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At present, students pay $23 per year in tuition, which is the national average for higher education. The 10-percent increase would cost an additional $5 per year, but is conflicting with a statutory law which states the government must pay for at least 75 percent of a student's education. The 10-percent increase would have the government paying less and students paying more.

The governor of Florida has introduced a 29 percent increase that would just pass the 25-75 statutory law. At present, students pay 25 percent of their education. In addition to higher tuition costs, the current proposition includes a technology fee. The amount would be decided on by each university. The fee seems likely to pass and would cost University of Central Florida students roughly $50.

"Costs aren't just classes and teachers," said Scavron. "It's the guy that paints lines in the road and lawn maintenance."

The increase mostly will affect students who have no financial aid or rely on loans. There will be a need for more loans and students unable to receive loans will be left with the brunt of the burden.

"I expect tuition to increase with inflation," said Sarah Coleman, a sophomore at UCF. "But will we have more classrooms with the increase or more computer labs?"

According to Student Government, UCF has a surplus of technology. "If the increase is differential, the money will be put directly into UCF," Scavron said.

The increase mostly will affect students at a low-income school, five athletes have volunteered their time to help a group of fourth- and fifth-graders find the energy to stay in school. The UCF student-athletes are part of a new program headed by the university's marketing department to teach youngsters the importance of education. Where the Orlando Magic has targeted high school students with their efforts, the university has taken a more personal approach with elementary-level students by letting them meet the athletes and ask questions.

On Jan. 28, the first group of student-athletes made their debut with Knightro at Pine Crest Elementary. Cheerleaders Frank Meavilla and Kelii Lane started with a simple cheer to boost the school spirits before 200 students.

Football players Daunte Culpepper and Eric Leister and baseball player Erik Johnson captured their audience's hearts and imagination as they talked of athletics and the role it plays in academics.

"It starts at this level," Meavilla said. "With the respect you have for your teachers and coaches, Athletic teaches you push beyond your limits."

The students were eager to learn about the athletes and what got them so far. They listened with intense interest to the athletes.

The UCF students became role models, especially when the subject of drugs and fighting came up in a question.

"If I can touch just one kid, it was worth it," Culpepper said.

"The athlete can be the type to have that kind of impact. Kids don't always want to be like their parents."

"None of us would be where we are if we had not stayed in school," Johnson said. "Keep a positive attitude through sports and school, because sometimes it does get tough."

Leister added: "You can get to where we're at if you don't get that education. No matter how much practice there is, my coaches tell me education is what we are here for."

The message and the program seemed to work. As Knightro went out into the audience, children told him they were going to be at UCF one day.

"If we can tell them a hundred times and it doesn't get through," one teacher said. "But when someone who is there says 'stay in school,' it gets through."

The students were rewarded for asking questions with UCF T-shirts and basketball tickets, which they took eagerly. They shook Knightro's hand and waved to the athletes as they left.

"I want to become a football player," said one fifth-grade boy. "I know it won't be easy, but if I stay in school. I think I can."

Photo by AMIS WOOTTON

Jordan tunes into title of 'Mr. UCF'

By FIONA BAGAN
Staff Writer

Eight of UCF's "macho men" competed in Saturday night's Mr. University of Central Florida Scholarship Pageant.

Each contestant had to prove to three judges he was the best candidate for the title of Mr. UCF.

The contestants had the audience screaming and clapping as they strutted to the Village People's "Macho Man" tune at the opening of the pageant. Each modeled casual clothes, a towell, and displayed their talent.

The reign ended for 1996 Mr. University of Central Florida, Guffy Shell, whose last name was Scott. Jordan was announced Mr. UCF for 1997. Awards also were given to first runner-up Jason Murphy and second runner-up Daunte Taylor.

"The year went well; I feel fine. I'm moving on to bigger and better things," said Shell, who will compete in the Mr. USA International pageant in Boston in July.

The title left Jordan with a loss for words.

"I feel good," Jordan, 18, said. "I just hope to represent UCF to the best of my ability. I hope this title will help bring me closer toward my career goal."

Jordan said he hopes to land a recording contract or become an actor.

One of the first duties Jordan will perform as Mr. UCF will be an appearance at the Miss University of Central Florida Scholarship Pageant on March 1 at 8 p.m. in the Student Center Auditorium.

Jordan said he hopes he can "go as many places as possible promoting the University of Central Florida."

Photo by PETER KINNIS

Joining the club

Gylaunda Henderson reaches 1,000 point mark in game against Merrer. Page 12
Events to kick off Eating Disorders Awareness Week

By GUANINA RODRIGUEZ
Staff Writer

The UCF Wellness Center, Counseling/Testing Department and Student Government Association are sponsoring National Eating Disorders Awareness Week this week. According to the National Institute of Mental Health, more than 5 million Americans suffer from eating disorders. Anorexia, bulimia nervosa and binge eating disorders affect the body and mind simultaneously.

An eating disorder is an illness involving physiological changes associated with binge eating, food restricting, purging and fluctuations in weight. The disorders also involve emotional changes that affect the way a person perceives his or her body. These diseases can result in serious health problems as well as disturbances in everyday functions, such as difficulties in completing academic work. There is no known single cause for eating disorders, but if left untreated, they can cause psychological or medical disabilities, even death.

Treatments include medical care and monitoring, psychotherapy, nutritional counseling and medication. These treatments are designed to correct and prevent the dangerous physical complications of eating disorders, and offer strategies in recognizing and changing behaviors associated with eating disorders.

For information concerning eating disorders, visit the booths set up at the Knights Pantry (Feb. 5), Great Escapes (Feb. 6) and Education Lobby (Feb. 7), from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. each day.

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Kloss’s future in focus

By TRACY WEBB

News Editor

A smalltown boy with his sights set on UCF is creating a legacy through his lens.

Michael Kloss, originally from Allentown, Pa., is a hopeful filmmaker and director. He is a member of Lead Scholars and CAB.

Kloss has worked on numerous projects, such as national commercials and producing the UCF homecoming video.

Over the summer, he worked with the largest production company in Philadelphia, where he traveled to New York and worked with the production crew for the Daytime Emmy’s.

Kloss hopes to be accepted at USC and on the loose to pursue his dreams.

On February 5, 1997, Michael Kloss was one of three winners of the Leadership Week Essay Contest. He won a $100 textbook scholarship to the school bookstore.

"It was one of those opportunities that students don't usually take advantage of. If you look around campus for staff to do and ways to get recognized, they are out there."

Kloss has been the Video Productions Director of the Campus Activities Board for two years. He is responsible for every aspect of production, production, and distribution for all TV events on campus, including the pageants, the parades and concerts.

This is a position he fell into by accident.

"I filled out the wrong application," he said. "I thought I was applying for a crew position [of the video production committee] but once I got there [the interview] everyone was all dressed up in suits and interviewing for the director position. I decided to sit down and see what it was about. As it turned out, I fit the qualifications for the position."

Kloss’s goal after graduation includes working in the film production field in Orlando or in Los Angeles.

He contributes his success to "sheer persistence, beating down doors and showing resumes in people’s faces. Sooner or later someone will give you a break. And when you get the break you just have to take it and run."

If you have a nomination for "Student Leader of the Week," please call 977-1009.

Blues on the Green

UCF students partake in games on the Green during Leadership Week. The Green was a busy place as students browsed vendors' displays, featuring original art and posters.

Friday night's all right for a free movie

By DANIELLE MARABLE

OK, your social life may not depend on it. But did you know that the Campus Activities Board schedules free programs for all UCF students? It’s not just a rumor.

Guess what we have in store this week? OK, you don’t have to guess. I’ll tell you.

On Feb. 7, we have a movie playing in the Student Activity Center at 6:30 and 9 p.m. appropriately titled "Friday." Stop by and observe an alternate lifestyle.

On Sunday, "Superfly" will be showing in the same place at the same times. It’s about a real big fly that zooms around the world looking for neary people to eat. Just kidding! It’s really a '70s pimpin’ movie. Come see for yourself!

CAB Fare

On Monday we all come back to school, but along with school, the Collegiate Health and Fitness Tour appears on the green beginning at 10 in the morning and ending at 5 in the evening. Come out and exercise. And don’t forget to breathe.

On Tuesday everyone gets some free comedy with Mr. Billy Dee. Laughter comes your way beginning at 8 p.m. in the SAC.

If you have any questions, call the Office of Student Activities at 823-6471. CAB is funded by the Activities and Service Fee that you pay for in your tuition.

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Where does the money for college textbooks go?

By MEGHAN
The Daily Northwestern

EVANSTON, I.L.—It’s the ritual of every new quarter. You’re in the campus book store and you need some books. You look desperately for the yellow “Used” sticker. They’re scarce. Stand in line with about 20 students looking just as hassled. Get to the cash register. Push over your books. The clerk finishes ringing things up. $286! You’ve been hit with the quarterly realization that books cost too much, at least from a student’s perspective.

“Books, compared to most commodities, aren’t really that expensive,” said Carol Kasper, marketing director at University of Chicago Press, one of the largest scholarly publishers. Brand-name makeup, compact discs and clothes are all just as expensive as most college textbooks are expensive. But “expensive,” they’re a little bit more than I expected,” he said. Prices for new books can range anywhere from $5.95 for a small paperback English novel to nearly $100 for hard-cover math or science textbooks. When Anderson, or any other student, goes to pay for a textbook, where does the money go? Publishers set the price. After setting a price for a textbook, they sell it to a bookstore for a discount. Although most commercial stores, such as Borders, would get a 40 percent to 50 percent discount, campus bookstores usually get around 20 percent to 25 percent taken off the cover price of the book because there’s less risk for them. “They don’t have to do much marketing,” explained Kim Maselli, associate director of Northwestern University Press. “They’ve got a professor who’s saying, ‘I’m going to send you 25 people who are basically being forced to buy this book.’ They kind of have a captive audience.”

The rest of the book’s cost goes to the publisher. Royalties to the author are usually about 6 percent. Production costs such as printing, binding and materials account for about 20 percent, and the rest goes to pay staff, bills and rent. Maselli said. University presses usually break even, and most are not-profit. Kasper said. Bookstores don’t report much profit either. The National Association of College Stores reports that pre-tax profits for university bookstore stores average 3.9 percent of the cost of the book. “Textbooks are not a money-making center for us,” said Lucian Deaton, manager of Student Book Exchange. Bookstores have to pay for the shipping costs of the books, usually between 5 and 8 percent of the stores’ discount. Selling sweatshirts, notebooks and university paraphernalia helps keep the store in business, Deaton said. Used books are the biggest point of contention in the book industry. Students love them. Bookstores love them. Publishers hate them with a passion.

“We lost a lot of our sales when students sell back books,” Kasper said. “The publishing community doesn’t like it because it doesn’t encourage people to keep books or build a library.”

Publishers also don’t like it because not only do they not make money from the sale of used books, but it also drives up their production prices. If used books stay on the market, there’s less need to print new books. When fewer new books are needed, the printing runs are smaller, which raises the price of producing each book. “If the demand is only 150 new copies of a book a year, then it’s going to be more expensive to print,” Kasper said.

“There are small runs drive up our prices.” Students, however, are always on the lookout for used books.

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Opinion

What UCF CARD? I can put my $10 to much better use

By DIANA IMANUEL

Commentary

The UCF CARD, as it was included in your tuition and service fee. This is a one-time fee and serves as an ATM long-distance calling card and university meal plan card, offering access to copy machines and vending machines, paying for fees and books, offering access to university-affiliated events, and serving as a general ID.

However, I have found the majority of these features are very misleading.

I began conducting my research in the Spring of '96. During that time, I had interviewed members of the UCF CARD office, including the director, Mike Thompson. Since my investigation began, I've tried to steer clear of that office, for fear of blowing my cover. When I had spoken to Thompson, he said these benefits and services would not be readily available until the Spring of '97 and that this is the price to pay for technological advancement.

Well, it currently is the price we pay for technological advancement. Well, it currently is the price to pay for technological advancement. Well, it currently is the price to pay for technological advancement.

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Now, let's examine the services and benefits of the UCF CARD. This has a magnetic strip which would enable the user to have access to vending and copy machines on campus with a single swipe, thereby establishing a prepaid account for each possessive. Right now the card office personnel are looking into a base limit of $50.00. This highlighted feature, that acts as an on-campus ATM card, will not come into effect for at least another year. The university has not yet checked into a bank affiliation to help incorporate the program, according to a UCF CARD office clerk.

When examining the AT&T calling card feature, again these services are not ready to use. To access the calling card is a difficult procedure. First you must activate it through a housing representative on campus and then you must contact a representative from AT&T. However, if you have tried this procedure you will see, if you are successful in getting through to a rep, UCF is not ready to activate this service.

In addition, this card promises discount rates for its participants. However, after contacting a sales rep from MCI, I found MCI's rates are less expensive.

But perhaps the biggest controversy that should be addressed is that out of these services and benefits promised, we only have access to two. However, these were the exact services that were provided before the charge was imposed. My question is why pay for additional privileges and service that DO NOT EXIST YET?

So, we are left with the question of where has our money gone? It's time to stand up and stop being taken advantage of. Is there a solution? Possibly. As student government elections approach, I ask you to examine the candidates who are aware of this activity and service fee and who choose to use their positions to improve the service and benefit the student body. Exposure is our only hope.

Letter to the Editor

"Students miffed by ticket policy" (Jan 29)

Here's what I think: The student does have a point. She shouldn't have to pay a state violation if it wasn't issued by the state. I have seen it happen on the road with an expired license tag sticker. Few are those who get ticketed, many I assume, get a warning and then a hefty added fine when they purchase a new one. This thing that is "unbelievable" here is that since it was an out-of-state situation, the student should have been warned about the consequences. Different states do have different rules, regulations, and fines. What's really unbelievable is that on a campus official issued the ticket and not the state.

That's my opinion,

Lizadia Melendez

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Entertainment

Eastwood loses a bit of his power

By DEAN G. LEWIS
Entertainment Editor

With his last two directorial efforts, "Unforgiven" and "The Bridges of Madison County," Clint Eastwood hit an apex in his workmanship. While both films are considered to be watershed pictures for the old veteran, I'd expect he would've cranked out another brilliant hit. Instead Eastwood offers up "Absolute Power," a stupid thriller about Luther Whitney (Eastwood), a Korean War survivor turned master burglar who stumbles on a murder involving the President (Gene Hackman), his secret mistress who's the wife of political bigwig Walter Sullivan (E.G. Marshall), and two trigger-happy Secret Service agents.

Movie review

The dead body is the only intriguing part of William Goldman's ("The Ghost and the Darkness," "Marathon Man") penned cover-up. In adapting this tale from a novel, Goldman shouldn't get all the blame, yet smart books can make dumb movies. Australian actress Judy Davis rounds out Hackman's White House team as his Chief of Staff. She is disastrous in the minor part, a miscast that turns the respected Davis ("Husbands and Wives," "A Passage to India") into a whiny sex pot. Laura Linney ("Primal Fear") tries hard to salvage the film as Eastwood's estranged daughter, a young attorney who's soon targeted by Hackman's hit men. While this may be a laughable, highly unlikely circumstance, a foot chase in the woods through night-vision goggles provides thrills in the film's only scene-stealer. Too bad it comes and goes in the first twenty minutes.

*1/2 (out of four) D+

1 hr. 52 min. Rated R.

With "Absolute Power", Clint Eastwood, didn't achieve the success he did with his last two movies, "Unforgiven" and "The Bridges of Madison County."

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By STEVE KOZAK
Staff Writer

By now you probably know "Star Wars," the most popular science fiction film of all time, is back. However, it's not the same movie you own on tape. This "special edition" offers newly-added scenes and beefed-up special effects using today's computer technology. Combined with a restored picture and a remastered digital soundtrack, the movie really plays as though you're seeing it for the first time.

A long time ago (about 20 years) in a studio far, far away (London), director George Lucas made a movie that still gets imitated today by science fiction films and television shows. From the Cantina bar sequence to the spaceship dogfight, its influence can be seen in the popular television hits "Star Trek Voyager" and "Babylon 5," to last summer's highest grossing movie "Independence Day." If the movie worked so well, why change?

Lucas has said some of the effects sequences always have bothered him. One example: When Luke, Obi-Wan and the droids arrive in the city of Mos Eisley in their landspeeder, Lucas only had a couple of small buildings and a handful of people to make the city come to life. Now, using digital technology, Mos Eisley has towering structures and plenty of inhabitants, including computer-generated beasts called "Rontos" inspired by the dinosaurs in "Jurassic Park."

One of the most interesting additions is a scene involving a confrontation between Han Solo and Jabba the Hutt. The scene originally was filmed with a stand-in actor for Jabba. Lucas hoped to remove the actor and place a puppet over him in the editing room, but when money and time were running out he had to cut the scene. In the special edition, the scene is restored with a computer-generated Jabba that slides and slithers under his own power. Although the Han Solo footage was filmed 20 years ago, the conversation between the old Han and new Jabba is quite convincing.

However, Lucas might have overdone it a bit. There are times in the film where the new footage and effects take over and call too much attention to themselves. In some of the scenes, it seems Lucas added effects not to help the story, but because he could. Although this takes a little bit away from the movie, the experience of seeing Star Wars in the theater is worth it.

The quality of the picture is superb, and the digital soundtrack will have you turning your head to see where that last spaceship flew. Lastly, the movie is fun, and that's what's important. It's worth seeing again, even if you know what happens. Plus, when was the last time you saw a Wookie on the silver screen?

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Knights need Kennedy to find shot

BY TONY MEJIA
Assistant Sports Editor

The line of sight of the University Central Florida men's basketball team has unquestionably settled into tunnel vision. Unfortunately, that's the only thing that is certain because uncertainty is what plagues Kirk Speraw and the Golden Knights the most.

Taking the Knights last three-game homestand, where UCF saw an inspired effort go to waste against the TAAC Hercules, the College of Charleston, returned two days later to play one of their most complete games of the season, only to be foiled in front of a regional television audience by Stetson.

Taking a gander at the box score, the most puzzling, uncertain statistic arises. UCF's worst nightmare is taking shape: Harry Kennedy is struggling.

Unquestionably, a shooter needs to shoot himself into a groove, and he's going to see slumps, and he's going to be a marked man. Kennedy has been correctly identified as the key to the Central Florida attack, and it's taking on the losses to Charleston and Stetson, Kennedy, the conference's second leading scorer and most respected shooter, was two of 21 from the field, missing all 11 three-pointers, and the second best free throw shooter in the TAAC went 2-for-5 from the free throw line, accounting for six points in two games that UCF lost by a combined 36. Sandwiched between the frustrating efforts, Kennedy shot 50 percent from the field, nailing four three-pointers, and scoring 24 points.

"After that Charleston game, I heard them say, 'we shot down Kennedy, he didn't even score,' and that really burns me up," Kennedy said, "I've got to get up for that every night and I could never get in a rhythm." The Charlotte effort came despite the fact his teammates took a one-point lead into the locker room at halftime. In the second half, however, the Cougars wore down the Knights who lacked the go-to guy they had come to rely on in Kennedy. Whipping Campbell 84-69 gave UCF the window of opportunity it needed to seal its place in the TAAC tournament by taking a two-game lead over Stetson with a win Monday night. The task was easier said than done.

"In last year's two losses to Central Florida, Kennedy killed us. After all, when Kennedy is on his game they play behind him and really get in a comfort zone," said Stetson coach Randy Brown. "We made it our goal to see that someone would be with him, in his face, at all times."

Sure enough, Kennedy's performance was indicative of the way the Knights played against Stetson. UCF shot 33 percent in the ball game, aided by Kennedy's 2-11 performance. Stetson took advantage, winning 71-59, and foiling any advantage the Knights could take with them on the road. That road trip is identical to the order in which those teams came into the UCF Arena this past week: at Charleston Thursday, Campbell Saturday afternoon, and the Hatters the following Saturday. That will offer Kennedy a chance to redeem himself.

Unfortunately, for the rest of the TAAC, the College of Charleston is finally eligible to participate in the tournament, not to mention having the privilege of hosting it for the next two years. It leads the TAAC East with a 10-0 record, with Florida International firmly secured in the second position despite being third in its division. That is because the second-place squad, Florida Atlantic, is ineligible to compete in the conference tournament due to an NCAA rule. That leaves Campbell, Stetson and UCF to fight for the two remaining spots.

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By DEREK GONSOULIN
Staff Writer

What did not go wrong for the UCF women’s basketball team Monday night?

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So why did the Hatters leave the loser?

Led by senior forward Shantaice Saxon’s most inspired game in weeks and junior guard Charaya Davis’ penetrating the Hatters’ (9-10, 6-3) defense, UCF (8-11, 5-4) rallied to snap a three-game losing streak.

Saxon, starting for the first time in four games, finished with 24 points on nine of 16 field goals and eight rebounds. Coach Lynn Bria said her team needed Saxon to dominate with Henderson’s absence.

“We had a chit-chat,” Bria said.

“I told her we had to have more points from her and she responded.”

With Henderson missing, Saxon said the Knights had to play better.

“When (Henderson) out we just worked hard and kept it at,” she said.

“We never gave up.”

Davis scored 13 points on six of 11 field goals.

Golf teams prepare for season ahead

By MERIDYTH STANLEY
Staff Writer

It is time again for UCF’s golf teams to swing back into action.

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Baseball team plays long ball

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mammoth grand slam in only his third collegiate at-bat.

The moment was an energetic one in the stands.

Brissan’s father, Terry, and grandfather, Joe, reacted with enthusiasm. Terry danced a jig and Joe reacted so energetically he hurled back.

“IT get so excited sometimes,” Joe said. “When he hit it, I knew it was gone.”

The slam made the score 10-1 and put the game to rest.

Sunday started equally as quickly for the Knights. Croud and Pacitti singled in the first and moved to second and third on a double steal. Erik Johnson walked and designated hitter Todd Belthorn doubled to drive those three in. He finished with four RBIs.

The 3-0 first-inning lead was all ‘015er Matt Lubozynski needed to earn the win. He went five innings, gave up three runs and struck out seven.

But the game was a defensive mess for UCF. Five fielding errors and two balks led to four Rolls rolls runs. The Knights’ surprising burst of offense can be linked to clutch hitting. The team is 3-for-4 with the bases loaded with 10 RBIs. Aside from the home runs, they aren’t simply tearing the cover off the ball — their 24 runs have come on 21 hits. But they managed to coax 17 walks.

“No one really knows this team yet,” Pacitti said. “We’ve been surprising ourselves lately.”

UCF will be tested this weekend as it plays host to the annual Olive Garden Baseball Classic at Osceola County Stadium.

The Knights play Tennessee (ranked No. 17 in Baseball America’s Preseason Top 25) on Friday night and Florida (No. 21) and Oklahoma (No. 18) Sunday. The winners meet on Sunday.

“We’ll get a better look at ourselves next weekend when we face a little tougher competition,” Berman said. “We’ll have a better idea where we’re at as far as talent is concerned.”

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Power surge boosts UCF to fast start

By KEN JACKSON
Staff Writer

The UCF baseball team surprised some people and even itself, rushing out for 24 runs in a two-game set against Rollins College last weekend.

The Knights defeated Rollins 10-3 on Saturday at Winter Park and 14-9 at home on Sunday.

For a team that described itself as a ‘hunt-em-over, drive-em-in-team without a lot of power’ their five home runs in the first two games came as a surprise.

But not to Rollins coach Bob Rikeman.

‘This is the best UCF team I’ve seen since I’ve been here, and they do have power, no question,’ said Rikeman, who’s been at Rollins since 1994.

I can’t explain it,” UCF coach Jay Bergman said. ‘But we’ll certainly take it. It’s a great way to start the season.”

The Knights showed their power early. In the first inning of Saturday’s game, Will Croud and Eric Riggs singled, and left fielder Greg Faciti followed with a towering long ball to right field that ended up in the palm tree some 300 feet away.

Rollins would answer. Leadoff hitter Chris Thorne hit starting pitcher George Schmidt’s second pitch over the left-field wall to make the score 1-1.

But Rollins would get no closer. ‘George didn’t say much,” UCF assistant coach Greg Frady said. ‘We took that as a coach and we’re going to show them what we can do.

But the Knights showed solid defense in the third inning. Schmidt gave up a leadoff double to Thorne, then walked Pedro Rodriguez, Schmidt caught Thorne in a rundown, struck out outfielder Aaron Church, and catcher Erik Johnson nailed Rodriguez trying to steal third.

Schmidt would settle down to earn the win, striking out six and giving up two earned runs in six innings before yielding to the bullpen. In the fourth, Croud hit a three-run triple that scored Frank Fucile, Dustin Brisson and Clay Wells. The next inning, first baseman Brison, a freshman, hit a home run for his first career hit.

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Henderson takes place among school’s greats

By DEREK GONSOULIN
Staff Writer

With 9:51 to play in Saturday’s game against Mercer, Gyulanda Henderson sized up the defense from the top of three-point line and began her move: A slight head fake to get the first defender off her trail, a quick drive to a soft area in the zone, followed by a jump stop and 12-foot jumper from the left side of the lane. The 388th basket of Henderson’s career was no different than all the others: smooth, athletic and routine.

But at the 9:45 mark of the second half in the 101st game of her career, Henderson became only the sixth UCF women’s basketball player to achieve the millennium-point mark. As the UCF Arena’s horn sounded to stop the game, the sparse crowd gave Henderson a minute-long, standing ovation.

As an undersized point guard, Henderson was awarded an opportunity that hide between the lines of the latest NCAA rulebook, the chapter added to the NCAA rulebook, the 1992-1993 change.

‘I think for a student to even play four years at the same school nowadays, is an accomplishment in itself,” Bria said.

‘She’ll go down in the record books forever and no one can take that away from her.”

But to the senior guard from St. Petersburg, who led the Knights with 14 points in the 80-61 loss to Mercer, the mark did not deserve the hoopla.

‘It feels no different than yesterday,” she said. ‘Really, no different.”

But even a little.

‘I heard some talk about it last week, but not really. I’ve never been in the limelight. That stuff is really too flashy for me. I just came out and worked hard. If I hadn’t reached it I would still be the same person inside.”

That same person has been causing problems for conference opponents for four years. Mercer’s Billy Holmes, who has coached against Henderson four times in three years, respects her ability.

‘Well, when you have athletes like that, you can’t really put a game plan together and say you’re going to stop her,” Holmes said, whose team has surrendered 34 points in its last two games against Henderson.

‘You have to slow her down and when you don’t have athletes like Henderson (it’s tough,” Bria feels better now that the mark is behind her second leading scorer (11.1 a game).

‘I’d say it is a relief for (Henderson),” Bria said. ‘She kept struggling up to that point and in our last three or four games we’ve been kind of waiting and waiting on (the 1,000 points). I’m almost really glad it’s over and that she can focus on playing now.”

With the record achieved, Henderson hopes the Knights can focus on the rest of the season.

‘We have to play as a team,” she said. ‘Whenever we start to go astray from that, that’s when we start to struggle. We have to play together and stay strong as a team.”

NCAA’s new ruling will prove to be right on the money

By TIM SPRINGER
Out of the Know

Rarely does the National Collegiate Athletic Association make a rule that favors the athletes.

But Jan. 16 it did.

After hours of deliberation, NCAA officials passed a piece of legislation that allows Division I athletes on full scholarship to take part-time jobs to meet financial needs that are not covered by their scholarships.

It may not seem like anything to celebrate, but actually it is monumental considering some of the ridiculous rules college athletes have had to deal with in the past. For instance, running back and then major Darnell Autry of Northwestern University had to fight off the NCAA like a defensive tackle last year when he accepted an unpaid role in a movie during his summer vacation.

And then there’s Phillip Glover of Washington State. For his outstanding performances on the high school football field, Glover was awarded an opportunity to go to college on full scholarship and play linebacker. But being the head of his household, Glover needed a part-time job to support his girlfriend, child and younger brother. The NCAA gave him an option — football star or family man.

Closer to home, some UCF athletes have been torn between scholarship and financial hardship. Many players hold part-time jobs before or while their sport was in season.

But the NCAA ruling is not solely intended for players participating in high-profile sports such as football. The cross-country team, women’s crew and tennis teams, among others, also will benefit now that it is legal for athletes to earn the difference between what a scholarship covers — room and board, tuition, books — and what it actually costs to attend college. Depending on the school and its location, the NCAA has estimated the amount to be between $2,000 and $3,000. Each school is expected to determine its own figure and monitor the athletes’ earnings.

That’s where the coin gets flipped.

Monitoring an athlete’s income may be the most difficult part of the new rule. Regardless of the potential violations that hide between the lines of the latest NCAA rulebook, the cross-country rules college athletes have had to deal with in the past.

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