DANCE SQUAD RAISES A 'RUKUS'

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Anyone who attended this past week's Block It Out with a full stomach should have been satisfied, even if they didn't even eat. The band and cheerleaders performed a 60-minute show as the Student Union hosted the Block It Out event.

The cheerleaders and band members were all dressed in black and white uniforms. The cheerleaders performed a routine that included jumps and flips, while the band played popular songs.

The crowd of students and faculty members enjoyed the performance, which included a special guest appearance by the university's mascot, the Lion.

"The performance was amazing," said one student. "I really enjoyed the energy and the coordination of the cheerleaders and band members."
UCF retention rate on the rise

The mighty bite of gators

Scientists at the Florida State University have found a hormone, and thus a way, to ward off gators for a few years. Although the hormone is not released in the intestines of mature gators, it's all up to the researchers. The mighty bite of gators is nearly as much force as the mighty bite of a human being. Scientists have also found that the milk of gators is more than four times as nutritious as that of other large reptiles.

One of the major findings of the study is that the hormone is released in the intestines of gators. The hormone is made up of ingredients that are not harmful to the gators or their environment. Scientists believe that the hormone is released in the intestines of gators to prevent them from eating the hormone.
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Dancers blend hard work, fun, and passion into their daily lives. Each dancer contributes to the group's success, often working long hours to perfect their routines and perform at high levels.

The team has already received offers to perform throughout Florida this spring, including in Tampa and Miami. Traveling is one of the group's goals for the season, along with gaining recognition and forming valuable friendships.

Creating a diverse group is new for the team, president of the group said. "It's important to us to have a team of people from different backgrounds and skill levels working together to achieve our goals."

All this comes in addition to the Phoenix Project, a clock was started to keep track of the time. "I think it's important for the team to have a sense of urgency after the May 11, 2001, Congress passed the Baltimore City School Board's (Baltimore City) $1 million renovation that involves..."

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(Online voting ends at 5:00pm)
WASHINGTON — The fed­eral government is investigat­ing the recent surge in reports of identity theft, with gasoline prices to an all-time high. Energy Secretary Abraham said Wednesday.

Last week, gasoline prices hit an average of $2.57 a gallon, raising concerns that the oil industry might be taking advantage of the Northeast power blackout, the war to Iraq and other factors.

"The nature of this price fluctuation strikes me as being unusually high... and is in need of greater explanation," Abraham told the House Energy Committee. He said the department's Rolodex con­tained hot lines but consumers were fed­ering. "The Energy Department and the Federal Trade Commission will work together to investigate why gasoline prices rose so quickly.

Identity theft widespread and on the rise, FTC warns

WASHINGTON — More than 27 million Americans have been victim­ized by identity theft over the past five years, the Federal Trade Commission said Wednesday.

And the problem is growing, with more than 10 million people in­volved in the past year, to the tune of $53 billion.

"A large number of these have been hit in an easy way to make money," said Robert Siegel, director of the FTC's Office of Consumer Protection.

Several years ago we have been seeing individual evi­dence that identity theft is a signifi­cant problem that is on the rise," Siegel said. "Now we know: A number of leading consumer groups from the FTC, the Federal Trade Commission, and the Federal Trade Commission have found evidence that identity theft is a signifi­cant problem that is on the rise."
Job experience lacking

Expectations and signing bonuses. students who have
in the survey said they expect the
the job market to improve in 2003 and 2004.

"Simultaneously graduating in the summer of 2003 had more
opportunities and more offers than
candidates who graduated in the summer of 2002," Pollock
said. "That was true for undergraduates as well as graduate
students. I think it relates to the
that employers continue to
see students as a good source of
knowledge and talent that they
need to bring into their firms."

Some students report
new greater growth than others.

"We did see the number of
applications and interviews in
some areas decline this year," he
said. "Some industries hold
out on pretty strong even as
open increases and those industries
include aerospace, defense
companies and retail
companies. Over the past couple of
years we've seen a slow increase in
industries such as
consumer products, manufactur­ing
pharmaceuticals and biotech."

Professor of economics Robert Pennington said
students would find more job-open­
ings only if the economy improves. Like many national
consultants, Pennington said that trade and political stability
are factors that can help stabil­
ize markets. Most econo­
nists, including Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan, have said that
the greatest problem for the labor
market recently has been lack
of forward optimism. Businesses have been deferring
projects because of uncertainty
about the effects of instability in
Middle East.

Even many of the more opti­
mistic experts don't think the
job gains are anything to get
excited about. Darolene Parker,
director of UCF's Career
Information Center, warns that
regional and national growth
delays and that it takes time for
different job markets to start
showing growth.

"Overall for college gradu­
ates there are some good
opportunities," Parker said. "It's cer­
nitely news that over the past
few years we've seen the
lab market for graduates in
a good job market, so employers
do not have to jump as high in
order to attract students. Students are competing against other
recent graduates and mid-level students who have sig­
nificant experience, and directly
students are at a disadvan­
tage." In Florida, the service order
is strong and the manufacturing
side is lacking," Parker said. He
locally and statewide, the
job outlook is improving in
fields such as accounting, edu­
ca tors, retailing, financial serv­
ces, banking, consulting, gov­
ernment and insurance.

"They felt that their
job market of the past had been
as
..." Parker said.

"Their
good research shows the
interest in housing a popular
field for job placement, Parker said.

Pennington suggests that there
are more secure resources
when looking for employment.
"The Internet and classifieds
may be a blank slate that
students still use time later," she
said. "Recognizable that your
resources may not stand out among
hundreds of thousands of
other graduates. Over 70 per­
cent of jobs are obtained
through networking, references
and through directly contacting
the person who has the power
to help you. Another thing stu­
dents should do is register with
their campus career center" Krysan said that register­
ing with an employer career center helped her land a job a year
before she graduated.

Pennington said that it will
take time before the job market,
and economy shifts. This curta­
ls and tight economic growth this
quarter are beginning to be felt,
but it could take months before
the results of that economic
growth begin to appear.

"When high school and col­
able graduates graduate in May
or June, what do they do? They
look for jobs," she remarked
unemployment rates this year.
Pennington said. "It's no sur­
prise When school starts again
in August and September, it
won't change because many stu­
dents are no longer looking for
jobs." There are many small stu­
dents can take to make them­
selves more attractive to poten­
tial employers. Parker said.

Corporate look for candidates
who have good academic
records, and who have gained
leadership abilities, who show
an interest in working with
them and who display integrity
and ethics.

"Experiences is now assumed
to be part of the package," Parker said. National
the trend is that nearly three-quar­
ters of all graduating students
have [job experience. In a sur­
vey we did, we saw that our stu­
dents participated at about half
that rate, so that's a sort of
pencils, for our students, because they are
not necessarily getting the
experience they needed." Even if students lack experi­
nce, there are steps they can
take to help themselves.

Parker said students can get in
contact with their college con­
dents during both the good mar­
tet as well as the bad market is
that they really need to be pro­
claimed. "Parker said. "They
need to think about what it is
that they really want from a
job, research the company they
are interviewing with, and be able
to explain why they would so
be benefited as all the candidates
who are looking for a job at that
company."

Unemployment rate since 2000

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There's no debate about it, Britney Spears and Madonna are the two most influential figures in pop culture. This issue's cover story examines how they have shaped the industry and influenced the world of music and fashion.

Britney Spears

Spears, the pop icon, has been at the forefront of the music industry for over two decades. Her career has been marked by highs and lows, but she remains a cultural phenomenon. The article explores her rise to stardom, her plastic surgery, and her recent return to the spotlight.

Madonna

Madonna, the queen of pop, has been a trailblazer in the music industry for several decades. Her career has been filled with controversy and innovation. The article examines her musical journey, her fashion and film career, and her impact on popular culture.

Easter Egg

The Easter Egg section includes trivia about the Easter Bunny, the history of Easter eggs, and Easter egg hunts.

Wordgame

The Wordgame section includes a word search and a crossword puzzle.

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The cinéastes section includes reviews of the latest films and interviews with filmmakers.

Music

The Music section includes reviews of the latest music releases and interviews with musicians.

Fashion

The Fashion section includes articles on the latest fashion trends and interviews with fashion designers.

Sports

The Sports section includes articles on the latest sports news and interviews with athletes.

Travel

The Travel section includes articles on the latest travel destinations and interviews with travel writers.

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The Food section includes recipes and articles on the latest food trends.

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Technology

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Mon Sept 8
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2 pm Meet Your Student Government Leaders, Student Union AB
2 pm Meet Your Student Government Leaders, Student Union AB

Wed Sept 10
7 pm ERCE, "Rock Around the Clock" Time Management Workshop, Cape Florida 316AB
2 pm Meet Your Student Government Leaders, Student Union AB

Thu Sept 11
10 am Volunteer UCF Volunteer Expo, Student Union AB
2 pm Meet Your Student Government Leaders, Student Union AB

Sat Sept 13
6 pm First Home Football Game UCF vs. Florida Atlantic and Freshmen Frenzy, Citrus Bowl
8 pm 2 am Late Knights, Fitness Froney, Recreation and Wellness Center

Wed Sept 17
7 pm ERCE, "Let's Get the Party Started" Vision and Goal Setting Workshop, Cape Florida 316AB
9 pm CAR Speaker Jordan Laingly, "Inspirational Comedy," Cape Florida 316AB

Sat Sept 20
7 pm Do you want to be Miss America? Miss and Mr. UCF interest meeting, Workaholics
8 pm Viewing Party to Cheer for Miss Florida, UCF Student Enrichment, in the Miss America Pageant on ABC, Workaholics

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The Office of Student Activities is the home of the Campus Activities Board, EKCEL - Every Knight Can Excel in Leadership, Homecoming, Late Knights, Volunteer UCF, and over 300 clubs and organizations at UCF, ranging from the Chocolate Club to the Underwater Hunting Club to the Sushi Club and everywhere in between. If you want to find people with similar interests, there are plenty of opportunities in student organizations. You can have fun with group activities, getting involved in Homecoming, or taking on your first leadership role. If you don't find exactly what you are looking for, you can be the founder of your own organization.

Upcoming EKCEL Workshops

"Rock Around the Clock" Time Management
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Sept. 10, Cape Florida 316AB, Student Union

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mind of this semester. Although the director might not be Scorsese, he wouldn't
mind meeting the course, even if it were open to a wider range of stu­
dents.

He said: "I hope students this semester are inspired by being
on set out here. I have a voice in film, and I have that voice emerge as a
powerful tool in filmmaking."
Women's soccer edges Miami, remains unbeaten

UCF's women's soccer team defeated Miami this weekend, shutting out the Hurricanes 1-0. The Knights improve to 6-3 overall and 3-2 in Conference USA play. Miami dropped to 3-6-1 overall and 3-1-1 in the conference.

Cross country takes off

UCF's cross country teams set new school records at the UCF Invitational last weekend. The Knights won the men's and women's races, and both teams broke previous records. The men's team set a new record in the 8K race, finishing in 25:34.8, while the women's team set a new record in the 5K race, finishing in 16:53.6.

Knights stumble

UCF's volleyball team suffered a loss to the University of Illinois on Friday night, falling 3-2 in the match. The Knights, who had been on a winning streak, were unable to hold onto their lead and allowed the Fighting Illini to comeback and take the final two sets.

Head of the class

Hokie fans enjoy college football

Hokie fans are enjoying their team's performances this season. The Virginia Tech football team has been on a winning streak, with fans expressing their support and excitement for the team's success. The students and fans are financially supporting the team, with a significant number of fans attending games.

Inside the NUMBERS

Sports

On August 31, the first official week of the college football season, ESPN aired over 30 hours of college football games, including the Florida State vs. Virginia Tech game. ESPN's coverage included highlights, interviews, and analysis of the games.

Knights lose 3 of 4 in volleyball tournament

UCF's women's volleyball team faced tough competition in the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) volleyball tournament. The Knights lost three of their four matches, falling to rival teams and failing to win any of the four games played.

Mature moment for Alford

UCF's women's soccer coach, Amy Alford, had a moment of grace and poise against Miami. Despite the loss, Alford remained composed and maintained her composure throughout the game, inspiring her team to compete with a high level of intensity.

Sweet, sticky moment

Auston Matthews of the Toronto Maple Leafs scored his first career NHL goal in the closing minutes of a game against the Montreal Canadiens. Matthews' goal was the game-winner, giving the Maple Leafs a 1-0 victory over their rivals.

Quick quotes

Christmas break is over, and everyone is excited to get back to work and school. The players are rested and ready to take on the next challenge. The coaches are eager to see how their teams perform in the upcoming matches.
MAC knocks out another bully out of AP top-25 poll

Four players contributing double digit yards
Frank had another solid performance with eight kills, 30 assists and nine digs, while Watts registered 10 kills to lead the team.
Throughout the entire tournament UCF struggled in offense. On 267 attempts, the Knights recorded 200 kills, however compounding 111 errors and having a hitting percentage of .137.
Watts was the only starter named to the all-tournament team with 48 kills in the four matches.
UCF will open the home schedule on Friday against Buffalo in the UCF Fall Invitational. First serve is slated for 7 p.m. at the UCF Arena.

Men's soccer tastes defeat

DAH WOBERS
Staff Writer

The Knights' men's soccer team traveled south and opened up the FIU/Univerisity Classic with a 2-1 loss to 5th-ran- 
ed Virginia Commonwealth University on Friday.
Christian Negro scored twice of the four goals for VCU. The Rams (3-0) pressured the offense early with a goal by Gonzalo Fagone. Negro was assisted by McGinley Jeppsen, who scored the next goal of the game.
Segovia scored the first of his two goals 10 minutes later. UCF continued to attack but couldn't score in the first half. Kenning VUU a commanding 54-20 lead in the second half.

"We started out well," VCU Head Coach Kyle Schmoke said, "we controlled the game and dominated the play."
Segovia was assisted by McGinley at the 55th minute mark. The weather during the intermission caused both teams to change their game plan. A mist and lightning delay at halftime brought concerns of a restart. The game continued after an hour of weather delay.
In the second half, the first conditions were not up to par and the game became sloppy. (Schmoke said, "After the rain delay at halftime, the field was a disaster and full of puddles.")
The Knights tried to take advantage of the conditions and came out firing in the second half, although they scored their first and only goal on a shot by freshman midfielder David Trifunovic, who was assisted by Linke. UCF (1-4) had multiple shots on goal, which was one but the combination of a penalty corner and the resultant defense was too much.

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For the flags view despite President Bush's officially exited the last recession in March. According to many economists, job market analysts and student prognosticators upcoming graduates is on last month. That stadium-filling the labor department recently citizens represents the largest request, senators clearly were students. When senators voted will though, is that student senators opposed, both speed, ignoring the money Shannon Burke raised the esp, and who gets the first crack that's following this issue, you'll see on the recovery talk signals official support of students: "Now that's what I mean by flag display tainted by ignoring SGA for the two months, we've been trying to get this Mattie Nicholson's flag display. It has created a lot of controversy, with students and faculty alike expressing their opinions on the matter.

The flag display, which features a list of names and photos of students who have died in the line of duty, was placed in front of Rockhill Hall on the Rock Hill campus. However, the display was removed after complaints from faculty and students who felt it was insensitive.

ROCK win not worth the cost
On Sept. 4, Shannon Burke delivered a traditional U.S. flag to ROCK on the campus. Television stations were there to cover the event and they reported that despite the Student Senate's rejection of the flag request, flags would be going to the classroom of other after all.

Mayor makes his feelings known as regards to the skepticism about the flag. ROCK win not worth the cost. 

Definition of a recession leaves recovery talk

"You're fired!" is an order that is far from easy to hear. Unfortunately, the order is given far too often.

According to the National Federation of Independent Businesses, 56,000 Americans are fired each week. That is a staggering number, as it can represent the largest increase in job loss since 1974.

In this issue, you'll see an op-ed from a retired professor who experienced this at his own university. His job market impact on student employment.

The job market is getting bumpier, and the possibility of sudden job loss is becoming more of a concern. This is something that many students and professors are feeling.

The best efforts of economists, job market analysts and student organizations alike, the market remains tenuous. Though the United States has seen an increase in the number of permanent part-time employees last year, the overall picture remains bleak.

Through the United States officially entered a recession in November 2001, we are still feeling the effects of the downturn despite President Bush's tax cuts. The current economic climate, the economy's uncertainty, and the current unemployment levels have left many students and professors feeling uncertain about their future.

What this figure doesn't tell us is that per capita income growth is so slow. That's why most people think 200 people have high and low paid than the average American.

What happens when the recession is repaired is so far that we've not even begin to think about it. For the last seven months, we've seen a steady rise in the job market. What does that mean for the average American? A lot more people who have jobs than lost them, but there are still too many who are jobless.

One important indicator is unemployment is down from 6.2 percent in July to 5.8 percent last month in a sign of growth in the job market.

What that figure doesn't tell us is that 200 people have high and low paid than the average American. We need to focus on improving the quality of life for all Americans and help them recover from the recession.

For the 200 people who are employed, they are more likely to stay employed. For the 200 people who are not, they are more likely to lose their jobs. If we want to improve the economy, we need to focus on improving the quality of life for all Americans.
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- Advanced registration required. Email mcck@ufl.edu.
- 307-352-3361 or stop by the Career Resource Center

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- Leading EMPLOYERS conduct all event sessions

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**Friday, September 12, 2003**

**1:00 - 4:00 pm**

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