ASI asks hard questions about CETI

By Audi Joseph

Skepticism and concern abounded at the ASI Board of Directors meeting Wednesday as a new high-tech, corporate "partnership" creeps closer to campus.

Jerry Hanley, vice provost for information technology services, spoke to the board about the different aspects of the California Education Technology Initiative (CETI) that has been proposed as the exclusive technology provider for the CSU.

CETI is a team made up of GTE, Fujitsu, Hughes Communications and Microsoft. The team will work with the CSU system to develop a comprehensive, three-year plan which will bring needed technology to all CSU campuses. The CETI partnership is designed to help CSU maintain, and even add to, technological resources as state funds are not available for the project.

Hanley said students and faculty alike have questions about the partnership and the deal is not yet complete. He said talks are continuing between the corporations and the CSU board of trustees.

"What the process entails now is that within the next week to three weeks, negotiations will be concluded and there will be a final deal for review," Hanley said.

"There is a commitment on the part of the various partners, particularly the CSU, of representation and negotiation, that will then be fully documented and sent out to all 22 campuses."

Hanley passed out documents to the board which outlined potential benefits and expected outcomes of CETI.

"Every university is trying to stay with the ramp of investing in technology itself - computer labs, modern pools - and everybody is always running out of money, particularly with the various competitions for those resources," he continued.

"Everything gets squeezed, everything gets sacrificed, and typically we get the stuff but we don't necessarily find a way to support it."

College of agriculture board member Denny Genshaft asked whether or not all campus labs would be affected by the deal even if, like Cal Poly's business lab, they already have all the up-to-date technology CETI would provide.

Hanley replied with a straightforward answer.

"Every element of access to information resources, including the business lab, will be impacted either directly or indirectly."

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Potential Virtual University mascots

By Michelle Bayliss

California Virtual University (CVU) is made up of the 45 California State University, California State College and private California college and university campuses.

The web site, http://www.california.edu, contains links to the 45 California campuses that offer online programs and their online course catalogs.

A wide range of degrees are offered. Some are associate degrees, bachelor's degrees, master's degrees and doctoral degrees. Courses vary by campus and range from business and engineering to health science and social science.

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Campus clubs receive project/event grant

Eleven campus clubs were awarded money from the Presidents Grants last week. The Presidents Grants gives an opportunity for clubs who do not receive ASI funds to get money for a one-time project or event that would benefit the San Luis Obispo community. ASI, Cal Poly student body and the sponsoring club and its members.

The Society of Black Engineers and Scientists received $300 to help fund its "Black Family Weekend," and to allow them to attend the organization's National Conference. Other clubs which received funding are the American Institute of Architectural Students ($500), Tri-Beta ($500), Cal Poly Amateur Radio Club ($500), Food Science Club ($500), Sequoia Hall ($500), Math Club ($200), Structural Engineering Association of California ($300), Chi Delta Theta Sorority ($400), Chinese Students Association ($300) and Chisano's overcrowding ($200).

National Girls and Women in Sports Day is Feb. 28

An incorrect date was given for the National Girls and Women in Sports Day during Women's History Month. The correct time and date is Saturday, Feb. 28 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in Chico Auditorium.

Immunity talks at impasse, Starr seeks to halt Jones suit

By John Solomon

WASHINGTON — Monica Lewinsky's attorneys signaled an impasse Thursday in the high-stakes pursuit of her perjury investigation in the neighborhood of $10 to $12 million, is currently slated for the $20 million, is currently slated to...
said they are consuming more caffeine than they realize.

Burt Cochran, head physician at the health center on campus, said they are not the only ones who take caffeine in pill form. "It's common for college students to take caffeine in pill form (like No-Doz) or chocolate-covered coffee beans on a regular basis. These students come to the health center complaining of a racing or skipping heart, shakiness, insomnia, anxiety and panic attacks," Cochran said. "The latter are the most likely to have more problems with caffeine.

Cochran advises such patients to cut down on their caffeine consumption.

Cochran said that long-term effects of caffeine have been proven, but excessive amounts of too much caffeine made it when he was a kid and he led healthy and cholesterol problems later in life.

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Fielding cancer

By Dennis Miller

"Baseball is a lot like life. The line drives are caught, the squibbers go for base hits. It's an unfair game."


My dear friend Deanna Becker was a scrunching line drive into the left field gap that was caught by a diving center-fielder, whose name was Cancer. Undoubtedly she was a line drive headed to the fence for a stand up double, knocking in the go ahead run. She definitely was no squibber, just barely squeaking through. No, she was a liner hit right on the sweet spot of the bat. And as soon as this line drive was hit, the fans stood up and cheered wildly, for they all knew that this powerful line drive had such great potential to ricochet off the fence and turn into that .stand up double.

Then, out of nowhere came Cancer, the center-fielder, to snatch this line drive to the benefit of all the fans. Even though the unthinkable catch had occurred, the cheering did not stop. It was far louder than ever, for all that saw this amazing line drive knew that they had witnessed one of the hardest hits, most special line drives they would ever see. Yep, life is an unfair game.

Deanna Becker, my friend, the cheers and memories will always be with me and all you fans. Deanna Becker graduated from Cal Poly in 1995 with a degree in Ag Business. She then worked for the Paso Robles Vintners and Growers Association for a while, before moving back to the home town of Napa, California. She then jumped on the pathway toward reaching her goal of becoming a winemaker, working at various wineries in the Napa Valley, including Robert Mondavi Winery. She also had the opportunity to work as an assistant winemaker for Saltlidge Winery in Southeastern Australia for about four months in 1997.

Besides having a passion for wine, she also enjoyed soccer (she coached a high school team, baseball in general, sports, gardening, running, reading, spending time with good friends and many other activities for which there is no space to list. Everything she did was with 100 percent effort and passion — from school, to learning the wine industry, to her friendships. And for that passion I will always admire her. I feel so very privileged and proud to have been able to spend time with her for those past four and a half years.

She passed away on Sunday, January 29, 2000, after a five month battle with cancer. I am going to miss her "beeps," as I know many will, but those cheers and those memories of that smile and laugh will always remain with me, in my heart and in my head. By the way, she could hit the snot out of a wiffle ball if you threw it in her wheelhouse!

Dennis Miller is a forestry and natural resources senior.

Scare tactics are useless

Editor,

I would like to think Mr. Schumann for his typically political scare-tactic letter. The power industry's definition of "maximum credible accident" was very interesting, but so what?

My definition of "maximum riot" is even from opponents of the county in the rate on the killing a score, but what does it have to do with reality? He even mentioned that it would take a severe impact and prolonged fire to start one. In other words, an explosion, a big one... say from a bomb. So what are the odds of this happening? Slim, probably close to none. It's in PGE's best interest not to have an accident, one that they'd think you're business (or have any money) for very long after an accident of damaging size?

As for why there is little to no citizen input, Mr. Schumann is exactly right! If they asked for input the anti-nuclear fire-brands would constantly demand that the plant be shutdown. They just hear the word "nuclear" and logic turns off.

Of course, they'd still want power. Coal and oil pollute to much, there's not enough ground for wind or solar, and not enough water for hydro, leaving nuclear power (with its risks) as the viable option. The "might" of nuclear power have been deemed better than the know minuses of other forms of energy.

Greg Fryer is an electrical engineering sophomore.

Sympathy for the Unabomber

By Nate Pontious

The president is stealing the Unabomber's press. I would think that at the level of sophistication our nation's press has reached, as well as the intelligence of today's media-savvy audience, that travails of the president's press could be avoided. Here you have one Theodore Kazinsky—THF UNABOMBER—working hard to make a name for himself. He's just the package this nation's media hopes for: writer, professor, confessed mad bomber. Yet, how long can this be forgotten as soon as there are rumors of some sort of "presidential emergency."

Yes, yes, the allegations (most recent) of sexual misconduct in the Oval Office are the most morality of the all country can talk about. Morality of the president, did he, didn't he, does it matter, yadda, yadda, yadda. The important issue here is equality—yes, equality. Equality among media celebrities under suspicion or confession.

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Clinton budget offers salvo in war on cancer

By Laura Medker
Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Saying scientists are "right on the verge" of a breakthrough in cancer research, Vice President Al Gore said Thursday the administration wants to increase federal funding by 65 percent over the next five years.

The budget plan, which must be approved by Congress, would also allow Medicare patients access to clinical trials for the first time.

"We want to be the first generation that finally wins the war against cancer," Gore said Thursday. "For the first time, the enemy is outmatched."

Later, Gore flew to California's Silicon Valley to announce plans to extend a corporate research and development tax credit.

In his budget, President Clinton is proposing considerably more money for all federal research at the National Institutions of Health, but cancer research would get the biggest boost.

Clinton is counting on revenue from a national AIDS vaccine to fund the plan, despite its shaky prospects on Capitol Hill. Still, his call for more biomedical research funding should be welcomed in Congress, where members usually spend more for NIH than the president requests.

"We're right on the verge of a whole new phase in this war," he said.

So far, most of thereasearch has focused on understanding cancer and its genetic links, said Dr. Joseph Pagano, founder of the Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center at the University of North Carolina. Now, he said, researchers are ready to apply that knowledge to treatments for actual patients.

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third game, then netted a backhand to the break and flung her racket hard to the court.

When Huber fell behind 5-1, she lifted a ball high in the air in disgust and it came down, smashing her racket. She ended her misery by double-faulting twice in the final game and lost to Martinez, 6-4, 6-4, 6-4. Martinez, who started the match with a 2-1 lead, never allowed Huber to come back.

Huber, who sprayed 40 unforced errors to Martine's 31 in the final game, said she did not understand Huber's lack of focus.

Huber had previously blown two break points and served poorly in the first set.

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Welk wrestles rough

By Shelly Scocedo Daily Jeff Writer

Wrestler Craig Welk leans over a basket of laundry he needs for a road trip to Oklahoma this weekend. He’s opening a split lip and wearing a white tank top and black corduroy pants, his knee flex as he folds a gray pair of Calvins.

There’s only one way to describe Welk according to teammate Mike French, “He’s tough. He’s tough as nails.”

Welk may be tough on the mat, but he has an approachable demeanor and breaks into easy conversation about school, wrestling and his teammates. The 22-year-old political science major is ranked 10th in the nation. He says his goal is to make All-American and everybody knows it.

“You just have to root for him because of how hard he works,” French said.

Head Wrestling Coach Lennie Cowell said Welk has a great chance of reaching All-American.

“As an individual, his competitive spirit and desire to excel is the key thing that’s helped him achieve success this year,” he said.

Welk attributes his success to his wrestling style. The 150-pounder said that in order to succeed, weight doesn’t matter as much as individual style.

“You’ve got to develop a style that makes you good depending on your body style,” Welk said. “I’m more of a beat-up, pound-on-the-guy ‘til he gives-up style.”

He may have his challenges pounding a foe, but he’s also experienced them.

He’s suffered a broken collar bone, had orthopedic knee surgery, "a lot of broken fingers," and one injury he doesn’t care to mention. Of course, that’s discussing numerous aches, which he says are pretty regular.

“If you’re not going 100 percent, that’s when you get injured,” he said.

Maybe that’s why he never thinks of anything but winning.

He said during his match against Arizona Friday, he visualized himself winning.

Welk faced his arch-rival Steve Blackwell, who is ranked 19th in the nation, while Wells comes in at 16th.

Hingis to face Martinez in Australian Open final

By Steve Wilkins Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia — A year after Martina Hingis started her surge to the top of women’s tennis by capturing the Australian Open, she’s poised to extend her rule as she reached the final Thursday of her fifth straight Grand Slam tournament.

Hingis, 6-1, 2-6, 6-1 triumph over Anke Huber put the 17-year-old from Switzerland into the championship match Saturday against 1994 Wimbledon champ Conchita Martinez, a 4-6, 6-3, 6-3 victor over second-seeded Lindsay Davenport.

“I always knew I could win,” Hingis said. “It’s a Grand Slam final, she’s been there and knows how it feels, and I’m sure she wants to win one again.”

Hingis said Marticne’s “I’m hoping to not allow her to do that.”

In the men’s semifinals, Petr Korda of the Czech Republic beat Karol Kucera of Slovakia 6-1, 6-4, 6-2, then celebrated with three cartwheels on court, two scissors kicks and a huge leap. Korda will play in the final against the winner of Friday’s semifinal matchup between No. 9 Marcelo Rios of Chile and unseeded Nicolas Escude of France.

Hingis, who won Wimbledon and the U.S. Open last year and was runner-up in the French Open, almost always has a tough time against the German Huber. Eight of their nine matches have gone three sets, though Huber has won only one of those.

Hingis glided through the first set and took a 2-0 lead in the second before Huber caught fire. Chasing down Hingis’ best shot, drilling winners from both sides, Huber ran off seven straight games to take the set and a 10-lead in the third.

“I started off unbelievable,” Hingis said.

But if anything about Hingis distinguishes her game, it’s her ability to handle the heat. She didn’t know what to do there for a minute — well, not a minute, for 20 minutes.

If anything, Hingis was up and down. It took poor symptoms and play steadily while keeping pressure on her opponents. She did that with deep baseline shots close to the lines, and watched Huber bungle aces.

Haber bungled to fall apart when she whacked an overhead wide to 15-40 on her serve in the