ROTC Is Marching Back

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Cover photo by Mike Shafer
It will take a lot more than the charm of music to soothe the savage beast of inflation which has been the "Pride of the Pacific."

The Cal Poly Marching Band has found it difficult to live within its means. Band conductor and associate professor of music William Johnson said in a Mustang Daily story that inflation has brought the band's funds in the last two years. The marching band's budget is $3,726.

The band has had to hire the bullies like every other group on campus. It's budget hasn't been cut but it hasn't been raised.

Gov. Edmund Brown has been telling us to lower our expectations. The marching band is learning this more than an abstract notion.

When it traveled to Long Beach State for the Cal Poly Long Beach football game, the band overspent $1,500. Unlike New York City, the band shouldn't expect the government to come to the rescue.

The Associated Students, Inc. has enough demands placed on it from campus groups that need funds without having to make up the difference when they spend too much.

It's too expensive for the band to travel than it should stay home. Anyone who has watched the band practice for its halftime shows knows how hard it works. It's permissible for the band and the university for it to go on the road and perform. But prestige is a luxury the ASI can't afford.

It would be difficult to justify increasing the band's budget in view of the Student Affairs Council's generosity last spring in granting $20,000 to the symphonic band for its tour last summer to Vienna.

Other campus organizations were left out in the cold when such a large amount of money was given to one group. Technically the marching band and symphonic band are two different groups. But the symphonic band is composed of 80 musicians from the marching band.

Band conductor Johnson pointed out other groups would have to be cut for the band to get more money. The band will have to content itself with its memories of Vienna. When budget time rolls around it should be someone else's turn to make a bigger piece of the action.

How long you gotta go before you get outa here?
Everything's Coming Up Roses; Plant Business Starting To Bud

by MERRILL McCARTY
Dally Stall Writer

Walk into any student's apartment and you may see a Wandering Jew wandering around the coffee table, Charlie on top of the bookshelf, and a spider hanging from the ceiling.

These strange denizens, however, are not animate and definitely not dangerous. They just mildly do their thing for people involved in a booming nationwide fad.

Plants.

Wandering Jeevs, Creeping Charlies, and Spider Plants are some of the more popular varieties of houseplants in an industry that has doubled its production in California in the last three years.

What has brought all this on?
To ask the plant buyers themselves brings largely indefinite answers. Interest in ecology, satisfaction in caring for something, and company are the reasons given most often.

Dr. Howard C. Brown, head of the Ornamental Horticulture Department, had another idea on the reasons.

"Business in OH," he said, "has always been good in times of stress such as depression or a recession. Plants serve as an emotional outlet, a tranquilizing activity."

Jerry Wakefield, of Central Park West, a local plant store, was inclined to think that "plants have become a fad because people are staying home more, due to the energy crisis, and are giving more attention to their own small environment."

"In the environment, or being natural, seems to be the predominant theme of the plant explosion."

One slightly grumpy plant owner said, "Yeah, everyone has to be organic nowadays, and I fell into the trap."

As to who is buying the plants, everyone seems to agree that it is largely young people. Nina Harris, of The Greenery, an indoor plant wholesaler described customers of the shop as "people under 35 and old ladies, but the real business comes from young people."

And business is doing just fine, thank you. Brown quotes figures showing $70 million worth of potted plants produced in California in 1972 and $174.8 million produced in 1978. The figures are still climbing both statewide and on a national basis.

Locally, plant shops have sprung up like wildflowers, outnumbering a great majority of them within the last two years. The phone book lists a column full of plant shops in the local area alone.

As to success, everyone seems to be doing well enough, some stores have rapidly rising sales rates, while others are hitting the pinch of competition.

"About three years ago," said Caroline Mossati of Rustic Gardens Nursery, "our business increased for about two years. We were the only ones in town that sold houseplants. Then everyone decided this was good to get into, and our business share of the boom has leveled off."

Many stores are selling plants as a sideline, helping to spread interest.

"Supermarkets," said Brown, "have brought plants into the hands of people who would not normally go to a nursery or a plant store. Many of these sales are impulsive."

Pots of plants...and dollars (Daily photo)
Troops Fall In As Program Builds

by STEVE WARNOFF
Daily Staff Writer

In the late 1960s one of the main concerns on college campuses was the conflict in Viet Nam. Anti-war demonstrations triggered anti-military actions across the nation.

Since that period, feelings have generally cooled down. Student actions against the Reserve Officer Training Corp (ROTC) program have, like Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young's protest songs, become golden oldies.

The ROTC program at Cal Poly, which was founded in 1952, is now trying to rebuild it: program. It is concerned with students interested in some form of military service after graduation from college.

The ROTC is responsible for the military science studies on campus. The departmental courses are open to any student wishing to take a course from Military Science to World Affairs.

The participants usually begin the program in their freshman year. At the beginning of his junior year he begins to receive $100 a month after volunteering to participate in some form of military duty after graduation from college.

The ROTC program at Cal Poly supports 100 students, which includes 26 women.

Colonel Roberts McKee, ROTC Commander at Cal Poly said, "After college, jobs are hard to come by. The students active in ROTC obtain a job in the military that involves leadership and management of men. Most college graduates don't have positions of leadership in industry or business."

According to McKee the main goal of the ROTC program is to obtain well educated officers in sufficient numbers to support the United States military.

Since the days of protest over the Viet Nam war, the number of students in the program has declined.

According to McKee the large ROTC program of the last 60s was due to the large number of students that joined to avoid the draft.

The ROTC program is slowly starting to rebuild itself at Cal Poly, but McKee says the all-volunteer army is keeping the number of enrollments down because there is no draft in 1979.

Whatever the amount, the students in ROTC are active in all areas of military programs on campus. One Saturday a month they are engaged in "hands on" training. 'Hands on' training applies the practice for what they learn in the classroom.

Clubs like the Saberd and Blade perform services for the community and are"presently involved in planning a military ball. Another program is the Color Guard which represents the military in football games, assured ceremonies and parades.

According to McKee, ROTC women keep up with the men.

McKee says, "Women do exactly what the men do, except for offensive and defensive operations (actual combat practice). I feel that the women are a valuable part of the program."

Field Training Exercises (FTE) are an important part of the ROTC program. During FTE, participation in combat situations help train the student. Dismantled weapons are used during the learning sessions.

Richard Slesak, economics major and ROTC member, has this to say about ROTC.

"The hundred dollars a month didn't sound bad either. According to Slesak, the program will afford him the flying lessons at the Santa Maria airport during his senior year.

"I have a strong sense of duty for my country."

"I feel that those who want to become future officers have some knowledge of what duty is," says Slesak between puffs on his cigar. "We expect to be treated like adults in the ROTC. Here, I'm happy to say we're treated as future soldiers."

Scott Maughum, History Professor has this to say about ROTC. "The ROTC insures that officers recognize that in America the military serves our political and cultural system," says Maughum.

As with any institution in our country, the ROTC has its problems.

"The Army is resource oriented," says McKee. "We use our resources wisely, we have to fight for our money and live with what we get."

Most of the problems of society are found in military programs, all the good and bad, the same as the community," said McKee. "The Army is a representation of the country itself. If the military becomes separate from the society we're in bad trouble, because the Army represents the people."

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Greenless Garden
Poly's Botanical Garden—A Dollar Desert

by ROBIN HARRY
Daily Staff Writer

Natural beauty is not always dirt cheap, according to Dr. Malcolm McCloud. McCloud, Biological Science faculty member, said financing has always been the main problem of the Cal Poly botanical garden.

The actimg director of the garden stated, "There is no funding for botanical gardens in the state college system," and added, "Therefore, our progress has been very slow."

Cal Poly's botanical garden, and gardens throughout the world, are used for the study and culture of native plants.

The botanical garden located on the way to Poly Canyon was a dream of Dr. Robert Hoover, a biologist and instructor at Cal Poly in 1945.

Over the past 30 years funding the garden has been a catch-emit-then-you-can project. From an agricultural grazing land to a natural wonder, the garden has faced many developmental conflicts.

Discussing one of the problems, McCloud said, "The land up there is really dry, and without proper irrigation it is almost impossible to keep the garden going."

There wasn't any money available for an irrigation system until 1970 when an answer to the water problem came in the form of an old firetruck which had burned while on duty. The discarded truck became the tank for a new water system, explained Dr. Robert Rodin, also a faculty member of the Biological Science Department.

Although that did not solve the problem entirely, the tank was a start. It was also cheap.

The botanical garden is made up of many species of plants ranging from farms to poisonous grass said McCloud.

"We stress native plants. We also stress things that are already there."

Most of the plants are native to the county with a few exceptions to the rule coming from other parts of California.

One of the native inhabitants is the Mariposa Lily which is on the rare plant list and only grows in this part of the state. Another is the Native Bunch Grass which grow wild in the San Joaquin Valley, until the land in the valley was cultivated, and the grass was buried in the earth.

Those who aren't biologists, botanists, or plant enthusiasts may stroll through the garden without realizing what natural wonders they have seen.

The garden serves multiple purposes—including a laboratory for biological science majors. There are two seniors working on putting finishing touches on a poisonous plant garden. -

"There is no need to worry about the poisonous plants," laid McCloud, since "they're the kind of plants that no one would normally eat."

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WASHINGTON UPI - Is there a building romance between President Ford’s son Jack and tennis star Chris Evert? Maybe.

"They enjoy each other's company," said Sheila Weintraub, the first lady's press secretary.

Jack, 27, and Chris, 24, dated Thursday and had their first dinner date in the evening. At his invitation, she will be coming to lunch at the White House.

**Supersonic Jet Travel**

UPI - With a mighty roar of jet engines and publicity, Britain and France Wednesday launched the age of intercontinental supersonic passenger travel.

"The day of glory has arrived," proclaimed Air France president Gerard Zakin.

"At last, a dream comes true," said British Airways chairman Sir Reginald Tooth.

The Anglo-French Concorde jet took off Wednesday from London’s Heathrow airport for Bahrain on the Persian Gulf and from Charles de Gaulle field north of Paris for Rio de Janeiro.

The British Airways Concorde made the 5,153-mile London-Bahrain flight in three hours, 34 minutes — a saving of two hours.

The French jet made the 2,260-mile trip to Rio with a refueling stop in Dakar, Senegal — in 8 hours, 27 minutes, a saving of four hours and 55 minutes.

**School Wants Representative**

Student Affairs Council needs a representative from the school of Engineering and Technology. Interested persons should attend a School council meeting on Wed. at 7:30 p.m. in Rm. 228 in the University Union. Applicants could also contact J. Frame by leaving a message in the 381 office or call 516-1291. Elections will be held at a School Council meeting.

**IRS Again Investigating Nixon**

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WASHINGTON UPI - Chairman Frank Church of the Senate intelligence committee proposed Wednesday that a single Senate panel be given strict control over the CIA and virtually all other U.S. intelligence agencies.

He made the proposal as the House intelligence committee met in closed session and rejected 8 to 4 a proposal that details of covert American operations be excluded from the panel's final report.

The proposal at the House committee was submitted by Rep. Dale Milloul, D-N.Y., and was similar to a White House request. Milloul said it was "an effort concerned about certain classified information" in the staff draft of the committee's report.

WASHINGTON UPI - President Ford pardoned Nixon for any crimes he may have committed when Nixon was president, the report said, the IRS was trying to determine whether Nixon should have to pay fraud penalties in connection with a conspiracy to back-date the documents.

If fraud is found, Nixon could have to pay $322,121.45, which $16,090.97 would be for a 1969 tax deficiency the IRS found in 1974, and $74,040.48 would be a 50-percent penalty for fraud, the papers said.

Nixon could face a fraud assessment, but the IRS would not have to pay the 1969 tax deficiency because the three-year statute of limitations expired — but fraud has no statute of limitations and makes the deficiency collectable.

When the back-dating of the deed was known, Nixon paid the IRS $3,000 in back taxes and penalties for his 1970-72 returns, and said he would pay the 1969 deficiency. He has not.

Despite Ford's pardon, Nixon's tax problems are still major. The IRS again is investigating Nixon.

**Plants: Everything's Coming Up Roses**

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And once a person has bought a plant, they usually get interested and stay with it.

Another reason cited by Brown for the increasing sales is the growing number of apartment and condominium dwellers. "They can't have gardens, so they have houseplants.

The most popular varieties are Wandering Jews, Creeping Charlie's, and the Goldfish. These plants are hardy, in fact "impossible to kill," according to one buyer, and easily regrown from cuttings.

However, because they are easily grown, sales of these plants are lagging despite drop in Boston and Roosevelt Farms are becoming more popular, possibly because they are more difficult to grow.

The rise of the more common plants is dropping, while the rare plants are becoming more expensive.

Another indicator for the future interest in plants is on the academic scene.

Figures from the OH state show that there were 110 majors in 1965. This rose to 550 in 1970, and at last year reached a whopping 721.

"The room has definitely helped in employment opportunities for CHS graduates," said Brown. Apparently oh maj numbers don't have to worry about getting a job after graduation.

What's in the future for plants?

Jeff Noble, owner of the Pelco Farm Nurseries says, "The houseplants are already going downhill. People are becoming more sophisticated, they're more knowledgeable in plant life, especially stouter ones." Noble feels that indoor cacti and succulents are the thing of the future.

And according to Brown, "more economics are already predating the house in business because productivity has gone up quickly.

But plants have not reached the saturation point yet.

Noble's wife, Phylis, says, "We can't grow them fast enough." And wholesalers are doing big business.

Brown is optimistic about the future, whatever form it takes.

"Most people leaving plants develop a real interest, which will continue. They become real plant lovers.

ANN ARBOR, Mich. UPI - Physicians attending Ford Motor Co. Chairman Henry Ford II said Wednesday that the auto executive, who was hospitalized earlier this week, was suffering from a bullet aliment.

The ailment was diagnosed as angina pectoris, a fairly common abnormality of the cardiovascular system characterized by chest pains. Ford, who had been chief executive of the No. 2 auto company since 1965, is 68.

Doctors said he would remain at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital for at least a week and would postpone a planned trip through the Far East which was to have included one-week business trips to the People's Republic of China.

A multi-media show, entitled Portraits of MesoAmerica, will be presented in Milwaukee Art Center, from the School of Architecture and Environmental Design. It is in the Architectural Gallery Monday and Tuesday, Jan. 28 and 27, 1976. There will be two showings each day at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m., lasting half an hour. Everyone is invited.

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**Big Boys In Town Saturday**

**Mustangs Need CCAA Wins**

By JON HASTINGS Daily Sports Editor

The CCAA basketball schedule will be in full swing this weekend with the Mustangs right in the thick of things.

The CCAA is the Pacific Eight division II basketball league this year. All six teams have a chance to win the title with Cal State LA and Cal Poly Pomona considered the favorites. Cal State Bakersfield with its 13-2 record and defending champion UC Riverside are close behind.

The Mustangs have the second best non-conference record of the six schools, but they have not played as tough a schedule as Pomona and Cal State LA. Nevertheless, a schedule will be in full swing this weekend with the Mustangs right in the thick of things as Pomona and Cal State LA have a chance to win the title.

Just as Northridge can't afford to lose three in a row, Poly must win one of its two conference games this weekend. If the Mustangs don't get a win in Northridge they are going to find victory harder to find the rest of the season.

Cal State LA has always been considered an excellent basketball school and it has been traditionally strong at home. LA is 2-0 in CCAA action thus far.

Lesie Wheeler's Mustangs are coming off two straight road wins and they would no doubt like to continue that streak this weekend. Last week Poly defeated Westmont and Irvine on the road.

Wheeler has been receiving excellent play from junior guard Gerald Jones. The first team all-CCAA guard scored 24, 21, and 19 points in last week's games. He made 11 of 24 field goals and 2 of 8 free throws, and contributed nine assists. He was named the player of the week.

Jones is the fourth leading scorer in the conference. Cal State LA's Tommy Lipary is the conference's leading scorer and he is shooting 56 percent from the floor.

Wheeler will have his hands full trying to stop the former LA City Prep Player of the Year. But before Wheeler can start worrying about Lipary, he has got to be concerned with Northridge. At this point, Northridge is enough to worry about.

Poly coach, Ken Preston, said it is going to take a super effort by everyone involved for the Mustangs to upset UCSC. "If we play well we can play with them," said Preston. "UCSC is an mid-season form and I think it might be overwhelming us," said Preston. "We are a good team without an abundance of talent and I don't know if they realize that."

Some of that talent Preston is talking about is senior Twee McMillan and Junior Steve Rutledge. McMillan is a hitter while Rutledge is a setter. Both were first team all conference last year. Rutledge calls the plays out there and he is the quarterback of the club," said Preston. "He is an extremely smart player."

Preston is expected to use only one setter in his starting line-up. Senior setter Steve Montanez was forced out of the team last week due to personal reasons. Montanez will be sorely missed. Other starters in the Mustang line-up will be Rock Hansen, an all conference hitter; Paul Gabriel, a hitter from state junior college champion, San Bernardino Valley; Linda Law, a former football player who has led his athletic talents to the hardwood; and Nat Kame; a hard working junior who excels in all layers of the game.

Dave Lowrey, a center from San Bernardino, and talented freshman Cory Kelley are also expected in this plenty of action. Lowrey will be rotating in the back row while Kelley could be setting along with Rutledge. Casey is a hard nosed defensive specialist who Kelley is fundamentally sound and Preston calls him "smooth."

Some of the Mustang players feel they can upset the Gauchos. "We can do it if everyone contributes what they are capable of contributing," said Kame.
"Sea Of Dames" Sets Sail Friday In San Luis

by SUNIE WHITE

Daily Staff Writer

Dames at Sea is about ready to be christened, and it looks like smooth sailing from now on.

The play, presented by the San Luis Obispo Little Theatre, opens Friday for its extended eight-day run. If drill rehearsals are any measuring stick for successful musical-comedy productions then Dames, as it is officially called by the cast and director alike, is headed for leg-breaking good luck.

Directed and choreographed by Michael Quijada, a counselor for Cal Poly's Hay perspective as well as a Broadway veteran, he lends a professional edge to the play. His stamp of approval has gone on everything from the simplest dame step to the lighting and sets.

"Since we started rehearsing I haven't stopped...literally. Don't dance on the wet paint. And don't step on Mike." Not even slowing down for wet paint, the cast kept going repeating their tired but weary voices. Every available table in the small theatre was strewn with overflowing ashtrays and half-full coffee cups. Empty lead wrappers from nearby Arco Circle remain as evidence of how many quick meals the cast and crew have grabbed between numbers.

One gas-meter chartists they go there so often that they're almost wearing out their welcome, if that's possible. "I can't count the times we've come over here ordering a dozen cups of coffee and emptying their whole pot."

Drinking a lot of that coffee as well as starring in Dames are Mar Del Mabry as Dick, who also designed the costumes; Debbie Winborne as Ruby and Lisa Hatfield as Mona.

Meanwhile back at rehearsal the director is shouting wise words to the cast. "Don't dance on the wet paint! "...and don't step on Mike!"