**Best women for the job**

Cal Poly ROTC's top two leaders want to serve in Army aviation or intelligence

By Mike Munson

For the first time since it began in 1953, Cal Poly ROTCs first and second in command are women. Heather Hjelm, an economics senior, commands the battalion this quarter. Danica Pedrin, an animal science senior, is the executive officer.

ROTC, which stands for Reserve Officers Training Corps, is a four-year program students participate in while pursuing their bachelor's degree. Although the program requires several classes per year, it is not a minor, but rather an addition to the regular degree. Upon completion of the program, cadets receive a commission in the Army as a second lieutenant. Approximately 70 cadets participate in the Cal Poly program.

Cadets attend quarterly field training exercises at Fort Hunter Liggett, train on-campus in bivouac labs, participate in recruiting and perform various other tasks such as the color guard at sports events.

According to Lt. Col. Richard Kane, head of the military science department, Hjelm is only the second woman ever to command the battalion.

“She was selected based on her entire performance to date as a cadet, which has been outstanding."

— Lt. Col. Richard Kane

Military science department head

Hjelm and Pedrin were selected on an order of merit list. The list is based on an assessment of their performance in the campus ROTC program, overall Cal Poly academics and an advanced camp program at Fort Lewis, Wash.

Pedrin said she and Hjelm just happened to match up for the quarter.

“There’s not a male or female superior in any way, shape or form."

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**New Poly frat says no to alcohol**

Theta Chi fraternities at 150 nationwide colleges plan to be alcohol-free in five years

By Jen Stevenson

There’s a new fraternity in San Luis Obispo, but don’t expect members to be throwing any wild house parties to publicize their presence.

Twenty five Theta Chi members took their first step toward becoming an official chapter of the fraternity Sunday night when they were officially colonized in Chumash Auditorium. Members of the University of California at Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz, and Los Angeles chapters of Theta Chi attended to show their support. Alumni and several representatives from Theta Chi headquarters were also there.

Not a member of Cal Poly’s Interfraternity Council, Theta Chi can nab all year long, unrestricted by the one-week rush period that limits IFC members.

If this creates visions of a yearlong Theta Chi boozefest to attract new members, that won’t be the case, said Mike Anderson, business junior and president of Theta Chi. Theta Chi Fraternity Inc., voted Oct. 19 to make all its facilities on about 150 campuses across the country alcohol-free within five years.

Since the San Luis Obispo branch is still wanting to be approved by the head office in Indianapolis as an official chapter, it is automatically alcohol-free from the start. This means no alcohol will be allowed in the official fraternity house — another fraternity staple Theta Chi is still looking for.

Anderson said the no-alcohol decision was a responsibility issue for Theta Chi Inc.

“International headquarters is trying to change things because of the liability involved,” he said. “When you have a lot of parties and you’re serving minors and people are falling

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**Pulitzer-prize winning author speaks at Poly**

By Louise Attard

Contemporary American fiction author Richard Ford will speak Friday at Cal Poly about his novels, including the Pulitzer Prize-winning “Independence Day.”

The event is presented by WriterSpeak, which aims to bring writers to the students and the community,” said Adam Hill, an English lecturer and director of WriterSpeak. WriterSpeak is sponsored by the College of Liberal Arts, Cal Poly Arts and the English Department.

Hill said it is hard to predict how many people will attend to hear Ford speak.

“I am wanting a minimum 100 people, but it could be packed,” he said. “We’d like to get as many students as we can.”

Ford will most likely read a passage from one of his books and take questions from the audience, Hill said.

“Usually we leave it up to the speakers to determine what they want to read,” he said. “It’s not like when bands come and they play all their greatest hits.”

Ford charged Cal Poly a lot less than he normally charges to speak. Ford will already be in California on another engagement: On Thursday, Ford will be in San Francisco speaking at a $16-per-ticket event. People who come to the Cal Poly event on Friday can hear Ford speak for free.

“I taught and lived in Louisiana before I came here and Richard lives part of the year in New Orleans, so I got to know him down there,” Hill said.

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off roofs and driving home drunk, the liability falls onto the house and the president.

Incidents involving alcohol have definitely taken their toll on the greek system nationwide and at Cal Poly, as Delta Tau is currently serving a 25-year suspension for alcohol-related offenses. IFC President Steve Morris said there is increasing pressure on fraternities at the national level to make their houses alcohol-free because of insurance issues.

Anderson said while there is a ban on alcohol at the Theta Chi house, the fraternity is by no means dry. However, he said the emphasis of Theta Chi is to make better leaders out of its members, not better partiers.

"All of the guys like to party, but that's not why I'm doing Theta Chi," Anderson said. "I'm trying to make men better and better leaders."

The focus of the fraternity is hands-on community service, said Anderson. "We don't believe that raising money for any nonprofit organization is better than being hands-on work, like building a house for a family who is homeless," Anderson said.

"It's not about just raising money and handing it over and never seeing the people you helped again." The members of Theta Chi participated in a battered women's shelter event last year, and helped out at different sites at Cal Poly's Student Community Services' "Into the Streets" event, even though they weren't yet members of the university's IFC.

They hope to petition for IFC membership in 1999. This quarter, IFC voted not to expand on its 18-member limit, according to Morris. However, he said Theta Chi looks like a possible consideration for membership next year, if IFC votes to expand.

The last fraternity to become a part of IFC was Alpha Gamma Omega, which joined this past year. Anderson said Theta Chi will continue to focus on community service, and the fraternity plans to do three community service or fund-raising events a quarter.

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"We're planning on doing social events with sororities and other fraternities," Anderson said. "Nice formal dances, dinners, really nice events."

"Not just, 'Hey let's get a keg and finish it as fast as we can' or 'Let's get a keg and see how many girls we can get over here.'"

Anderson said he decided to start Theta Chi last winter quarter, when he and some friends were looking into joining a fraternity.

"I had tons of really motivated friends," he said. "We said, 'Why not try to start something ourselves?'"

IFC recommended three potential chapters with promising futures, and Theta Chi was the first fraternity to respond by flying a representative out from headquarters to meet with Anderson's group.

Anderson said since then, a representative has flown out about every three weeks to guide them toward becoming an official chapter of Theta Chi. Animal science junior Philip Vinci, director of new member recruitment, said the fraternity hopes to be chartered in 12 to 16 months.

Factors headquarters will consider in deciding whether to charter the new colony include making sure the fraternity is strong in philanthropy, scholarship and leadership. They also pay close attention to the organisation and growth rate of the colony.

"They want to make sure we are going to be able to be around for 10, 15, 20 years," Anderson said. "Which we will be — I have no fear of that."

In order to become an official chapter, Theta Chi needs 45 members. Anderson said maximum membership would ideally be 60 to 70 men. They are recruiting more members, but the requirements are tough.

"I'm big on quality over quantity," Anderson said. "Potential members need to have good grades, present themselves well in different social situations and participate in different types of events, maybe even plan an event."

"The number one criteria is that the guys want the new pledges as frat brothers, that they like them," he said.

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“Independence Day” encapsulates the story of Frank Bascombe — a character first introduced in “The Sportswriter” — during a Fourth of July weekend. (He now lives with his wife Kristina in New Orleans.) Ford earned his undergraduate degree from Michigan State University in 1966. He received his master’s degree from University of California, Irvine.

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It doesn't take a genius to sell beer to college students ... or does it?

Forget student surveys, referendums and votes, Mr. Geis, the students have decided. Can you hear us? We don't want alcohol on campus. Your little fluffernutter experiment with selling alcohol at last weekend's Homecoming game went horribly wrong.

If ASI, athletics and Foundation can't sell alcohol to college students, then I don't know what to tell you. After learning only 12 beers were sold, I began to have serious doubts about the guys in the front office. What do you need to get an office at Cal Poly, a pulse? Selling alcohol to college students should be as easy as feeding hay to a horse. No, better than that, it should be as effortless as guiding a thirsty man to water. Between Gero, Baker's Kid and McCatcheen, there should've been enough brain cells to figure out this seemingly simple task. Who's the genius who decided on the 3-buck-a-cup price? Last time I checked, you could buy a six pack of domestic for a little over $4.

And hey, what are the three words all food and beverage entrepreneurs live by?

"Location, location, location." I want to know how many hours it took these wise men to decide on selling the beer outside the stadium, away from and only before the game. And don't give me a load of bull like, "There were state concerns, space limitations, etc." All anyone had to do was get the older Baker's John Hancock on a Form 81 and whammo, problem solved.

I would like to know who's going to absorb the cost of this mess. That Coors truck didn't come cheap, and we can't even get our fans to let it ride. A complete bust. Here we are, an up-and-coming sports powerhouse and all we can do is get our fans to take the loss? How about charging $4 a cup next time. I doubt anyone worked for free last weekend. So who's taking the loss? How about charging $4 a cup next game to turn the ink black again? No, don't write that down, it won't work. Maybe we could round up the idiots who actually bought the insanely priced beer, sit them in a room and make them kill the kegs at a discounted price of, wow, $2 a cup?

This whole event is embarrassing to our school. Here we are, an up-and-coming sports powerhouse and we can't even get our fans to let it ride. A complete bust. I tell you what, I have a solution. If you're determined to sell alcohol, then put the job in the hands of the professionals — frat boys.

These guys have an incredible ability to make alcohol disappear. They don't stop pumping until the sounds of gulping air escapes from the aluminum temples. Not only can they sell the stuff, but they insidiously attract serious beer drinkers, like guys who don't mind getting a good buzz on before noon.

Maybe next time some student input wouldn't be bad. Actually, if just one Poly student was consulted on the matter then I'd be willing to bet sales would double. Al Dunton is a journalism senior.

Are you going to vote in the November 3rd elections?

"Yes, actually I just registered right now, I just barely turned 18. I heard all about the issues before I turned 18, and now that I can vote, I can take a stance on them.

Aaron Boyd electrical engineering freshman

"No, because I don't vote when I'm uniformed and I'm pretty uninformed right now."

Alex Ortiz mechanical engineering senior

Reaffirmation and clarification of alcohol policy

Editor:

A change in the campus' alcohol practices cannot change the physical effects of alcohol usage. People who drink too much are much more likely to hurt themselves or others. This is especially true of those who drink and drive. A change in the campus' alcohol practices cannot change the behavioral impact of alcohol. People who drink are more likely to be disruptive and violent, as well as more likely to be victims of violence. Cal Poly's sale of alcohol to students will have at most a moderate impact on the amount of alcohol students use on weekends. Unfortunately, individuals will now use this change in the campus' alcohol practices as an argument against all alcohol-related limits or against any sanctions for alcohol violations that the university makes.

For that reason, the campus must pair this change in practice with a reaffirmation of its commitment to insulate the campus' alcohol practices from the effects of alcohol misuse and abuse.

Martin Bragg is the director of Health and Psychological Services.

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It's not a priority of mine," Butts said.
Pierce said to the team recognizing Butts' importance and leadership
role.
Schlick said Butts has won her position and is doing a good job at it. So far, Butts has 925 awaits and is third in the team for her 15 digs.
Butts said she spends much of her time playing volleyball, including two-hour daily practices, sitting weights and often plays in matches. She also shows prospective team members around Cal Poly.
Butts, a business senior, said she enjoys her major because she is interested in investing. Later in life she hopes to travel before settling down, and is thinking about a career as a flight attendant.
Last summer she volunteered at AvCare, a daycare service for elderly Alzheimer's patients in San Luis Obispo. She plans to volunteer again once the season.
DeSoto said Butts helps to further the team's goal of making it to the NCAA tournament.
The team has won 16 of 25 games overall this year and are 6-4 in Big West play. The team has six games left in the season, and will soon play against the No. 1 ranked Long Beach State.
The team will also play games against two other top-ranked teams, UC Santa Barbara and University of the Pacific. The Mustangs lost to both of them earlier this year.

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — The NFL may decide by early next week whether the Los Angeles Rams get its 32nd franchise.
The league's owners spent most of Tuesday listening to pitches from the two cities that were debated by their teams after the 1995 and 1996 seasons. They did not take a vote, but commissioner Paul Tagliabue said he expected a decision some time in the winter.
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Maritime opened the fourth quarter in a big way on a long two-point shot from Matt Jewett that tied the game 7-7. Then Tripp plucked the ball from a Maritime midfielder’s hands and swam it down the pK. The hall got in Maritime’s hands and swam over and pulled Raymond into the pool. “It’s more fun to play for a crowd, having there them today and yesterday really made the difference,” said team captain and driver Matt Laundre. “We did a lot to try to get people out to the games — going on the air on KCFR and advertising on Sly 96. We also went to the Laugh Olympics in our Speedos. That was a lot of fun.”

Laundre added that this weekend has clipped off an important year for Cal Poly water polo. “This year has been a building year — a stepping stone for our program. We’re trying to build momentum behind the club,” he said.

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week period when there are no fields on campus available to club sports teams. “We have not a blade of grass on campus,” Chavez said. “Every club sport is affected by facilities, and the lack thereof this quarter.”

Adam Swancko, a business senior, is concerned about where his rugby team will practice. “Right now we’re scrambling for a place to practice,” Swancko said. “Since there won’t be any fields, we may have to go off of campus and pay for a place. And the budget’s already pretty tight.”

Club sports now must find fields elsewhere in order to keep practicing. According to Dawson, the city of San Luis Obispo doesn’t really have anything to offer. “We were going to try to lease from Cuesta (College), but they’re having construction too,” Dawson said. “We may try to play at an elementary school or something.”

Chavez said most fields require a fee to be used, especially lighted fields. Most of the fields in town are already in use during daylight. “We might try to utilize the out-field of the woman’s softball field, just because it’s a patch of grass,” she said. Some teams may even have to go out of the city limits to find an available field. According to Swancko, this is one option for the rugby team. “We may be forced to go all the way to Arroyo Grande,” Swancko said. “We’re still trying to get places.”

The construction will also affect where the club sports compete, in addition to where they practice. Most of the teams have had to schedule nearly all games away from home. Swancko said when all the construction is over it will be an improvement for the school. But, “right now, we’re pretty much screwed.” While club sport members are struggling right now for an available place to practice, they are eagerly awaiting the completion of the new sports complex.

The Market and Express Club Team up in Prize Giveaways

More money, more prizes. Such is the philosophy of both the Campus Express Club and Campus Market. On the week of October 5 through October 9 students who used their Campus Express Club account at the Campus Market were automatically entered into a drawing. The drawing was for a 25 dollar bonus to their Campus Express account.

No mandatroy, time-consuming entry forms, just simple use of the card. So how did they choose the winner with no box of choices to choose from? The process was simple. Cards of the five possible dates were made and then one day was picked randomly. Then, the operating hours of the market were picked randomly and then the minutes. Whew!

From that whole process one lucky person won the Campus Express Club boost. Nutritional Science Sophomore, Mika Roux, who says she makes weekly stops at the Campus Market, was in the right place at the right time, literally.

Roux won the prize of 25 dollars in Campus Express Club Credit and says she is very excited to have won. She also said that the renovations at the Market are a nice improvement. “I think (The Campus Market) is nice.” Roux said. “It has more variety and better food options.”

The Campus Market did expand its options, along with its ailes and variety. The point was to get people, just like Roux, into the Market to enjoy the food and new atmosphere. For Roux, the renovation not only got her into the Market but with the Campus Express Club she became an instant winner in an effortless drawing.

Where will the lucky winner spend most of that credit? She says she’ll probably take a visit to El Corral and spend the majority of it there.

Roux said she uses her Campus Express Club card every other day, on average. Boy is she glad to have used it that day.
Sports

Volleyball player sets example

By Lauren Nowenstein
Mustang Daily

Comparing volleyball to football, Head Coach Steve Schlick said the Mustangs’ starting setter, Jill Butts, is the quarterback of the team.

Schlick said Butts’ consistency is tremendously important to the team, and praised her diversity in offensive strategies.

“She has included most of our (team) in the offensive scheme,” Schlick said, adding that this puts pressure on the opposing team because they have to choose whom to block.

Melissa Fonce, Butts’ teammate, described her as a definite team leader on the court.

“She runs the whole entire offense,” Pierce said. “She tells everybody what they’re supposed to hit and where, and when they are supposed to hit it,” Pierce said.

Pierce said Butts calls the team’s plays after she looks at the opposition’s defense and sees what kinds of plays they’re running.

Pierce added that Butts is good at motivating team members.

“She is important in many aspects of the team. I’ve been playing with her for four years and I can’t imagine the team without her,” Pierce said.

Butts, fifth in all-time assists, enjoys being a starting setter because she feels she has a lot of control over the offense.

“You touch almost every ball and you are always in the play,” Butts said. The setting position is vital to the success of a match, according to Schlick.

Butts began playing volleyball in junior high school because she thought it would be a fun sport to try. Her greatest achievement came during her senior year in high school when she was recognized as one of the top 50 players in the country.

Butts continues to play volleyball because she still enjoys the sport and the Cal Poly team. “We’re all really good friends,” Butts said of the team.

She added that another benefit of playing is the full season, according to Schlick.

“Because they’re going to be hard fought with strong defensive play from the entire team and good offensive execution, especially from Justin Trupp and Zach Stockwell,” Trupp said.

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Club sports teams losing their fields

By Rachel Robersthaw
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For club sports team members, practice fields will soon be hard to come by. Next month, two of the most used fields for club sports will resemble construction sites.

The baseball practice field (across from the library) and the L-shaped field behind Mott Hall will soon be unavailable for use when work on a new 916-space parking structure and a new advanced technology lab begins.

Construction is scheduled to start on the parking structure on Nov. 1. Project coordinators hope to begin work on the technology lab on Nov. 15. This will leave club sports teams without any practice fields on campus.

Business administration sophomore Jessica Dawson plays field hockey, and said the upcoming construction is inconvenient.

“Because they’re going to be yarding both fields, we have absolutely no practice space available. It makes it really difficult to play a club sport with nowhere to practice,” she said.

According to Kristina Chavez, head of Rec Sports, club sports will have some access to the Cal Poly Rec Center, the athletic field and the track field, but only when university and intramural teams aren’t using it. During December and January, there will be a six-week break for university members.

“We have not a blade of grass on campus,” Chavez said. “Every club sport is affected by facilities, and the lack thereof this quarter.”

— Kristina Chavez
head of Rec Sports

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Setting up her teammates:

Jill Butts is 10th all-time on Cal Poly’s list for single season assists.

Water Polo wins Pacific Coast title

By Steve Noone
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Men’s water polo is going to the National Championships after winning the Pacific Coast Division Championships Cal Poly hosted this weekend. The Mustangs won all four of their games, including the championship game against Maritime Academy on Sunday (8-7).

The tournament win will carry them to Miami University in Ohio in two weeks. There they will face the winner of the other 12 national divisions in the National Club Water Polo Championships.

Two of the games were blowout victories. 25-2 win over Sonoma State Saturday morning and 34-0 over Saint Mary’s on Sunday morning. The two afternoon games were down-to-the-wire battles, with Cal Poly winning 12-7 against Chico State on Saturday and the win against Maritime.

“I’m really excited,” Coach Sean Raymond said, dripping wet after being pulled fully clothed into the pool by the Cal Poly team. “We get to be the first team from the Pacific League to go to Nationals.”

The victory against Maritime was hard fought with strong defensive play from the entire team and good offensive execution, especially from Justin Trupp and Zach Stockwell.

Dave Brehm filled the goal like a wall, playing the entire game and saving eight shots.

“Dave was just on fire,” Stockwell said.

Cal Poly jumped ahead early in the first quarter when a deflected pass sneaked into the goal. Maritime evened the score with a shot from outside, but Stockwell scored from the center on a pass from Trupp on the right side, putting the Mustangs up 2-1 at the end of the first quarter.

Brehm blocked a couple of powerful shots at the beginning of the quarter, but was unable to pull down a shot lobbed over his head, evening the score, 2-2.

The teams battled back and forth during the second and third quarters, scoring mostly on “man up” plays after one or the other teams’ players was ejected for 10 seconds. A push shot by Ryan Lehman and an outside shot by Caleb Flores put Cal Poly up 7-5 going into the fourth quarter.

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