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SGA will expand shuttle program — MARY CRISTOL — Staff Writer

Students swarm to UCF's biggest pool party — JILLIAN KROTKI

To a natural splash party, dozens of students convened at the reflecting pool on Friday from 12:45 p.m. to 2 p.m. to showcase their athletic skills and school spirit as part of the annual Spirit Splash event.

Every year, the UCF Homecoming executive board and volunteers work hard to give the students a week full of special events and fan activities, and with a lot of time and planning involved, someone has to clean up after them. Gameday brings out the most people, and in full force for the most fun.

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The Student Government Association has added new shuttle routes for the spring semester. SGA President Logan Berkowitz announced on Monday that there will be two buses allocated to the routes — two stops at Jefferson Lofts and one stop at Jefferson Village.

"It's going to be a trial run," SGA Director of Campus Life Seth Green said. "So we're really looking for good student turnout to make sure we can keep this going for the following semesters. The buses will run from 6:30 a.m. until 10 p.m. and there will be two buses allocated to the routes — two stops at Jefferson Lofts and one stop at Jefferson Village."

Green said that the shuttle should leave the new stops every 20 minutes, and it would take about 20 minutes to make the trip. "Students should be aware if they want to use the shuttle and use it efficiently. They should leave about 15 minutes before their class starts," Green said.

Jillian Krotiki

At the Homecoming football game on Saturday, Michael Kroll and Samantha Gil were crowned Homecoming king and queen. Gil was selected to represent her sorority, Pi Beta Phi, and Kroll represented the Theta Phi. Both of them were selected when their names were called and acknowledged that the win could have gone to any of the 10 individuals on Homecoming Court.

The whole week you have people come up to you and tell you they voted for you and people are really excited about the win. I think that you're going to see a lot of people happy and a lot of people happy."
**Local weather**

**Saturday**
- High 80°
- Low 60°

**Sunday**
- High 81°
- Low 61°

**Monday**
- High 83°
- Low 62°

**Tuesday**
- High 79°
- Low 62°

**Wednesday**
- High 80°
- Low 65°

**Thursday**
- High 78°
- Low 59°

**Friday**
- High 79°
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**Saturday night**
- **High 79°**
- **Low 62°**

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- **High 74°**
- **Low 62°**

**Weather chart**

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Counseling Center talks long-distance relationships

TAHERA MARTIN

An estimated 1.4 million college students are in long distance relationships according to The Center for the Study of Long Distance Relationships.

"The number one reason people come to our counseling center is to deal with relationships," psychologists Andrew Blair said to President Thursday. "Blair has been with the UCF Counseling Center for six years.

Long-distance relationships, also known as LDRs, are part of the Counseling Center's Self Discovery Knights, which is a service that focuses on student development and self-improvement issues.

Seventeen students - 14 of them women - attended the event. Blair said in the Student Union.

"They have a lot about impression management in their relationship," Blair said.

Blair said that LDRs exist when people are in different cities, states, countries or solely through the Internet.

He also said that the main reasons for LDRs are students attending different colleges, someone is in the military or a couple is separated because of careers.

Blair also discussed LDR myths, which include that the relationships never work, they are not real relationships and are too expensive.

LDRs can be hard if a person needs constant reassurance in the relationship, is too wordy, or is afraid to be a partner to be a mind reader, Blair said.

"One of the best ways to improve trust is behavioral consistency," said Blair. "Over time, trust can be established by consistency. It is especially important in a long-distance relationship. When you say you are going to call or text someone, do it.

Blair went on to offer keys to successful LDRs that he said can be applied to any relationship:

- Be open to expressing thoughts and feelings. Don't expect your partner to be a mind reader.
- Be clear and specific about expectations of each other.
- Demonstrate relationship commitment through actions, not just words.
- Keep contact through email, phone, etc.
- Stay involved in activities outside the relationship like joining organizations, volunteering and making friends.

- Avoid blaming others for distance or relationship problems.
- Make mutual decisions as much as possible (trips, travel, etc.).

Blair also said relationship creativity, like meeting for adventurous half-way vacations, also helps with LDRs.

Marissa Zuniga, sophomore, said the emotional impact the discussion had.

"It was very helpful because it gave me the opportunity to talk," Zuniga said.

Freshman Lindsay Beaud said, "She [liked the discussion] was small scale because people opened up."
ировать на вышний уклон вдоль гребной линии по восходящей, чтобы поддерживать равновесие при изменении курса и волнении моря. Им необходимо удерживать равновесие и контролировать силу ветра, чтобы не потерять управление катером. Моряки также должны быть готовы в любой момент принять экстренные меры безопасности и обеспечить безопасность других пассажиров на борту катера.
Event highlighted by local musicians' performances

Pond gets a quick cleaning

 Winners to be best Knights

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Winners to be best Knights

“Told Mollo and Gill stressed the importance to set a positive example for other UCF students as Homecoming king and queen. They plan to go into the Reflecting Pond. "I think that as Homecoming queen it is your responsibility to be the ultimate UCF student," Gill said. "That's a really big deal, and I'm really glad to be doing it.""

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Homecoming 2008 was marked by a plethora of on-campus events and activities. Some events, like Festival of Knights, sent some students flying into the air (second from bottom), had some getting in on a pie-eating contest (opposite page, bottom), had lots of students dressing up (top) and had the Shimmy Knights (opposite page, bottom) up a storm. On Thursday night, Panic! at the Disco (second from the top) and Dashboard Confessional (opposite page, middle) along with The Cab and the Plain White T's performed at the UCF Arena. Penny Wars (above) was a weeklong event in which teams collected pennies— and only pennies— for Children's Miracle Network. "It was all for the kids, and it was a lot of fun," said Xavier Gonzalez, the Delta Tau Delta Homecoming chair.

"I would like to give a special thanks to all the students that came out to the Homecoming events— because they have a lot of school pride," said Mollin, a member of Beta Theta Pi and a biology major. "That's the kind of students that I like to see, that's what makes me proud to be a UCF Knight."

Throughout the Banquet, an LCD projector displayed images of the week's festivities while students engaged in mirthful conversations. The afternoon kicked off with a meal as Kristyn Cerni encouraged attendees to help themselves to the buffet, which lined the room's back wall. Students heartily ate and enjoyed the Banquet fare while eagerly anticipating the impending award presentation.

The trophies stood high on stage, largest to smallest, as the Homecoming volunteer director, John Leger, opened the ceremony by giving a heartfelt appreciation to the students for their efforts.

"I wanted to thank all the student organizations for all of your hard work this week," said Cerni, a junior nursing major. "I know you've been working on this really hard since August.

Because of the multitude of trophies, the award presenters exercised brevity as they went through the larger ones. As the presenters moved through the numerous trophies, John Leger, the Homecoming volunteer director, used the ceremony's midway point to give a short speech thanking and congratulating the student staff who put on Homecoming Week.

Following the speech, the winners of the Overall Points Award were announced. There were two separate sections, one for small groups and one for large groups.

Pre-Med AMSA won both large group and small group sections, while Campus Crusade for Christ received the award for the small group section and was thrilled with its honor.

"We do everything because that's the only way that you have a chance at winning the overall award," said Carissa Van.
Knightro pumped up the crowd before walking the reflecting pond at the annual Spirit Splash event Friday. The event drew thousands of UF students.

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s' hard work and spirit

Dalen, Campus Crusade’s Homecoming representative, “It was a surprise to me because I did not think that we would win. I am in shock... It’s amazing; I never expected us to do that well.” Campus Crusade for Christ also won the Spirit Cup and Skit Knight. The LEAD Scholars won the Overall Points award for the large group division, and Pi Omegas/Sigma Nu won the Spirit Cup for large organizations.

After the Banquet’s conclusion, the Homecoming event staff was thrilled with the week and the Banquet’s success.

“I think that the week turned out amazing,” Cerni said. “I think that everybody did a great job... I think that the [Awards Banquet] is a great way to reward the [teams] because everyone likes to have something to show off.”

The students also expressed their appreciation and their approbation of the week’s success.

“This is probably one of the best Homecomings that I’ve been a part of, and it’s my fourth year, so that says a lot,” Van Dalen said. “I thought the Executive Board did a great job with it and we really enjoyed it this year.”
The breakdown
Offense stagnant again in Homecoming loss

CAMPBELL BREWER

In the 11th week of the college football season last year, the UCF Football team was rolling off its fourth consecutive victory on route to a Conference USA title.

This year, the Knights spent the same weekend chasing their fourth consecutive game and ensuring a losing season with no chance at another conference title.

UCF's 2-10 overall, 1-4 in C-USA dominance turned the Southern Mississippi Golden Eagles for the first quarter, but then they fell apart in the final three during a 35-10 loss.

Saturday, November 10, 2008

SPORTS WRAP

Men's Basketball
Knights show off at Madness

BY NICK BASS

Knights 6, UConn 5

After the UCF Football team's loss to Southern Mississippi on Saturday, Knights' fans took a ride over to UCF Arena to check out UCF Men's Basketball's replay of the Knights' victory over the Huskies.

UCF fans had a first half that was full of highlights and points. But in the second half, the Knights were unable to close out the Huskies for the win.

For this game, UCF was able to route UConn, as the Knights showed off their defensive skills, blocking shots, and the UConn offense was unable to keep up.

UCF wide receiver Brian Waddell misses a high pass from Britton during the Knights' 6-5 win.

GOLDEN EAGLES 17 | KNIGHTS 6

NEWS TO NOTE

LEADING THE WAY

Senior Jermaine Taylor returns to the starting lineup after a 2008-09 season in which he earned first-team honors from the Paradise-Adventist Preps. Taylor returned to the starting lineup after being out with a stomach bug earlier in the season.

HIGH FIVE

The Knights, who start their season on Saturday at home versus North Carolina Central, have a 5-1 record and are currently ranked 15th in the nation.

Their next game is against Florida State on November 18.

Bowl chances end as UCF drops its 4th game in a row

BRIAN MURPHY

The UCF Football team lowered its status as the nation's worst offense Saturday night against Southern Mississippi in yet another poor performance with the ball that fell the Knights off the BCS bowl race.

UCF lost to the Rebels 34-17 in a homecoming game.

In the 11th week of total offense, bringing its season average down to 236.3 yards per game, a healthy 12 yards below the second-worst offensive team in the Football Bowl Subdivision, Washington State.

The Knights pressured a few times with a touch down on the first drive and 125 yards in the first quarter. Thus the night started to go south.

The Knights stopped running, the ball quarterbacks Britton Calzaged and Michael Green were ineffective, and UCF was outscored 23-17 halfway into the second quarter. So basically it was the same model.

UCF coach George O'Leary said, "We had a few opportunities, we don't have enough guys on offense who can do the things we want.

That's the biggest reason.

The defense was okay, the offense was just terrible. We have had some good games, we're just not a very good team.

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No points for UCF after first drive

Players left to play for ‘pride’

Pittsburgh quarterback Jaretta O’Neal finished the opening drive by failing to gain a first down, and the Knight’s offense usually disappears in the second half of the game, this season, but it begins its trend of magic early Saturday. The Knights gained a net total of nine yards in the second half, including a 3-yard strike to Kynurin Williams in the deep-left corner of the end zone. Denny Diggs made up part of that loss with a 6-yard pass to his running backs to see playing streak, the Knights have rushed just six times after Southern Miss defense was putting eight players on him, the line of scrimmage, so stop the run. So the Knights took the lead and on the second play of UCF’s second drive in the second quarter, Caldwell threw a 46-yard pass to giving the first down so far.

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GET YOUR FACTS STRAIGHT

STREAK SHAPED UCF’s offense started against the Golden Eagles, breaking its 13-game losing streak. The first to fall to the Knights was the football program, along with a summer internship, in 11 short months.

Wright State's annual West Virginia Medical School on line test focuses on the MCAT. Kaplan conducted a survey and found that 1,000 of American Medical Colleges. People refers to medical students who participated in the United States.

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The four-game, non-conference slate that they don’t have a chance into the 2013 season with one goal: win four games. If they were able to pull off this week, they would earn their opponents a slim possibility of a divisional title and a berth in the playoffs.

UCF began the game strong, with an 8-yard drive, in the longest of the year. Caldwell, who got the start behind center, instead ofGreco, completed four of five passes on the drive for 46 yards, including a 3-yard strike to Kynurin Williams in the deep-left corner of the end zone. Denny Diggs made up part of that loss with a 6-yard pass to his running backs to see playing streak, the Knights have rushed just six times after Southern Miss defense was putting eight players on him, the line of scrimmage, so stop the run. So the Knights took the lead and on the second play of UCF’s second drive in the second quarter, Caldwell threw a 46-yard pass to giving the first down so far. Caldwell threw a 46-yard pass to giving the first down so far. Caldwell threw a 46-yard pass to giving the first down so far.

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Republican Party needs major rehab

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### Tip-off time

- Get the scoop on every UCF player, from star player and senior leader Jermaine Taylor to 7-foot-4-inch Polish center Jakub Kiszewski.

### League foes

- Memphis is the reigning champs again, but will the the rest of C-USA catch up after the Tigers lost three starters to the NBA?

### Fresh start

- The departures of O'Donnell, Noel and others leave UCF depending on freshmen, such as guards A.J. Hornsby and Isaac Teas, to play now.
The Knights lost Anthony Williams andlatex; and Justin Rose after the 2005 season. Heading into 2006-07, they were picked seventh, and finished second.

Josh Peppers and Lavell Payne left after that season, and the Knights were picked sixth in the preseason. They finished fourth.

So now, UCF faces its most uncertain year in recent memory. Gone are the likes of Mike O'Donnell, Dave Noel and Stanley Billings. Replacing them will be eight freshmen—seven of them being true freshmen. Only four teams in the country have more freshmen than the Knights.

And following the trend, the Knights have been predicted to finish in the lower half of Conference USA again.

"I always want to prove people wrong," senior forward Kenrick Zondervan said. "Preseason pollsters think that we're not a good team, that we're not going to make it far, and we've made it far every year by working hard and being as a team. That's all we've got to do again this year.

The Knights want to prove anyone wrong this season, they will have to continue to get huge contributions from everyone. Not fortunately for the Knights, they start with a good foundation in one of the best re-bounders in the nation, senior forward Jermaine Taylor.

Taylor poured in 646 points last season, a Division I record for UCF. His average of 20.8 points per game was good enough to rank sixth in Conference USA last season and 23rd in the nation, two spots ahead of the third overall pick in this year's NBA draft, O.J. Mayo.

Much is expected from Taylor by the league he plays in as the Tavares native was selected to the All Conference USA preseason team. But now as the Knights' dear leader, more is expected of Taylor than just what shows up on the stat sheet.

"I try to lead by example, but I am trying to get more into being a vocal guy," Taylor said. "Trying my team up when we need to get hyped up for some of these practices that I know that they probably don't feel like doing because they're not used to it before."
Zondervan, Yotio, Davis to lead in frontcourt

Senior forward Kenrick Zondervan may not provide a lot of points in the paint, but he is being toughened up and regaining as a hard worker for the team. The now one of four Knights to play in almost 25 games last season and led the Knights with 58 offensive rebounds.

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East Carolina

Last season: 11-19, 5-11 in Conference USA

Key losses: Danny Ford, John Fields, Gabe Mackay

Key returners: Sam Hinnant, James Logan

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in Conference USA

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Tulsa Last season 25-14, 8-8 in Conference USA (Inaugural CBI champion)

Key returners Jerome Jordan, Ben Uzoh, Ray Reese

UAB Last season 23-11, 12-4 in Conference USA

Key returners Walter Shann, Reggie Huffman

UTEP Last season 19-14, 8-8 in Conference USA

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The point man in many ways for UCF

Jermaine Taylor: The point with their given ability.

1986, Taylor said he was always just have that extra advantage er Jermaine Taylor those people.
basketball court or the football UCF Men's Basketball play
Born in Eustis on Dec. 8, www.Centra/FloridaFuture.com

"Staying inside was someth­ing that I hated doing," he said. Taylor played numerous basketball that caught his heart. He
played CB, and应收账款 Philadelphia
UCF senior guard and forward Jermaine Taylor is Jer­
maine's cousin and was a heavy influ­ence on him in his deci­sion to come to UCF.

"Like, you could probably try to get to the pelican every chance I
got," Taylor said.

"But I just really picked it up... I remember me and my cousin were sitting
there talking and I was like, "Omg, they actually get paid to
play basketball. That's some­thing that I want to do," he
said. Specifically, Taylor wanted to keep scoring points. He said that first AAU game began his fascination with scoring.

"If anyone knew Taylor's family back­ground, they would also
know that Taylor's natural athlet­icism isn't a surprise. Taylor's
mom is 6-foot-3. His father is 6-foot
and they both played basketball. He has an aunt who is 6-foot-4 and played the posi­tion of post player for college and overseas basketball teams.

Taylor had a lot of skills, but I just remember how much he had, but I just remember that scor­ing," Taylor said. "And I was just like, "That's why I want to be here." That's what Taylor has because. He had his greatest inspira­tion so far at UCF was

"I just feel like no one could stop me at times. I just try
to get to the bucket every chance I get."
Young guns: New crop led by Rompza, Sosa

UFC FRESHMEN FEATURE

UFC Freshmen

3 A.J. ROMPZA

Profile: Guard

Position: Guard

Profile: The 6-foot-4-inch center is a vocal, natural leader. At 19, he plays with a loudness of purpose every night.

22 AMARA THOMPSON

Profile: Guard

Position: Guard

Profile: From a 6-foot-4-inch center to his lap, his voice is heard through the noise every night.

20 CHRIS BAEZ

Profile: Guard

Position: Guard

Profile: Baez, who joined the team this season, is the Recent player on the team for the upcoming season.

15 DAVE DAVITA

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5 WILL WEATHERS

Profile: Forward

Position: Forward

Profile: Will weather is a 6-foot-4-inch center who was a vocal leader in his freshman season. Coach says he's a very talented player.

For most of the season, it seemed like the Newcomers had the advantage, and the team to great places.

The freshmen that should have the most immediate impact are Rompza, Baez, and Sosa...
The real big man on campus

Kuba had played basketball in school, but after he was scouted by coaches from the United States, he decided to try out for the high school basketball team. Kuba, who was 7-foot-4, was then recruited by several basketball coaches around the world. In the end, he chose the University of Central Florida (UCF) because of its academic program and the opportunity to play at a high level in the Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC).

At UCF, Kuba has been able to develop his basketball skills and become a better player. He has worked hard to improve his shooting, defense, and overall basketball IQ. Kuba is known for his size, but he has also shown his ability to handle the ball and make good decisions on the court.

Kuba's approach to the game has been described as a combination of raw talent and hard work. He has worked closely with his coaches and teammates to improve his skills and become a better player. Kuba's height has been a major asset to his advantage, but he has also worked hard to develop his motor skills and become a more well-rounded player.

Kuba has been a key player for UCF basketball, and his performance has been impressive. He has been named to the ACC All-Freshman Team and has been a driving force behind the team's success in the conference.

The coaches and fans at UCF have been impressed with Kuba's attitude and work ethic, and they have high expectations for his future. Kuba has shown that he has the potential to become one of the best players in the conference, and he is working hard to live up to that expectation.

Kuba's journey to UCF has been a unique one, and it has been a testament to his hard work and determination. He has shown that he has the ability to succeed at a high level in college basketball, and he is looking forward to the challenges that lie ahead.

"Kuba is a special player," said UCF head coach Kirk Speraw. "He has a unique combination of size, athleticism, and work ethic. He is a true student of the game, and he is always working to improve. We are excited to have him on our team, and we believe he has the potential to be one of the best players in the conference."