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By Brad Davis

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This year, Baker, Cal Poly's president, has a chance to implement a new discretionary fund this year of $826,000. This money can be used at any university, enhancing van, and no detailed audit is required.

In the president's hands

President Baker's discretionary fund geared toward university development

By Carrie Cordroz

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Fujitsu Business Communications Systems, GTE and the CSU system.

"It will take $36 million to stimulate revenues," Hanley said. The business plan states that GTE will fund the CETI with the initial $36 million investment.

Hanley said the partnership will generate the $300 million in revenues to build out the infrastructure in three years. That money will be divided among the 23 CSU campuses for upgrades. And according to the business plan, CETI will spend an additional $65 million over the next seven years to complete and refresh the infrastructure.

"Right now we have $600,000 a year to build up our infrastructure over the next 40 years," Hanley said in regard to the funds available specifically for Cal Poly.

Engineering representative on the Board of Directors Ben Miskie, said he was concerned about how the university will benefit from the partnership.

"What advantage do we gain from dealing with these companies?" Miskie asked, directing his question to Hanley.

Hanley responded, saying that Cal Poly will be upgrading its technology at no additional cost to the students.

Other concerns were raised by ASI Director of Legislative Affairs Lisa Barnicoat. She asked Hanley what the companies would get out of the partnership.

"GTE is currently located in only a few areas of California," Hanley said. "They need to launch a major attack. I believe GTE needs to find ways to invest throughout the state, and compete with Pacific Bell."

Barnicoat raised a concern about Cal Poly's relationship with Hewlett-Packard. Historically, Hewlett-Packard has hired many Cal Poly graduates. The company also inquired about becoming a partner in the CETI business plan. However, they were not selected to be included.

Barnicoat asked how this might affect the relationship Cal Poly has with Hewlett-Packard.

In that Hanley said, "It shouldn't have any affect at all on students looking for job placement."

Barnicoat continued asking questions about the partnership.

"I think (Cal Poly has) a lot more invested in this," she said. "How much are they going to listen to this campus if we have a concern?"

"Again, Hanley responded, saying that Cal Poly was the first campus the partnership was introduced to last month.

"Where we really have influence is what works best for our campus, students and faculty," he added.

Barnicoat then asked Hanley if there was someone representing the interest of the students in the CETI proposal.

Hanley said, "I don't think so. But the best place to get that kind of representation is from this campus."

The CETI plan is slated to be finalized in December or January of this school year. That still leaves opportunity for students and faculty to give input into the proposal.

Cal Poly has the most influence on this in the next 20 to 30 days, according to Hanley.

ASI chairman of the board, Tom Spengier, said he was glad Hanley came to talk to ASI.

"I'm glad he gave us a timeline," Murarka said. "But we have to wait at least 35 days for the referendum to go forth."

Murarka said regardless of whether or not the sports complex receives student financial support, the athletics department is going to go ahead with plans to build a baseball and softball stadium in the same proposed area.

"The sports complex issue has been brewing for quite some time. Originally the students, athletics department and the City of San Luis Obispo were to jointly fund the project."

But over the summer the city dropped its interest.

ASI Associate Executive Director Rick Johnson said the city stalled the progress of the complex.

"Negotiations with the city began right after the students agreed to become a third partner," he said. "The city didn't do anything. They jerked us around for over a year."

Time in this matter is of the essence, according to College of Agriculture Board Representative Damien Johnson who said the issue cannot wait.

"We're going to do the students a disservice if we let this issue wait," he said. "I've looked at all the EPA stuff."

"The ponds where the fields are proposed are man made. Any wildlife that's there now came there. And if we destroy those ponds we can rebuild them somewhere else."

Student Affairs Vice President Jean Gonzalez said the students want the fields.

"We have a multiple-year history of students asking us to provide additional sports fields," he said. "If we go with the $3 million we already have set aside, students will get real diminished fields."

Although he is not able to give a direct opinion on the sports complex, ASI Board Chair Tom Spengier did say he hopes we can move toward a more diverse campus.

If ASI does vote on the issue during tonight's meeting they will be voting on behalf of the students. The students will no longer be able to give input after that decision is made. The meeting is open to students and faculty.

**Study in London Spring Quarter?**

Yes, in Cal Poly's London Study Program

**Student Information Meeting**

Thursday, October 23, 1997

11 am, Fisher Science 286
Executive Summary

Presidential discretionary funds provide the maximum bang for the buck on each expenditure. This money is spent to foster community, university, faculty and staff relations, create innovative faculty program development, fund university events and maintain a constituency. The general session of fall conference—a faculty and staff gathering which takes place at the start of each academic year and includes a reception and music—is an example of an event for which discretionary money is used toward faculty relations.

Money used for faculty development purposes helps create programs that support professional developmental activities. University events include luncheons for students, faculty, the president's cabinet, and meetings with internal and external university supporters and donors.

Money is also set aside to support the university's Cultural Clubs Fund, administered by the vice president for student affairs, to promote various student clubs committed to exploring cultural diversity, traditions and achievements.

Presidential discretionary funds can also be spent to take university guests to Vista Grande for lunch, said Al Amaral, executive director of Cal Poly Foundation.

President Baker is frugal and tries to get the maximum bang for the buck on each expenditure, Amaral said.

Last spring, President Baker drew from discretionary funds to help cover travel costs incurred when he visited students and faculty in London who were participating in Cal Poly's London study program, Howard-Greene said.

Unrestricted or discretionary gifts may also be given directly to the president from private individuals, organizations or alumni. "Many times these are the most valuable contributions a donor can make," said Amaral. "These gifts permit the president to spend the money for the highest and best needs of the university at any given time.

Discretionary funds are typical at other CSUs, but vary in amount depending on the size and extent of each university's developmental activities.

Individual Cal Poly department and colleges, including ASI, also have discretionary funds to help provide further flexibility within the department.

Amaral added: "Discretionary funds are critical to keep up with program need. I'm convinced, from here on, that a key resource element toward maintaining Cal Poly's uniqueness will be the success in raising discretionary funds."

Two sisters killed by train

Associated Press

UPLAND—Two little sisters standing on railroad tracks were killed by a Metrolink commuter train Tuesday after apparently wandering away from home.

The girls' mother was brought to a police station for questioning, authorities said.

The victims were sisters Alexes Robles, 3, and Desiree Soto, 22 months, said police Capt. John Cannon.

The San Bernardino-to-Lo Angeles train struck the girls just before 11 a.m., Metrolink spokesman Peter Hidalgo said.

"The children were seen standing on the tracks just prior to the collision," Cannon said.

Police believe they wandered away from their home about a half-block away, Cannon said.

Their mother, Jackie Robles, 21, was taken to the police station for questioning but had not been arrested, Cannon said. Police would not elaborate on the nature of the questions.

According to the engineer, the younger girl was on the tracks and her sister tried to pull her away as the 450-ton train came around a curve at 40 mph, Hidalgo said.

The engineer sounded the horn and executed an emergency stop but it took about three-fourths of a mile for the train to come to a halt, Hidalgo said.

The engineer has been taken out of service because he is very, very shaken up and, as a father himself, this obviously takes a significant toll," Hidalgo said.

"Tracks are for trains and we advise the public to stay away primarily because that's the way to stay alive," Hidalgo said on the tracks.

None of the 150 passengers on board was hurt during the fast stop, he said.

Upland is 45 miles east of Los Angeles in western San Bernardino County. Including the sisters, 14 pedestrians have been killed in Metrolink-related accidents this year, Hidalgo said.

Metrolink, which is celebrating its fifth anniversary Monday, has been involved in 41 fatalities in its history, Hidalgo said.
Students watch out! Cal Poly isn’t really an open campus

By Richard Kranzdorf

The time is now. The defining moment at which the ASI Board of Directors decides whether the students of Cal Poly may vote on the presently configured Sports Complex will be determined either this Wednesday or shortly thereafter.

The decision will reverberate on two levels. First, it will reflect the willingness of the Board to let the students decide the controversial Sports Complex issue. It has been alleged that any matter not involving tuition which raises student fees must be decided by the students as a whole. If that is true, then the vote of the ASI Board in the spring of 1996 to approve the initial $83 million for the Complex was questionable.

Whatever the legalities, the students today are calling for their determining as a whole whether some $10 million of their money over 30 years should be spent on the current version of the Complex.

Second, there is the more basic matter of democracy and openness at Cal Poly in general. Cal Poly is not an open university. Far from it. Here are four recent examples:

Financial waste. 61291, by written pledge, was to have contributed $250,000 toward the Sports Complex by June 30, 1996. It was not until April 1997 that a university representative, when closely questioned by a member of the San Luis Obispo City Council, admitted there was not a penny of Ozzie’s money in the till.

The Pepsi deal, consummated this summer when few students were here, was earlier kept out of sight, lest the university representative, when objections. The result is that everyone is speaking out. To date, the University has not answered the outburst in its time-honored manner. No response. If the students don’t like the Pepsi deal or aspects of it, they have rights.

The University has been scrambling ever since the Poly Plan vote last spring in which the students wouldn’t pony up the extra money was botched. The fatally flawed proposed survey instrument and the question of whether the student vote would be binding on the Administration doomed the plan because the students felt they were being manipulated.

But something is afoot. I’ve been teaching at Cal Poly for 26 years and I never remember such a drumbeat of criticism from letters and articles in the Mustang Daily over administration policies. From the debatable Sports Complex to the non-debatable Pepsi deal to the recent barrage of criticism over food services, students are speaking out. To date, the University has answered the outburst in its time-honored manner. No response. It is the position of the University that absent a decision by the City by the end of June 1997 to participate in the project, it will be necessary for the University to move forward with the project without City participation as currently proposed.

We are now in the latter part of October and no moving forward has occurred. And now the same scare tactic is being used on the students. Tomorrow is too late. Vote “yes” now or forever suffer the consequences.

What a terrible idea. In any case, judging by the Mustang Daily over administration policies. You might call extension 61291 if you want to find out who the members are. Finally, consider showing up at the Wednesday night meeting.

The core issue is far greater than the Sports Complex. What is at stake is democracy and openness on this campus. You have the power to change how this University is run. The question is will you take it? Let democracy ring. Let open­ness reign.

Richard Kranzdorf is a political science professor.

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Get to work!
By Amanda Keller

I would love to do nothing. To come home from classes, prop my feet up, turn on the television and lazily pull a textbook in front of me to try to open my checklist and have money magically appear each month without even having to lift a finger for it. To get all my homework done before “Party of Five” and “Friends” come on each night so that I could kick back, have a few laughs and drink a few beers. But the simple fact is, I would never happen.

Working is a part of who I am. Having a job has taught me more about the real world than any episode of “Cops” or “Real TV” could ever do. I believe working is a pertinent part of the college experience and, unarguably, one of a college student’s responsibilities.

For those who don’t work and who are excelling in school, way to go! I can say that if I were in the same situation that I’d make a tight study schedule all that important. No, instead, I’d probably get hooked on soaps (with a textbook in my lap), watch talk shows (with my phone reaching distance for commercials), and rearrange my rooms several times (all the while knowing I should study). You see, with no demands on my schedule other than classes I would lack the drive to study when I know I have time tomorrow. The simple fact is, if there’s nothing to schedule your studying around, there’s no reason to schedule it at all.

Okay, okay. I can hear the outrages already. For those of you who are involved in fraternities, sororities and clubs, fear not. I realize you are very involved. Good. We should all be interested in more than just going to classes. I am also glad you crave a sense of accomplishment other than a letter grade at the end of a quarter. However, the real world is breathing down your necks. The safe arms of college can only last so long. When marriage, kids, and careers become our responsibilities, what’s gonna happen? I’m not saying you should try to balance the whole world on your shoulders. Your choice to be involved should not hamper your ability to work a few hours and help mom and dad out. There are plenty of fraternity and sorority members who balance all three. It’s not impossible. So what’s wrong with going to school on mon and dad if they can afford it and want to pay? Let’s talk “in the long run.” You go in for a job interview just before your big graduation date. The interview goes well. You’ve been accepted and graduating top in your class and you’re smug with a feeling of future security. Just before you leave, the dreaded question is thrown your way: “So, uh, what kind of job experience do you have?” What do you say? “Uh, my profs have always noticed that I arrive on class on time. I never got ‘written up’ by my RA. I have always listened to authorities, just ask my parents. I know how to work well with groups, group projects are my specialty.”

“Somewhat, I don’t think that’ll cut it. Oh, but what about internships?” Intern-shmintr. Do you work even without the university telling you to? What about being told what to do and what not to do? I was pretty tired of it when I was in high school. So I certainly wouldn’t want to have to call my parents and ask their permission to use 20 bucks to buy a new shirt. It’s a deceived independence. Sure, you’re out of the house, but you still need that monthly allowance you have been getting since you were old enough to do chores. I’m not saying your parents should wipe away their responsibilities for you the moment you leave the nest. But no mother dove carries its baby on its back because junior is quite happy to blow off steam.

And what little free time I did have I would spend alone as I was constantly surrounded by people all day, every day.

Basically I ended up becoming a hermit for at least a year. I stopped going out and having fun which, incidentally, is a great way to relieve stress.

Then something miraculous happened! A buddy of mine called one night and convinced me to go out. Wow! I’d almost forgotten what it was like to socialize and be humans.

A while later I was able to afford to not work as much. I’d been able to budget and save some money. Eventually I came to the situation where I didn’t have to work. I was then able to maintain my grades without allowing them slide. I became able to occasionally go out again which is such a nice way to "blow off steam."

College alone is a solid commitment. A full-time student takes a minimum of twelve hours a week. Additionally, it’s said that for each hour of class one attends, one should study for approximately three hours. For a minimum full time load of classes that’s a total of 48 hours per week. Ouch! Furthermore, the average student at Cal Poly probably takes a 15 unit load. That’s the equivalent of a full-time job plus a lot of overtime.

Okay, so let’s consider college to be a full-time job. Should a person really work in addition to the full-time job they’re already working so hard to maintain? I don’t think so.

Additionally, anyone who has ever worked knows that in order to perform one’s job well, one must give their focus to the tasks they’re assigned. When one’s focus changes, and they are no longer able to perform those tasks adequately, what can eventually happen is the removal of the individual from their position.

A person who is schooling and working almost undoubtedly has their complete focus taken from their studies. This could lead to a drop in grades which could lead to academic probation which could lead to the dreaded expulsion from the university.

What one gets out of school is real—what one puts in. Students pay too much in fees per quarter to get as much out of the educational experience as possible. That experience can be hindered when one spreads one’s self too thin between work and school.

Many students must work in order to make ends meet. But it shouldn’t have to be that way. It’s hard enough trying to successfully plug through school. Having the additional stress of basic survival added into the equation is just plain nuts. Fortunately one can get grants, loans and financial aid to help out and sometimes even cover living expenses.

College is a learning experience which requires years of hard work after having worked hard for years to get into a decent school. College graduates then go out into the job market where they usually end up spending the rest of their lives working. The long-term effects of all that work can leave an individual gray-haired and dull like our Shining buddy Johnny.

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Loud said his mother is also one of his biggest fans. She attended all of his games when he was younger, and now goes to all of Cal Poly's games in the state.

If he joins a pro team, he hopes to pay for her treatment so she will be completely cured, and to help take care of his family, the way they helped raise him all these years.

Loud also thanks God for seeing him this far. His mother and grandmother taught him from an early age to always seek God, and to ask Him for strength and believe that He will do what is best for him.

The verse inscribed on Loud's back says: "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

"Whenever I go back home, I see the same people doing the same thing they did before I left. If I stayed there, I could have been in jail right now, caught up in the same thing. It's God that set me apart," Loud said.

Cal Poly head coach Larry Welsh said Loud is a dedicated player with a good work ethic, who puts the team first.

"He wanted to have 100 catches and 1,500 yards for his senior year," Welsh said. "But he said that if the running game is what helps us win, he's all for it."

"His concern is that we all play well and do a good job," Welsh added.

Welsh described Loud as a quiet leader who the other players can count on to come through with a big play. Despite an injured ankle that kept him out of the second game of the season, Loud has been performing better with each game. Most recently, he had two touchdowns, four receptions, and 95 yards in the first half of the game against Simon Fraser, which Cal Poly went on to win 52-12.

Welsh said he hopes Loud will be drafted by a pro team, but does not want him to end up not playing, as happens to some NFL newcomers.

"I really hope to watch him on Sunday mornings in the future," he said. "He'll be there, on my TV screen, bigger than life and enjoying himself."

KAMIL LOUD

• Broke Robbie Martin's school record for career touchdowns of 19 with his 20th vs. St. Mary's and became the all-time receptions leader vs. New Mexico State with his 146th.

• Holds the school record in receptions (152), touchdowns (22) and career yards (2,707).

• Became Cal Poly's all-time career receiving yards leader on November 9, 1996 at Montana State, passing Robbie Martin's record of 2,249 yards.

• Vs. Simon Fraser had his best game of the season with 4 receptions for 4 touchdowns, all in the first quarter.

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This is the result of two major factors. First, the transition of an offense primarily focused on passing, under former offensive coordinator Phil Early, to current head coach Larry Welch's philosophy of running the ball. Secondly, Loud sustained an injury to his ankle before the season which hampered his performance for the first two games.

"I am 100 percent now. I am willing to do whatever it takes to win ball games," said Loud. "Loud is a tremendous athlete with game-breaking capability," Welch said. "We have to find a way to get him the ball."

Loud has been able to stay focused on having a successful season in his last year as a Mustang despite NFL scouts making their presence known at practices and games.

"This is my last season," Loud said. "All I want to do is win, and I'll worry about the rest later."

LOUD

Loud has gone on to become unquestionably one of the best football players in Cal Poly's history. He holds three school records—for receptions (152), touchdowns (22) and career yards (2,707). He earned 1996 Pre-season All-American honors and is a 1997 All-American candidate. He has greatly contributed to the team's 6-0 record, averaging about 50 yards per game this season.

Loud has dozens of NFL scouts asking about him. He said he hopes to pro football as soon as one of them makes a good offer, but plans to finish school during the off-season.

His mother, Pamela Owens, is the inspiration for the heart tattoo on his arm. She raised Loud, her only child, by herself with help from her family during the hard times. Owens, with an epilepsy disability, was unable to work to support them, but Loud still calls her "the strongest woman on earth."

"She's my hero, I thank her for everything," said Loud. "She was always there when I needed her, and stood by me through everything."

"She's my best friend."

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**Loud stirs up some noise**

NFL team scouts looking at Loud for 1998 draft

By Jeffrey Varner

Daily Sports Writer

Coach Andre Patterson projects Kamil Loud will be selected in the early third round of this year's NFL draft, which begins in the spring.

Patterson, former head coach of the Cal Poly Football team, is now the assistant defensive coordinator for the New England Patriots. "I've talked to scouting agents from the Pittsburgh Steelers, New York Giants, and the Denver Broncos," Patterson said. "The scouts from these teams believe that Loud has what it takes to excel at the next level."

Patterson thinks that Loud will be the first player to make it to the NFL since Chris Thomas, former Cal Poly receiver, who turned pro after he graduated in 1991.

"I'm looking forward to seeing Loud follow in my footsteps," Thomas said.

Thomas was selected by the San Diego Chargers and later won a Superbowl Championship with the San Francisco Forty-Niners in 1995.

"From what I have seen of Loud, I think that he has as much talent as receivers that I have played with in the professional ranks," Thomas said.

Thomas believes that if Loud has a standout season this year, he will be selected in the high rounds of the draft.

The only problem is that Loud is not having the type of statistically outstanding season that he's had in the seasons prior to this one.

"Coming to Cal Poly was the best thing I've ever done," he said. "At first I felt like it wasn't for me, because it's more diverse where I lived (in Richmond), but I was glad to get away from the violent city."

The violence that plagues Loud's hometown is what he blames for the death of his cousin, Mark Crosby. Crosby was killed four years ago at age 22, after falling into the trap of drugs and the street life. Loud thought of Crosby as a big brother. He had introduced Loud to sports by bringing him to games. Crosby also helped Loud improve his skills by playing and practicing with him.

Loud said Crosby was a good athlete, but did not go on to college, ending his education and future with him. "I just thought of something," he added.

"He was a major motivation to me," Loud said of his cousin. "I work so hard because I want to continue what he couldn't. I'll tell myself, 'You're doing this for Mark.' And that keeps me going."