Outrage turned to relief at the end of last week when students under the Federal Work Study program were informed they were getting their money in full.

In an interview with Student Media, Francisco Valines, director of financial aid, clarified it was not a miscalculation by the department, like many students had assumed, but rather the combination of a less-than-expected amount of money from the federal government and the more than usual students in work study.

In any given year there are about 400 students on work study at the University, Valines said, but there are 600 students on the program this year.

The money to pay these students was almost half the expected amount – $135,000 when the University gets between $300,000 and $750,000.

These two factors led to the University’s decision to cap the half the amount of awards work study students would receive. This also meant the number of hours students would work was reduced.

When they reached their number of hours work study students would not be able to continue working.

The week started with a wave of outrage disseminating across the University when work study students received an email stating their awards were reduced to half the amount they agreed to under their FWS contracts.

On Tuesday afternoon, a Facebook group titled “FIU has reduced my federal work study grant” was created to discuss individual concerns and devise a plan that would help the student body reach out to administrators.

“This situation is related to federal funds and FIU Financial Aid’s Office management of these funds, and how they realized and communicated the shortcoming in funds. For once it does not appear that the state was the one to directly cause this,” said senior William-Jose Velez, biomedical engineering.

In a night where FIU had a record-breaking crowd of 22,682 and a 10-point lead, the Duke Blue Devils spoiled homecoming night in the final six minutes of the game.

The Golden Panthers lost 31-27 in a game that saw both offenses get off to a fast start and then eventually cooled down afterwards.

Quarterback Wesley Carroll had a season-high 25 completions on 39 attempts with 348 passing yards and three touchdowns, but it wasn’t enough for FIU on this night.

“We didn’t play well enough to win. We made too many errors especially in the redzone,” said Carroll. “Penalties hurt us, they killed momentum, but all in all we got better at some things, we still made mistakes and hats off to Duke. They’re a great ball club.”

The loss brings the Golden Panthers to 3-2 on the season and has shown once again they still need to work on their pass defense.

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Many of the students who received the University’s courtesy letter regarding the current security breach have already taken steps recommended by the school to insure protection against possible fraud and identity theft.

“I took preemptive measures and by following the instructions provided in the letter I placed a fraud alert on one of the Credit Bureaus,” said Santiago Diaz, an international relations and marketing alum of the University.

He added, “It goes without saying that a security breach of confidential information is unacceptable and [University administration] should do what is necessary in order to strengthen security measures to protect such sensitive information, not only now, but also going forward.”

The University is advising those students, who received the letter regarding the incident or anyone who took a test at Center for Academic Success between 2005 and 2010, to contact the three credit bureaus and place a fraud alert on their accounts.

There were 250,654 identity theft complaints in the U.S. during 2010 according to the Federal Trade Commission. The FTC’s report, released earlier this year, also indicated Florida ranks as the state with the highest per capita rate of reported identity theft complaints.

“We are living in a world of technology and many people put their trust and personal information in computer systems, unaware that situations like this one can occur,” said senior and advertising major Adriana Bittar.
**UNIVERSITY POLICE**

**Fight involving man, minor occurred during concert**

**PATRICK SIMMONS**
Staff Writer

Several altercations with police officers occurred last Sunday, Sept. 25, at the Homecoming concert featuring Lupe Fiasco and Tinie Tempah in the FIU Stadium.

Twenty-one-year-old University student Gregory Anthony Montes, along with two others, was also involved in a separate, unrelated incident involving battery. A fight occurred in the center front stage during the concert, in which Officer Angelo Barrios responded. When Barrios arrived, he noticed a juvenile, whose identity cannot be disclosed because he is a minor, and Ramon Lorenzo Fundora, 36, fighting. Barrios later identified the juvenile as Montes’ brother. All three were later taken into custody.

Both parties admitted that “it was a mutual situation, and there was pushing and fighting involved,” Barrios’ narrative stated. They each agreed not to press charges and were then removed from the concert.

**Miami-Dade Fire Rescue** arrived at the scene, treated and released all persons involved in the incident.

These few altercations with the University Police Department made little impact on the homecoming concert, however, and was still a success. After the end of the concert, Lupe Fiasco tweeted, “Thank You Miami!!! Had an awesome time...”

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major, on the Facebook group’s page.

Anais Melo, a freshmen nursing major, was one of the many students who on Wednesday morning, which can range acknowledging the flexibility the work study program offers, began to envision herself applying for another job.

Melo explained how she “just didn’t see how they can have [students] accept a certain amount, and then just cut it half way through the semester without warning...”

“I work in the Green Library and I’m going from 17 hours a week to seven, possibly even five. And in less than a month I’ll be stuck without a job, and plenty of bills to pay.” Melo said before Financial Aid came up with a new plan.

By Friday morning, the old plan had been quickly overturned and students were notified via email that “all Federal Work Study awards [had been] restored to the maximum amount.”

“We got feedback from students and departments and heard this was not a good idea,” Valines said.

According to the department’s new plan, all work study students are receiving their awards in full — about $1.5 million for the Fall and Spring semesters. Financial Aid is providing 36 percent of that and the departments are required to provide 18 percent.

Normally, when the federal government gives money for work study, universities’ hiring departments are required to match 25 percent of what the students are paid.

“So if you make $1,000 from [FWS] the hiring department has to give $250,” Valines said.

But FIU is a Title 2 and Title 5 institution, meaning it is a developing and Hispanic-serving institution, respectively. Therefore it’s eligible for a waiver which it has used for the last five years. So its departments haven’t had to put up the 25 percent match. The 18 percent is meant to somewhat meet that requirement.

“We’re asking the departments to match some of the work study amount, not quite the 25 percent match, but close to it,” Valines said.

Many questioned why the department would disburse more money than they have, but Valines explained that universities usually respond in this manner.

“You have to do that,” said Valines, “otherwise you have to give money back, and you don’t want to do that.”

Others like Victor Rodriguez, freshmen international relations major, sent a letter to University President Mark Rosenberg explaining how he was told, “figure out how you are going to pay and pay it... If not enroll at a time where you can afford the charges.”

The solution Financial Aid implemented is only for the Fall and Spring of this academic year.

“We haven’t yet decided on what to do for next year,” said Valines.

Additional reporting by Philippe Buteau.

**STUDENT REACTIONS TO WORK STUDY DILEMMA**

“...I find it beyond demonizing to us students who NEED this federal work study. I was given $2,250 per semester. Now I’m only getting $1,000 per semester. Financial aid said they only received half the funds they were promised. I think this is more of a state-wide issue because I know our governor cut the education bill by some $3.3 billion. No one is helping me pay for my college. I needed this money!”

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FIU blows late lead in loss to Blue Devils

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“They are a good passing offense and we wanted to mix it up on them,” head coach Mario Cristobal said. “I don’t think it was up until the end of the first half we finally forced them into a punt.”

Penalties were a disadvantage for FIU, as they got flagged eight times for a total of 85 yards compared to Duke being called on just two penalties for 25 yards.

“It hurt us a lot the moving the ball then being hit with a penalty and then moving the ball again and being hit with another penalty,” Hilton said. “The refs did their job when they saw something they called holding. Whatever they called, it was a great job by them and we just got to do better blocking downfield.”

It was an exciting start to the game in the first quarter of play as both teams went back and forth scoring and providing very little defense. The Blue Devils opened up with a 27-yard field goal by Will Snyderwine on their first drive to make it 3-0. It was all touchdowns for the quarter after that.

On the very next possession, the Golden Panthers found the key to their offense that has been missing over the past two weeks: the Wesley Carroll to T.Y. Hilton connection. The first play of the drive, Carroll found Hilton deep for a 63-yard touchdown pass that left him wide open after safety Matt Daniels went for the play action fake.

However, their defense could not contain Duke’s passing offense, and quarterback Sean Renfree, who threw for 335 yards on 28 of 43 completions and two touchdowns, began a string of scores when he ran a play action fake and found wide receiver Conner Vernon open in the endzone to make the score 10-7.

The barn-burner began, and FIU answered back right after, as Carroll found his tight end Jonathan Faucher for a leaping catch in the endzone for his first touchdown catch of the season. There was no stopping the Duke passing game, however, and for the third straight time in the first quarter Renfree passed his way to a score, this time finding Cooper Helfer for a 22-yard touchdown catch in the endzone to make the score 17-14 at the end of the quarter.

Both defenses regained their composure for the next two quarters and held each other in check with only two scores being allowed, 36- and 33-yard field goals from Jake Griffin that put FIU up 20-17 going into the fourth quarter.

FIU was hoping to regain the spark that they had in earlier in the game and found one on the first play in the fourth quarter. Receiver Jacob Younger got a chance to throw the ball on a flea flicker play and found Dominique Rhymes for a big gain to put FIU in a position to score.

“He’s got a good arm. He played quarterback in high school and we wanted to try it and used it and Dominique caught a good ball,” said Cristobal.

The play resulted in a 44-yard gain that set up a 34-yard touchdown pass from Carroll to Wayne Times to put the Golden Panthers ahead 27-17 with 13:30 left in the game.

Duke came back with seven points of their own a minute and a half later off a six-yard rush from running back Jwan Thompson that made it a three-point game again.

Things went from bad to worse when Carroll got stripped of the ball by Jeffery Lijas and put Duke deep into Panther territory. The Blue Devils quickly turned FIU’s lone turnover of the game into the game-winning rushing touchdown from Thompson, putting them up 31-27 with less than seven minutes to go.

“Penetration,” said Carroll. “I got to get the ball out sooner. I put that on me. It’s just something we have to get back in the film room and make sure that doesn’t happen again.”

Volleyball

Western Kentucky snaps FIU win streak

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Head Coach Danjela Tomic had repeated over and over that their seven-game win streak was not important. She believed it only served one purpose.

“Sets us up for disappoint- ment,” said Tomic earlier in the week.

The disappointment struck Sept. 30, as the Panthers were dominated by a powerful Western Kentucky University. The tune-up loss snapped their season-long seven-game win streak. WKU extended theirs to 13 games.

They had broken seems to land on the Panthers’ side of the net and where small mistakes piled up and collapsed on top of them. Junior Jovana Bjelica was the only Panther to reach double-digit killing in Friday’s game, scoring a career-high 24 points.

“Their block is extreme. We needed to use more hitters. We didn’t use Una’s [Trkulja] ability,” said Tomic. “I wasn’t happy with her decision making.”

The Lady Toppers jumped out to a 5-4 lead on sophomore Una Trkulja’s error to open the first set.

WKU held on to the lead with a tight grip. The Panthers committed seven errors this set. The majority of them came at crucial moments of the game where they had just scored a point, freezing any spark that could get the team going.

On the heels of a 10-3 run, WKU extended their lead to 22-13. Fittingly enough, an error by middle blocker Andrea Lakovic ended the set and gave the win to the Lady Toppers.

As the second set opened, FIU was determined to maintain an extremely tight grip. The Panthers forced a slim lead over WKU for almost the entire set. After taking an 11-10 lead on a WKU error, the Panthers slugged down any momentum the opposition had.

Two errors and a kill later, however, the game was all tied up. FIU had lost the lead they pains-takingly tried to hold. WKU, the number one team in the conference, stormed back and showed why they were ranked 29th in the country. After two more errors, FIU had surrendered the lead and left the door wide open for WKU to take the set. After a kill by junior Lindsay Williams, the Lady Toppers were up 2-0.

Communication, or the lack thereof, was fatal to the team and was a big cause of their downward spiral. After a ball landed between three Panthers, an all too common occurrence in Friday’s game, they would stare at each other with blank faces, wondering who was...
had her jersey retired on Sept. 30, following the Golden Panther match against Western Kentucky.

With all due respect to the amazing players that have played or are still playing for FIU, Rosa is arguably the best player to wear the blue and gold.

Rosa arrived to FIU with the reputation of a great volleyball player who started at an early age. She played in the Olympic qualifying tournament for the Puerto Rican national team in 2003 at the age of 15, the youngest in the country to play in the Olympics.

When Rosa stepped off the court for the last time as a Golden Panther, she took with her a number of school records with her, and defensive side of the ball, which led to opportunities early on for the FIU.

As FIU carried a three-game winning streak into play against Troy University on Friday night at home, the Golden Panthers looked to remain unbeaten in conference play. It would be so easy task. Troy came into FIU with an impressive 7-3-1 record compared to FIU’S 5-5, but the Golden Panthers were prepared for whatever the Trojans had to offer in a 3-0 victory on Sept. 30.

“After the delay concluded, the Trojans and Panthers took to the pitch and FIU made it their mission to control the ball at all times. ‘We looked to keep the ball and obviously we want to attack... we play our game and our opponent has to stop us,’ head coach Thomas Chestnutt said.”

The Golden Panthers would then strike again in the 35th minute when forward Deana Rossi, who came in as a substitute, took a pass from Kelly Ann Hutchinson, which resulted in Rossi delivering a soft strike to the left side of the goal post. That goal happened to be the senior’s first goal of the young season. The half would then conclude with the Panthers up 2-0, but they weren’t done yet.

Once half time finished and both teams went in to a shoot-out every 15 minutes.

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The offense is then clicking along much better now.”

Golden Panthers blank Troy at home

Sophomore Romero Junior (far left) and sophomore Lucas Gaulin (second from left) receives congratulations from President Mark Rosenberg and Asst. Athletic Director Julie Berg following the game. "Mistakes are going to be made. Just move on.”

When the third set began, energy on the Panther side of the net hit rock bottom. An early 7-12 deficit not only crushed the team’s resolve, but led to the “F-14” chum the crowd started to try and will the team to some momentum. The Panthers quickly shot the final set, 25-19, never able to close the gap.

“I don’t feel that our team gave 100 percent effort. That’s the biggest thing that hurt,” said Tomic. “It was one of those nights where not many things went right.”

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**LIFE!**

**JUST LIKE A CIRCUS**

Incorporating good ol’ Frank’s “Around the World” and “Come Fly with Me” places viewers right in the 1960’s, when glamorous jet traveling was an unbelievable reality. “Pan Am” is an everlasting dream full of perfect bobs, girdles, mile-high club flings and even sticky CIA entanglements.

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**HOMECOMING**

With a record attendance of 22,682 fans at the game, Homecoming lived up to its circus theme. **Top left to right:** BBC court king Pablo Hassel and queen Lindsay Burnett smile for the camera with President Rosenberg. MMC court queen Jacky “Angie” Negret takes the crown over from last year’s queen, MMC court king Alfredo Roig poses with the MMC Queen. **Bottom left to right:** Roary dances with the colorguard. Roary’s Ringleaders perform at the annual Lip Sync/Talent Show.

**CHANNEL SURFING**

“Pan Am” takes flight, new season of “Vampire Diaries”

**Drama: “Pan Am”**

*ABC, Sundays 10 p.m.*

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Students sweat to find balance between study and work

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flightless bird is determined to meet its yearly goal of campaigning for him. Kate is off to her CIA business again, trying to help a woman escape East Germany and Colette is off to her CIA business again, trying to meet JFK after previously being a stay-at-home dad. The show's approach is a baby sleeper fad, but Twilight's vampires are no hybrid vampire and werewolf. "Vampire Diaries" are believable. I judge this based on the fact that I don't stop to laugh at a serious, graphic scene. The show portrays a battle of good and evil. When Stefan tries to save his brother from death by helping Klaus, a hybrid vampire and werewolf; we see that there’s a little bit of bad in everyone. While Elena is determined to save Stefan, her persistence is mindless. She doesn’t fully think out scenarios— of which could result in her death. If she doesn’t care, I won’t, but we do see her care in the second season’s finale for Damon on his unfaithful death bed. In last week’s episode, Klaus and Stefan head to Chicago. Stefan encounters an old vampire lover who is clearly not over him. In the upcoming episode, while the boys are still in the windy city, Klaus tries to find the solution to why his uncamy complexity complex plan isn’t working. Caroline struggles with emotional issues while she helps to soothe Elena and Bonnie.

Comedy “Up All Night” may not make it to season two

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After finishing classes for the day, most students would probably like to unwind before beginning their long list of assignments. Unfortunately for many college students, relaxing is not an option because the end of a school day means it is time to go to work. In high school, it is not uncommon to hear from instructors that college is a full-time job - and they are right. Colleges recommend that if students want to succeed, they should spend at least 40 hours on campus each week. Students who are lucky enough to find a job can make their work-life schedules more reasonable. Also, students who need a paid job usually do not have the time for unpaid internships in their field of study. Employers and graduate schools often look for all of the above when considering possible candidates. Students who spend their free time working may worry that they will not stack up to fellow classmates who have the time to diversify their resumes.

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Facebook induces loneliness, anxiety among users

“Investing in the education of young girls pivotal”

Girls need to be properly educated to break the cycle of poverty - they have the ability to thrive, they just need the opportunity. That providing girls with an extra year of schooling can increase their wages by up to 20 percent, while also lowering birth rates, which can have a profound economic impact. Basi- cally, providing access to education enables opportunities. Current efforts are not enough and not enough money is being directed towards education. “Over the past five years, the World Bank Group has provided $65 billion to support girls’ education, women’s health, and women’s access to credit, land, agricultural services, jobs, and infra- structure,” according to World Bank Group. More opportunities need to be easily available for young girls in order for a positive change to occur. World Bank economists David Dollar and Roberta Gatti have studied the effect of girls’ education on econ- omies. Dollar and Gatti conclude that economies “that have a preference for not investing in girls pay a price for it in terms of slower growth and reduced income.” Essentially, uneducated young girls are the root problem of poverty, it becomes a vicious cycle. Unedu- cated girls do not know about sexu- ally transmitted diseases and different forms of protection. Educated girls can understand and appreciate the undesired outcomes of unwanted pregnancies. The benefits of providing educa- tion are apparent. Eric A. Hanushek, an expert on educational policy currently working at Stanford Univer- sity, explains that “the presence of posi- tive health outcomes for women and their families are known to flow from education.” Education is the key component of success. The lack of education being offered to young girls is affecting their future, affecting their health and hindering the global economy. “Econ with Neda” is an economics op-ed column that runs every other Monday.

“Great minds discuss ideas; average minds discuss events; small minds discuss people.” -Eleanor Roosevelt

“ ‘We mustn’t turn away from starving children because their mothers had no access to education or contraception.’”-Nicholas Kristof
As part of Student Government Association-approved allocations for Wolfe University Center renovations, the Mary Anne Wolfe Theatre will be seeing a face-lift this fiscal year. The 300-seat theatre, which last saw renovations about seven years ago, currently hosts University and community events from jazz concerts to guest speakers, and was put up for discussion by students in this year’s Student Government Council at Biscayne Bay Campus meetings.

Out of the $550,000 budget for the WUC, the theatre was given about $109,000 for its upgrades.

From this budget, the proposed upgrades have been broken down as such: $7,500 for stage flooring; $9,300 devoted to the installation and resurfacing of the flooring; $33,000 for carpeting; $45,000 for the purchase and installation of new seats; and $15,000 for draperies for the stage.

More expensive endeavors, like lighting and sound systems may not be presently feasible because of budget constraints.

“We are trying to incorporate this project with the overall vision and master plan of the WUC,” said Greg Olson, director of the WUC, who has been working closely with students and the hired architectural firm to develop and consolidate a plan for the center. “We need to first consult for scope and color coordination.”

The firm dealing with the renovations, MC Harry Associates, which has worked with the University previously at the Modesto Maidique Campus and on the Chaplin School of Hospitality and Tourism Management renovations project at BBC, have met with SGC-BBC representatives recently to map out a master plan for the WUC as a whole.

In the next few weeks, SGC-BBBC members and student focus groups will meet with representatives from MC Harry to voice their opinions and help them realize a satisfactory design scheme, which the University has asked they complete by January.

Once the master design plan has been approved, Olson hopes to begin renovations within the fiscal year, and finish “what we can afford for now.”

But ensuring student approval is a top priority before anything is set in stone.

“We’re a long way away from [completion] and we want to do this right,” says Olson. “We don’t want to push the envelope until the students are heard.”

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Roary’s birthday to be celebrated for the first time

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From time to time, Roary makes guest appearances at events to get Golden Panthers to show their pride. Yet, for the past 24 years of his existence, no member of Roary’s pride has celebrated his birth, until this year.

On Oct. 5, 1987, Roary was born as the official mascot of the Golden Panthers. For the first time in history, a birthday party for Roary will take place at Biscayne Bay Campus at the University.

The event is being held in collaboration with the Student Programme Council, Student Alumni Association, Panther Power and Student Government Association, and will take place in Panther Square at 12 p.m.

The party is taking place to let students know the history of Roary, said Zahra Arbabi-Aski, president of BBC’s SAA.

“The Student Alumni Association is hoping to make this a tradition that will continue to happen every year.”

Not only is SAA attempting to turn Roary’s birthday into a traditional University event, but according to SAA’s public relations chair, Kaytien Franco, Roary is also looking for a lady to join his pride after 24 years of being a bachelor.

“Along with dancing to ‘The Cha-Cha Slide’ and doing the Macarena, Roary is also looking to catch some tail,” said Franco.

With an objective to not only encourage students to have fun and celebrate Roary, the organizations behind the event also intend to educate students about Roary, and everything regarding the mascot.

During the party the history of the University’s past and current mascots will be told.

“We noticed that a lot of our students don’t know the history of FIU, and a lot of people think that Roary has always been our mascot, and it hasn’t,” Arbabi-Aski said. “We thought it was important to not only educate our students, but to also have an event to celebrate this important date.”

There will be a birthday cake as well as free food. Roary will also be present during the celebration.

“We’re hoping that students walk out of the event knowing more about FIU, learning more about its history, its past, and to take more pride in FIU, and being a Golden Panther,” said Arbabi-Aski. “I’m hoping it will really be a great event, we’re expecting a lot of students to show up, and take advantage of this opportunity, with the great activities that we’ve planned for them.”

Along with making an appearance at his birthday party, Roary will also be stepping by the newly renovated ballrooms on the second floor of WUC for a brief ribbon cutting ceremony.

Additional reporting by Jonathan Szydlo.