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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.

For help with weight management or an eating disorder, help is available on campus through the UCF Wellness Center (823-5841) or the Counseling and Testing Center (823-2811).

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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 and Olympic Boxing matches at Madison Square Garden.
Kloss hopes he will be accepted into the Motion Picture Technology school this spring. When asked why he chose UCF, he says:
"I came down here after looking at schools like NYU and USC because of the film program, and what I liked so much about the way the school and Olympic Boxing matches at Madison Square Garden.
Kloss has been the Video Productions Director of the Campus Activities Board for two years. He is responsible for every aspect of pre-production, production, and distribution for all TV events on campus, including the pageants, the parade and concerts.
This is a position he fell into by accident. "I didn’t fill 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. Soreer 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 977-1099.

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 DANELLE MARABLE
Once in a while, some event is so unique that it inspires people to think differently and get involved in other situations. Every Friday, the Student Activity Center at UCF is a great place to be for students.
Today, the Students Activities Board (CAB) had a special event called "Friday." People at this event brought laughter to the UCF community by bringing in a comedy tour with Mr. Billy Dee. Laughter comes your way beginning at 8 p.m. in the SAC.
American Film Institute and University of Central Florida have joined forces to bring comics to campus. Mr. Billy Dee is one of those comics.
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 a.m. 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. SGA allocates this money to CAB.

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By MEGHAN HOYER
The Daily Northwestern

EVANSTON, IL--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" stacks. 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 books, Kasper continued.

If you're buying a book, it's like buying a shirt. But one thing Kasper did not figure in was that most people aren't required to buy 10 or 15 shirts every few months. Most people in the academic community realize that textbooks and academic tomes are expensive. But often there isn't any way to make the price lower. Tough Choices Like most departments at Northwestern, electrical and computer engineering has the professors choose books for their classes and then give their order requests to a department assistant. Prices for the books are considered, but when faced with either using an expensive textbook or getting an inferior-quality book, professors usually choose the former.

"They do take (price) into account, but they don't have a whole lot of choice," said Nancy Singer, a department secretary.

"There aren't many alternatives."

But there are exceptions. English professor Paul Brelin said he would rather use a different Robert Frost anthology for one of his poetry classes, but it was a hardcover and cost $35. He chose a paperback edition that he didn't like as much instead.

"I just couldn't see putting that on the list with all the other books for the course," Brelin said. "I try to keep the whole course under $100." In most departments, professors talk about ways to keep down prices for their students, but no one has the perfect solution.

"Most (professors) have indicated to me their concern over the costs of the materials," said Mary Friedlieb, NU's Medill director of student records and services.

"But you're between a rock and a hard place."

NU sophomore Andy Anderson was faced with this quarter with buying a new edition of an economics book. Almost all of the other books he's had to buy this quarter are new as well, which has cost him more than $200, he said. "I knew they'd be pretty expensive, but 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. But when Anderson, or any other student, goes to pay for a textbook, where does the money go? Publishers are the price setters. 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 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-for-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 is 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 sweat-shirts, notebooks and university paraphernalia helps keep the stores in business, Deaton said.

Used books are the biggest point of contention in the book industry. Students love them. Bookstores hate 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 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.

"These 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 MANUEL

NOTICE: $270,000 has just been taken from you. You each have paid $10 for the new UCF identification card, formally known as the “UCF CARD.” This mandatory ID card has promised a variety of benefits and services. Unfortunately, you will not be able to take advantage of the majority of those benefits until the “near future.” Most of you will have graduated by that time (Spring ’97, Summer ’97, or even Fall ’97). The new UCF CARD office says this is the price we pay for technological advancements.

As you can see from the information provided, we, the students and faculty at the University of Central Florida have been and continue to be ripped off from right under our noses. Most of you probably didn’t even realize you had purchased the ID card, as it was included in your tuition as an additional $10 charge for an activity and service-fee. This is a one-time fee and a supposed benefit for the university. However, I beg to differ.

The UCF CARD was distributed to the student body and faculty in the Fall of 1995 to provide modern advancements in student services and privileges. The arrival of the UCF CARD brought UCF to the ranks of other large universities, such as the University of Florida’s GATOR1 card program. The intent of the UCF CARD program was to provide students with a variety of benefits and services such as serving as an AT&T 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 Spring of 1997 and I am still waiting for the rest of the promised benefits and services to become activated.

We shouldn’t have to pay for the UCF CARD since we can’t be provided with what originally was promised. We can estimate there are roughly 27,000-plus students attending UCF. Figure $270,000-plus has been obtained from students. But what about the faculty? Or those students who have graduated during the semesters since the card has been installed? With a total loss amounting to greater than $270,000, we can only ask where has our money gone? We cannot let this unethical conduct continue to take place.

Now, let’s examine the services and benefits of the UCF CARD. It 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 possess. 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-aliasing 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 induced. 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 expose the issue to benefit the student body.

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. However, I beg to differ. As you can see from the information provided, we, the students and faculty at the University of Central Florida have been and continue to be ripped off from right under our noses. Most of you probably didn’t even realize you had purchased the ID card, as it was included in your tuition as an additional $10 charge for an activity and service-fee. This is a one-time fee and a supposed benefit for the university. However, I beg to differ.

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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 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.

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."
THE FORCE WILL BE WITH YOU AGAIN

Star Wars has withstood the test of time.

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 on 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 seeing 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?

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.

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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 Spencer and the Golden Knights the most.

Take 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 stats, 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 a toll. In 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-pointer attempts, 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 shut 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 Charleston 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 Kennedy the 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-for-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 indicative of 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.

TAAC race coming into focus

By TONY MEJIA
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Let the scoreboard watching begin.

With the onset of the final month of the TAAC regular season, conference members begin to battle for position in the upcoming conference tournament. Monday night's 71-59 loss to Stetson complicated UCF's TAAC tournament hopes.

In the TAAC's new playoff format, the top four eligible teams in each division qualify for the tournament. Currently, Central Florida is tied with Stetson for the fourth spot in the TAAC East, meaning the loser of their Feb. 15 game could hold off on packing for conference tournament. UCF, S.C.—site of the conference tournament. 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.

Campbell is up a game and a half on Stetson and UCF, but has games with both teams coming up this week. The Camels dropped Stetson in DeLand by 14 last Saturday, but fell to the Golden Knights 84-69 on Saturday.
Knights back on track with win over Stetson

By DEREK GONSOULIN
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What did not go wrong for the UCF women's basketball team Monday night?
Second-leading scorer Gylaunda Henderson missed a noon meeting and was suspended for the game. Freshman Ladonna Larry, UCF's backup power forward, reinjured her right ankle late in the first half and could be out for a week. To make matters worse, turnovers and poor rebounding led to a seven-point halftime deficit against the top team in the conference, Stetson.

So why did the Hatters leave the loser?
Led by senior forward Shantrice Saxton's most inspired game in weeks and junior guard Charinya Davis' penetrating the Hatters' (9-10, 6-3) defense, UCF (8-11, 5-4) rallied to snap a three-game losing streak.

Saxton, 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 Saxton 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, Saxton said the Knights had to play better. "With (Henderson) out we just worked hard and kept it up," she said. "We never gave up." Davis scored 13 points on six of 11 field goals.

Golf teams prepare for season ahead

By MERIDITH STANLEY
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It is time again for UCF's golf teams to swing back into action. With almost every player having prior intercollegiate competition, the overall performance of the teams should improve. The teams begin play this weekend with the women in Boca Raton Tournament and the men at the UM Spring Invitational in Charleston, S.C.

The women are led by senior Jenny Hagman, from Sigtuna, Sweden, who came off the fall season (September-November) with an average of 77.5. Hagman tied for second at the Yale Invitational and placed third at the Beacon Woods Invitational hosted by USF. She is backed up by Heye Frilling (80.35), from Harlum, Norway, Tine Fannes (82.15), from Horten, Norway, Emma Soderlindh (84.38), from Vallentuna, Sweden, and newcomer Line Berg from Rosenberg, Norway.

Women's coach Jill Fjelstul said the team shows promise and should perform well. "With Line joining us, I believe we will be very competitive and I also expect good individual finishes," Fjelstul said. The men's team returns eight players and is led by sophomore Jason Opal, who had an outstanding fall season. His average was 72.58 and he had four top-10 finishes, including two second-place finishes.

Along with Opal, Jeff Brouille (73.47), Simon Sainz (74.00), Jeff McPherson (76.24), and Brian Bombard round out the top five.

Also expecting to contribute this season are Josh Waring (76.88), Jeff Whitman (77.64), and Rusty Schillig.

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. Brisson's father, Terry, and grandfather, Joe, reacted with enthusiasm. Terry danced a jig and Joe reacted so energetically he hurt his back. "I got 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 Belloth doubled to drive those three in. He finished with four RBIs.

The 3-0 first-inning lead was all starter Matt Lubosky 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 Rollins 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 State (No. 18) Saturday. The winners meet on Sunday.

"We'll get a better look at ourselves next weekend when we face a little tougher competition," Begman said. "We'll have a better idea where we're at as far as talent is concerned."
Power surge boosts UCF to fast start

By KEN JACKSON
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The UCF baseball team surprised some people and even itself, hustling 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-er, 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 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 Crood and Eric Riggs singled, and left fielder Greg Faciti followed with a towering long ball to right field that ended up in the stands, 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 sign that they were trying to show us up, but we wouldn't let it happen. We took advantage of every chance to keep them out of the game.

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, then 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, Crood hit a three-run triple that scored Frank Fucile, Dustin Brisson and Clay Wells. The next inning, first baseman Brisson, a freshman, hit a home run.

First baseman Dustin Brisson homered in his first game as a Golden Knight.

Knights still perfect

The Knights took off to Space Coast Stadium in Melbourne on Monday night and continued their scoring binge, blasting the Florida Atlantic Institute of Technology, 9-4.

UCF ran its record to 3-0 by a five-run burst in the bottom of the eighth inning that broke a 4-4 tie. Center-fielder Will Crood highlighted the Knights' attack, hitting a pair of doubles, and collecting three RBIs.

Tedd Belfour started and gave up one run on one hit, walking five, and fanning five. Marco Ramirez earned the victory after hurling two perfect innings, striking out five.

Henderson takes place among school's greats

By DEREK GONSOLIN
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With 9:51 to play in Saturday's game against Mercer, Glyndaus 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 on her, then 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.

No different except that it was 1,000th and 1,001st points of her career.

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 huge crowd gave Henderson a minute-long, standing ovation. Coach Lynn Bria walked onto the floor, hugged the senior and with a smile congratulated Henderson on a job well done.

"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.

Not 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.

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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 athlete.

But Jan. 16 it did.

After hours of deliberation, NCAA officials passed a piece of legislation that allows Division I athletes on full scholarships to take part-time jobs to meet financial need. But they still have to be to practice on time.

The decision makes a rule that allows Division I athletes on full scholarships to take part-time jobs to meet financial need.