One decade, many changes

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Traffic lights, parking spaces, new buildings, more construction, incoming students—that’s what the University looks like in the next decade.

As the University continues to grow in population, the need for more buildings and parking spaces increases.

The Campus Master Plan 2020 will focus on enhancing physical developments throughout the University’s campuses.

“We will be addressing issues reflected in the University’s Strategic Plan that represent student-centered learning, sustainability, wayfinding and circulation, architecture and landscape, which will help FIU meet its mission,” said Javier Marques, chief of staff to President Mark Rosenberg.

The Master Plan includes a 10-year plan and a steering committee made up of 13 representatives led by Marques.

“We are legally responsible for doing master plans,” said Steven Moll, vice provost of Academic Affairs at the Biscayne Bay Campus. “It gives the University an intelligent way of planning for its future.”

The Steering Committee is responsible for overseeing the CMP 2020 process and making sure that University objectives are addressed. However, they are not responsible for running the activities themselves.

The Steering Committee will assign seven focus groups, each led by one representative from the committee.

The focus groups are: academic mission, academic program & academic and student life, government relations, research & innovation, student life, physical developments and university transit.

The focus groups will work on the University transit tests out the recently installed traffic lights.

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The State Department’s first review of American diplomacy and development operations, currently leads President Barack Obama’s Feed the Future food security initiative. (Shah) is very much interested in student participation and foreign projects and working in foreign countries...a lot of it has to do with strengthening the ties between universities, students and his agency,” said Luis Salas, associate vice president for research of the University’s Division of Research.

Part of the State Department, USAID is the federal agency that handles all foreign aid and assistance. USAID is one of the largest underwriters for the University’s research portfolio, according to Salas.

“We have...grants from them that exceed 80 million dollars right now and we are one of the largest university recipients of funds from USAID in the country,” Salas said.

There will be a Q&A session after Shah’s address.

“What he has talked about before is the impact of technology, of the modernization and the changes and opportunities that are available in the development field,” Salas said.

The special address will take place at 3:30 p.m. at the University’s School of International and Public Affairs’ auditorium 125. Cost of entry is free.

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Need or no need: Financial aid refunds go many ways

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After classes are chosen, tuition is paid and the semester goes underway, students still have one more thing to look forward: refunds.

While the exact amount may differ from student to student, this is the time when many students sigh a sigh of relief because there is money to be spent.

How that money is being spent, however, is another story, considering scholarship money is on a steady decline and tuition is on the rise.

John Garcia, a junior business and accounting major, who receives Bright Futures and the Pell Grant, spends his refund depending on his needs at the time he receives it.

“I use it depending it on what I need or want. I save some and the rest is spent on sudden whims,” said Garcia.

For Nicole Mierisch, a junior transfer student majoring in environmental science who receives Bright Futures, the refund provides an opportunity to buy gas, food and help out at home with bills, even though her scholarship has been cut since she started college.

“It makes me mad when people who already have an iPhone use their refund money to buy a new one or an updated one, for example,” said Mierisch.

Though, I did use my refund money to buy my first car, but it wasn’t new and it was necessary since I’m a commuter.”

Some students, like Jennifer Robles, a senior English major who receives Bright Futures and, recently, the Leverage Grant, does not even receive a refund after paying for classes.

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Senate bill killed due to poor communication

In an interview with Student Media, Residence Hall Association Adviser Joe Haefel voiced his concerns with the bill by saying it didn’t include specifics for the candidate criteria. Haefel also added that he doesn’t see a problem with more transparency from organizations funded by the Activity & Service fee.

If passed, the bill would also have required monthly auditing reports from agencies and bureaus and approval from SGC-MMC for any purchases above $15,000. According to Castro, other concerns were also raised by other agencies and bureaus, which lead him to decide to strike the bill.

Castro mentioned that a lack of communication lead to the unrest.

“Poor communication creates confusion and misunderstandings,” Castro said. “I have learned that communication is key, enhances comprehension and is followed by trust in the long run.”

Moses Aluicio, College of Law senator, moved to strike SB 1211 from the agenda.

The motion was passed without opposition.

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The Wolfe University Center ballrooms were decorated in 1950s theme last week, so clubs and organizations there were rockin' and a-minglin' all day long.

On Sept. 12, the 1950s-themed ballrooms were host to every major club at the Biscayne Bay Campus. They gathered so their members can mingle and discuss individual activities in their representative organizations. The theme presented classic swing music and festive décor that made you feel like you were in the latter part of "Back to the Future."

Many circles were formed consisting of the Student Organization Council, Student Government Association, Theater and Film Club, International Japan Association, and many other clubs. Inside the ballroom, it was the get-together of the ages.

From a larger perspective however, it seemed like an isolated part of the campus, untouched by those who have yet to learn anything about clubs.

For as long as BBC existed, it was always the underdog of the two campuses in its extracurricular activities, and according to recent studies, it may be because of student disinterest. Out of about 50 students surveyed, over half did not have any involvement in any form of club activity and had no clue on how to start one, despite its surprisingly easy process. Some students have even reported that they would like to make clubs that already exist.

Many of the students are unaware of the many experiences and benefits that being in a club would provide them. Student clubs are far more beneficial on a college level than on a high school level. They give students opportunities to work within their majors in addition to their personal interests, as well as providing an excellent networking experience. Extracurricular clubs not only benefit students, but also their learning environment as the clubs also have an effect on BBC itself.

As Tariq Darwish, president of the theater and film club put it, "Thanks to [BBC's] smaller size, there is more of a chance to build longer lasting relationships and stronger friendships, which can be forged with more clubs to join, which is why clubs are even more beneficial here than there."

The recent degradation of club popularity might also be from underwhelming marketing. "It depends on how you promote the club. One of the biggest problems is that they don't do their research. Now that you're in FIU, you have to do research and see how to make yourself a club. Some of them are under-marketed, so it's more difficult to find out about them," said Richard Azimov, peer career coach.

In an attempt to drum up student interest in clubs this fall, the Student Organization Council has not only launched the usual fall semester club fair, but also a club mixer. "We're always having different events to start and join clubs," said Michael Aquino, president of SOC. "Today we're having our mixer, 1950s style, to mix and mingle clubs and collaborate with each other and with different councils and departments as well."

One of the prime reasons for the SOC's existence is to facilitate the ease of student-run clubs and organizations. The process of forming a club is relatively simple; all a student would need is a constitution, five founding members, a staff/faculty adviser and an Orgsync account for the club. Once this is completed, a club application form becomes available at the SOC office for the newly founded club. This club will then join the host of others at BBC and help enrich the University.

Additionally, clubs can also benefit students academically. "Joining or creating a club can absolutely help with one's major. Students are able to find out more information, meet fascinating and professional people and host amazing events regarding their major. In essence, put into practice what they learned in the classroom," said Aquino.

When asked in what other ways clubs at BBC can help students, Aquino added, "Besides the learning experience, the SOC has an amazing internship opportunity in which students get to learn how to manage a council and shadow a member of the SOC Executive Board. Students are also able to create lifelong friendships and relationships with people who have the same interests as them. Students are able to enhance their leadership abilities by becoming part of an e-board and have an amazing time with their members, whether it's in academics, religious, cultural, or social organizations."

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SPC brings Hispanic Heritage Month to the University

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The stew of cultures at the melting pot that is FIU has a very Hispanic flavor.

The Latin influence can be seen everywhere from the Latino Student Union, to the guava pastries sold around the University. The Student Programming Council will host its annual Hispanic Heritage week from Sept. 25 through Oct. 3. Each night, an event celebrating Hispanic Heritage will occur on different locations on campus.

“This year we’re trying to make it land within Hispanic Heritage Month because it hasn’t been in it in past years,” said Marice Diaz, senior and vice president of programming for SPC.

When asked about the events, Diaz added, “They will be like normal SPC events, but will contain some form of Hispanic background, like a Hispanic movie or like a Hispanic performer.”

On Sept. 25, the Hispanic Heritage Kickoff will take place on the Housing Quad. Salsa Kings will perform and give salsa classes. Additionally, on Sept. 26, there will be a Hispanic Heritage comedy show.

On Sept. 28, SPC, in association with Lambda Upsilon Lambda, a Latino chapter at FIU, will show “Princesas,” a film set in Spain. Diaz said that SPC teamed up with the Lambda chapter and took a student vote over what movie they wanted to see, which is why they are showing “Princesas.”

To end the festivities, on Oct. 3, SPC will host the Noche Latina in the Graham Center Ballrooms. A Florida Latin band will perform and there will be give-aways and a photo booth for students to enjoy. “It’s our biggest event,” said Diaz. “We probably get the most students in that event.”

When asked if she would attend the event, freshman Christa Currins said while she has never heard about it, she would look into the events happening around that week.

Junior John Dalva added that he would definitely be attending the Noche Latina. When asked about the turnout of students, Diaz confidently said, “The turnout is always good. It’s like, our Kickoff starts it off, and when we get to the Noche Latina, we see a lot of people.”

What university students do with their refund money

In fact, paying for classes is usually divided between her parents, with her mother paying off the difference after the scholarships are used and her father paying for textbooks.

“My parents pay tuition and textbooks using credit cards. It’s so stupid when people use their refunds for other things when I’m having to pay $2,000 for summer classes,” said Robles. “My brother can only pay for his classes through loans and though we both work, it’s not enough.”

Amara Cantillo, a freshman social work major who also only receives the Leverage Grant and pays the rest of her classes through Florida Prepaid, uses her refund for gas and acknowledges the usefulness of the refund in paying for new textbooks she might need after the beginning of school.

“1 carpool, so my refund is used for gas,” said Cantillo. Sometimes I have to pick up my sister and then go run errands, but my parents usually pay for any school related things I might need.”

Victor Guerrero, a junior anthropology major who also uses loans to pay for expenses, has had to pay some of his classes out of pocket, although he saves any refunds he receives.

“I save it for textbooks, school supplies, etc. because I’ll have to pay it back eventually, so it’s better to save as much as I can when I can,” said Guerrero.

For Guerrero, students who receive scholarship refunds should have the right to decide what they choose to spend it on.

“I didn’t work as hard as I could’ve in high school, but they did, they earned it. Although it is kind of messed up when people can use it for other reasons when they could donate it to another student or an organization. There are always other ways to spend the refund,” said Guerrero.

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MEN’S SOCCER

Unbeaten streak comes to an end in loss against Furman

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After Reeling off five consecutive wins to start the season, the FIU men’s soccer team saw their perfect record come to an end with a loss to Furman on Sept. 14 and a draw against University of Missouri - Kansas City on Sept. 16.

Furman 2, FIU 1

The Panthers began their quest for their sixth win of the season lost to Furman 4-2-1. But the Panthers soon learned that gaining their fifth win of the season would be easier said than done.

The first goal of the game came in the 45th minute, off the foot of forward Martin Ontiveros. The goal was off a free kick that went past FIU’s goal keeper Robin Spiegel.

As the second half of play began, the night only get worse for the Panthers young goalkeeper. In the 61st minute, the Paladins increased their lead with a header shot off defender Walter Zimmerman. For Spiegel, it was the first time he didn’t record a save in a game.

The Panthers tried to make a comeback with a goal from team-leading scorer forward Quentin Albrecht. For Albrecht, it was his sixth goal of the season. But FIU would not get another goal past Furman’s goalkeeper Doug Ryan, who ended the night with a shutout while collecting three saves.

For Head Coach Kenny Arena, it was just a case of bad luck and not being able to cash in on missed opportunities by Furman.

“We gave up only three chances the entire game, we gave up two goals on re-starts and they were the only two shots on goal,” Arena said. “Unfortunately it put us down two goals, we earned one back and could have gotten more, but sometimes the ball just doesn’t roll your way.”

FIU 0, UKMC 0

FIU (5-1-1) hoped to bounce back against UMKC (1-4-1) in their second home game of the season.

The scoring started in the 19th minute when midfielder Mo Ramahi scored off a 10-yard pass from forward David Sarabia, that cleared the left side of the net for the only goal of the first half.

During the second half, the Panthers tied up the game with a goal from forward Nicolas Rodriguez off a penalty kick. For Rodriguez, there was only one thing going through his mind. “I’m going to score, I’m going to make it,” Rodriguez said jokingly. “You have to stay positive because when a penalty kick comes the other team is telling you everything to get into your head.”

But neither team was able to score again behind the great work of their goalkeepers. The Kangaroos’ goal keeper Kevin Corby ended the night with six saves only allowing one goal. The Panther’s Spiegel collected four saves, also allowing one goal.

The match ended in a 1-1 draw with both teams exhausted from a very physical battle.

“Your allowed to foul, last time I checked it’s not illegal to foul hard.” Arena said. “Our guys played hard and we’ve had to deal with teams defending us like this all year, and today was probably even more extreme and I’m very happy that our guys kept going.”

For the fourth straight game, the Panthers once again found themselves trailing at the end of the first half.

This loss adds to FIU’s bad road record as the game on I see our fitness and style of play really come through and start to show us playing better,” Arena said. “But early in games I see teams throwing everything they have at us and so it looks a little combative and hectic.”

FIU will continue to look for their sixth win of the season when they play Stetson University (3-3) on Sept. 22 in DeLand, Fla. at 6 p.m.

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WOMEN’S SOCCER

Panthers shutout in weekend road trip to Arizona

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FIU traveled across the country to Tucson, Ariz., to take part in the Loews Ventana Canyon Cat Classic and face two Pac 12 squads in Arizona and Arizona State.

The Panthers had a total of 18 fouls in the game trying to push back The Sun Devils, hoping for a spark or a play leading to more offense.

Leading the tough defense again was goalkeeper Savage who recorded another save for the Panthers but allowed three to hit net.

Miah Mollay scored the first goal in the 32nd minute. Julia Glanz scored the second one with an assist from Osei-Agyemang in the 75th minute.

FIU didn’t shoot much but was able to make three of five quality shots almost hitting net, but Arizona’s goalkeeper Gabby Kaufman recorded all three saves.

ASU 3, FIU 0

The second game of the Classic was against Arizona State on Sept. 16 where the Panthers lost their second consecutive game 3-0.

ASU’s defense shut down the Panthers offense, to foil the Panthers. "We didn’t have control of the ball,” Arena said. “With no offense, the Panthers had to fall back on their defense to make plays.

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The next goal was made by Devin Marshall with assists from two other Sun Devils Holland Crook and Courtney Timlin. The last goal of the game was made by Crook with an assist from Marshall in the 66th minute.

This loss adds to FIU’s bad road record at 0-4-1. The Panthers will have to put this weekend behind them and prepare for major conference play next weekend in two away games against South Alabama University and Troy University.
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The mechanized voice of a woman introduces the date, the time, the number of voicemails, the phone number and gives a complimentary "here is your message."

With text messaging and newer technology, students are utilizing faster, more fluid ways of sending and receiving messages. "I do not use voicemail. It is faster and easier to check a text message - simple as that," said Carol Rock, a junior and public relations major.

According to data from the internet phone company Vonage, leaving a voice message has dropped 8 percent and retrieving a voice message has dropped 14 percent among users from July 2011 to July 2012.

"Texting is trumping voicemail because of its speed of access and the fluidity of the message," said Carlos Suris, media instructor in the School of Journalism and Mass Communication. "It has become habitual."

Students are guilty of avid texting, but they credit voicemail for its professionalism. "I do not like voicemail if it is from friends or family, but I think it is [appropriate] for a business, my job, or doctor’s office to leave a voicemail," said Rock.

Although voicemail use is waning, it may not signal an end to this medium of messaging altogether. "You have to use the right tool for the right situation," said Michael Sheerin, a professional in the new media industry and member of the Journalism and Mass Communication Department.

Sheerin mentioned an alternative to voice and text messaging, VOXing which converges these techniques into one. It is a walkie-talkie like application where the user sends an instantaneous voice message accompanied with a text version of the statement.

Sheerin explained that texting and voicemail are both useful for communicating different things. Text messages are best when a conversation is not needed, while voice messaging can give a better, extensive explanation.

"I continue to use voicemail," said Laurie Ramirez, sophomore and journalism major. "I like to leave a voice message when I am communicating something that is important, requires an explanation, or has to do with business."

Some students are willing to put in the extra effort to listen to a voice message that relates to a job or an important appointment, but it is clear that texting is the go-to form of messaging for daily communication with friends and family.

"I think people do not like voicemail because they are too lazy to check their messages. The process takes up too much time," said Ramirez.

Suris explained that this pattern has existed since the beginning of communication. The split of communication from transportation with the invention of the telegraph is relevant to today’s split of messaging from voice with technology like text messaging and VOXing.

While some students hold onto voicemail as a more formal way of communicating, others have no intention of resorting to this form of messaging. "I do not leave people voice messages anymore," said Laura Duque, junior and international relations major.

Duque said if she wants to catch-up with a friend she will use the application Hey Tell! on her iPhone. This application is similar to VOXing and combines the traditional voice of a phone call with text messaging.

"Texting is a lot easier and more efficient than having to listen to a voicemail and jot things down from the message," said Duque. "Voicemail is dying out more and more everyday with new methods and technology."

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Students can expect the absurd and the vulgar at this year’s closing event at Fall Fest.

Friday, September 21 at 7 p.m., the Student Programming Council at Biscayne Bay Campus will host a comedy show at the Wolfe University Center Mary Ann Wolfie Theater featuring comedians Raneir Pollard and A.G. White as headliners and with Chello Davis as the host.

"We chose the comedians by watching tons of YouTube videos and asking students who they liked. We narrowed it down to 10 and then we finally chose the two headliners," said Sofia Bodniza, a freshman in hospitality and the SPC-BBC comedy director.

The show is free to students and guests.

Host Marcellus “Chello” Davis is a Miami local who regularly hosts the open mic night at The Playwright Pub within Gulfstream Park and Casino. He made his comic debut on Black Entertainment Television’s “Comic View” and has performed for 106 & Park audiences.

According to Bodniza, Davis will be the emcee of the show, keeping his routine to a minimum.

Comedian Raneir Pollard is also a Miami native and best known for his openly gay comedic material and catch phrases like “Black and Gay All Day.”

“Raneir Pollard is naughty and vulgar and extremely hilarious,” said Bodniza.

He is also recognized for his YouTube video "**** Black Gay Guys Say," that mocks the stereotypical view of homosexual black men.

Born and raised in Brooklyn, New York, A.G. White’s comedic debut was on the television show “It’s Showtime at the Apollo.” Since then, he has been featured on the HBO comedy series “P. Diddy Presents: The Bad Boys of Comedy,” Showtime’s “White Boyz in the Hood,” the CBS comedy series “P. Diddy Presents: The Bad Boys of Comedy,” Showtime’s “White Boyz in the Hood,” and BET’s “Comic View.”

White’s comedic routine centers on ethnic personas that he takes on. His impersonations of Latinos, Jamaicans, Arabs, “homeboys” and “homegirls” play with stereotypical and turn them into a comedic routine.

“SPC has worked really hard to have the show run smoothly and wants to bring students and the public together at FIU for some fun,” said Bodniza, “and the show ends at 9:30 p.m. so it can serve the beginning of your night.”

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