suspects in terrorism-related investigations don't have to be notified that their property has been searched. The SAFE Act would require authorities in most cases to notify suspects within seven days.

Eleven senators have co-sponsored the SAFE Act including Kerry and Ted Kennedy, D-Mass. Of that list, only two senators did not vote in favor of the Patriot Act — Feingold and John Sununu, R-N.H., who was not a senator when the Act passed.

In a statement when the bill was introduced, Feingold said, "This bipartisan bill should be a wake-up call to the administration. My colleagues and I have proposed sensible modifications to the Patriot Act that will protect the liberty and privacy of law-abiding Americans and still allow the FBI to do its job to fight terrorism."

Another Democratic presidential candidate, Rep. Dennis Kucinich, D-Ohio, has co-sponsored a companion bill to the SAFE Act in the House. That bill, introduced by Rep. Butch Otter, R-Idaho, has 35 co-sponsors, including U.S. Rep. Jeff Miller, R-Fla.

Along with three states, about 220 communities including Chicago, Philadelphia and San Francisco have passed resolutions against the Patriot Act, according to the ACLU.

Sheehan is one of three Council members who Olander says have shown support for a resolution. Sheehan said the group has come to her repeatedly to help them get the resolution passed.

"I'm a supporter," Sheehan

said. "But the mayor sets the agenda. All I can offer them is advice."

Sheehan said she's concerned that the group is taking the wrong approach by bombarding the mayor with messages, and could be hurting its cause by doing so. She suggested an alternative solution — rather than try to get the mayor to relent, the activists could try to get individual commissioners on their side. With four commissioners, Sheehan said, they'll be able to get the resolution on the agenda without Dyer's support.

"But three votes is the same as no votes," Sheehan cautioned. "They need to get four commissioners on their side before they start pushing so hard against the mayor."

Sheehan also said the group could ask individual commissioners if they'll sign resolutions focused on the individual city districts. "I'd vote for a resolution for my district. [Commissioner] Daisy [Lynum] would vote for one. [Commissioner] Ernest [Page] would vote for one."

Olander said other than making another attempt to sway commissioners, the group will be launching an effort this spring to get a referendum on the next ballot, so city residents can decide whether the resolution will pass. The referendum, in turn, would put more pressure on Dyer, who is up for reelection in March.

"If we are able to do the referendum, I think that would get a lot of national press," Olander said. "No one has passed a resolution through the referendum approach. It would bring a lot of attention to a mayor who hasn't allowed this to be voted on."

Dyer did not respond to requests for an interview.

In a federal court in Detroit Dec. 3, the ACLU began presenting arguments in a lawsuit that represents the first legal challenge the Justice Department has faced on the constitutional merit of the act. The lawsuit says Section 215 of the act invites abuse of the law to target ethnic, religious and



ANGELA KATSARELIS / CENTRAL FLORIDA FUTURE
Rachel Olander will speak to the SGA Senate Thursday about the Patriot Act.

political minorities.

At UCF, Olander is wielding the power of the ACLU in an attempt to get the Student Government Association on her side. She spent the winter break researching court cases and resolutions passed in other cities to prepare for what she called "a pretty brutal fight."

She'll be introducing an anti-Patriot Act resolution to the SGA Senate's Governmental Affairs Committee on Tuesday, then speak to the Senate during her bill's second reading at 7 p.m. Thursday.

Olander hopes a well-prepared case against the act will open the eyes of her fellow student senators.

Meanwhile, U.S. Attorney General John Ashcroft has been on a campaign launched Aug. 19 to counter criticism of the act. Like Olander, Ashcroft says educating the public is key.

"The course we have chosen is constitutional," Ashcroft said in a speech defending the act. The Department of Justice has set up a Web site at <http://www.lifeandliberty.gov> to promote the government's message: though the act has given more power to federal agents, these powers all existed in some form before, and they're all constitutional.

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UCF hopes O'Leary will stress academics

FROM A1

"After several conversations with Coach O'Leary I think the feeling is mutual that a position on his new staff would not be a good fit," Gooch said. "I have a genuine love for UCF and I feel a great sense of loyalty to the UCF football family and the players that I have had the opportunity to coach over the years. These are the factors that have kept me here for 23 years and are also the reasons why this has been such a difficult decision to make."

"UCF is a great university and spending my entire career here has been my choice. I can tell you now that I have no regrets about that decision."

While Gooch's career at UCF has come to an end, O'Leary's is only beginning.

"I am very excited about the opportunity to be at the University of Central Florida," O'Leary said. "I took this job for two reasons. First, I was greatly impressed with the people that I spoke to regarding this job and their commitment to athletics, the students and graduation. Second, is that UCF has great potential beyond where it is at right now."

Prior to his time in the NFL, O'Leary had served as the head coach for the Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets from 1994-2001, where he built a record of 52-33 and took the Jackets to five straight bowl games.

While serving in his fourth year as the defensive coordinator at Georgia Tech in 1990, O'Leary's Yellow Jackets finished with an overall record of 11-0-1 en route to a national championship.

O'Leary left Georgia Tech to take the head coaching position at Notre Dame, but was relieved of his duties after local media discovered a blemish on his resume. O'Leary had written that he earned a masters degree from New York University and was a three-time letterman for the University of New Hampshire's football team. Neither was true.

O'Leary knows that his past successes won't duplicate quickly at UCF with the rash of recent academic controversies the team has faced, however he is positive about the potential.

"I am here because I believe

in the direction the school wants to head and now we'll talk about the future," O'Leary said. "I see the University of Central Florida as a sleeping giant. I like programs that have direction, want direction and more important, people in the building that are willing to work to get to that direction. The student-athlete is important to me, graduation is very important to me. More important are the people that I am going to work with. I've been around long enough, 35 years in coaching, to understand the people you are going to work with are probably the most important thing you have in the program."

O'Leary's on-field successes aren't the only reason that brought him to UCF. Currently, UCF is graduating a mere 33 percent of its football players. In 1994, Georgia Tech's football program had a similar graduation rate and by the end of O'Leary's run at Tech, the rate had soared to 70 percent.

"He has improved graduation rates of his student-athletes," Orsini said. "He has coached student-athletes to be successful on a national level where he has been and he is a tough and fair disciplinarian. He is the winner of the 2000 Bobby Dodd Award as the National Coach of the Year; a two-time winner of the ACC's Coach of the Year. He is the best man for this job."



O'Leary pushed his football players to a 70 percent graduation rate at Georgia Tech.

SAE chose not to appeal university's suspension

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collision. O'Rourke did not respond to requests for comment about the suspension.

While the suspension bars SAE from most aspects of Greek life on campus, it also requires that the fraternity meet several goals to allow reinstatement.

The group must meet with UCF Police to discuss a plan of action to educate its members about the school rules and laws regarding fraternity activity. SAE must show proof to the Office of Student Conduct that they've had their initial meeting with police by Jan. 30.

SAE also must submit monthly reports outlining educational initiatives and group activities, partner with Volunteer UCF to complete a community service project and develop a plan with the Office of Greek Affairs to redesign its pledge education program.

The fraternity's behavior between now and August — when it will receive a formal review — will determine its future status with the university.

SAE had been on summary suspension before the Dec. 8 decision. Another Greek organization on campus, the Zeta Phi Beta sorority, is on suspension for an unrelated hazing incident. That sorority was sanctioned by its national organization rather than the school.

Appealing the decision was an option for the fraternity, though it did not apply to do so.

A separate investigation conducted by the fraternity's national organization also decided hazing was involved in the crash. The organization came to the same conclusion two days before UCF's decision said Ryan Weiers, executive

director of SAE's Southeast region.

"The events were in fact hazing," Weiers said. "There were some members involved in the hazing. Some members were suspended."

When word of the crash reached the fraternity's national office in Illinois, Weiers said it issued a "cease and desist" order, stopping all chapter operations.

With enough evidence to go forward with an investigation, he said the group enlisted eight or nine area alumni, most of them former members of the chapter, to interview the 100 members of the UCF chapter Dec. 6. About 70 men showed up.

Weiers said the process that day started with the national organization suspending every member of the UCF chapter. The interviews were conducted as re-applications. About 30 members of the chapter were suspended at the end of that day. Those members will not be allowed back into the fraternity until after graduation.

The organization agrees with UCF's decision, Weiers said, though they'll likely appeal for reinstatement after about six months. "We feel good — the national organization and the chapter — and we look forward to coming back to full standing," he said.

O'Rourke will remain president of the local chapter. Weiers said he's confident in the chapter president and said he wasn't to blame for the incident that got the fraternity suspended.

Though Weiers said this type of problem is something all fraternities deal with from time to time, he added, "I've not seen anything in four years to compare this incident to. I haven't seen anything like this."

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Orsini: Coach shines on, off field

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added, "I feel he warrants a second chance at UCF. He has admitted he didn't act to correct mistakes in his resume and is a different person now."

Still, some faculty members aren't convinced. "The university ought to set a higher ethical standard," said Kevin Meehan, an assistant professor of English at UCF. "Hiring O'Leary is a step down. It sends the message to athletes and students that honesty doesn't matter. You can fudge ethical issues in pursuing six-figure incomes."

Gilkeson commented, "I am a finance professor who struggles... to teach ethics and proper professional conduct. It becomes much more difficult for me to do my job when the university says, in effect, 'results are all that matter, how you get there doesn't.'"

Crepeau also conceded that he was surprised by the choice of coach, given that Orsini had appeared before the Faculty Senate to talk about the importance of upgrading the academic standards within the football program.

"Apparently the athletic director has a different sense of what is appropriate in an academic setting, or perhaps there is a total disconnect between what he says and what he

does," Crepeau added.

Orsini did emphasize that prior to the Notre Dame scandal, O'Leary had maintained a shining record of successes both on and off the field at Georgia Tech, where O'Leary served as head coach at a time when Orsini filled the job of assistant athletic director.

"George has always believed that academics come first and athletics second," Orsini said. "When [O'Leary] took over Tech's team with three games left in 1994, it had a graduation rate close to 33 percent; by the end of the 2001 year, that figure was nearly 70 percent."

"He has a long-standing commitment to graduating his students, being successful on the field, and helping students develop as individuals," Orsini added. "That's part of the reason he was named the National Coach of the Year in 2000."

According to Orsini, the addition of O'Leary means that UCF's immediate goal is to be a conference champion, which will allow them to attend a bowl game. He hopes the university will be able to sustain a regular national contender.

However, Orsini said that one of O'Leary's first requests was to see the academic records of his players. "He takes a very hands-on approach," the athletic director

continued. "He plans to individually meet with every player to work out methods for them to succeed. That could mean arranging for a tutor or requiring a struggling player to attend every one of their classes."

Orsini added that O'Leary can make real changes in a program that currently has a graduation rate of close to 33 percent, eerily close to Tech's original rate, because "athletes respect their head coaches more than anyone else."

Gilkeson disagrees. "O'Leary will now be in the position of needing to enforce discipline and NCAA rules - always under a cloud of hypocrisy," he said. "The university has now sent a clear message that winning at football is more important than the university's reputation or its commitment to academic standards."

"Once again, this desperate, myopic need for football has cost us," he added.

Crepeau was equally disappointed. "In the end, it doesn't matter what faculty thinks," he said. "Indeed, public reaction would indicate that matters of academic integrity or propriety mean little in the public forum. George O'Leary will be judged by the general public and by the university administration by his wins and losses."

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Park and run

As Orange County Sheriff's deputies gave chase at about 9:15 a.m. Dec. 8, a man in a stolen car drove north on Alafaya Trail, then hooked a right onto campus. The car had been identified by a Lo-Jack transponder in the vehicle. The suspect parked at the Visual Arts Building, hopped out and fled on foot across lawns and parking lots to the Greek Park area, where he jumped a fence at the Delta Delta Delta sorority house. As deputies scoured the area with the aid of a helicopter, UCF Police responded to aid in a perimeter search.

When Sgt. Hugh Carpenter saw the suspect lying on the ground in a wooded area, the suspect caught his eye, then jumped up and ran to the Pi Kappa Alpha house. Despite commands from Carpenter to halt, the man climbed a fence around the Pike house and entered the building through an unlocked side door. Carpenter and Officer James Brannon entered the house and found the suspect behind a couch in the common room on the first floor. He was cuffed and identified as Conrad J. Gendreau.

Gendreau faces charges of burglary and resisting an officer without violence.

The almost-stolen bench

A report to the UCF Police of a man stealing weight room equipment at about 1 a.m. Dec. 21 at the Sigma Phi Epsilon house led to the arrest of Brandon Paul Veedell, 22, a UCF student.

Officer George Penrose responded to the call, and within two minutes spotted a man running around the corner of the house. Penrose ordered Veedell to stop. Veedell did stop, and when asked what was going on said, "Let me guess, they are complaining about me

working out in their gym." When asked why he was running, he said after he was chased out of the gym, he decided to go for a run.

Further investigation revealed that a witness at the Sig Ep house had come across Veedell when the witness walked outside to smoke a cigarette. The witness saw Veedell in the gym and asked what he was doing there. Veedell said since the UCF gym was closed, he came there, and that he'd worked out there before. When asked who invited him, Veedell said no one had, and that he'd just leave. When the witness asked him to stay put, Veedell ran past him; the witness gave chase until the suspect reached the SAE parking lot.

The witness returned and noticed one of the weigh benches had been moved outside of the gym.

Veedell told police that he didn't touch the bench or move it outside. When asked if they would find his fingerprints on the bench, Veedell said they probably would because he'd been there before. He then said he had touched the bench that night, but to try and move it back in the house.

Veedell's truck was parked near a gym exit, and the bench was located between the exit and the truck.

Veedell was charged with burglary, grand theft and trespassing.

More running away

A woman who had been expelled from the university was found on campus property and arrested for trespassing on Dec. 19 at about 9:30 a.m. Officer Adam Casebolt responded to a call from the Office of Student Conduct that a woman was trespassing on campus property. When he arrived, Patricia MacKown, the director of student conduct, motioned for him to come towards her and Dana Juntunen.

MacKown then shouted that

the suspect, Esther-Marie Debra Daniel, was running away toward a parking garage.

Daniel entered a vehicle in a caged area of the garage, then backed out in a reckless manner, nearly striking the metal cage and fencing around her parking space. Casebolt shouted "Stop! Police!" Daniel made eye contact with the officer, then turned her vehicle in the opposite direction and sped away.

Casebolt radioed that the suspect was fleeing as he gave chase on foot. Officer Eric Walton stopped Daniel with a flash from his patrol car's lights.

Daniel previously has been arrested by UCF Police. She was arrested this time for resisting an officer without violence and trespassing after a warning.

More stolen furniture

Two residents of an apartment at Pegasus Point Building 3 reported the theft of two canvas chairs and a canvas table from a second-floor balcony at about 3 a.m. Dec. 19. One of the residents witnessed the theft, after she heard a noise on the balcony. She saw two white men with dark hair and sweatshirts throw the chairs and the table over the balcony, to a tall white woman standing below the balcony giving directions.

The suspects jumped off the balcony, picked up the furniture and left. The witness recognized two suspects as men who lived in the apartment below her. A search of that apartment with consent of the suspects did not turn up the tables, though they were positively identified by the witness. The woman seen directing the theft was identified in the apartment as Kristen N. Burgoon, 19. The two men, Gregory J. Palvisak, 19, and Jason L. Burgoon, 21, along with Kristen Burgoon, were charged with burglary and petit theft.

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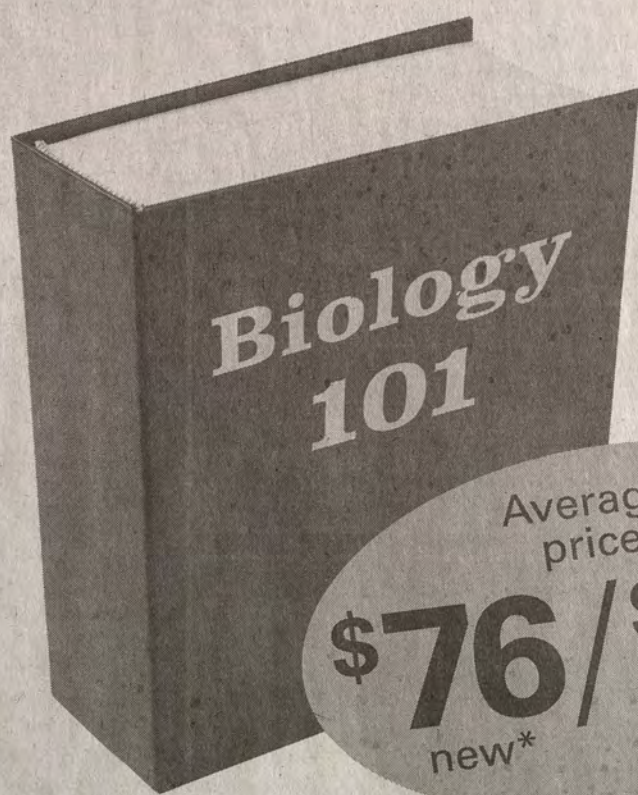
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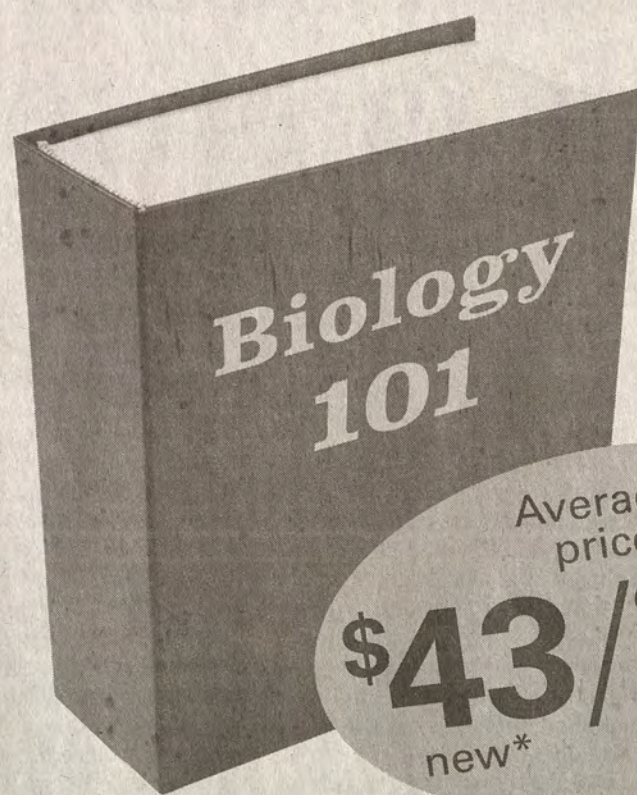
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Wednesday January 7
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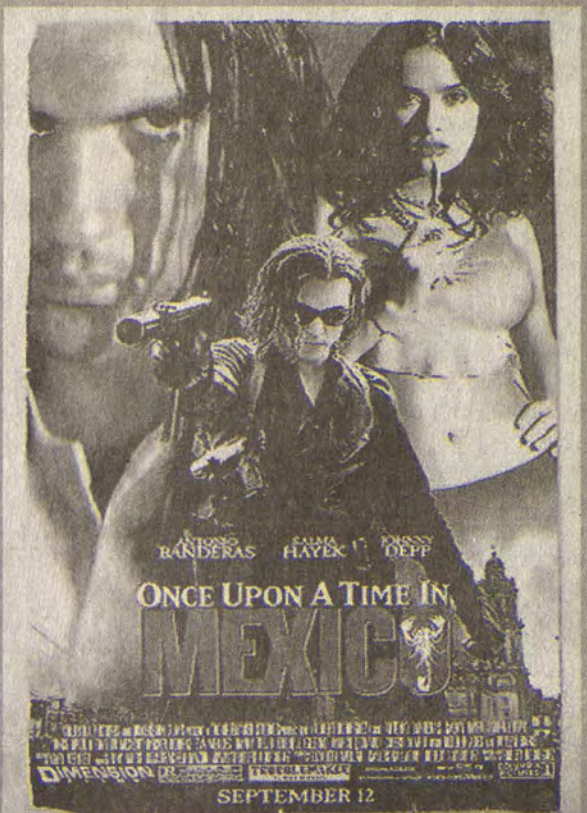
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Football alums find success in pros

While some players continued to impress, a few rookies made their mark as well

NATHAN CURTIS
Staff Writer

As the NFL season comes to a close in these next few weeks, it's time to take a look at how some UCF graduates fared in the National Football League in 2003.

Doug Gabriel was pick No. 32 in the fifth round of last year's draft by the Oakland Raiders after their Super Bowl collapse. As a wide receiver on a team with men by the names of Jerry Rice and Tim Brown, it was difficult for Gabriel to see much play, so he only managed one catch for seventeen yards. However, despite being a member of former Raider head coach Bill Callahan's "dumbest team in the nation," Gabriel found his way into the lineup as a kick return specialist. In week 17, as the Raiders fought to secure a share of the worst record in the NFL at 4-12, Gabriel stole the spotlight as he returned a second quarter kickoff for an 85-yard touchdown, marking the first of his young career.

Another former UCF wide receiver from UCF who flashed his huge potential is Charles Lee. Lee found himself in an interesting position playing for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers this season. His game time greatly improved with the deactivation of Keyshawn Johnson and the injury to Joe Jurevicious. Lee, plagued by injuries during the 2002 season, finally had a chance to showcase his talent. He played in only the last six weeks of the season and still managed 33 catches for 432 yards and a pair of touchdowns. His first starting appearance was on Monday Night Football in week 12 against the New York Giants. Many people wondered how he would be able to fill Johnson's shoes, so he showed them by bursting onto the scene with five catches for 91 yards and a touchdown in the 19-13 Buc victory for the Bucs. The Bucs looked for a repeat of their 2002 championship run this season but fell short of the playoffs with a disappointing 7-9 record. Lee has a chance to keep his name high on the depth chart if he can maintain the level of play he ended this season with.

UCF's most notable player ever suffered a major heartbreak to end his season in the NFL in '03. The year started out great for Minnesota Vikings quarterback Daunte Culpepper as he threw 15 touchdowns and only three interceptions, leading the Vikings to a 7-0 start. Despite missing three games due to injury, Culpepper finished with 3,479 yards passing, 25 touchdowns, 11 interceptions and a quarterback rating of 96.4. He also ran for 422 yards and four touchdowns helping him earn yet another Pro Bowl invitation. Culpepper's brightest moment



Former UCF cornerback and current New England Patriot Asante Samuel earned attention this season despite limited playing time.

came at home against the Kansas City Chiefs in week 16. He completed 20 of 29 passes for 260 yards and three touchdowns as his team walloped the eventual AFC West champions 45-20. Culpepper and the Vikings' fate would be decided the following week when the Arizona Cardinals scored a touchdown with no time left on the clock to beat the Vikings by one point, putting them out of the playoffs.

Travis Fisher is in his second season with the St. Louis Rams as a cornerback in their surprisingly successful defense. His contributions to the team's success include 56 tackles, four interceptions, two touchdowns and 11 pass deflections. His shining moment of the season was in week 12 when the Rams went to Arizona to take on the Cardinals. He scored a 57-yard touchdown following an interception, and it turned out to be the difference in the game as the Rams won 30-27. Fisher is one of two Knights in the playoffs this season, but he isn't the one in the best position.

Asante Samuel is flying high with the New England Patriots, who finished with a 14-2 regular season record, earning them home field advantage throughout the playoffs. Serving as a backup cornerback, Samuel logged 32 tackles, two interceptions, one touchdown and nine pass deflections. This is his rookie season and he has shown a lot of potential for his future with the Patriots. His high point of the season was back in week three at home against the New York Jets. His 55-yard interception helped the Patriots beat the Jets 23-16, and it sparked the 12-game winning streak New England rode for the rest of the season.

Once a Knight...



Daunte Culpepper

2004 Pro Bowl selection
3,479 passing yards and 25 touchdowns in only 13 games for the Minnesota Vikings this season.



Charles Lee

33 receptions, 432 yards and two touchdowns in only six games with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers this season.



Travis Fisher

56 tackles, four interceptions and two touchdowns for NFC West champion St. Louis Rams.



Asante Samuel

32 tackles, two interceptions and one touchdown for AFC East champion New England Patriots.



Doug Gabriel

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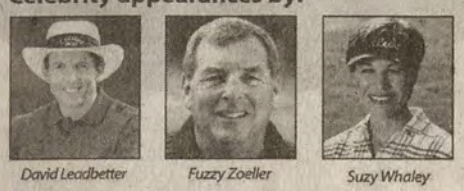
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BASKETBALL RECAP



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Junior guard Gary Johnson is averaging 7.3 points per game this season and leads the Knights with 4.7 assists per game.

Men off to best start in 11 years

FROM B1

defense, however, the Panthers were held to 5 of 20 shooting from long range, three of which came in the game's final 2 minutes. Nate Williams, a 6-foot-11 center who was the conference's leading scorer last season, scored only seven points in 30 minutes.

"They have a very talented team," UCF head coach Kirk Speraw said. "They have a lot of weapons, and I thought we did a great job against them, especially defensively in the post. It was a total team effort."

The Knights look to extend their winning streak and also their home-unbeaten streak today, hosting Mercer in an A-Sun conference battle at the UCF Arena at 7:30 p.m.

Lyons leads the way, averaging 16.0 points a game along with 4.4 rebounds as the Knights embark on their best start in

coach Kirk Speraw's 11-year tenure.

During the break, the Knights posted wins against Campbell (68-61), Gardner-Webb (71-60), Niagara (69-67) and Tennessee-Martin (80-68).

Josh Bodden and Roberto Morentin have also played well, combining for 24.2 points and 15.2 rebounds a contest. Bodden had a breakout performance against Tenn-Martin, posting a career-high 24-point performance and 10 rebounds.

A 39-59 setback against then No. 1 ranked Florida and a 63-72 loss to College of Charleston stand as the Knights only unsuccessful outings this season.

The Knights' remaining regular season games are all against A-Sun conference opponents. The men will look to position themselves for their third invitation to the NCAA tournament in school history.



Atlantic Sun statistics

Men's basketball Scoreboard

Troy State	107
Campbell	73
Lipscomb	73
Stetson	66
Belmont	70
Jacksonville	54
Fla Atlantic	90
Mercer	72
Central Florida	70
Georgia State	60

Standings

Team	Conf.		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Central Florida	3	0	8	2
Belmont	2	1	7	3
Troy State	3	0	6	3
Florida Atlantic	3	0	6	4
Georgia State	1	2	6	4
Jacksonville	0	2	5	4
Mercer	2	1	5	7
Lipscomb	1	2	4	7
Stetson	0	2	2	6
Gardner Webb	0	2	3	8
Campbell	0	3	0	10

Women's basketball Standings

Team	Conf.		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Georgia State	2	0	5	4
Central Florida	2	0	3	6
Belmont	1	0	3	5
Lipscomb	1	1	4	5
Campbell	1	1	3	5
Stetson	1	1	3	6
Mercer	1	1	3	6
Florida Atlantic	1	1	2	7
Troy State	0	1	1	7
Jacksonville	0	2	2	7
Gardner Webb	0	2	0	7

Hudson, Allen drill Stetson Hatters for 16 points each

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of finding our post players in positions where they could put points on the board."

Stetson was led by forward Kristy Brown, who recorded her fourth double-double with 14 points and game-high 10 rebounds.

UCF gets back into action tonight on the road against Jacksonville (2-7; 0-2 A-Sun) before a showdown with Georgia State (5-4; 2-0 A-Sun) on Thursday night at home.

"Every conference game counts the same," Striegler said. "Our girls are focused on JU, and we will not be looking ahead to Georgia State."

While you were away...

UCF's women's basketball finished the out of conference schedule with losses to Georgia Tech (70-48), Alabama (63-41) and Florida (79-48).

At Alexander Memorial Coliseum on Dec. 14, the Yellow Jackets outscored the Knights by 11 points in each half. Forward Fallon Stokes poured in 20 points to lead Tech, while forward Ali Roberts' 16 points paced UCF.

The Knights were out-rebounded 43-23 including a 20-6 margin on the offensive boards.

"We just got outworked tonight by a better team," Striegler said. "We cannot worry what Alabama and Florida can do this weekend. We have to worry about ourselves. Our team has a lot of work to do."

UCF returned home to host the Holiday Classic, and both games had a similar feel to them. Alabama and Florida would build early first-half leads. UCF would fight back to cut the lead down to within a basket, but could not keep the momentum as the margin would grow to double-digits by halftime.

"It's something about the end of the (first) half," Striegler said. "We just go into a drought, and can't recover from that. We can't do that against schools from a conference like the SEC, and expect to win."

Usually when a team is 3-6, its

confidence is down and the team searches for answers. But this is not the case with the UCF Women's Basketball team.

Scouting Jacksonville

After starting the season at 2-2, JU is on a five-game losing streak, and looks to get back into the win column for the first time since Dec. 7.

The Dolphins are coming off a season-worst 80-43 thrashing at the hands of Florida Atlantic on Saturday afternoon. FAU outscored JU 50-17 in the second half.

Forward Yolisha Jackson leads JU averaging 11.0 points and 7.9 rebounds per contest. In a 69-57 loss to Fordham earlier this season, Jackson eclipsed the 700 career point mark.

The all-time series between the two schools is tied at four after UCF swept both games last season that included a 55-47 win at Swisher Gym.

Around the Atlantic Sun

The calendar turning to January means teams are preparing to get into the grind of conference play. It's the A-Sun's version of Survivor. One team will stand alone in March, hold up a conference trophy, and secure a bid to the NCAA Tournament.

UCF and Georgia State are tied for first place at 2-0 with Belmont closely behind at 1-0. But there are five teams at 1-1 that will have something to say as the season wears on.

Upset of the weekend

Lipscomb over Troy State, 68-55

The newest member of the conference goes on the road to Trojan Arena and shocks Troy State behind 18 points from Courtney Boynton.

Monday matchup to watch

Florida Atlantic at Stetson

Both teams are 1-1, but are in two different states of mind coming out of the weekend. Will FAU continue to ride momentum from its 80-43 win at JU, or will Stetson rebound from a 79-55 setback against UCF?

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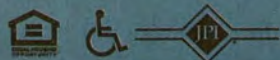
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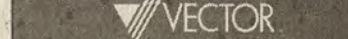
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