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## Florida swim coach fired for misconduct

GAINESVILLE, Fla. (AP) - The University of Florida fired women's swim coach Mitch Ivey after a university investigation of his relationships with his swimmers.

The investigation began after ESPN reporters showed up on campus three weeks ago to work on a story about Ivey's interaction with former and current athletes.

Ivey denied the charges of misconduct after his firing Monday night, saying the university would rather avoid bad publicity than stand behind its coach.

"It's real unfortunate," Ivey told The Gainesville Sun in a story published today. "I was told that putting my arm around a girl and using foul language was deemed reason enough."

"Rather than saying they're pleased with my performance and standing behind me, they're saying they can't have the bad publicity. It shows you that all of that talk about Team Florida is just baloney. It leaves me feeling pretty nauseous."

The university began its own investigation after ESPN reporters showed up on campus three weeks ago to work on a story for the program "Outside the Lines: Coaching in the '90s." It is set to air Friday.

The program's host, Bob Ley,

told The Associated Press Monday the show will contain allegations of sexual misconduct against a "world-class coach who has a history of marrying his athletes and also of having sexual relationships with them." Ley declined to identify the coach because that segment of the show was unfinished.

Florida athletic director Jeremy Foley said the university is "always proactive any time we're dealing with issues such as ESPN was asking about."

Ivey, who has been married three times, did marry his second wife while she was at Stanford. "She was of legal age. Florida knew all about that when I got the job," Ivey said.

Florida's women's swim team issued a statement Monday backing Ivey.

"We ... as a whole completely support Mitch Ivey no matter what has been said. He is one of the best swim coaches in the world and he is the reason that we have developed into a team that is vying for a national title. We are stunned by this decision and feel very sorry that Mitch will be denied the opportunity to use his talents to better ours."

As a member of the 1968 and 1972 U.S. Olympic teams, Ivey came to Florida in 1990.

## Coaching clinic nears

The University of Oregon will host an all-day coaches clinic on Saturday, November 6, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at McArthur Court.

Featured speakers include Oregon's Jerry Green and boys' state champion high school coaches

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In addition, the store will also feature Slamball/Basketball courts with adjustable backboards as well as instruction, pro shop, party room and practice area.

KIDSPO RTS is now accepting registrations for volleyball and 2nd grade basketball. Volleyball is open to boys and girls, grades 3-8. Practices for volleyball and 2nd grade basketball begin Monday, November 1st. Registration fees for volleyball are \$30 for grades 3-5, and \$35 for grades 6-8. The registration fee for 2nd grade basketball is \$35. Registration deadline for volleyball and 2nd grade basketball is Friday, November 5th. For further information, contact KIDSPO RTS at 683-23743.

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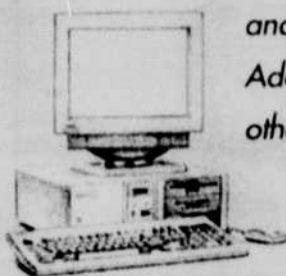
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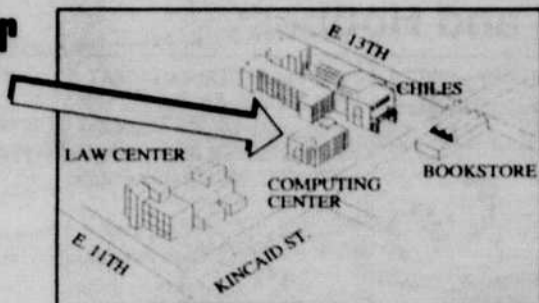
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