Campus blueprint on life support

By Joe Bailey
The Collegian

In November of 2007, Fresno State’s Campus Master Plan was created in order to revitalize the university’s outdated facilities and revive its struggling infrastructure. Schematics and blueprints generated a 30-year plan for demolishing some old and obsolete buildings in order to construct newer buildings among other projects.

Cynthia Teniente-Matson, vice president for administration, said Fresno State has amassed $105 million in deferred maintenance to this date.

A campus boulevard was drawn up as a gateway to the new and improved Fresno State, a university geared to “guide our pursuit of excellence in learning and discovery,” according to President John Welty’s statement on the Master Plan’s website.

Teniente-Matson said she sees the master plan as a road map to making Fresno State one of California’s universities with premier facilities.

It connects our physical campus with our strategic plan and academic initiatives,” Teniente-Matson said.

“Our campus needs a redesign,” she said, “and that’s where the master plan comes in.”

“Ag building gets needed upgrade

By Chelsea Cushing
The Collegian

Upgrades to the Agricultural Science building’s air conditioning, heating and ventilation systems started earlier this month and will displace some offices and classrooms until fall 2010.

The west wing of the building is affected by the construction as the dean’s office, plant science office and lecture halls 224 and 226 are temporarily moved to an alternate location.

Wendy Moritz, from facilities planning, said the dean’s office and plant science department office have moved to the downstairs section of the University Center.

The construction affects 33 offices, two computer labs and 12 classrooms, Moritz said.

“The problem with the system was it is an old, antiquated three-pipe system,” Parham said.

“A three-pipe system only allows heating or cooling at one time in a building and the design obsolete.

“There are rooms where you freeze all winter and burn up all summer,” Parham said.

Funding for the construction will come from the minor capital repair budget, Parham said.

Some of the air conditioning and heating units have been repaired and replaced over the years, and around 1968 the system was retrofitted for an effective cooling system.

The north, south and east wings are still active until fall 2010.

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Peters Building cleared

By Mike Boylan
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A comprehensive look at the efforts to prepare a musical. Online

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No-smoking discussion continued

By Mike Boylan
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At Wednesday’s daily Associated Students, Inc. (ASI) senate meeting of this semester, a branch of the American Lung Association, which visited two weeks ago, once again pushed for a smoke-free campus.

A motion to give Project Individuals, Mentors and Peers Advocating to Control Tobacco (IMPACT), a no-smoking advocacy group, the aim is to raise awareness about the
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Word of the Day

Name ambush

When an acquaintance you haven’t seen for a long time greets you by name but you don’t have time to remember their name.

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and replace them," Teniente-Matson said. "However, at this stage it is likely that we'll be focused on deferred maintenance and short-term capital improvements."

This results of this have been buildings with leaks in the roofs, lights that don't work, peeling paint and dirty bathrooms, among other things that are not associated with a university.

With current state of the campus, postponing maintenance and extending the lives of buildings will force students to endure an even harsher road for higher education.

Chair of the academic senate, Professor Teniente-Matson said the planning process's coordinating committee Michael Botwin said everyone realizes that the plan is now optimistic, but that it's better than a weak plan.

Botwin showed little optimism about the immediate implementation of what is laid out in the blueprints.

"It's going to happen," Botwin said. "Things are falling apart."

According to Teniente-Matson, carrying out the master plan has not been a complete failure thus far. Some projects have been completed, such as the Harry Madden Library and Peace Garden. The aquatics facility and University High School are currently underway. Various projects are in the planning stages, such as roadway improvements, utility infrastructure upgrades, an agricultural research building, and parking structure.

Teniente-Matson said the fiscal crisis has caused a decline in funds available for construction projects.

"In addition, the furloughs impacted the amount of time available for staff in facilities planning to accomplish tasks," Teniente-Matson said.

Government officials in Sacramento could help the dire situation at Fresno State, Teniente-Matson said, with the campus struggling to maintain daily operations.

"This is a serious problem [deferred maintenance], not only at Fresno State and within the CSU, but for public higher education in general," Matson said. "The solution requires the state legislature to make higher education a priority in California."

The money that is used to make improvements on campus can come from various resources besides state funds. Matson said campus improvements are funded separately from operating budgets and, most of it comes from the California State University (CSU) system's budget allocation, voter-approved-bond measures, grants, gifts or self-supporting funds.

Private gifts to the university are becoming ever more vital with state funds diminishing.

Tahoe Mountain Casino donated $1 million to the Harry Madden Library. In return, a portion of the facility was named after the casino. However, private donations for other infrastructures are few and far between.

According to university services, Debbie Adishian-Astone, she is uncertain about the future of the master plan provision for her department due to different priorities. Auxiliary services run the Save Mart Center, the food court, bookstore and the dorms.

"With enrollment decline, for auxiliary services are we being impacted from lower resident population, campus dining, and Kennel Bookstore," Adishian-Astone said. "Our reduced revenues would not be able to support financing of new facilities for auxiliary enterprises."

Adishian-Astone said that these budget cuts with the library in cycles and Fresno State will return to prominence in the future.

"We still have to plan for the future and be in a position to accept enrollment growth when budget levels are again stable," Adishian-Astone said.

Associate Vice President for Facilities Management Robert Boyd is faced with the task of up keeping the campus and buildings with a slashed budget.

With a pile of maintenance left undone the mission of the administration may not be constructing modern buildings and luxuries.

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dangers of smoking tobacco. ASI's support in moving forward on creating a school-specific policy for a smoke-free campus did not pass.

Some seniors said that they are not aligned with the idea, but they also wanted a policy proposal that was more concrete. The senate passed a resolution giving approval for further discussion with Project IMPACT on a move towards a smoke-free campus.

Project IMPACT featured short news segments from NBC Nightly News with Brian Williams" on MSNBC in their presentation, which explained the severe dangers of smoking.

In addition, the report said cigarette butts are the most littered waste nationwide. These butts are filled with toxins that can contaminate drinking water and supplies.

The nicotine residue that lingers on clothing and furniture can react with other chemicals in the air to form harmful carcinogens.

Sen. Clifton Wahlberg object to Project IMPACT’s emphasis on health concerns.

"Every time you step outside in Fresno you are subjected to air that is 20-times worse than that of second and third-hand smoke," Wahlberg said.

Fresno has consistently ranked toward the bottom of cities with the worst air pollution.

Sen. Bri Witt suggested that the current policy – smoking is prohibited on campus except for 26 designated areas – should be kept, and the focus should be on better enforcement.

Derrick Schaffer of Project IMPACT said it is extremely difficult to enforce the current smoking policies.

Schaffer cited California State University, San Francisco as but an example of a campus that uses regular parking officers to enforce its no-smoking policy across campus.

Ultimately, the consensus among the senators was that such a policy needs to be considered with a more thorough, concrete proposal.

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Is cheerleading a sport?

Mmm... Mmm... Good!  
BRIANNA CAMPBELL

Born and bred an athlete, let’s just say my respect for cheerleaders has not always been high. But I decided to put my ego aside and dig deep to find the answer to the ongoing question: Is cheerleading a sport?

As an athlete, I never thought of cheerleading as a sport. I mean really, does it take that much skill to learn a dance and some words? So, I went inside to find out what the fuss is all about.

Senior cheer captain Bernadette Fiehler has built many friendships on the squad and said she is grateful for the opportunities she has been a part of, such as the NCAA Tournaments, bowl games and community service projects.

“One of my other favorite things about cheerleading would be the feeling of excitement you get at the beginning of every game you cheer at,” Fiehler said. “You feel the roar of the crowd and spirit of every fan.”

And of course when talking to a cheerleader they will argue that cheerleading is absolutely a sport.

“I definitely consider cheerleading a sport. I think that cheerleading is a combination of gymnastics, dance and weightlifting, except with people instead of weights. I have seen first-hand that my teammates work just as hard as any other athlete.”

Nichol Gagnon will return to the ‘Dogs’ squad this upcoming season as the assistant head coach after leaving herself for five years in a Bulldog uniform.

“When a cheer team comes together to create a competition routine, there are many different aspects that come into play to consider cheerleading a sport,” Gagnon said. “We incorporate dance, stunting [gymnastics floor routines], stunting, dance, flexibility and strength.

While an athlete’s practice consists of sprints, drills and related intense cardio pertaining to that specific sport, I was curious what a cheer practice consisted of. Much to my surprise they were very similar.

“As a team at practice, we will warm our bodies up (cardio), then stretch (flexibility), then spend the remainder of the time with choreography, stunting and tumbling,” Gagnon said.

So what do the “true” athletes think of cheer squad? Who better to ask than Bulldog quarterback Ryan Colburn.

“It takes a special person to be a cheerleader,” Colburn said. “I think it takes a certain mindset. You have to have a lot of energy, you have to have a lot of excitement to you and I think that they have done a terrific job.”

So, whether or not that answers if cheerleading is a sport, they have at least twisted my arm a bit and I have a newfound respect for them.

If you think you have what it takes to lead our fans in Bulldog pride, head out to tryouts today and tomorrow at the North Gym and decide for yourself if cheerleading is a sport.

Bull Dog of the Week

Pete Alamar

As the latest addition to the Bulldog football family, Pete Alamar has big expectations in the special teams department.

By Vergniol Yang

Heading into his 26th season coaching, and his first at Fresno State, special teams and tight ends coach Pete Alamar is excited to be a Bulldog.

Before coming to Fresno, Alamar served seven years as an assistant at the University of California where units finished second and third in the Pac-10 in punting and punt returns respectively in 2009.

Alamar will be replacing John Baxter, who left to USC to become the associate head coach and special teams coordinator. Under Baxter’s guidance, the special teams units excelled, having blocked the most kicks in the nation since 2002 with 49. The ‘Dogs have returned 20 punts, eight kickoffs and 11 blocked field goals or punts for a touchdown during Baxter’s 13 years as the special teams coach.

“I have a lot of respect for John and what he’s done,” Alamar said.

Alamar has a tough act to follow, but he doesn’t view it that way.

“I don’t look at it as big shoes,” Alamar said. “I look at it as just an opportunity as the next place to go coach these guys and have some fun with it.”

Alamar will look to build on the foundation that Baxter has set for him.

“It’s my job that we continue that tradition and understand that our job is to go out and play well in the kicking game,” Alamar said.

With Alamar’s experience as a player, an offensive coordinator and a head coach, he will hope to add a new mentality to special teams unit.

“Our thing is to out hit, out hustle and out execute,” Alamar said.

Q&A

What do you enjoy about coaching football?

The players. Working with the players and having an opportunity to not only help these guys on the field to become as good as they possibly could be, but off the field too. To take a guy, take a team and watch him grow and graduate and see how he just grows and matures as a football player, as a student and as a person. You know, that’s a cool thing.

Are you bringing any new philosophies to the team?

I’m replacing a guy who comes from the same branch of the family tree. We have a lot of really similar philosophies, as far as the kicking game goes. As far as whole big giant, wholesale changes, no. I think that everybody adds their own personality to the deal. There’ll be a little tweaks here, a little tweaks there. You know as far as how we do this or do that.

What’s your favorite thing about football?

The best thing about this game is that there’s a ton of great memories. I don’t want to shortchange anybody on it. One of the greatest memories is a non-football memory was a player, [after] he was graduating the next day and just wanted to say thanks. There have been a lot of great memories.

Are you excited for your upcoming season as a Bulldog?

Absolutely. I think we got a great opportunity for us. We have a lot of guys coming back with experience. I just watch the way they work and go about their business. I think they’re going to work hard this summer. You know, we look forward to the fall. It’s a great non-conference schedule; it’s a challenging non conference schedule. It’s going to be exciting. I’m excited for it. I wish we were getting ready to go play. We could drop the summer and get to the fall and go do it. I’d be happy with that.