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THE ECONOMICS CLUB
NEWSLETTER



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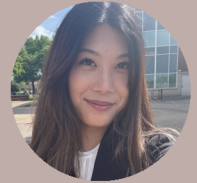
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With more than 70 years of proven performance and the best bankers in the industry, United Community is one of the strongest and most secure banks in the Southeast. We operate on the philosophy of providing exceptional banking service while caring deeply for the communities we serve.



RETROSPECT

NOVEMBER REWIND

The month of November was a busy and productive time for the Econ Club as we hosted two major events:

Bank to the Future

On November 7th, the Econ Club, in partnership with Redstone Federal Credit Union, hosted a session centered around financial planning. The event equipped attendees with valuable insights into building a sound financial strategy to maximize long-term returns.

Traders of the Lost Ark

On the 20th, we held the first interest meeting for "Traders of the Lost Ark," our Annual Investment Challenge. Key highlights included a comprehensive overview of the challenge's timeline, structure, and objectives. *Dr. Zhao*, the Chapter Advisor of the Investment Club, also provided an in-depth introduction to the platform that participants will utilize throughout the competition.



INSIGHTS CORNER

*Expert perspectives from our economics faculty on everything economics.
This month, we explore how a coach's strategic decision-making can be
affected by aspects like career concerns and other behavior biases*



*Insights by
Dr. Michael Roach
Professor - Economics
Department*

Sports is a setting where we can see economics in action because of what can be clearly observed: strategic choices, outcomes resulting from those choices, and the competitive environment itself. We can look at the decisions that coaches make through the lens of economics and think about how they might generalize to other contexts.

Analyzing the fourth-down decisions faced by football coaches (that is, run a play to try to earn a first down or run a kicking play) is an example of this. Since running a play is a riskier option, this is a setting where we can see what affects attitudes toward risk. In my research, I have found that job security is one thing that matters – coaches tend to accept more risk when they have greater job security.

They also tend to overweight the experience of fourth-down failures earlier in the game, making them more risk-averse than they otherwise would be. So, while you might expect a coach's decision to be solely based on maximizing their team's chances of winning, behavioral factors complicate this. And if we see this in sports, we should expect to see it elsewhere.



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Highlighting our outstanding club members to showcase their achievements and show appreciation for their participation.



Aykut Iri
Senior
Finance

I joined the Economics Club for opportunities to network with students and professionals. I have seen the growth of the Economics Club in the past few semesters, and I appreciate the engaging activities and events that the club hosts. I am very excited for the Investment Challenge being held this semester!

I joined the club because finance and economics have a lot in common, so I wanted to get a better understanding of both fields of study, as well as network with other business majors. I'm looking forward to The Traders of the Lost Ark Investment Challenge. I think it will be educating to see how others value stocks to invest in, and it will be fun to compete against others too.



Ruben Ball
Senior
Finance



HORIZONS

LOOKING FORWARD

We are all set to host the Final Interest Meeting of the much-awaited “**Traders of the Lost Ark**” Investment Challenge.

This session will feature the following:

- Participant Registration;
- Details about the challenge; and
- *Free Headshots!*



Federal Reserve Board Information Session



The Federal Reserve Board is hiring!

Representatives will be on campus to discuss exciting career opportunities in Supervision & Regulation (Econ/Finance) and IT (Tech & Data).

- ◆ When? Thursday, January 30th, 4:05 - 5:00 PM
- ◆ Where? BAS S326 Suntrust
- ◆ Who Should Attend? Economics, Finance, and IT students interested in impactful careers. 📍 Don't miss this opportunity to network and secure your future!

We'll also be co-hosting the Federal Reserve Board Information Session alongside the Department of EconFin and the Department of Information Systems.

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