Clowning around...

Tonight: Vote on Sports Complex fee
By Brad Davis
Sasha Reidy, speech communication senior, laughs at her friend Christina Howard, English senior, in the UU Tuesday afternoon. / Daily photo by Jason Kolvenbach.

Computer visions for the future
By Brad Davis
We have finally arrived at the brink of the Information Age. The ground work for the super-highway has been laid. Now it's just a matter of keeping up with the ever-increasing speed of traffic along that extensive route. This requires the acquisition of faster vehicles, which is what the California State University (CSU) system has planned for all 23 campuses. The CSU plan was presented to ASI Monday.

The planning began with the Integrated Technology Strategy (ITS), which is the most intensive research effort of its kind in the history of the CSU. ITS sought to find information technology upgrades which need to be addressed. Then the Telecommunications Infrastructure Initiatives (THI) were born, paving new ground for the CSU information super-highway. This is the foundation upon which all technology upgrades will form. The following are planned as outcomes for the THI:

• A baseline intra-campus infrastructure.
• A statewide agreement made by all CSU campuses.

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Students work on computers in the Agriculture building teleconference with other students and faculty at other CSU campuses. It will improve campus hardware, and classrooms and laboratories will receive additional outlets which will allow the operation of laptop technology.

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"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.

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Barnicoat continued asking that Hanley said, "It should have any affect at all on students looking for job placement."

"I'm glad he gave us a timeline," Murarka said. "I think (Cal Poly has) a lot of representation is from this campus."

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"How much are they going to listen to us?" Miskie asked, directing his question to Hanley.

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."

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"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."

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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 $3 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:

- The University originally said it would not provide us with a copy of Ozzie Smith’s written pledge, was later forced out of sight, lest the University community raise a firestorm of criticism over Kid’s services, students were divided over the wisdom of buying into the Sports Complex. An Advisory Vote by city voters was contemplated. The University believed a majority of the Council supported the project and thus didn’t want to chance a special election. Thus, a letter was written in early April by a Cal Poly vice president to the mayor of San Luis Obispo. The last sentence is worth quoting: “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.”

- The Pepsi deal, consummated this summer when few students were here, was earlier kept out of sight, lest the University has been scrambling ever since.

- The Cal 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.

- Whatever the legalities, the more basic reason given for opposing the ASI Board is that the students don’t know enough about the issue and it would cost money to educate them. Shock. Spending money to educate students at a university. What a terrible idea. In any case, judging by the Letters to the Editor in this paper and the turnout at recent Board workshops and meetings, the students are learning really fast and staking out diverse positions.

The more basic reason given for opposing a student vote is that the Administration/Athletics will go ahead with their stadiums anyway and the stu­dents will be left high and dry. Interestingly enough, these same fear tacs­tics were used earlier this year by the Administration in its negotiations over the City’s possible partnership on the Complex.

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We are now in the latter part of October and no mov­ing forward has occurred. And now the same scare tacs­tic is being used on the stu­dents. Tomorrow is too late. Vote “yes” now or forever suffer the consequences. So what if a study by uni­versity biologists of the pos­sible impacts on wildlife that the proposed project might have barely started, let alone been completed. So what if there is debate over whether noise from the Complex will impact the dorms and the surrounding community. So what if the finances of the deal is shrouded in controversy and secrecy.

If you are a member of the ASI Board, I urge you to support the students’ right to decide. If you are a student not on the Board, contact Board members from your college and urge them to fully embrace democracy. 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.

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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 open my checkbook 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, it 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 responsibilites.

For those who don’t work and who are excelling in school, way to go! I applaud you. I can’t say that if I were in the same situation that I’d make a tight study schedule all day that important. No, instead, I’d probably get hooked on soaps (with a textbook in my lap), watch talk shows (with my mom on the phone calling distance for commercials), and rearrange my room 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 even 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 in 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’m also glad you crave a sense of accomplishment other than a letter grade at the end of a quarter. However, the real world is breaching our necks. The safe arms of college can only provide the experience alive. However, working while schooling split my focus. This had a negative affect on my grades, my social life and me as an individual.

I used to work early mornings before class and in the afternoons after class. All day long I was somewhere, but not in the library studying. When I finally got home in the evening I was so drained I was only able to spend minimal time on homework and studying. This brought my 3.1 GPA down to a 2.8 in only a few short quarters.

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 human. 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 classes per 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 expedition 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 out as much out of the educational experience as possible. That experience can be hindered when one spends one’s self too thin between work and school.

Many students must work in order to make ends meet. But it shouldn’t be to have 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.

Brad Davis is a Daily Staff Writer.
LOUD

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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 Welsh'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'm 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," Welsh 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."

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Loud has dozens of NFL scouts asking about him. He said he hopes to professional 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."
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 have 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.

“When I was 22 years old, I played before 85,000 people,” Thomas said. “I was a major motivation to Loud to get to the next level.”

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.

Senior Wide Receiver Kamil Loud prepares to receive the kickoff in the Mustangs’ game against Simon Fraser. The Cal Poly football team will face Division II powerhouse Northern Iowa Saturday. 1 p.m. in Mustang Stadium.

By Michelle Boykin
Daily Staff Writer

The tattoos on Kamil Loud’s upper body probably speak for him the best.

There is a picture of a tiger clawing down his right keep, a heart on his left arm with the name “Pamela” written across it, and a Bible verse, Philippians 4:13, etched across his back.

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“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 sports at his high school graduation. He got caught up in the street life because there wasn’t much else for him to do.

“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.”

Today’s Question:
When was the last time the Cleveland Indians won the World Series?

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Unless we win, in which case take the first paragraph and transfer it to next week’s column for the game against Liberty.

You’ll hear a lot about the undefeated Mustangs in the next few days, but let’s find out a little about Northern Iowa.

The Panthers head Greg曼 Friedman into SL0 after a 35-32 upset of Youngstown State last weekend.

At the time, Youngstown was ranked No. 1 in the USA Today/ESPN Division II Poll, or No. 2 in the nation if you believe in the AP Poll.

Either way you cut it, it was a huge home victory for Northern Iowa over a Gateway Conference rival.

A interesting note on that game, Northern Iowa led 26-7 at halftime, before allowing 25 points in the second half.

What can Cal Poly learn from this?

Two things:
1. Shut them down early. Don’t let wide receiver Mike Furrey get open. He has 51 catches for 747 yards this season.
2. Even if Northern Iowa gets the lead, it is not rock solid. Youngstown almost came back for the victory like Cal Poly did two weeks ago when it trailed New Mexico State 17-7 in the first half. The Mustangs came back to win 28-25.

3. (I know I only said two, but I just thought of something)

Watch for a letdown by Northern Iowa after a big win like that.

Look at last weekend in Division I football.

LSU got spanked by Ole Miss, 36-21, after dethroning Florida from the No. 1 spot in the poll the week before.

Saturday’s game will also be a showdown of two first year coaches.

Northern Iowa head coach Mike Dubar is taking Cal Poly, and first year coach Larry Welsh, seriously.

“Cal Poly’s offense is putting up some great numbers,” Dubar said during a phone interview Tuesday. “We’ve got our work cut out for us.”

But don’t expect the Panthers to be hiding in their cages just because Cal Poly is 6-0. Their last two opponents were also undefeated.

“Hopefully our guys are smart enough to recognize the talent of Cal Poly,” Dubar said. “They’re not undefeated by accident.

“I hope there’s no letdown,” he added.

A bideen linewidth about exactly what Cal Poly fans are hoping for.

One last note. Get to Mustang Stadium early for the biggest game in recent memory. Seats will be hard to find.

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