

SCHOOL OF MUSIC

## Students fine tune Latin Grammys



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Jorge Canovas, senior jazz performance major (left), and Lina Borda, senior music technology major (right), will help produce the Latin Grammys.

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Internships from the School of Music were few and far between; the wait for the most recent one racked the nerves of two of its students.

But after a month, close friends Lina Borda and Jorge Canovas were told they would represent the school as interns for the Latin Grammy Awards.

Borda, senior music technology major, and Canovas, senior jazz performance major, will work with the production team of the Latin Grammys, the acclaimed and popular award ceremony while having the opportunity to meet top Latin artists.

“Even though I never expected to be one of the semifinalists, I always kept my hopes up,” said Borda.

The story of Borda and Canovas began when the School of Music sent an email to all music students saying the school had partnered with several music industry companies.

In the email, the school

assured the companies would offer full internships to students who applied and were chosen.

“I got too excited when I read that email because I had previously tried to apply to internships, but the School of Music either did not offer any or too few,” said Canovas. “I had lost all hope until I got the email. As usual, all the internships required different qualifications to apply.”

The Latin Grammys specifically required its recipients be bilingual, a prerequisite that didn’t get in the way of Borda or Canovas – Borda is Colombian and Canovas is Cuban.

Applications were sent to Lasin Richards, trombone and music business professor, who chose the semifinalists with other music professors.

The applications of the semifinalists were sent to the Latin Grammys staff members who were responsible for whittling the long list of semifinalists to just four finalists.

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT COUNCIL

## SGC-MMC senate ceases written reports

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Senators at the Student Government Council at Modesto Maidique Campus can now check off weekly reports from their to-do list, forever.

During their Oct. 3 meeting the senate passed SR 1106, a new bill that states weekly written reports are no longer necessary if the senator is present during the senate meeting to give an oral report. The bill, which received only one vote against, also points out that if a senator is absent he/she must turn in a written report for that week.

Fernando Pinheiro, senator for the College of Engineering, proposed this bill because he had two concerns: redundancy and attendance.

“Senators who are constantly present at our meeting on Mondays and regularly give oral reports to have to write something every single week for the speaker,” Pinheiro said.

Pinheiro’s bill is also aimed at senators who are sometimes absent from senate meetings.

“Senators who sometimes might skip the meeting would now double think since this written report is required, this would only improve our attendance at senate and therefore the chances of meeting quorum,” Pinheiro said.

Per senate statutes, senators who make from \$800 to \$3,250 per school year are permitted to miss two meetings per semester. So far, there have been only four meetings and at least 11 absences have occurred.

Donovan Dawson, speaker of the senate and a senator for College of Arts & Sciences, explained that if a senator falls into non-compliance, a grievance will be filed by senate leadership against them.

“They are all well aware of that,” Dawson said.

Dawson also expressed concern for last year’s bill requiring weekly written reports.

“When I was in the senate last year I raised concerns regarding the redundancy of the [weekly] reports and was against having the provision placed in the reform bills that were introduced.”

As speaker, Dawson felt it was necessary to try and change the bill that was passed last year.

At a Rules, Legislation and Judiciary Committee meeting, Dawson expressed his concerns regarding last year’s provision. Dawson said the “members of the committee agreed with me and [SR 1106] was produced.”

Even with last year’s bill in place and prior to SR1106’s introduction, there have been no written reports so far for this school year.

“I did not enforce the requirement for every senator to submit a written report before every meeting because I thought it was very redundant,” Dawson said.

Dawson also agreed with SR 1106 because senators may have considered the weekly reports as busy work.

“[The weekly reports] may have been lacking in substance and simply composed to appease senate leadership and to get by,” he said.

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COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

## International Business program ranks 16th nationally, drops from 12th

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The U.S. News & World Report has ranked the University’s Undergraduate International Business Program in the College of Business Administration 16th in the nation, a drop from last year’s 12th place.

The rankings are based on surveys conducted by US News. Deans and senior faculty at each undergraduate business program accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business are surveyed. Participants were asked to rate the quality of all programs they were familiar with on a scale of one (marginal) to five (distinguished), based on up to 16 key measures of quality.

“We are delighted to be recognized by

U.S. News & World Report for the eighth consecutive year,” said Joyce J. Elam, executive dean of the College of Business. “I congratulate the faculty for their contributions in enabling us to again offer one of the top international business undergraduate programs in the country. We are committed to this area whose importance in the 21st century continues to expand.”

The measures fall into seven broad categories: peer assessment, graduation and retention rates, faculty resources, student selectivity, financial resources, alumni giving and graduation rate performance and high school counselor undergraduate academic reputation ratings, but only for national universities and national liberal arts colleges.

“Our students expect only the best from us and being consistently ranked in the top

20, I believe, demonstrates we are providing them with an education that is truly ‘Worlds Ahead,’” said Louis Melbourne, an instructor for the Department of Management and International Business. “Our faculty, with the support of the department chair, Dr. K. Galen Kroeck and Dr. Joyce Elam, is always seeking new ways of improving our performance,” said Melbourne.

There are over 700 students and 10 faculty members in the international business program, according to Kroeck, the department chair of management and international business. He explained the recognition is a “great honor for our faculty and students because it shows their efforts, contributions and engagement.”

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Check out the Sports section in the Oct. 10 issue for coverage on the football game against the University of Akron

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## NEWS FLASH

## LOCAL

**2 Miami-Dade officers credited with saving dog**

Two Miami-Dade police officers are credited with saving a German shepherd that was hit by a vehicle and left to die in the street.

Detective Roy Rutland says he was heading to the police headquarters Monday night when he saw a flash of brake lights and a dog rolling on the street. He says he saw the injured dog and two others who were barking.

As Rutland looked for the vehicle that hit the dogs, he saw officer Debbie Hilliard-Johnson in a cruiser nearby. He asked her for help.

The Miami Herald reports the pair wrapped the dog in a blanket and took her to a nearby animal clinic where Rutland paid \$200 to have the dog treated.

Now, animal services officials are searching for the dog's owner.

## NATIONAL

**Wall Street protest expected to widen**

Organizers of the protests in lower Manhattan have sought a permit to gather in a plaza encircled by courthouses and are planning for at least 2,000 people to march.

Police say the group that has been camped out for weeks around Wall Street is planning a rally at Foley Square and sought permission to use microphones.

Authorities say they realize there may be more people coming and are prepared to facilitate the march. That could mean allowing some on to the streets.

But if protesters purposely try to block traffic in Manhattan they may be arrested.

Last week 700 demonstrators who spilled onto the road at the Brooklyn Bridge despite police warnings were arrested on charges of disorderly conduct.

– Compiled by Melissa Caceres

## CORRECTIONS

In Vol. 23, Issue 25 of The Beacon, the article titled "Shin's two goals give Golden Panthers fifth straight win" in the Sports section, Ashleigh Shim's name is spelled incorrectly.

The Beacon will gladly change any errors. Call our MMC office at 305-348-2709 or BBC at 305-919-4722.

## BRANCHING OUT



PHILIPPE BUTEAU/THE BEACON

Sean Loret de Mola, senior asian studies major (left), and Nandini Rampersaud, sophomore psychology major (right), enjoy the Tuesday afternoon sun on their usual hangout spot, a tree near the kissing bridge on the way to the SIPA building.

## One senator voted against bill

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Giving reports orally, as the senate did in prior years, is the way to continue, according to Dawson.

According to the SGA constitution, every senator is required to submit a written report twice a semester, at the mid-term and final exam, with the first report due from every senator on Oct. 21. These reports are to include details of bills sponsored, goals, accomplishments, meetings with administration and so on.

"If a senator is not fulfilling their duties, the speaker will be

able to recognize that by the lack of action/improvements in his/her report," Pinheiro said.

However, Giovanni Correale, a senator for College of Arts and Science and chairman of the finance committee, was the only senator to vote against the new bill.

"My main issue is I have noticed in the past, in our senate we take 30-40 minutes to go over all of the reports, sometimes even an hour," Correale said. "In the past that has been valuable time that could be used to debate on the worth of a candidate or a bill that we then may have had to table."

At the beginning of every meeting, the senate must review the minutes, a record of what happened from the week before. Correale proposed an idea to the senate in regard

to the new bill, which was rejected.

"My proposal would have been for us to submit electronic reports to the clerk, to then include in the minutes for the previous week or the agenda for the current week," Correale said.

By doing this, Correale felt "it allows the individual senator to extract information they feel is important from the minutes/agenda and to maximize the time that we have in senate."

The senate rejected Correale's proposal because the entire point of the new bill was to terminate the requirement of weekly written reports.

The senate has stated that the oral reports are sufficient in proving the senators are keeping up with weekly tasks.

The oral reports will be accessible to the public through

meeting recordings that can be found in the SGC-MMC office in the Graham Center and meeting minutes, which are "scheduled to be posted on our new website very soon," said Dawson.

However, meeting minutes from this school year have not been posted thus far.

While there is concern from at least one senator on whether weekly written reports should still be the favored method of SGA, Dawson thinks it's indicative of SGC-MMC's new direction.

"[SR 1106] simply removes what I believe is an excessive provision composed at a time [last year] when SGA was more divided within itself than focusing externally on helping to improve the lives of the students who sent us here to serve them."

## Ranking still considered an honor by business school

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The consistently high ratings have persuaded students to attain an international business degree. "Originally, I was going to single major in finance, but after I did some research, I learned a lot about FIU's prestigious international business program," said Christopher Patron, a senior double majoring in finance and international business.

Although most students are pleased with the current program, some expressed disappointment and concern

about the lower ranking.

"I'm glad we are still in the top 20, but the lower ranking makes me question the future of the program," said Christopher Dos Santos, a senior majoring in international business, business management and marketing. "Professors don't focus enough on current world events. I think that effected the ranking."

Kroeck is not concerned about the lower ranking. He does not believe the fluctuation is a poor reflection of the department or the department's performance.

"Because the rankings are

based off surveys, one or two additional votes can swing the University's position several places. As long as we are in the top 20, I'm fine," he said.

For the 15th consecutive year, The University of South Carolina was ranked number one. Other schools on the list include, New York University at number two and University of Pennsylvania at number three.

Regardless of the fluctuation, "It brings visibility and recognition to the University," said Kroeck. "After all, we are Florida International University."

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## MEN'S SOCCER

# Reyes went cross-country and back before landing at FIU

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FIU Goalkeeper Eric Reyes has had an interesting journey on his way to becoming a Golden Panther.

Reyes' journey began one year ago out in the Golden State, playing for the University of California-Santa Barbara.

Although no longer a member of the Gauchos soccer team, a program that he calls "a first class organization," Reyes is grateful for having had the opportunity to play on the West Coast.

"An unbelievable opportunity to play for arguably the best team in the nation in the biggest college soccer stadium in the country," said Reyes.

After playing in Calif., the opportunity to represent his country of Puerto Rico in a FIFA World Cup qualifying match was just another outstanding accomplishment to add to his resume.

"Seeing all these professional players on the field playing with and against me, that I see on TV, was quite interesting," said Reyes.

Following his appearance on the Puerto Rican national team, Reyes eventually found himself transferring to Florida International University.

Reyes had no idea he was being watched from across the country. Head coach Munga Eketebi said, "I knew him since he was playing in the under-seventeen national program."

When asked why he chose to transfer to FIU, Reyes noted the program's history of success, including a trip to the Division-I championship game in 1996.

"This program has such a rich tradition of



SERGIO NASER/THE BEACON

Eric Reyes [above] transferred to FIU after a stint with the Puerto Rico national team.

winning and players successfully getting to the next level," Reyes said.

FIU's rich program history was not his only reason for coming to Miami.

A South Florida native and former resident of Pembroke Pines, Reyes said that the prospect of coming closer to home was a welcomed change.

"Obviously, being from Miami helped us in recruiting Eric. I guess after being out west, he felt homesick and wanted to come back to Miami, which turned out to be a blessing for us," said Eketebi.

"I'm back home where my family can watch me play, I can eat a home-cooked meal every now-and-then, and I can be with my loved ones

when needed," Reyes said. "At the end of the day, I've traveled many places throughout the nation and worldwide, and to this day, I still say there is no place like South Florida."

Upon his arrival here in Miami, Reyes knew he had very big shoes to fill following former Golden Panther Goalkeeper Shane Lopez.

"Shane was a very good leader, who organized the back of the field well and was a tremendous shot-stopper," Reyes said.

"Eric has stepped in and gotten it done," said Eketebi. "It seems like the only challenge for him is staying healthy for every game."

Reyes acknowledged the task ahead of him and has all the confidence that he and the rest of his Golden Panther backfield need to rejuvenate the FIU men's soccer program and bring it back to where it was during its championship years.

The team is looking to make the best out of their conference play with their tough Conference USA schedule.

After suffering a heart breaking loss in double overtime to begin conference play, Reyes looks to be the focal point of the Golden Panthers' turn around this year. Reyes has a 67 percent save percentage on the season, including one shutout against South Florida rival Nova Southeastern University.

With the rest of the season still lying ahead, Reyes has surprisingly high expectations for where this team can go and believes that they are not far off from attaining them.

"If we take care of our game and do the simple things right, play solid defense, and finish our chances up top, FIU soccer fans will be in for an amazing conference tournament," Reyes said. "And possibly an NCAA tournament run."

## FOOTBALL

# Team hopes to end losing skid at Akron

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While LeBron James will be in Miami preparing for his charity basketball event at FIU, the University football team will be in LeBron's hometown of Akron, Ohio to take on the 1-4 Akron Zips on Oct. 8 at 2 p.m.

Homecoming was ruined last week with a 36-31 loss to Duke. Now FIU must try to return the favor against Akron, who is hosting their homecoming game against the Panthers this week. For sophomore running back Kedrick Rhodes, it does not matter what game it is for them, they just want to win.

"We just can't let one team beat us twice; we've moved on and we critiqued our mistakes, so we're ready to get some payback, take down Akron," said Rhodes. "It doesn't really matter. We have the same mindset going into every game no matter if it's homecoming or not, we still have the same mindset, 1-0."

The Zips offensive production this year has come mostly from freshman running back Jawon Chisholm, who has carried the

ball for over 100 yards in each of his past three games.

However, the two other offenses that FIU has faced this year that relied heavily on the run, North Texas with running back Lance Dunbar and UCF's quarterback Jeffrey Godfrey, had little success against the Panthers' defense when they faced them.

"There's a strong commitment to it, these guys have put in time, since January, to being more physical and it's paid off," head coach Mario Cristobal said. "The one we're facing this week is just as good or better because he's bigger and he has the same type of speed."

Akron can run the ball well; it is stopping the run that has been the problem. They have given up an average of 204 yards on the ground per game. Rhodes, who had a career high 30 carries in the loss to Louisiana two weeks ago and is averaging 80 yards per game, expects the amount of touches he gets to depend on how the game goes

"I'm not really looking for

## VOLLEYBALL

# Practice cancelled for two days after tough home loss to MTSU

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No electronic whistle. No white board covered with plays and statistics. No sneakers screeching on the court.

If you walked inside the U.S. Century Bank Arena on Oct. 4, all you saw was a vast emptiness.

After an embarrassing loss on Oct. 2 at the hands of Middle Tennessee that left the team without a single set win all weekend, head coach Danijela Tomic declared she was going to cancel the next practice.

She kept her word. "I felt that they had to really self-reflect and do some soul searching and ask themselves why they're playing the game of volleyball," said Tomic over the phone.

The Panthers rolled over and dropped three straight sets against Middle Tennessee, highlighted by the 25-12 score of set two. That marked the biggest

margin of loss in a set all season for FIU.

Tomic resumed practice on Oct. 5, but refused to speak to the players before then. Some of them had tried reaching out to her via text messaging, apologizing for their lack of effort on Sunday's game and vowing that it was a small mistake, never to be repeated.

"They can tell me all that stuff, but they need to show me with their actions," said Tomic. "They need to walk the walk."

According to Tomic, they had a closed-door, players-only meeting immediately following the loss, and another one on Oct. 4. She was not sure what was said in the meeting, nor who called for it.

On numerous occasions over the past month, many of the Panthers had repeated that they needed to "get back to basics." Whether it was learning

the fundamentals of receiving an opponent's serve or where to stand in certain situations of a game, refining the building blocks of volleyball was a priority for the team.

Tomic thought, however, that they had already left that stage for the season when Missouri swept them in the Blue Raider Bash Tournament on Sept. 3.

"There's not much we can do in practice anymore," said Tomic. "It's their mental approach. You either have heart or you don't have heart. Good teams cannot let their performance drop so dramatically."

"You can have a bad game, but the game on Sunday was unacceptable. We disrespected the game of volleyball."

Whenever something goes wrong for the team, the very first thing Tomic does is analyze herself. She wants to figure out if she is making any errors as

a coach that are preventing her from seeing results in games. But it is quite different this time around.

"I told my assistants that I'm not taking any responsibility for Sunday," said Tomic. "The only responsibility I'll take is to scout better players next time."

The Panthers first step in, getting back on Tomic's good side, comes Oct. 7. They will square off against Florida A&M University, a team the Panthers trampled on Sept. 11.

"We better win," said Tomic.

She plans on making some changes to the lineup for the game, though she did not wish to discuss what the changes were beforehand. Tomic hinted, however, that she was going to give the playing time to those that wanted it the most.

"If the freshmen are the ones that want it [playing time], then I'll just give it to them," she added.



FANTASY CRUZ

# Many players displayed their comeback ability last week

**JOEY CRUZ**  
Staff Writer

America just loves comebacks. In a league where comebacks can strike forcefully at any given moment, fantasy owners can agree that it makes the game interesting. During the first half, the quarterback is practically kicked to the curb.

The second half comes around and he is blessed by throwing 150 yards and two touchdowns. This scenario is not uncommon in the National Football League.

**THE COMEBACK KIDS**

Tony Romo can make or break the Cowboys week-to-week.

One game, he puts the team on his back with a punctured lung; the next, he throws a heart-breaking three interceptions. Matthew “D-boy” Stafford took quite an advantage from Romo’s mishaps.

He came back from a 17-7 deficit, throwing for 240 yards and two TD’s in the Lions 34-30 victory.

Many fans despise and judge Eli Manning because of his goofy, nonchalant approach on the field.

He shows no expression at all. This really means nothing when he played the way he did against Arizona.

Coming back from 20-10, Peyton’s little brother threw two touchdowns in the fourth quarter to ice his 31-27 win over the Cardinals.

Philadelphia’s dream team is having serious nightmares as we speak, after a gut wrenching 1-3 record.

Michael Vick had a far more superior game than Alex Smith, throwing for 416 yards and two touchdowns.

Alex Smith pulled out a comeback kid moment, however, leading his team to a 24-23 victory with an impressive 291 yards and two touchdowns.

**UNDER THE CRUZAR**

Andy Dalton (Cincinnati Bengals)- Although he played a very weak Bills defense, Dalton rushed and threw for a touchdown to go along with his 298 yards passing. In a thin league, Dalton is a solid backup with potential. Who Dey?

Willis McGahee (Denver Broncos)- “What you talking about Willis?” I’m talking about picking up McGahee after running

for 103 yards against a solid Green Bay defense. McGahee is the

Thomas Jones of the Broncos, if this makes any sense. He takes the workload, but flies under the radar.

Do not be surprised if Knowshon Moreno loses the starting job to Willis. Blue Collar Back.

Pierre Garcon (Indianapolis Colts)- Finally, a Colts player that has had a productive game. Garcon is also the only explosive player they have on the team.

Curtis Painter will come into his own and make Garcon a favorite target.

With 148 yards and two touchdowns, he is an easy steal for many owners. He would have had a touchdown and at least 100 yards in week three if Painter had overthrown him. Haitian Sensation.

**THE TRASH BIN**

Hines Ward (Pittsburgh Steelers)- What happened to the big smile I always see on Ward’s face? After his 19-yard game last week, it looked more like a frown. I do not know if Ward is worth starting anymore.

He is a lot older and seems to be fading in the



TONY TRIBBLE/AP PHOTO

Andy Dalton [above, # 14] is congratulated by teammates after his rushing touchdown against the Bills on Oct. 2.

limelight of Mike Wallace. Ketchup: no Heinz.

C.J. Spiller (Buffalo Bills)- I consider him a less talented Reggie Bush.

With Fred Jackson dominating defense, Spiller is a distant memory of the Buffalo’s offense, simply because Jackson does the same thing just as good, and then some. Drop Spiller like a bad habit. Spill Spiller.

Mario Manningham (New York Giants)- When Manningham comes back, I highly doubt they will use him.

Victor Cruz (no relation to Fantasy Cruz) is that second receiver they needed.

He is showing utter dominance in Tom Coughlin’s offense.

Manningham is fourth bench receiver, at best, in an 18-man league. No

more M&M.

**BASHING BRAYLON**

I would never wish an injury upon any professional athlete because it destroys their livelihood.

Braylon Edwards is out for three more weeks with a knee that he is going to get surgery on.

Maybe it is time I move on to bashing another player and let Edwards R.I.P: recover in peace.

INTRAMURALS

## Tough defensive outing ends in tie

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Staff Writer

On Oct. 3, in a battle of position in the standings, the game between Phi Sigma Sigma and Alpha Xi Delta ended up in a 7-7 tie. Indicative of the score, the game was played really competitive.

“It was bittersweet because we wanted to win, but we played well,” said Phi Sigma Sigma’s Christine Perez.

In a game where athleticism was key, both teams were making key stops during crucial moments of the game so that there would be no leads.

Phi Sigma Sigma had their hands full the whole night, as the explosive players on Alpha Xi Delta were using spin moves and juke moves to evade defenders and hopefully make a big play.

Hustle and a swarming defense from Phi Sigma Sigma helped the team secure the tie.

They used their intelligence on defense and did not allow any big gains through the air or on the ground.

“We haven’t had too many practices against something like that. It was unexpected, but we got them to collapse,” said Perez.

One bright spot of the game was Alpha Xi Delta’s punt returning skills, as players from their team routinely almost took back punts for touchdowns.

Phi Sigma Sigma played with a lot of hustle and did not quit, causing the members of Alpha Xi Delta to not get any extra yardage on their plays.

This game leaves both teams tied with a second place standing behind Delta Phi Epsilon.

# Injuries continue to plague FIU

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a certain amount of carries, it’s just however the play calling goes,” Rhodes said. “It’s a game time decision, it’s up to coach.”

The other weapon on offense that the Zips have is wide receiver Keith Sconiers. With 24 catches for 420 yards and four touchdowns,

he has 16 more catches and 343 more yards than their next leading receiver Marquelo Suel. Even though Sconiers is their biggest threat, Cristobal is not just concerned with him.

“There’s a focus on stopping and slowing down their offense across the board,” said Cristobal. “When there’s a player statistically like Sconiers,

of course they always require the attention of your football team as you prepare.”

Injuries are still continuing to plague FIU with each passing week. Wide receiver Jacob Younger, who has had eight catches for a total of 79 yards this year, might have to sit out because of an injury to his shoulder.

He has been sitting out

of practice since Sept. 28, and Cristobal says he is not positive if he is going to be able to play.

Offensive lineman Curtis Bryant, on the other hand, will be available Oct. 8 despite having a sprain in his thumb, and wide receiver Glenn Coleman (shoulder), as well as senior safety Chuck Grace (knee) will both be sitting out yet another week.

## GAMEDAY PREDICTIONS



Igor Mello

**FIU 38, Akron 13:** It’s not even close. The Zips only win this season was against an FCS team. Carroll will have a career day unless the second team comes in the game.



Joel Delgado

**FIU 31, Akron 10:** Kedrick Rhodes should have a field day against the Zips, who have struggled to stop the run. FIU will get back on track with a win this Saturday.



Rico Albarracin

**UCF 34, Akron 27:** The Golden Panther defense is struggling as of late, but the Zips poor play gives FIU a good chance to recover from their two game skid.



Brandon Wise

**FIU 45, Akron 31:** The defense cannot stop a nose bleed. But Carroll is destroying defenses and the run game is a nice complement. They get it done.



## Green Library under utilized, lack of attention to resources

**BROOKE WERTMAN**  
Contributing Writer

When students walk into the Green Library, they may stumble upon people studying in quiet spaces or using the computers. What they may not notice is the enormous quantity of books the library holds.

Many students are familiar with some of the more accessible services offered at the library, for example, the laptops and study rooms that are available for checkout, the computer labs, copiers, printers, study tables and designated quiet areas.

While a lot of students take advantage of these features, the University's library has much more to offer - it is one of the largest libraries in the southeastern United States.

"I think our collection is more extensive than people realize," said Roberto Pacheco, the senior library technical assistant.

The library houses a collection of books that numbers in the millions and subscribes to thousands of scholarly journals - both of which contain boundless quantities of information that could be used for research and academic papers.

The fifth floor of the Green Library contains the School of Architecture's



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Green Library is one of the largest libraries in the southeastern U.S.

library, along with books related to the fine arts on the fifth floor, journals and audio-visual materials.

"We have a vast collection of movies, documentaries and music, but really only the film and music students ever check out items," said Rochelle Radford, a sophomore majoring in social work, who works as a desk assistant in the Sound and Image Resources

Department.

The second floor of the library is frequented by students because of its ample study space and computers, but many students may not realize that there are several useful departments on this floor.

Course reserves are housed in the

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## Students chosen to help produce Latin Grammys

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Both Borda and Canovas were notified that they were among the semi-finalists. The close friends had no idea they were both striving for the same goal until they were called for an interview.

"I will never forget the shocked faces we made when on the day of the interview, during our ensemble rehearsal, we found out that we were each other's competition because we were both wearing formal clothes," said Canovas.

To their surprise, the Latin Grammys decided to take them both as interns because of their strong resumes and optimal performance in the interviews.

"It was very weird to see Lina every day and wonder who would win. I was super happy when they gave me the good news that we were both in it because, since we

are very close friends, we will help each other," said Canovas.

As Borda stated, she was not expecting to be given such a great opportunity while also being able to work with her friend, which made the news even better.

The families of these two music students were ecstatic with the news of success.

"My family and friends in both Miami and Colombia were expecting the best to happen. They were very proud, happy and supportive," said Borda.

According to Canovas, his family could not believe that he had been chosen and were happy and proud. "My mom's 'wow' expression had it all," said Canovas.

Among the several internships offered to them, Borda and Canovas revealed the reasons why they chose the Latin Grammys.

The Latin Grammys honors the music produced in places other than the U.S. and was formed in 1997.

The first Latin Grammy Awards took place in Las Vegas on Sept. 13, 2000. Today, the Latin Grammys are at the top of the music industry.

The company comprises all music fields and genres without focusing on something specific or characteristic, which makes it stand out from all the others.

Both students agreed that since they are both Latinos, it would be a great honor to be part of the group of people who expose Latino music to the world.

During the internship, one part of these students' job will be to work with the members of the recording academy who vote on the Grammy winners.

The other part of their job will be to help with the production of several events the Grammys will

be involved in as the award ceremony approaches.

They will work at the Latin Grammys office in Miami for a month and then travel to Las Vegas for the main event.

"Sometimes I still cannot believe that I am going to be at Las Vegas producing the actual Latin Grammy Awards," said Borda.

Both Borda and Canovas have high expectations for this internship.

"I expect to gain experience not only in my field but in all the professional tracks around me by getting out of my comfort zone," said Borda. "Even though I am going to do my best on the job, I know I will probably get screamed at. I expect to learn from this experience and to have fun all the way. Who knows if I could get a job after doing this internship," said Canovas. Both students said they will work hard and give their best every step of the way.

### FIT FOR LIFE!

## Stay healthy while managing your time

Like many of my colleagues, I find myself in a race against time every moment of the day with studying, papers, work and finding time to catch up with friends and family.

So when does working out and staying fit come into the picture?

A common excuse among college students when asked why they do not have a fitness regime is that they are pressed for time.

In my opinion, your health is something you make time for since it is how you are able to

accomplish all of these tasks and live a longer, happier life. Here are some tips to help you squeeze in a swell session.

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR OR CREATE A TO-DO LIST

Much like how you pencil in your next exam date for a class, entering in a workout time may not be a bad idea.

If you physically see the workout in your agenda or to-do list, you are more likely to hit the gym or pavement because you are making it a priority rather than struggling to fit it into your jam-packed day.

Thanks to apps like Google Calendar and Astrid Task, you can carry your schedule with you wherever you go and take

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### COLUMNIST



RATASHA IRIBARREN

## THE HIGH LOW



Students placed 11 out of 19 in the U.S. Department of Energy's Solar Decathlon.



It has been 50 years since iconic film *Breakfast at Tiffany's* was released, securing Audrey Hepburn's fame.



iPhone 4S release disappoints some Apple fans, others rejoice that their phones are not obsolete.



"Barefoot" shoes are damaging to the feet because of lack of support.



Johnny Depp said that photoshoots feel like "being raped."



## REEL TO REEL

# “Moneyball” character-driven, movie of the year

Although there have been a number of fantastic films about America’s favorite pastime, it has been a while since Hollywood has produced a great baseball movie.

## COLUMNIST



STEVE MESA

Billy Beane (Brad Pitt) is a former ballplayer who is now the general manager of the Oakland Athletics. In the 2001 season, players like Jason Giambi and Johnny Damon jump ship from the A’s to the New York Yankees and Boston Red Sox, respectively.

Forced to compete with a relatively small budget of \$39 million, Beane meets Peter Brand (Jonah Hill), a Yale economics graduate who is good at statistics. With Brand as his assistant G.M., Beane collaborates with Brand to try to rebuild the team by using statistical analysis called “sabermetrics” and cheap, but

effective players like Scott Hatteberg (Chris Pratt) and David Justice (Stephen Bishop) to rack up win after win.

Directed by Bennett Miller (Capote), “Moneyball” is an entertaining and fascinating look at the game of baseball that both baseball and non-baseball fans will enjoy.

This film is not just about the game itself; the filmmakers take us behind the locker room to show moviegoers the backstory of a baseball team that is in need of wins.

Bennett manages to detract from the main storyline of the movie without any consequences by showing brief glimpses of how Beane became a baseball player after passing up a chance to go to Stanford on a scholarship.

The movie also takes a peek at Beane’s personal life as a divorced father who spends time with his daughter, Kerris Dorsey, while trying to reassure her that he will not be fired.

Adapted from Michael Lewis’ book by Aaron Sorkin (“The Social Network”) and Steven Zaillian (“Schindler’s List”), “Moneyball” manages to make statistics interesting with a script that breaks down a list of complicated numbers and names

- turning it into a movie that anyone can understand without knowing a lot about baseball.

The fast-paced dialogue that Sorkin wrote for “The Social Network” is present again in sequences when Beane is negotiating trades with other baseball clubs.

Brad Pitt’s performance is not only the best performance of his career, but it is also the soul of the film. He acts as an impulsive, superstitious and flawed character. He is so superstitious that he can’t make an appearance without feeling that if they lose, it would be his fault.

He wants to make up for his failure as a baseball player by risking his job and doing whatever it takes to win.

He is also a ruthless businessman who emotionally detaches himself from the players so that he would not be affected when the time comes to trade someone or send them down to the minor league.

Jonah Hill delivers a surprisingly good performance as Brand and proves that he is not the just the “fat funny guy” he has played many times. He and Pitt have wonderful chemistry with one another whenever they share the screen.

Phillip Seymour Hoffman has a



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Brad Pitt plays a risk-taking General Manager for the Oakland Athletics.

small but interesting performance as the A’s manager, Art Howe, who is constantly infuriated with the decisions that Beane is making behind his back.

Cinematographer Willy Pfister (“Inception”) reunites with Miller once again to create another visually-pleasing movie that causes you to feel like you are watching an actual Oakland A’s game because of the fantastic field shots taken during the baseball scenes.

Pfister also captures some solemn and emotional scenes, including

a shot of Beane sitting alone in an empty stadium while he listens to his team lose on his portable radio.

“Moneyball” is one of the best films of the year that is more than just another baseball movie; it is also a character-driven movie with a tremendous performance from Brad Pitt and a great script from the screenwriting team of Aaron Sorkin and Steven Zaillian.

*Reel to Reel is a weekly movie review column. Look for it every Friday this fall.*

## Library offers new features to keep up with digital age

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circulation desk, along with interlibrary loans, a useful service for ordering books that are not available at the University’s libraries.

Students can utilize this service by creating an ILLiad account through the library website. Government documents can also be found on this floor.

Here, students can find documents from the state and federal government in addition to international documents. Students are privileged to have access to documents belonging to the United Nations, as the University’s library is one of four hundred United Nations Depository Library system.

At the circulation desk, there is also some new technology available for check out as the library has recently acquired several e-readers, including Kindles, Nooks, iPads, and Sony e-readers.

Some come preloaded with many titles and all provide access to many online databases that have large collections of e-books.

Aside from the many physical materials the library offers, the library’s website is has a wealth of information. There are many e-books which can be found using the online card catalog and read from your computer.

Any questions one has about the library and its collection can be answered online by

“I come to the library everyday, but only to study

Jacqueline Perez

freshman majoring in business finance

browsing through the library’s FAQs or by having a live chat with a librarian.

Students can also find many helpful tutorials online on a variety of topics.

The website provides access to all of the databases the school subscribes to, which offers an alternative to searching for a topic on Google.

tion in China.

In addition to being able to view the documentary, students can read the transcript, embed the link on a website and make clips from the video.

Despite the plethora of materials available, students continue to use the library mainly for the space it offers.

“I come to the library everyday, but only to study,” said Jacqueline Perez, a freshman majoring in business finance.

The services the library offers often become more valuable as students progress further down the path to their degree, where they find themselves required to have better sources of information. “I do use the study rooms, but I also check

out books, and I use ILLiad a lot, as well as the online resources,” said Anna Ladowski, a graduate student working on a masters in religious studies.

In the era of Google, libraries are no longer the unique hubs of information they once were.

Knowledge is more accessible now than ever before and from the comfort of home as well, but not everything can be found online, or if it can, it often comes at a price. The library is still unique in being entirely free for University students.

Here, one can find articles from journals dedicated to exploring one topic in great depth, rare and out of print books, both of which would be both difficult to find and costly to order online on your own.

## Scheduling time for fitness a guaranteed way to stay fit

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advantage of the unlimited amount of space to edit and add dates.

## HAVE A GAME PLAN

Now that you have committed to a workout time, it is time to decide what your fitness goals will be. Before you get to the gym, decide whether you are doing strength training, cardio, lower body, upper body, or a combination of everything.

Also, being the busy person you are, make sure you have a duration set in mind beforehand. Know more or less how many reps you plan on crunching or how long your treadmill run will be.

In addition, have a plan of how intense you want the workout to be and don’t forget

to allow yourself some recovery and rehydration time between exercises.

As tuition-paying students, you are spending money on the Recreation Center. It is up to you to make use of the access you are paying for. If you do not have time to hit the gym, opt for some fresh air with a 20-minute run or bike ride.

## GET ORGANIZED

One of the first things I try to do when I arrive home from work is lay out all of the equipment I need for the gym the next day.

Always remember to pack your bag with all of your necessary clothing, proper shoes, toiletries, a change of clothes, water, snacks and headphones (if you use them).

There is nothing worse than racing to

the gym only to find out that you have to cancel a workout because you cannot run around in socks. I know this from personal experience.

## CATCH UP WITH A FRIEND

Whenever I want to avoid a dinner date or a lazy afternoon of movie marathons accompanied with junk food during the summer, I would convince my friends to play a game of tennis.

Not only did we have a great time laughing at our poor serving techniques, but we also worked up a sweat within minutes of playing.

If hand-eye coordination is not your thing, try a brisk power walk. The best part about powerwalking is that anyone can do it and you can go at your own pace.

Walking with a friend is even better because you can utilize that added competition factor and motivate each other to keep going. For an additional challenge, bring along some weights for a strength workout while you walk.

Using weights distracts you from the walk and vice versa. After a while, you will be so busy looking around at the scenery that you will not even know you are burning up calories!

You do not need to be an aerobics instructor like me to stay in shape. Follow this advice to help make health a top priority in your everyday schedule.

*Fit for Life! is a bi weekly health and fitness column. Look for it every other Friday this fall.*

## STUDENT GOVERNMENT COUNCIL COMMENTARY

# Senate meetings: full of distractions, delays progress

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Should you find, upon graduating, that you never attended a Student Government Association meeting and never got to see how \$95,000 in annual student funds looks in live action, don't worry. Few students ever did, and you never missed much.

In all honesty, your senator probably wasn't there either. Also, should you be reading this now, a conscientious student with some time to kill, and feel at your cuff the tug of obligation, the dreaded sense that you probably should go to at least one meeting even though you expect to find more fun in a broom closet for two hours on a Monday, be assured that texting and peripheral socializing are not only abounding but endorsed by your senatorial peers, who, if you sit in the back, can be seen passing around an old University yearbook.

You can sit next to me when you get there, just text me in advance – or actually just go ahead and call me once the meeting starts. I might answer in

a whisper, but it's okay, we can do that.

While there might be an interesting point of discussion in any given meeting, quell your concerns of a rambling debate. Your senators are just as bored and disinterested as you are, and the charade of professionalism is employed only by a few – which does honestly make things awkward sometimes, to have two or three people taking everything so seriously when everybody else is so relaxed.

But, on the bright side, they pretty much all know how uncomfortable it is, and everybody strives to speed things up. Strong and sensible arguments will be laid to rest quickly for the sake of just getting things done, and when an argument of serious conviction comes up and sparks engagingly contentious debate, it is promptly made tame by the uncontested admission beforehand that the argument is futile, that what is being argued cannot by any means be changed. This is safer, of course, to argue passionately only about the things over which nobody has any power.

Part of the Senate's routine

is this bit where all of the senators make announcements about what is going on within their college. They generally have little or nothing to report though, which moves things along pretty quickly.

It is kind of odd though, that ever a week should go by, in any college, in which absolutely nothing worth mentioning takes place: no new projects, no developments in the ever-delicate finance department – not even a sex scandal.

If there is neither progress to report nor sexual misconduct to discuss, one has to wonder what these senators are doing with their time, and, better yet, why we pay them.

The Oct. 3 meeting, running at a trim half hour, was nonetheless productive. Bear in mind that it gets hard to substantiate a two-hour discourse when – as is surely the case with any good university – nothing is happening in almost any of the colleges that takes more than maybe ten seconds to summarize, and all superfluous positions have already been filled in hasty and half-debated elections.

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A new bill was passed that eliminates the requirement for senators to submit written reports to the clerk before delivering them orally at the meeting. Instead, written reports will now be submitted only by senators who are absent from the meeting. The benefits of this bill were stated as such:

- 1) The avoidance of redundancy (why waste time writing what you're about to say?)
- 2) It provides incentive for senators to attend meetings

Now, I am not a senator, but I am quite lazy, so I certainly have the necessary credentials to at least think like one. The real reason this was enacted – I presume – was to lessen the Senate's responsibilities, which, as were not enough, they tried to mask their aspirant laziness with

an inane reason.

It provides incentive for senators to attend meetings. Perhaps the \$95,000 of student funds used to pay their salaries should be enough of an incentive to show up to work. There should be no incentive to attend, only serious consequences for unwarranted absences.

Conscientious Student, while I cannot assure you that a good time will be had at the meeting you attend, that much will be learned or anything of interest said, you will at the very least be able to walk out and say, “I just attended an SGA meeting,” and to then supplement the honor with a hearty pat on the back, which must be a privilege of considerable eminence, given that it appears to be the only thing our senators are striving for.

# University underrates music education

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Being musically educated is treated merely as an option rather than the necessary skill it was once considered to be in the aristocratic times. The elementary school years are the only time in which we are mandated to take performing arts classes at least every other day. Beyond that, middle schools, high schools and universities all tend to categorize music courses, among other arts, as a means to satisfy an art credit requirement, including our own University.

“Music Appreciation” is jumbled up with other courses like “Introduction to Creative Writing,” making it difficult to choose a class that will satisfy the University's three-credit art requirement. On top of that, this shuffled list of courses decreases the chances of a student choosing a music class, considering most performance classes are worth one credit.

Still, as popular as “Music Appreciation” might be, it does not fully encompass the skill being musically educated was considered to be since it is mainly a course on the history of music. Because of this, I believe that students should be obligated to take a fundamental music theory course apart from the art credit we are required to satisfy.

Several studies have proven that music lessons do have an impact on students and have even improved scores on “...IQ subtests, index scores, and a standardized measure of academic achieve-

ment,” as reported by E. Glenn Schellenberg of University of Toronto at Mississauga, Mississauga, Ontario, Canada.

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Apart from these obvious reasons, being musically educated also allows us to be the kind of well-rounded student the University expects us to be...”

Results of the “Mozart Effect” have also concluded that “compared with sitting in silence for 10 minutes, listening to Mozart induces more positive moods and relatively optimal levels of arousal, which lead to higher levels of performance on tests of spatial abilities.”

While results showed a slight increase in scores for one sitting of a music lesson, which could also include listening to Mozart, if obligated to take an ongoing music course, students would

greatly benefit from it since scores would eventually increase further.

Apart from these obvious reasons, being musically educated also allows us to be the kind of well-rounded student the University expects us to be, considering the University Core Curriculum is composed of “...seven areas [that] were created to give FIU students a well-rounded academic background.”

Being musically educated might also prove to be handy, for it presents the possibility of having an extracurricular activity through the choice of learning to play an instrument.

There are certainly courses at the University that cover the basics of music, such as “Fundamentals of Music” and “Music Theory I,” but neither meets general education or core requirements, making it an inconvenience for students to take such a class when they do not need to. Priority is also given to students who major or minor in music.

The University should make at least one of these two courses a requirement for all students, but “Fundamentals of Music” is a prerequisite for “Music Theory I,” which makes me feel obligated to suggest both should be mandatory courses.

Therefore, keeping the benefits in mind, the University should add the two courses as requirements in the UCC for all students. Students can find themselves further appreciating music in every aspect, such as the composition of a song, and even exploring different genres they might have once never listened to before.

## VERBATIM

“It may be unfair, but what happens in a few days, sometimes even a single day, can change the course of a whole lifetime...”

-Khaled Hosseini

“I want minimum information given with maximum politeness.”

-Jacqueline Kennedy-Onassis

“Noncommunicable diseases - cardiovascular and respiratory diseases, cancers, and diabetes - are responsible for 63% of all deaths worldwide.”

-Fareed Zakaria

“It would be monstrous to allow Somalis to starve to death because they lost the same lottery of birth that all of us won.”

-Nicholas Kristof

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## Citizens petition for forgiveness of student loans

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A petition website designed by the White House has shown strong support for the forgiveness of student loan debt, a topic that has been brought up in various political circles and has also been demonstrated for in the recent Occupy Wall Street protests.

Student loan debt is slated to top \$1 trillion this year and societal unrest in the business of education and general displeasure with our economic state has led to some radical ideas for improvement.

The website, titled We the People, gives citizens a chance to voice grievances and, upon reaching a certain amount of signatures, will be looked at by White House policymakers and an official response will be issued.

The petition to “forgive student loan debt to stimulate the economy, usher in a new era of innovation, entrepreneurship, and prosperity” gained momentum quickly and has received more than 27,000 signatures since its creation on Sept. 23, making it the second-largest petition on the site. A petition calling for the legalization and taxation of marijuana leads with more than 50,000 signatures.

“Forgiving student loan debt would provide an immediate jolt to the economy by putting hundreds and, in some cases, thousands of extra dollars into the hands of people who will spend it - not just once, but each and every month thereafter - freeing them up to invest, buy homes, start businesses and families,” claims the petition, penned by Robert Applebaum, who started [forgivestudentloandebt.com](http://forgivestudentloandebt.com) after garnering significant debt for attending law school.

The petition continues “Student loans themselves are responsible for tuition rates that have soared by 439% since 1982 and for saddling entire generations of educated Americans with intractable levels of student loan

debt from which there is, seemingly, no escape. Relieve them of this burden and the middle class will rebuild this economy from the bottom-up!”

In an article written for British paper The Guardian, Applebaum has continued to champion the idea, claiming that “by turning education into a commodity where the students must personally bear the full costs of an educational system that, in fact, benefits all of society, not just the students themselves, we’ve shifted the ever-increasing burden of skyrocketing tuition costs down the socio-economic ladder onto those who can least afford to shoulder them.

Couple that with a job market that’s been utterly decimated by the irresponsibility and greed of those at the very top, the underlying reasons for the Occupy Wall Street protests start to come into focus.”

The idea was picked up by Congressman Hansen Clarke, D-Mich., who has advocated for forgiving student loan debt in congress. But the addition of the petition may really set fire to the conversation on what to do about the massive debts shouldered by millions of students.

But total forgiveness, although heralded by many Washington players and college grads who are ready to graduate from Ramen Noodles, has sparked hot debate as a macroeconomics policy by top economists as well.

Justin Wolfers, a contributor to Freakonomics wrote “If we are going to give money away, why on earth would we give it to college grads? This is the one group who we know typically have high incomes, and who have enjoyed income growth over the past four decades.”

“College grads with debt are unlikely to spend more than a tiny fraction of the money they save by debt forgiveness, making this, in economic terms, “the worst macro policy I’ve ever heard of,” continues Wolfers. “Nor would loan forgiveness encourage more people to go to

### LET THEM EAT CAKE



ANA TERESA DELIZ/THE BEACON

Roary, the University mascot, cuts into his birthday cake during the Student Alumni Association’s first ever birthday party for the the Panther.

college and get the skills they need to succeed, because forgiveness, by definition, is retroactive.”

“What your forgiving is future repayments, which our country needs to survive,” says Dr. Jorge Salazar-Carillo, a professor of economics at FIU. “The problem is, our country is kind of broke. I think this would just add to the debt problems of the nation.”

Forgiving student debt also does not erase the debt, Salazar-Carillo points out. It simply shifts the burden, which would most likely fall upon the taxpayers.

“It’s important to look at this question from the perspective of lenders,” said Daniel Venture, a recent graduate of Creighton University with a Masters of Security Analysis and

Portfolio Management, and \$75,000 of student loan debt. “This money has been lent out and they have balanced their future cash flows and earnings to reflect. Banks and other lenders make their money by lending and collecting interest over the long term.

It costs money to restructure debt. How fair would it be for the government to force lenders to take these expenses when a conscience borrower entered into the agreement? The student has made a choice and has signed a contract. To pursue a government bailout on your college loans just seems asinine to me.”

Most students look at the idea as a free pass, and economies with this type of policy have seen it backfire with economic collapse, such as the case in Greece.

But recent unrest and strong avocation from citizens have kept the idea alive.

“The American taxpayers bailed out Wall Street for their recklessness. It’s time for Wall Street to do right by the American people who did absolutely nothing wrong, but who feel punished every day,” writes Applebaum.

Pressure on the White House from Occupy Wall Street has opened up debate on a myriad of demands from citizens claiming to be “the 99 percent.”

Student loan debt is just one of many issues that the government must carefully consider. But the balls have been lobbed and are now in the White House courts. What they choose to do with them remains to be seen.

## SGC-BBC auditing A&S fee funded organizations

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At the Oct. 3 Student Government Council at Biscayne Bay Campus weekly senate meeting, operational reviews committee chair and senator at large, Oluwatobi Adekoya, announced that he will commence the auditing process of all organizations at BBC funded by Activities and Services fees.

Traditionally, the auditing of A&S funded organizations takes place during the Spring semester as a segue into SGA budget hearings and deliberations for the following academic year. However, according to Kevin Gonzalez, SGC-BBC comptroller,

the way auditing has been handled in the past is not very effective.

“It’s better to start early than the wait for the Spring,” said Gonzalez. “Last year we received some audits on the second or third day of budget hearings and deliberations, resulting in an unorganized process.”

The purpose of this campus-wide auditing process is to make sure organizations are keeping organized records of their finances and to prevent the over-spending of A&S fees.

“Fiscal responsibility is a shared feeling between me and Adekoya,” said Gonzalez. “It’s about doing what’s right and preserving the integrity of the campus.”

To facilitate the proper spending of A&S

fees, Gonzalez has scheduled an Activity and Service Fee Spending Orientation with BBC organizations on Oct. 19.

To monitor A&S funded organization spending, the comptroller is implementing the use of budgeting software that provides real time account reports for SGC-BBC President.

“We currently have the framework for the software in place with the cash amount originally budgeted to these organizations,” said Gonzalez. “The software should be updated within a month to reflect the current spending of organizations.”

According to Adekoya, the auditing isn’t meant to be intrusive but to serve as event reports as a system of checks of the

mentioned organizations.

“Assuming that organizations are organized with their finances, the auditing paperwork shouldn’t take longer than an hour,” said Adekoya. “We are seeking for the audits to come in within a week of events.”

Catherine Vega, Student Programming Council president, is in agreement with these audits.

“It’s a good idea for [SGC-BBC] to be requiring these audits because it will result in student councils being fiscally responsible and accountable for their actions,” said Vega. “The fact that they are doing this so early on in the year is a sign that SGC-BBC has what’s best for the students in mind.”