OPINION

In recent years, the 1996 Clinton-Gore health care proposal and the 1994 balanced budget agreement have been held up as examples of bipartisan work. While the proposals were not perfect, they did make significant headway toward solving complex policy problems. However, the legislative process in the 111th Congress has fallen far short of reaching compromise on major issues. In fact, the current Congress has lacked any bipartisan spirit on major legislation. The Democrat-controlled Senate and Republican-controlled House have each passed nearly identical bills that are unlikely to be enacted into law by the other chamber.

As Congress approaches a lame-duck session, the prospects for significant legislation appear slim. This is unfortunate, as there are several important issues that require timely action. The Senate and House must work together to pass a comprehensive economic stimulus package, and both chambers should address the need for comprehensive health reform. Given the typical gridlock of the past two years, it seems unlikely that these bills will pass in the lame-duck session.

There are a few reasons to be hopeful. First, the upcoming election may provide new political incentives for both parties to work together. Second, a new Congress may be more receptive to compromise. Third, the public is increasingly concerned about the economy and health care, which may pressure elected officials to take action. But only time will tell if these factors will lead to a more productive legislative environment.

In any case, it is clear that the current Congress has failed to live up to the expectations set forth by the 2008 presidential election. It is time for both parties to commit to finding common ground and working in the best interest of the country. We cannot afford to waste the remaining months of the session, and the future of our democracy depends on it.
Documents vital to function of country and its history

In the date issued March 24, 2010, in the article titled “Elections changes pass, GSA awaits verdict,” SGC Media. Elections will be held on March 29 and 30, not May.

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

New voting procedure offers more options

They did research on different companies and decided on Votenet based on its cost and the service offered. Toscano said he talks with Votenet both his and students’.

“Votenet is missing are the ballots of both campuses which are being put together by Toscano,” he said.

“Votenet is ready by March 26,” said Stephen Probst.

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They offered more options and safety for daily life and government operation are essential to Haitian culture, according to Wooldridge.

As a result of the earthquake, these collections stem from the Eighteenth to the Twentieth century and include rare books, periodicals, photographs and other literary works that are essential to Haitian history and culture.

Later on, the importance of this initiative.

The Protecting Haitian Patrimony Initiative is made possible through the collaboration of many different organizations.

Although specific organizations will be in close contact with representatives from both Duke University and Brown University.

New partners and other University libraries are expected to participate pending the report.

The initiative has also been achieved by representatives.

This assistance can only be achieved through collaboration,” expressed Wooldridge.

The DLOC is asking FIU students and the general public to assist in this effort through the donations of different materials such as, packaging supplies, standard boxes and archival boxes, protective white cotton archival gloves and face masks to secure the collections from future damage.

On the DLOC Web site (www.dloc.org) interested students can contribute to this cause in ways such as donating money, committing to organize a fundraiser, volunteering to donate or packing supplies requested by the libraries, or, when the time comes, traveling to help support the preservation of the materials.

“We are engaged in this effort to preserve Haiti’s history for its citizens and the world,” said Probst.
Justice Dil ready to ‘take care of home’ if elected

MAUREEN NINO
Asst. News Director

Ready to be the students’ voice, Student Government Council at Biscayne Bay Campus Justice Tanha Dil promises to take action if elected vice president.

“I will be here to take care of home [BGC]. I will not be here to advance the University for our school,” said Dil. “BGC has an individual feeling and I can cater to our own needs. I want to take it further.”

Dil, a student ambassador and public relations major, pushed back her graduation hoping to be elected and make change for students during the coming semester.

As an active student in the University, having a full work load as a graphic artist and office assistant in the Campus Life and Orientation office, vice president of the Muslim Student Association at FIU, public relations coordinator for the Indian Student Association, her mentorship in the Senior Student Association and as a volunteer at Salah Tawfik Elementary School, Dil feels she can represent students and offer them what they need: experience.

“I can cater to our students and get them excited,” she said. According to Dil, she was not always involved and understands why commuter students may lack interest.

“I was never in the school and complained all the time,” Dil said about her early years in the University. “But I am taking a stand and will not be that person anymore. I want to fix the problems. I do not want to be that side voice.”

Dil showed her determination to take action during her current role as justice at SGC-BBC and reaching out to the students.

“As justice, I was very involved in all the events SGA had,” she said. As vice president, Dil aspires to focus on several student issues, from new hand dryers in the bathrooms to proper campus representation.

“We offer some great programs on this campus, but we never get shown or represented properly. What about us?” she said.

Dil hopes to shine some light on great campus accomplishments. She wants to focus on the School of Hospitality and Tourism Management’s South Beach Wine and Food Festival and programs in the School of Journalism and Mass Communications, in addition to providing more attraction on the “sister campus”, the Pembroke Pines Center.

“We need to reach out to them,” Dil said about the commuter students at the Pines Center.

Dil’s priorities are the students and creating a “greener University” by minimizing the amount of flyers distributed and advertising recycling around campus.

Additionally, she hopes to create stronger foundations with campus clubs and organizations and create routine meetings to view progress.

“Trust and communication are key,” she said.

Dil plans to focus on opportunities in the SGC-BBC administration and occupy positions with knowledgeable and passionate members who “join the club for more than a shirt or a title.”

“We had a full council that went from 20 to seven and that is disappointing,” Dil said about the current senate. “I believe we wanted more of a body count. A full council represents nicely but is not always effective, I rather have things done than have a body count.”

To solve the problem, Dil suggests a more detailed interview process and in-depth explanation of SGA members’ roles and responsibilities.

“I really need to know what you are bringing to SGA as an individual because you not only represent SGA but also in the school and students,” Dil said.

Halpin prepared for race despite heavy competition

JASMYN ELLIOTT
BBC Managing Editor

Despite having no previous association with the Student Government Association, Denise Halpin, a sophomore hospitality management major, entered her bid for vice president for the Student Government Council at Biscayne Bay Campus.

“I would like to get involved,” said Halpin. “I would like to take action for solution.”

She cited her experience as a pre-events coordinator for Relay for Life 2010 and her position as a delegate for the Delta Phi Epsilon sorority in the PanhelLENIC Council as more than enough experience needed for the task.

“I am qualified because I have held other leadership positions,” said Halpin. “I feel I know what students’ concerns are.”

Halpin also believes that her approachable nature will help her fulfill the role of SGC-BBC vice president.

“If a student wants to tell me what their problems are, I’ll be there for them,” she said. “I will also lobby so that their issues are resolved.”

Halpin plans to improve the quality of student life at BBC, with the example of reducing the cost of the Golden Panther Express bus fare – a real obstacle for students, Halpin said.

“I spend around $200. It’s a lot of money,” according to her calculations, a student that uses the GPE may spend $100 to $450 per semester depending on the frequency of use.

If elected, Halpin plans on either proposing an initiative to lower the cost for the GPE for students that maintain a certain GPA or improving the package deals since she feels the $6 discount for a three week pass is “not enough.” She would also like to extend dining hours at BBC.

“Some students take classes after 6 p.m. The cafeteria is closed by then,” she said. Halpin wants to create an online newsletter with details regarding the goings-on of SGA, including the School of Hospitality and Tourism Management.”

As a transfer student from Miami-Dade College, Tercier has noticed a lack of quality of advising available to students coming from other colleges.

“Freshmen and sophomores have their own advising offices. Upclassmen go to the advising office of their major, but transfer students have nowhere to go,” she said. She wants to open an advising office specifically for transfer students.

“I had a friend transfer from Kansas State University to FIU,” Tercier said. “She did not receive advising from anyone and ended up not being able to transfer some of her credits. Had she had a transfer advising she could have avoided.”

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Additionally, Tercier would like to implement a new forgivable policy for parking, stating that the first two parking infractions would be waived.

“When some students have already pay a lot through tuition,” Tercier said. “I see the shuttles are unreliable and too expensive,” she said.

“Some students are new and do not understand what the parking policy is. They should be informed,” Tercier said.

Tercier served in SGA for about eight months as an intern. She participated in many leadership seminars and activities including the Academy of Leaders leadership retreat.

“I transferred from MDC and knew I wanted to get involved, so I joined SGA as an intern,” Tercier said. “I saw what there was, and saw different ways I could get involved.”

Tercier has also participated in many community service activities through AOL, including a toy drive for children. Her latest project was working within SGA in the committee in charge of Student Appreciation Week.

“I wanted to get local bands formed by FIU students to play, to motivate students more. But we did [not] get any results and got a D instead,” Tercier said. “I still will not give up on that idea.”

Prior to participating in SGA, Tercier had never participated in any student government associations. She said most of her experience comes from different programs she worked with in high school.

“The high school I attended had a magnet law program. With that, I got involved in legal affairs, law and public affairs,” Tercier said. “Anything that has to do with law, criminal justice

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Tercier believes she’s the woman for the job because of her passion and commitment.

“I will work adamantly for my fellow Panthers, if I’m given the opportunity to be vice president,” Tercier said. “I’ve determined to get the message out to administration and say, ‘Look, this is what we need.’”

With regards to her opponents for the position, she feels they all share a common ground on several issues.

“I would not say that our ideas are that far apart,” Tercier said. “We have some similar goals, ultimately we all do.”
Unchallenged candidates offer dynamic leadership

For the second year in a row and for the fourth time in five years, the race for SGC-MMC president and vice president is untested. While some students may feel disenfranchised by this fact, feeling that their voices are not being heard, the uncontested Helena Ramirez-Nick Autiello ticket intends to bring integrity, experienced leadership to SGC-MMC.

During her sophomore year, presidential candidate Ramirez served as a lower division senator and first facilitated the now annual and widely successful “How to recover from a bad semester” seminar, where students receive consultation on how to improve study habits, learn time management skills, obtain advice on how to select a major and what to do if their major has been cut.

Ramirez was voted senator speaker pro-tempore, during which time she encouraged the use of advanced technology to expedite the passage of appropriations, bills and resolutions. Ramirez was also awarded Senator of the Year, which reflects her diligence, integrity and the respect that fellow peers have for her.

Currently a junior, Ramirez is senator-at-large as well as senate speaker. As “the voice of the students,” Speaker Ramirez worked toward attendance rates near maximum and contributed to quality legislation presented through the senate. Vice presidential candidate Autiello began his SGC career his freshman year as an intern. From there, he became a member of the Executive Cabinet, then a senate. Currently a sophomore, Autiello facilitates the Executive Cabinet as its chief of staff.

As an FIU student lobbyist in the state’s legislature and an FIU federal relations officer in Washington, D.C., he has amassed relationships with the University administration and knowledge of the University’s administrative procedures. Ramirez was interviewed by the Beacon and asked, “How do you manage to balance school, work and time management?”

“I’ve always been someone that’s very organized, used an agenda planner. I’ve always been able to manage my time well. I think I am very good at time management and setting priorities.”

Ramirez maintains that she would visit the BBC campus biweekly to familiarize herself with BBC students and administration. Under her leadership, Ramirez would encourage senators to facilitate town hall meetings for students to voice their concerns directly. Improvement of SGC-MMC’s Web site is also on the to-do-list.

“As it relates to restructing GSA and Panther Rage, Ramirez asserted that she would seek the expertise of the organizations’ former cabinet members to facilitate the restructuring process.

“I will do all I can to ensure that these organizations achieve their functions,” Ramirez said.

The pair discussed the legacy that they hope to create, summarizing it as “building the future.”

“If it’s not attainable now, I will set the foundation for it to be achieved in the years to come,” affirms Ramirez. “If I get 800 votes, that’s 800 students that I am accountable for, 800 problems to which I will work diligently to find solutions for.”
THE BEACON REVIEWS: bandcamp.com

Site hosts, streams bands’ tunes for free

RONALD CALERO
Contributing Writer

I created an account, uploaded some songs and tried to test the platform for distributing music digitally. It was different than what I had grown accustomed to, but it was nothing too bad. The interface was simple and easy to navigate. I could upload songs, add a small bio, and create a profile page. The interface was clean and user-friendly. The site also allowed me to easily manage my songs, add new ones, and update my profile. It was a simple yet elegant layout consisting of an artist page and a simple yet elegant layout consisting of an artist page. The site allowed me to easily manage my songs, add new ones, and update my profile. It was a simple yet elegant layout consisting of an artist page and a simple yet elegant layout consisting of an artist page.

THE BEACON REVIEWS: HOT TUB TIME MACHINE

References to ‘80s make up for flaws

STEVE MESA
Staff Writer

Hot Tub Time Machine

Hot Tub Time Machine takes the idea of time travelers and expands it to include a character played by a couple of songs that can be listened to for free. Why else would you need more? Bandcamp agrees, why would you really need more? If listening to music is all you’re craving: an audio player with a couple of songs that can be listened to for free.

Three businessmen, Adam (Rob Corddry), Nick (Craig Robinson) and Lou (Robby Corddry) are three who have been friends since they were teenagers, but their bonds are miserable as they have not lived up to their full potential. In a last ditch effort, Adam and Nick decide to take Lou and drag Adam’s nephew, Jacob (Clark Duke), to a ski resort where the guys used to hang out. After a night of getting wasted in a hot tub outside of their room, the four are transported to 1986. The guys think that in order to avoid any catastrophic wrinkle in time and come back to 2010, they need to relive the events that lead up to Winterfest 1986.

The casting is interesting as John Cusack, who had roles in quintessential ‘80s movies such as Better Off Dead, serves as producer and star of the film. He plays against type as compared to his roles in the ‘80s as a love-stricken adult who eases his heartache by getting high, but gets a second chance at love in the form of a reporter (Lizzy Caplan). Unlike his last role in Sex Drive, Clark Duke gets to play the straight man to his older co-stars and he truly shines in his scenes with Corddry where they exchange insults at each other.

Corddry is great as Nick, especially in a scene where he cusses out a 9-year-old who happens to be his future wife. However, Rob Corddry steals the show from his co-stars as a man who does everything he can to change his future, whether he is trying to stand up to bullies or to become wealthy.

A scene that involves soap in the bathroom is one of the many highlights from Corddry, as his role as Lou “The Violator” is his best and funniest character to date.

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Indie fest combines vegan cuisine, beautiful scenery

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some new music.

As the hostel, they will be selling vegan goods like black bean burgers and vegan cookies.

Performers will be set against a beautiful backdrop outside the hostel next to a waterfall that you can jump into – in fact, it’s encouraged.

“I’m really excited about the waterfall, that and music equals a good time,” said DJ Roshana (Gossiff), a junior majoring in public relations who also DJs at Radiate FM.

Evam Mui, originally from New York, plays mostly acoustic, though recently he has been forming some full band songs which you can probably expect this Saturday.

Sam Friend, whose folk inspired music brings together fans of The Shins, also takes some of its muse from Bob Dylan.

Finally, Sirens and Seclons, a band from Miami, recently played a packed show at Books and Books.

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seems to always get me. I have to get rid of that inning. At least keep it to one run, not three." The former Miami Southridge high standout’s deck of pitches includes a fastball, changeup, curveball and slider with good control. The most improved pitch is the changeup, according to Polizzano, who has seen the fastball remains a work in progress. The biggest adjustment Polizzano has made is a delivery one though. Roughly two weeks before the season opener, Allen approached Polizzano and proposed a change. The differ- ence is Polizzano now brings his windup down to his knees to give him more rhythm on the mound. "Since then I have had so much better rhythm. I used to keep my hands up, every time," he said. "Now he told me ‘try dropping your hands when you step back.’ It really helps a little bit, so we started his hands back on the off speed pitch and that’s what we have tried to concentrate on. He will get up in the zone a little bit, so we started his hands with a little bit more rhythm so he can fill his delivery and his release point.” Polizzano says his rhythm is fine, but focus remains a factor.

**ROSTER MOVES**

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**Funding for project estimated at $4.5 million**

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**ATHLETICS**

**DeSimone pitches well, Flores Flourishes in victory**

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**That is expected to improve, and much of the expectations are on the shoulders of the Golden Panther’s most seasoned pitcher.**

Polizzano has the over- whelming confidence of his team. "Corey is a kid that whether you pitch him on Friday, Tuesday, Wednesday, out of the bullpen, he doesn’t care,” Allen said. “He’s a great teammate, he pushes other guys and that’s why he’s one of our team captains. He under- stands the importance of his role. Corey is only going to pitch prob- ably another eight weeks, and that’s why I think every time he goes out he lays it all on the line because baseball is going to be over.”

The FIU lineup has been able to carry the team to a solid record, but the pitching will likely need to trend upward for the Golden Panthers to win the SBC and beyond. If the team is to take that step, Polizzano will be a big part of it as one of the most important pieces on the team. "It’s all focus to me. Once I hit a guy I’m like ‘Oh, crap here we go again’,” he said. “I have to stop. I’m a senior. I just need to pitch the way I usually do.”

**Although Wassenaar said that the project was not on schedule, it is expected to begin on Jan. 15, 2011 and conclude on Dec. 21. The committee is comprised of Wassenaar, Berg, Director of Protocol and Special Events Josefin Casglia, Chief of Staff for the Office of the Provost Gitta Montoto, and a student representative, Alina Gonzalez, who is the SGA director of internal affairs. There are no plans for a new arena at this time.**
The Golden Panthers sweep series against Dolphins

**Pressure mounts for veteran starter**

**JONATHAN RAMOS**  
Sports Director

The Golden Panthers were used to the kind of performance they got when Corey Polizzano left the mound after giving up two runs in the seventh inning of a 7-6 win against Troy on March 20. Polizzano left with the game tied at five, but it was a quality outing for the veteran pitcher nonetheless. Seven innings. Four earned runs allowed on six hits. Three walks. Five strikeouts.

“The starting time was unusual for us through four innings: Alberto Cardenas getting us through the sixth and Jorge Marban get us through the eighth. That made a big difference.”

The offense picked up from where they left off the night before and scored two runs in the first inning thanks to an RBI double from Mike Martinez and a walk to Yoandy Barroso with the bases loaded.

Jacksonville took a brief lead in the top of the third after a three-run blast by Dolphin slugger Jamaal Hawkins, but FIU scored three runs of their own in the bottom half of the inning and never surrendered the lead again.

“These midweek games mean a lot to us and so far we’ve been able to win a lot of those games this season,” Martinez said.

After the Dolphins hammered back-to-back home runs in the seventh inning to cut the Golden Panther lead down to two runs, FIU responded with six runs in their next two innings at the plate with more help from Martinez, who crushed a two-run blast over the wall in left-center to help cement the victory.

“It’s the monkey off the back,” Martinez said after hitting the home run, his first of the season. “Having a goose egg in the home run column isn’t real nice and it’s nice to get that over with.”

Martinez finished the game 2-for-5 with a team-high four RBIs, leading an FIU offense that finished with 15 hits.

“We were able to hit through the line up and we were able to get some timely hits,” Thomas said.

**FIU 12, JACKSONVILLE 6**

The Golden Panthers returned to the win column with a victory over the Dolphins on March 23. FIU, coming off a crushing loss in the series finale against Troy, hit four home runs to power the offense in the win.

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