Baker requests department feedback on semester issue

By Michelle Hatfield

President Warren Baker said he knows most people at Cal Poly are against switching to semesters. Now he wants to know why.

Baker posed this question and many others at a meeting Thursday afternoon in the University Union that sent faculty back to their departments to organize input on a possible calendar change from quarters to semesters.

Baker said that the university has been asked by the Chancellor's Office to justify any decisions to switch or stay with a particular calendar system.

"We need to provide compelling reasons why we want to stay with the calendar we have," Baker said. "We have to gather information about why we want to keep quarters. We must prove beyond a shadow of a doubt this is in the best interest of the students and the best use of taxpayer money.

All but six of the 23 California State University campuses are on the semester system. CSU Chancellor Charles Reed has asked those six universities to look at changing to semesters for various reasons, including to improve student access to financial aid, to have more efficient admissions, registration and other administration processes, to improve student access, and to allow for more curricular innovation, according to a handout from the meeting.

Reed has set up a $12 million account to assist these schools in making the calendar change. Knowing this funding is available hasn't swayed people into forgetting the cost of conversion.

"The theory is that there is money see SEMESTERS, page 2

ROTC honors local veterans

By Laura Vega

A screening of the film "Pearl Harbor" is one of two events members of Cal Poly's Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) will participate in this weekend to honor the sacrifice made by veterans of the U.S. armed forces.

The invitation-only preview is scheduled today at 9:30 a.m. at Signature Theatres in Arroyo Grande.

The $140 million, 3-hour film is described as perhaps "the most eagerly awaited blockbuster of the summer," according to an article at www.cn.com Thursday. The film about the Dec. 7, 1941 Japanese attack on Hawaii's Pearl Harbor stars Ben Affleck and British actress Kate Beckinsale.

Ethan Guthauser, a history senior and ROTC member, said he plans to attend the preview event. He said the movie provides an opportunity for him to learn more about World War II veterans, Guthauser said. "I hope the film will better explain the planning and preparation that the Japanese forces undertook in such a massive offensive."

Guthauser said the tickets were offered to any cadets interested in attending the event.

Don Morris, a Cal Poly graduate and retired education professor, helped organize the event. Morris served as a commander in the U.S. Navy for 45 years.

He said about 250 people are expected at the screening. Most of the guests are local World War II veterans and their spouses, including approximately 30 survivors of the attack on Pearl Harbor.

Morris said donations for the event will go toward refurbishing memorial plaques that will be placed on campus.

"Any additional proceeds will go see MEMORIAL, page 2

Campus elevators deemed safe despite expired permits

By Ryan Ballard

Despite student concern regarding expired permits as Cal Poly elevators continue to ride in one on campus is no more of a health hazard than riding in any other elevator, said Mark Hunter, associate director for Facility Services.

The elevator permits on campus all have expiration dates between March 13 and May 20, 1999.

The process to get a renewal for the elevator permit is quite simple, said Joe Strelas, senior engineer for elevator rides and tramway unit with the Division of Occupational Safety and Health for the State of California.

"The owner of the elevator just has to call the office assigned to his area, in this case San Bernardino," Strelas said.

During the call a form can be filled out and sent to the address of the elevator, he said. The form can take a month for processing, at which time the owner will receive a new permit.

"It possibly denotes a safety hazard," Strelas said. "If the elevator hasn't had an inspection it means they do not know if any problems have developed with it."

The Cal Poly elevators are up to code, Hunter said.

"The inspections have been done and there were no problems found," see ELEVATORS, page 2

A smashing good time

Wes Thomson, industrial technology senior, bashes a car with a sledgehammer in the University Union Thursday. The event was set up by the 'Burn' Vineyard Church club for students to have fun and release stress. Thomson said he got blisters from hitting the car.
**State lawmakers sing for Dylan**

**SALEM (AP) —** The California Assembly took a break from the state's energy crisis Thursday to sing Bob Dylan's "Forever Young" in honor of his 60th birthday.

At least some lawmakers did. Assemblyman Mike Briggs, R-Fresno, played a tape of Dylan singing the song and urged his colleagues to join in, sing-along style.

The 79 other lawmakers stared at him. Finally, about 15 lined up and belt out the song.

The Assembly also unanimously approved Briggs' resolution congratulating Dylan for his birthdays and calling him "one of the great influences on modern American music."

Assemblywoman Virginia Strom-Martin, D-Danville, Mills, says she became "a rabid Bob Dylan fan" when her English teacher at Petaluma High School introduced her to the song in the late 1960s.

She said in 1966 she even did a school project on Dylan's "Subterranean Homesick Blues," known for the line, "Don't follow leaders, Watch the parking meters."

"The other lawmakers were perplexed by all the singing."

"On behalf of the K-12 community, who are certainly this Bob Dylan got," asked Assemblyman Russ Bigh, R-Racine, is, "Forever Young," of course, has an inspirational energy-crisis line. "May you always know the truth, And see the lights surrounding you."
Take a break from the headache at the lake

By Megan Munday

Mustang Daily Staff Writer

After three spring break trips, civil engineering senior Blair Douglas decided he needed to mellow out this year. It was his dream to vacation at a lake on his own time for the entire week with only his closest friends. He wanted to go somewhere where there would be no other boats except those full of fishermen and where the Rocky Mountains surrounding the lake could be seen through the water’s reflection from the time the sun rose to when it sets.

"After so many wild spring breaks, you find they become less and less fun every year," Douglas said. "I wanted to spend my break with a intimate group of friends doing something we all loved to do - be at the lake.

Douglas finally decided to spend this year’s spring break at Lake Mead with eight of his closest Cal Poly friends. With summer on its way, the lake is a choice destination for relaxation and fun.

Roughly nine and a half hours away from San Luis Obispo, Lake Mead is approximately 30 miles east of Las Vegas. It is located where the Mojave Desert, the Great Basin and Sonoran Desert all join. The lake occupies less than 13 percent of the National Recreation Area, which covers over 1.3 million acres.

Lake Mead provides over 12 million visitors a year with secluded coves, recreational lakes and historic landmarks. It is the largest man-made lake in the United States with over 530 miles of shoreline, and covers over 277 square miles total. Lake Mead is Hoover Dam’s reservoir, located at the southwestern tip of the Boulder Basin. It has five basins total.

During spring, the water is still on the colder side, but the air is starting to reach warm to hot temperatures. Jumping in the water for a quick swim or being pulled behind a ski boat can be refreshing, but may lead to goose bumps and purple lips if submerged for too long. Of course, it is well worth it for a serious water skier or wakeboarder who wishes to take advantage of the mirror-like "glass," the term for serene, still waters.

"There was nobody else there skiing or wakeboarding so we were able to take advantage of the entire lake," Douglas said. "We had glass the entire time for skiing the portable wakefruit, so it may seem congested. With enough patience, a private cove can still be found.

"The best part about our being at Lake Mead was that we were all alone," Douglas said. "Nobody bugging us, no homework, no jobs, no responsibilities — you just can’t beat that."

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May 31st
The week’s topic: The lowliest of the lowly coins

Save pennies for good/Get rid of single cents

Find a penny, pick it up, and all day long you’ll have good luck.

Soon there may be no more pennies for your thoughts, no more lucky heads-up pennies found on the way to class and no more squished pennies from vacations. The United States government is considering discontinuing the oldest form of currency in America, the penny. Over 300 billion one-cent coins, with 11 different designs, have been minted since 1787. The government intends to do away with the nostalgic patriarch of the coin family and make the nickel its replacement. All prices will be jacked up to the nearest five-cent mark. And the rest I coveted from my wallet.

They collect in the ashtrays of cars. They huddle en masse in jars under beds. They overflow from wallet pockets, and cover in the corners of purses. But life may not be played by these泄key coins much longer. Congress is now considering a “currency modernization bill.” Ray Jim Kolbe, R-Ariz., has proposed that both the penny and the dollar bill be eliminated. I’m not sure I can support the elimination of the dollar bill, but the pennies must go.

They don’t even seem to bring much luck anymore. I rarely see anyone pick them up or throw them in fountains. When given them as change after a purchase, I have been known to leave them on the counter when there isn’t a “Take a Penny, Leave a Penny” tray. But I don’t put them in tip jars because that’s just tacky.

Recently I have found a good way to ditch my pennies. The stamp vending machines at the post office take them. Last week when I needed one stamp I stood in front of the machine and fed 34 pennies in the little slot one by one. It was a tedious task, but I was finally able to rid my bulging wallet of that extra weight that, believe me, was causing solely by pennies.

The only worth pennies have at this point is nostalgic. They are like a Paula Abdul album: it seemed really cool when I was a kid. When you come on the radio today and the radio played her all the time, or if she kept putting out new albums, I would be annoyed at best. I collected pennies as a kid, but as early as 1984 I realized I would have to collect over 1.100 pennies to build that sick-so-cool Abdul album (I still know most of the words to “Straight Up”).

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Opinion

Provide for sex changes, but draw some lines

The main problem with the April 30 approval of a measure that will extend health-care benefits to San Francisco employees seeking a sex change is not whether or not such a benefit should be offered. The measure, passed by Mayor Willie Brown and the Board of Supervisors will— and rightly should — cover up to 85 percent of the cost of employees seeking to change their sex. The city’s health network will only affirm their civil rights to change their sex, and the city’s Health Services System, which provides medical insurance to 17,000 city workers, members of the San Francisco Unified School District, the community colleges district and 17,000 retirees, will cover these costs as well. However, the measure is far too broad. It covers all people with physical and mental disabilities, to include those who will seek to change their sex.

In spite of the fact that the letter of the law places a $50,000 cap on the benefits San Francisco’s city employees can receive, there will always be a segment of the transgender community in San Francisco — however large or small — who intentionally try to violate the intent of the law. This sense of ambiguity will only encourage the dangerous practice of ‘alternative lifestyles’ — the notion of free will and self choice is clearly not being enforced. Instead, they simply offer excuses for their continued misinterpretation.

‘Disability is a normal way of life,’ wrote H. Stephen Kaye in ‘Disability Watch’ this week, ‘... Much of the increase stems from the rising prevalence of more effective detection for new disabilities, reports of existing disabilities, mental retardation, and learning disabilities. ‘Disability’ involves wide diversity — from a wide range of disabilities, more common, such as heart disease, back pain, diabetes, learning disabilities, and emotional disabilities, relatively hidden.’

The same problem has already been hinted at by those in the pro-transgender movement. There is a whole Human Rights Campaign Web site, ‘... others have yet to decide what extent they’ll change gender through medical interventions. This sense of ambiguity will only be further exacerbated by those in the transgender community who choose to simply accept the ‘other’ view, or cut off your circulation and better judgment. I have a lot of respect for the houses I see in my roomate, so the way she handles her job, and I look down on you and anyone else with your minimal self worth and immaturity to realize that you alone are responsible for your actions.

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Advice for a Mormon Editor

Green isn’t a Mormon, and Tom Green is not a Mormon. It he ever was, he is not now. The Church has not practiced polygamy since 1890. In other words, Tom Green is not a Mormon, he is not now. The Church policy dictates that any member found to be practicing polygamy is immediately excommunicated, the husband penalty the Church can render. So you may disagree with the Mormon’s faith, but do so because you understand it and hold an opposing opinion. Otherwise, it is your duty to know more about your church than I do.

That is why I’ve chosen to treat all readers as equals, regardless of race, religion, or political affiliation. Perhaps that hat you were wearing doesn’t matter. It doesn’t make any sense if we don’t understand. Then — or otherwise want to understand. That — or otherwise care — is the sincerest form of all.

Kerry Stevens is a mathematics senior and Mustang Daily staff writer.

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Letters to the editor

Respect SNAP students, take responsibility Editor, I am writing in response to the ignorant commentary on SNAP officers (‘Oddly SNAP officers run good parties’), May 24. My roommate has worked with SNAP for a year and a half, and since she is not of town I will have to defend the job she does. SNAP is trained to respond when a neighbor complains to the police department — they do not intentionally search out parties to cite. If a resident receives two warnings in one night, that is because there were numerous complaints called in. In response to your “point,” SNAP officers only call the police if they deem it necessary. In general, it is extremely rare and unlikely that the residents are extremely uncooperative. At your suggestion, I try to be reasonable, but I cannot see how you justify airing the responsibility of the police department. Instead, you offer excuses for its continued misinterpretation.

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Asians react to Pearl Harbor movie

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Brandied an "enemy alien" 60 years ago, George Yezawa didn't want to relive the day when his community was targeted for the bombing of Pearl Harbor.

He was among the 122,000 Japanese-Americans who were interned after the attack and is nervous that Friday's opening of the Disney film "Mulan" will stir anti-Asian sentiment.

"I think it's going to create a lot of fear among the Japanese, but anyone who has an Asian face," said the retired florist from Downey, Calif. "When you see the film advertised on TV, it's then in your mind, so definitely anti-Asian sentiment.

"They say they don't have any prejudice, others are, however, more optimistic, believing Americans today realize the mistake of sending Japanese-Americans to war-time camps and stripping them of their citizenship rights.

"There are some hardheaded people who will believe what they want to believe about other races, retired Tech. Sgt. Don Oka, 81, a World War II veteran from Los Angeles. "But I have faith in the American people. I think they'll remember what I think we'll be treated unjustly again. Not in this country."

I think all Asian-Americans are temporarily wary," said Chris Koo, a spokeswoman for the Japanese American Museum in Los Angeles. "There are a certain amount of people who look at Asian-Americans as foreigners and not as Americans."

The National Korean-American and Chinese-American leadership organizations announced in a recent poll that 25 percent of U.S. residents hold "very negative" views about Asian-Americans.

John Tateishi, national director of the San Francisco-based Japanese American Citizens League, met with prominent women's rights leaders during briefing and recommended changes.

Some of his suggestions were followed, said Tateishi, who doesn't see a doctor to help wounded American sailors.

"They said they were interested in one objectionable scene showing a Japanese-American dentist receiving a phone call from his wife an hour before the attack.

The film's release comes at a time when Asian-Americans are increasingly visible in the U.S. government. For example, no Asian can ever be president of Hawaii, she said.

"I believe we have to believe something that the film will pass." her head held high.

"I think we took the appropriate steps in developing the film that it will address the issue," said Andrea Marcovis, a spokeswoman for Walt Disney Pictures.

She declined to comment on concerns that the film could generate anti-Asian sentiment because it had not yet opened.

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It is not the first time Disney has run into problems over race and diversity. Disney officials said they tried to help.

"The only reason I'm doing this is that I just don't want it to be another case of a man getting one over on a woman," Dufy said.

Both balls keep growing through spontaneous donation.

"I think it's a major important part of their life," said the Japanese-American social service agency in New York City. "I haven't gotten over it yet at this old age."

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The bureau acknowledged on May 10 - six days before McVeigh was to be put to death - that it had failed to produce thousands of pages of evidence documents to McVeigh's lawyer to avoid his execution.

"We are prepared to defend McVeigh's conviction and the sentiment that has been imparted," said Ashcroft. "Any filings that would be made on the behalf of McVeigh to avoid the imposition of the sentence would be opposed vigorously.

He said he has defended the government with a "reasonable opportunity" to review the documents. They have their those documents for almost two weeks, and there are still more than two years intervening between now and June 11.

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McVeigh execution still on for June

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I think almost a major part of American life," said Niccolino, who is creating the film "Mulan" for the 5-foot-eight "Big Giant Bra Bul" in San Francisco. "It's making a comment in its own right. "I think it's a reason for women to change their bra.

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Hill expects to play next season for Magic

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Orlando Magic forward Grant Hill believes his surgically repaired ankle will be healed enough by the end of next week to allow him to step on a court for the first time since December.

"I'm playing it safe and saying June," Hill said Wednesday at a charity appearance. "That will give me a good three and half months to get ready to go."

Hill, a five-time All-Star who signed as a free agent with the Magic for Orlando before undergoing a second surgery last April to repair a broken left ankle, said he's "working out, not running yet, but I do cardio, I get on the bike, the pool [and] I hit the stairmaster in the gym. Kobe is usually able to make his teammates better.

This series is literally over. The Spurs, even though they had the best regular-season record this season, will need a miracle to win four of the next five games.

Duncan, like O'Neal and Bryant, is unquestionably one of the elite players in the NBA. But it is a very unlike­ly that Duncan himself can carry the Spurs to victory — the team needs an inspired performance from a promis­ing minor-leaguer, Sean Elliott. Robinson or Anderson could provide

aces only six members is that other teams have nine or more play­ers. Despite this difficulty, the Grumpy Old Men have made it to the Division II playoffs.

A group of faculty members from the College of Science have been getting together every morning for the last two weeks, however, and have put the men's basketball team on the bubble. Sean Elliott.

The Grumpy Old Men don't have practice time, but "several games go on during practice time," Moelten said.

Hill said the team has what they call the "25-year plan," which includes going out and playing as long as they physically can. They believe that if they keep playing together and building a stable and an ease with one another that will put them at a better advantage during games.

Finishing on the other hand, joked that the team will just get what they feel like when they play. "We're not so concerned with winning," Moelten said. "I just like to run up and down the court."

One of the problems the team has gradually building up.

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Old Men is the fact that they are on campus almost all day, so it is easier for them to just head down to the Rec Center for a game, Hoellwarth said.

"It's the easiest thing on campus," Hoellwarth said. "We have a good time, and I think the students do, too."

Competing against students has been fun for them, Hoellwarth said. For the most part, the professors have played against at least one student from previous classes or lectures.

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Hill, after lost ankle at the end of the 2000-2001 season while with the Detroit Pistons. He said surgery last April to repair a broken left ankle was a four-hour surgery and a plate was inserted.

But it was apparent early last season that Hill wasn't healing as expected, and that another surgery was needed.

I had an X-ray last Friday and the doctors told me it's going well," Hill said.

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that performance.

Tonight we'll find out if the Spurs will succumb like the Blazers and Kings before them, or offer a road­block to the Lakers in their quest for a repeat championship, San Antonio needs to play like the No. 1 team.

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come to a stop, your feet would get wedg­ed beneath your body and you would lose your balance due to the non-exis­tent "give" of the floor.

Are these fields in any condition for a college basketball team to practice on? I think not. Athletic Director John McCutcheon said the athletic depart­ment and ASI are researching ways to preserve the upper fields by means of rotation. This seems ludicrous, seeing as it is almost impossible to find a field that is already mowed.

The only way to restore the upper fields is with "sand and a drainage sys­tem. But that will never happen because that costs money, which Cal Poly claims to not have."

I understand that our school doesn't place much weight on intercollegiate athletic competition, but if it is going to take the time to build a sports complex, it should at least do the job right. The lawhills and baseball diamondsm and fields are beautiful, but the upper fields are

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This series is literally over. The Spurs, even though they had the best regular-season record this season, will need a miracle to win four of the next five games.

Duncan, like O'Neal and Bryant, is unquestionably one of the elite players in the NBA. But it is a very unlike­ly that Duncan himself can carry the Spurs to victory — the team needs an inspired performance from a promis­ing minor-leaguer, Sean Elliott. Robinson or Anderson could provide

aces only six members is that other teams have nine or more play­ers. Despite this difficulty, the Grumpy Old Men have made it to the Division II playoffs.

A group of faculty members from the College of Science have been getting together every morning for the last two weeks, however, and have put the men's basketball team on the bubble. Sean Elliott.

The Grumpy Old Men don't have practice time, but "several games go on during practice time," Moelten said.

Hill said the team has what they call the "25-year plan," which includes going out and playing as long as they physically can. They believe that if they keep playing together and building a stable and an ease with one another that will put them at a better advantage during games.

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Lakers ready for knockout punch tonight against Spurs

It is very difficult for a person who is 6-foot-7 to guard a person who is 7-foot-1 and weighs well over 300 pounds. If the former person is Malik Rose and the latter is Shaquille O'Neal, there is a real problem.

Shaquille O'Neal scored in the first two games of the Western Conference Finals between the Los Angeles Lakers and San Antonio Spurs, with Game 1 tonight at 6. The Spurs have their celebrated "Twin Towers" of Tim Duncan and David Robinson, but through the first two games Robinson has been in constant foul trouble, forcing Rose to cover O'Neal and simultaneously eliminating much of San Antonio's offensive productivity. Duncan has been awesome -- he scored 40 points in Game 2 -- but the Spurs need both big men and play great games to be successful.

The Lakers, in the midst of a 17-game winning streak, seem just ready to show up to the game to be successful. O'Neal and Kobe Bryant are playing inspired basketball. When Rick Fox, Derek Fisher and Will Smith -- ahem, Robert Horry -- get into the action, the team is nearly unstoppable.

Phil Jackson got ejected late in the third quarter of Game 2, so what did the Lakers do? Go on a 34-20 run the rest of the way and win the game by seven.

Maybe Derek Anderson, who should return from injury in tonight's game, can inspire the Spurs to victory as the scene shifts to Los Angeles. Undoubtedly, it helps to have your second-best scorer back in the lineup, and Anderson plays good defense as well.

"We miss his 3-point shooting, his consistency," Robinson told The Associated Press. "He can penetrate, and he can make good stuff happen."

But the return of Anderson will not be enough to stop the Lakers. Antonio Daniels, playing in place of Anderson, scored 20 points in Game 1 and 24 in Game 2. The Spurs' San Antonio Daniels, playing in place of Anderson, scored 20 points in Game 1 and 24 in Game 2. The Spurs' biggest problem is that they can't beat the Lakers, even with a healthy Derek Anderson. The Lakers are just that good.

O'Neal recently said that he was the most dominant player in the game, while Bryant was the best player in the game. They don't call Shaq "The Big Aristotle" for nothing. With Robinson guarding him, O'Neal still appears dominant. With Rose on him, it's downright silly.

A few years ago, this wouldn't necessarily be a problem for opposing teams, because Bryant was still an inadequate All-Pro receiver Randy Moss will agree to a new contract before next season.

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) -- Vikings owner Red McCombs is no longer optimistic All-Pro receiver Randy Moss will agree to a new contract before next season.

"I doubt a deal will get done before the season starts," McCombs said. "It doesn't get done before then, we're going to wait until the end of the season to get to a deal done."

Neither Moss nor DiTrapano could be immediately reached for comment.

DiTrapano said recently that Moss wants to become the highest-paid player in the NFL. Moss, who has 43 touchdowns and 4,183 yards in his first three seasons, is set to make a base salary of $3.5 million in 2001, the final season of a four-year contract.

The Mad Scientists. They found the secret formula: They know how to win when facing teams, 'cause Bryant was still an inadequate All-Pro receiver Randy Moss will agree to a new contract before next season.

About eight years ago, the Cal Poly Athletic Department recognized the need for practice fields for its outdoor collegiate athletic teams. A few years later, Associated Students Inc. decided they also needed space for their recreational activities. It seemed like the perfect situation -- athletics needed fields, ASI needed space, and together they had the necessities to raise money. So it has gone in the first two years.

"If anything goes wrong, I just tell (the students) I'll submit a grade change," Moelten said. "I like the energy level," said Moline, a biology professor. "You don't get that in faculty versus faculty league."

Besides energy, Moline said he also enjoys the enthusiasm of the undergraduates and said they play hard and as take it hard when they lose.

The team has played in Division I before, but the Division II spots were filled. Hollewarth said the team now plays in Division I because of the extreme competitiveness of the Division I teams.

Another determining factor for The Grumpy Old Men was just a Knit the time when ASPs already showed signs of wear. It wasn't exactly start out that way, but after practicing for a short while, the fields were given permission to conduct their spring training on the upper fields.

After practicing on tall, thick grass during the regular season, the teams were anxious to give the new fields a try. They were expecting a sand-based field covered in short green grass, complete with a drainage system.

However, what they got was drastically different. To their dismay, they stumbled onto a hard, dry, natural soil field with no drainage system and patches of green grass. It didn't exactly start out that way, but after practicing for a short while, the fields were given permission to conduct their spring training on the upper fields.

If you were to make the hike up to the upper fields today, you would see a field with patches of green grass and large, deep tire marks stretching the width of the field. If you were to stand on the field, you would feel as if you were standing on top of a rock. And if you were to run across the field and

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