Not your regular summer camp

A group of Cal Poly juniors in the ROTC program will spend 32 days at Fort Lewis to become commissioned Army officers

Emily Rancer

For 12 Cal Poly juniors, summer camp will consist of grenade throwing, combat water survival and nuclear warfare training. These students will attend Fort Lewis, about 50 miles South of Seattle, Wash., as part of the ROTC program to become trained commissioned officers in the United States Army.

"They used to call it "Camp," but then the Army wanted to stop calling it that because it sounded too fun," said business senior Mary Braska, who attended Fort Lewis last summer. "Now they call it "Warrior Forge.""

For 32 days, between 4,000 and 5,000 cadets from around the nation are trained and evaluated on their skills. The goal is to prepare ROTC members for becoming leaders by training them for situations that can arise as officers.

If cadets succeed in their evaluations, they will be assigned a platoon of 30 to 40 soldiers after graduation.

"When I graduate, I'll be an officer at 22 and some of my soldiers could be 40 years old," Braska said. "You have the education so you're expected to be the one in charge and to set the example. The officers are the ones who have our back at the end of the day."
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easy.

“Dances with Wolves.” The team had to create 24 and a half buffaloes for the film, a film that no one expected to win nine Academy Awards.

The team works on a variety of projects, including both television and film, simultaneously. Last year was their busiest year to date working on projects such as “The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe,” “Star City,” “House of Wax,” “Aranyi Hornor” and “Night Stalker,” to name a few.

He said his favorite project he has worked on is “Evil Dead 2” because of how much fun it was to create the props.

“Narnia has been the most challenging because of the insane amount of creatures that we had to create.” He said, “It is the largest show I’ve worked on, even bigger than ‘Jurassic Park’ with about 20-hour work days.”

Even with all his successes, Schea wasn’t afraid to share his experiences of working on the relatively bad movies too. According to Schea, films such as the thriller “Phantoms” with Ben Affleck and Peter O’Toole and “Vampires” are “unwatchable.”

“Anything can be scary if it is filmed in the right way with the right lighting,” he explained when asked about working on scary movies. “A screwdriver could be scary. It’s a collaborative effort and it is always much scarier on the screen than in the studio.”

Schea’s best part of his job is that it is never the same and it is always changing and different. The exciting special effects from Schea and his teammates from KNB EFX Group can be seen in many Hollywood favorites including big movies that are out right now.

“Nothing is going to happen so I’m hoping I can build upon what I’ve already learned.”

In addition to physical training and lectures, the junior cadets, known as MS HS, have been co-teaching lower-level military science lab classes with senior cadets to gain leadership skills.

Besides training and evaluations at the camp, cadets are also offered glimpses into the various branches of the Army by speaking with officers from different fields.

“During the last portion of their training, they get to see the various branches,” said military science professor and ROTC recruiter Maj. Loren Weeks. “They get to see some of the equipment and talk to some of the officers.”

When the cadets return from Fort Lewis, they are “assumed” as to which branch they’d like to be in most, which Weeks described as a kind of “wish list.”

Political science junior Chad Barton said that he wants to become a tank commander in the U.S. Army and hopes that his experience at Fort Lewis will help him reach his goal.

“I’m not worried so much about passing but I want to do better than most people out there,” Barton said. “So I’m a little nervous about that.”

According to Weeks, the ROTC program has been at Cal Poly since the 1920s or 30s. Students in the program minor in military science through the College of Agriculture.

demand, because a lot of students listen to rap music and are familiar with hip-hop culture.”

The class will be elective for ethnic studies majors and also will fulfill the GE D5 requirements. Schea said a number of students will take the class because of a high interest in the topic, not because it fills a requirement.

“I expect a number of students may try to take it because they think it will be fun. May they be warned: There will be a lot of reading.”

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Jackson child molestation trial

LOS ANGELES — A major earthquake on a little-known fault buried under downtown Los Angeles would cause the most catastrophic disaster in U.S. history, killing thousands of people and causing billions of dollars in damage, scientists said Wednesday.

Despite the doomsday forecast, the likelihood of the Puna Hills fault generating a large temblor in the next 50 years is slim.

First discovered in 1999, the fault has ruptured at least four times in the last 13,000 years, creating quakes with estimated magnitudes of 7.2 to 7.8.

LOS ANGELES — The former national finance director for Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton testified Wednesday that he may have used bad judgment when he failed to report that a campaign donor paid his $10,000 Beverly Hills hotel bill and let him use a Porsche.

But David Rosen said he never tried to hide anything. Rosen's defense rested after he testified in his federal trial on two counts of making false statements to the Federal Election Commission, which oversees campaign contributions.

Closing statements in the three-week trial were expected to conclude by Thursday, with the case then going to the jury.

IN OTHER NEWS

WAUKESHA, Wis. — A 48-year-old woman has been ordered to undergo a mental examination after authorities said she had more than 250 cats in squalid conditions at a home she rented.

Margaret Sue Jamel made her initial appearance Monday in Waukesha County Circuit Court on charges that say 193 live and 65 dead cats were taken from the home Friday by Humane Animal Welfare Society personnel and the Dousman Fire Department.

The request for the competency examination came from Waukesha County Assistant District Attorney Mark Powers. A hearing was scheduled for June 23 on the results of the examination.

Jamel was ordered released on a signature bond that forbids her from possessing any animals without supervision by animal welfare officers. She was also ordered to submit to an inspection enabling authorities to verify she follows that requirement.

Powers told Court Commissioner Martin Bonn that Jamel was in the process of surrendering control of the seized surviving animals so they can be put up for adoption.

The criminal complaint said authorities were summoned to the home Friday by "We Energies personnel who had been sent to the house to disconnect its power supply. The utility crew reported seeing numerous cats throughout the house and smelling a powerful stench."

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Senate considers formal U.S. apology to American Indian

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WASHINGTON — Legislation that would offer a formal apology to American Indians for centuries of government mistreatment and neglect received a warm reception at a Senate committee hearing Wednesday.

The resolution, introduced last month by Sen. Sam Brownback, R-Kan., the resolution would apologize for the "many instances of violence, maltreatment and neglect inflicted on Native Peoples by citizens of the United States."

"While we cannot erase the record of our past, I am confident that we can acknowledge our past failures, express sincere regrets and work toward establishing a brighter future for all Americans," Brownback told the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs.

The resolution recounts the long history of government mistreatment of American Indians, including out-laying of traditional religions and destruction of sacred sites. Congress rarely apologizes for official government conduct. Exceptions include a 1993 apology to Native Hawaiians for the unlawful overthrow of the Hawaiian Kingdom, and a 1988 apology to Japanese-Americans placed in detention camps during World War II.

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UC regents recommend bidding for Los Alamos contract

The Los Alamos National Laboratory is the atomic birthplace. Scientific breakthroughs born there in the early 1940s contributed to the atomic bomb, Regent Peter Freuss said.

"Scientists have the opportunity to openly pursue science," Freuss said. "The true strength at the Los Alamos laboratories ... is the environment of academic freedom that the university brings," said UC President Robert C. Dynes.

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Students urged the regents to stay at the helm of the university since it was formed in 1943 and manage the lab from then on.

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Students urged school administrators to sever ties with the weapons lab it has managed since 1943.

Demonstrators hold signs during a meeting of the University of California regents in San Francisco, on Wednesday.

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Judge declines to allow publication of articles about homosexuality

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BAKERSFIELD — A Kern County judge declined to immediately overrule a high school principal's decision to censor student newspaper articles on homosexuality, saying the issue deserved a full review.

“This is an important issue that would require an opportunity to have a full and complete hearing,” Kern County Superior Court Judge Arthur E. Wallace said Wednesday after denying the plaintiffs' request for an emergency order that would have allowed the articles to be published in The Kern's May 27 year-end issue.

The high school journalists sued the Kern High School District on May 19, after Principal John Gibson decided they couldn't run a series of five articles discussing subjects such as gay student's relationship with their parents, whether homosexuality is biologically determined and how it came out.

School officials said they simply could not be responsible for helping to incite violence or harassment by allowing the articles to be published.

"If one of these people is heckled or harassed, that's an unlawful act," said John Breyer, a school district attorney. "Statements have been made that these students are out, but we have no proof of that." He also said there were unspecified "incidents" concerning students on campus that spurred school officials.

Bakersfield is a conservative community in California's agricultural Central Valley, but students at East Bakersfield High said they haven't known of any threats against students who are already open about their sexual orientation, and whose names and photos appear in news articles around the country.

"These people have been out to their school, to the community here in Bakersfield, and to the state and country now," said Joel Paramo, 18, the student paper's editor-in-chief. "Do they want to see them held hands in public and make out? We could get a lot of people together for a demonstration of homosexuality, if that's what it takes." Student reporters also obtained written permission from those they published the articles without names.

"The students don't have to choose between free expression and their safety. They have a right to both," — CHRISTINE SUN

ACLU lawyer Christine Sun talks to the media in Bakersfield on Wednesday after a judge ruled against a freedom of speech lawsuit against the Kern High School District to stop a principal from censoring stories on homosexuality in the school newspaper.

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Student reporters also obtained written permission from those they interviewed and from the parents of those who were minors.

"The students don't have to choose between free expression and their safety. They have a right to both," said attorney Christine Sun, with the American Civil Liberties Union of Southern California, which filed the suit.

She added that school officials have not taken any other measures to protect these students from perceived threats, such as contacting their parents or speaking to campus law enforcement.

Earlier this week, Gibson agreed to allow publication of the series if the names and photos of students involved were withheld. The newspaper staff rejected the offer.

Students have several options now, ACLU attorneys said. They could file an emergency appeal of the judge's decision, move forward with the case and seek another hearing, or accept the school's deal to publish the articles without names.

Students have not yet reached a decision on what to do, but Paramo said: "We're definitely try to get these articles out."
Audioslave: Rock, rehab and Cuba

LOS ANGELES — It’s Wednesday night in Hollywood, and thousands of screaming fans are packed into a block of the Walk of Fame to see Audioslave storm an outdoor stage.

Black-clad teenage boys and wired girls break down barriers and struggle with police as the bondage of government bureaucracy, and some of them were generated by internal band members, from left, Tim Commerford, Chris Cornell and Tom Morello as Rage Against the Machine, always discussed, but never experienced as reality.

For Audioslave, it certainly has.

The concert, organized by tab show "Jimmy Kimmel Live!" taped for an MTV special and music video, followed a historic event: On May 6, Audioslave played a free show in Cuba, the first American rock group to perform in that country in 26 years. It was an honor Morello’s former band, politicians Rage Against the Machine, always discussed, but never experienced as reality.

"There were many roadblocks to keep Rage from playing Cuba, and some of them were generated by government bureaucracy, and some were generated by internal band conflict," Morello, 40, said by phone just before a sold-out show in Mexico City.

"Having 70,000 people singing along to us on a Havana night was amazing," he said. "I saw people throwing messages onto the stage. I saw them mouth the same words over and over again ‘Thank you.’"

With "Out of Exile" hitting stores Tuesday and the hopeful single "Hell of a World," Audioslave’s self-titled debut, a collection of 14 hard rock songs pro- pounded by the single “Set It Off.” Amazingly, the group had not yet played a show. Since then, however, they’ve done hundreds.

"Out of Exile" propels forward from where the band’s first album left off. Twelve tightly wound tracks broaden into schizophrenic guitar chugs, frenetic drums and Cornell’s seedy vocals, which are marinated in rage and experience and spread up into howl or mellowed to a melodic blue.

"I’m really proud to say that this is the FIRST record in my career where I can swear on my mother’s grave that there’s not one song on here I don’t like," Commerford said by phone.

"We recorded 23 songs in about two weeks," said drummer Vill. "For the first Audioslave record, we were in the studio working on arrangements all day. We took so many takes. This record ended up being more spontaneous."

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RSVP promises more surprises

Erick Smith

RSVP, a trans-media concert celebrating electroacoustic diversity and compositional risk, produced by the music department, is back for its tenth performance, entitled "Anamnesis." The music department's sound design class, comprised of about 15 students, will be both the performers and stage crew under the guidance of professor Antonio Barata. The student-based production required everyone involved to manage all pre-production elements, including set construction and costume design.

"This whole quarter is devoted to the performance," economics junior Mike Annuzzi said. "It is a combination of everything from sound design to stage management, acting and set design. Pretty much, all aspects of production are in this." Annuzzi said the plot of the performance is kept from the public so that when the show is performed on opening night, it will be an unexpected experience for the audience. He also said that keeping the storyline a secret has been a tradition within the RSVP program since it began production eight years ago.

"This, by far, will be one of the most exciting things somebody will see at the PAC all year because when somebody goes into it, they don't know what to expect," Annuzzi said.

The intent of "Anamnesis," which means remembrance, is to "invite the audience to uncover the burdens of the past, to refresh in the beauty of the present and to renew hope in the future," Barata said. Assistant Director and computer engineering junior Blair Baker said that the show will require the audience to think and consider the different elements presented in the montage-based show.

Encompassed within the show are elements of theatre and music drawn together under an abstract production theme. Baker said. She said the best way to describe it was an "experience." Students prepared for the show by taking a series of three sound design classes, beginning in fall. The initial prerequisite was Music 310 Sound Design: Recording, followed by Music 411 Sound Design: Synthesis and the series finishes in the spring with Music 412 Sound Design: Composition and Production. Students who continue on to the final class take on the task of the show's production and do nearly all the work after the main concept for the performance is handed down from Barata to his students. Once Barata established the premise for the show, Annuzzi said everyone in the class began taking on all the assignments necessary to successfully pull off the production.

"Anamnesis" distinguishes itself from past RSVP productions with its introspection and its concentration on the dark, unspoken concerns of humankind," Barata said. "Lighting is often extreme. Subtlety gives way to expression."

"Anamnesis" will be performed in the Pavilion in the Performing Arts Center on May 31 and June 2. Tickets cost $10.

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Many young adults looking to spruce up their Saturday night, turn to drinking games such as Beirut (beer pong) and Kings, which are steadily becoming a staple of college culture. Drinking games span the gamut; there is a drinking game for every playing card in the deck. Bullshit, Kings and Crazy Eights seem to be the most popular card games. King's cup is theater senior Brittany Poettgen's favorite game.

“It's the drinking game that seems to be the easiest and probably played the most,” Poettgen said.

Any amount of internet searching will provide thousands of drinking-based Web sites offering bartending tips, lengthy lists of games, often broken into categories with rating systems that measure the “buzz factor” that can be achieved from playing that game.

If playing cards are unavailable or the deck happens to have a strong, indescernible odor, there are several drinking games that can be played with a set of dice. Sixes, 1-2-3 and Twenty-One Aces are popular among college crowds.

Architectural engineering junior Tim Van Blurgan said the reason card games are so popular is “it takes your mind off the drink you're drinking, and in the end, if you’re drunk, then the game did its job.”

For the visually oriented, Web sites such as real beer.com or drinkmixer.com offer a drinking game for practically every movie in most college student's DVD collections. Games include movies such as all of the “Star Wars” films, “The Grinch,” “Braveheart,” “Bridget Jones' Diary,” “James Bond” and “Forrest Gump” to name a few. Students who play drinking games for the sole purpose of drunken obliteration can play movie games where players drink each time Arnold Schwarzenegger kills someone in Commando, any character says the “F” word in Pulp Fiction, or each time Austin Powers says “yeah baby” or “randy” in any of the three films.

Political science senior Michelle Griffith-Jones said drinking games provide a means for social interaction among college students.

“It's a fun way to socialize with people who you have just met or have known for awhile,” Jones said.

Mechanical engineering senior Logan Brimer suggests drinking game's popularity comes as a result of a lack of other social activities.

“It's a cheap, easy way to have fun in a town with not a lot to do,” Brimer said.

Brimer made up rules for his own Sandlot-beer drinking game. In order to receive...
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mumimulation, take a drink for every time a) Benny hits a homerun or gets into a pickle, b) story of the beat (three shots), c) fannny repeats, Tinnie, d) anyone says "you're killing me smalls," e) Saints adjust glasses. f) Noya says "Yes," g) an mention of the beat, h) whenever Fred Savage intonates.

While many students have experienced the most popular drinking games, there is an equal number of less-popular games, that are equally effective, such as the Space World drinking game from Barunet.com. The rules for Space World are simple. Every time one's designated Space performs a listed task, the player drinks. A few examples from the game include when Sporey Space shows her tattoos, lifts weights, uses a exercise bike; when Posh Spice talks about sex, wears an unusual shitty outfit (for example, one with feathers or an excessive amount of sequins).

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"As a child, you'd go over to a friend's house to play board games and things like Twister. Now that you're older, adding alcohol to the mix can make playing games equally fun," she said.

Jason Mraz heads home, preps new LP

Singer Jason Mraz returned to his high school to distribute copies of his new single, "Song for a Friend," which features the school's choir.

“Games give students a reason to drink," history senior Nate Hamm said. The effects of drinking games can be a double-edged sword. While participating in drinking games usually is cheaper than other forms of entertainment the health and safety risks involved with collegiate drinking provide a stark contrast.

The number of adults who drink under the influence of alcohol increased last year to 2.8 million, according to the Annual Review of Public Health. Drinking game participants are also more likely to have drinking-related health problems, according to a national Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism.

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Jason Mraz returned to his old high school, but it wasn't for a reunion. He presented the school choir with a copy of a song they recorded for his upcoming album.

Mraz chatted with members of the Lee-Davis High School choir, posed for pictures and signed autographs upon his return Monday. Mraz went to the school in October to record "Song for a Friend" with the 24-member choir. The song will appear on his sophomore album, "MR. A-Z," slated for release July 26.

"We were recording the album in both New York and San Diego," said Mraz, a 1995 graduate of the Mechanicsville, Va. school. "There's choirs in both New York and San Diego ... we had all those options. And I said it would really mean the most to me if I could come to Mechanicsville. I know the room, I know what the students are capable of." The 27-year-old singer released "Waiting for My Rocket to Come" in 2002 and shot to fame the following year on the success of his hit song "Remedy."

"MR. A-Z" is bit more musically diverse and grown-up than "Rocket," Mraz said. "Using a school analogy, I think it's a graduated album," Mraz said. "Waiting for My Rocket" is this sort of a very optimistic album ... it's like a high-school kid who's gonna graduate, who has all these big ideas for the world and just wants his rocket to come so he can get outs there. This one is a little more college level ... where I'm doing my best to think a deeper, think a little smarter." Dane Venable, vice president of marketing for Atlantic Records, presented Mraz with a platinum album award for "Rocket," which has sold more than 1 million copies. The school was also given a copy of the award.

Coming back to his old school was a bit surreal for the singer who begins touring next month with Alanis Morissette on her acoustic "Jagged Little Pill" tour.

"I waited out for the first one. Today, I'm here with my family because we've never seen a midnight showing," Carr said.

Some corned fans made an appearance, flashing light sabers and taking pictures with students. Guest student Dan Williams dressed as Darth Vader and even fought with some men standing in lines.

"We got here last night at 8 p.m. Williams said. "This is really fun, but I'm not going to wear the helmet during the film," Williams said. After three years of fighting, the Clone Wars come to a close. The Jedi Council sends Obi-Wan Kenobi to bring Chancellor Palpatine, the leader of the droid army, to justice. Palpatine's political changes transform the once peaceful Republican into the notorious Galactic Empire.

Kenobi's apprentice and Padawan learner Anakin Skywalker becomes seduced by the dark side and in power to save Padme. Their marriage and Padme's pregnancy remain a secret until Skywalker chooses to become Palpatine's new apprentice, who was revealed to be the Sith that the Jedi's were searching for. Skywalker is named Darth Vader by Palpatine, who has assumed control of the Republic (soon-to-be the Empire).

The traditional Vader makes an appearance in the last 10 minutes of the film. Skywalker attacks Padme and betrays his former teacher in a visually stunning lightsaber duel. Although Skywalker barely survives, Palpatine rescues his new apprentice and dons the shiny black helmet and now famous voice of Darth Vader.

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FRAZIER,VA. (AP) — Jason Mraz returned to his high school for the first time since his high school days, Monday, May 26, 2005.
Hallway battlefields

There has been a battle raging in the Senate for months now over the approval of the judges that President Bush nominated. Bitter opposition from the Democrats has made appointing the Constitution sound inevitable. Then 14 centrists, seven Republicans and seven Democrats broke party lines to forge a compromise. The Democrats agreed to allow a vote on the agreement.

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Student discovers flower feared extinct

North American Flora at the University of California, Berkeley’s Jepson Herbarium.

The flower was discovered by Michael Park, a first year Berkeley graduate student pursuing a doctorate in integrative biology. Park is surveying part of Mount Diablo as part of his senior thesis. Park was on a routine visit to the mountains about 30 miles east of San Francisco when he spotted what he suspected was buckwheat. The plants were approaching full bloom and the stalks were pushing up in a wishbone pattern.

“One once I realized that it was the Mount Diablo buckwheat I was in shock so I pretended it wasn’t there and continued with my other work,” Park said.

He took several botanists back to the site for confirmation. The location is being kept secret, but the dozen-plus plants were found on a property preserved by the conservation group Save Mount Diablo. Botanists will study the flowers’ population to determine if there are any threats from feral pigs, turkeys or invasive species. They will then stabilize the flowers.

Many rare California plants are facing serious threats from non-native species, said Seth Adams, director of land programs for Save Mount Diablo.

Adams and the swath of flowers may have survived thanks to persistent brush rabbits who nibble on nonnative grass that can force out the flower discovery.

“People believe they can set back the clock and do it right,” Adams said. “Well, people on purpose have searched in vain for decades. The find immediately drew comparisons to the discovery of the ivory-billed woodpecker in Arkansas, a bird long presumed extinct.

“We’ve been calling the Mount Diablo buckwheat the holy grail for botanists in the region,” said Barbara Ester, Curator of Western

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Southern California beaches cited for worst water quality in state

Southern California beaches tied for in an annual report card issued Wednesday by an environmental watchdog group. Stretches of Doheny Beach in Orange County and Imperial Beach in San Diego County were dubbed the dirtiest by the nonprofit organization Heal the Bay. Eight of the 10 most polluted beaches statewide were in Southern California — an increase from seven last year. Much of the pollution occurred during the state's unusually wet season, with runoff from heavy rain prompting grades of fair to poor for 90 percent of the 346 locations monitored. Heal the Bay called it the most polluted wet weather season on record since its monitoring began in 1999. However, water quality of California beaches was excellent or very good at 80 percent of those sites during dry months, the report said. "The disparity between dry and wet weather grades was unprecedented this year," the report said. "Lost in news reports of traffic jams, flooding and landslides caused by enormous rain events were the drastic impacts on local water quality." Other top "beach bummers" cited were stretches of Paradise Cove in Malibu; Redondo Municipal Pier; Pillar Point Harbor in San Mateo County; Pacific Beach in San Diego County; Baby Bay at Dana Point Harbor in Orange County; Avalon Beach on Santa Catalina Island; Campbell Cove State Park Beach at Bodega Bay; and Cabrillo Beach in Los Angeles County.

The main culprit is urban water runoff that can carry a witch's brew of harmful pesticides, fertilizers, animal waste, engine oil and other contaminants from yards and streets. The runoff flows to the ocean through networks of storm drains, natural streams and man-made channels.

By Tonya Strickland
CAMPUS DINING STAFF WRITER

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No surprises for Night of the Mustang

Frank Stranzl

MUSTANG FRIDAY

The National College Athletic Association governing body is in an upsurge over the latest clarification to Title IX, and rightfully so, said several Cal Poly coaches.

Each of the three Cal Poly coaches interviewed said that the clarification is detrimental to college athletics and one said it was largely undiscernable.

"It seemed to be an uneven scheme to get it passed," women's basketball coach Faith Minn指导 said. "For the most part, the clarification was done without any public discussion and that in my mind should raise a red flag. I'm hoping that the same angle the NCAA is taking.

The latest clarification to Title IX came to the surprise of many. It modified the third part of the three-prong test used to determine whether or not a school is Title IX compliant.

The test, created in 1979, seven years after the original legislation, was further clarified in 1996, according to the Department of Education's Civil Rights Web site. As of the 1979 clarification, the three-part test allowed a school to become Title IX compliant if one of the following conditions was met:

- Participation opportunities are substantially proportionate to enrollment.
- There is a history and continuing practice of program expansion for the underrepresented sex.
- The institution is fully and effectively accommodating the interests and abilities of the underrepresented sex.

The 1996 clarification detailed the specifics behind each condition. The March 17 clarification allowed a broader interpretation for the third option.

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"When I was a student at Cal Poly, I was coaching the women's club soccer team," Crotzer said. "It didn't become a varsity sport until '92. I wouldn't have a job here if not for Title IX. I think it would be a shame if the intent of Title IX were taken away.

The Fine Print

Under the new guidelines, a school could meet Title IX standards by performing a survey to pull the interest of the women's sports or men's that's the case dictates, the school passes the third option of the Title IX compliance test; the school is fully and effectively accommodating the interests and abilities of the underrepresented sex.

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The MUSICAL GROUP is in the process of hiring a new head coach. According to coach Barry Szymanski, the school's decision was based on the success of the previous head coach, Joe Barlow. The new coach will be responsible for leading the Mustangs to a successful season and ensuring the team's long-term success.

The Mustangs are coming off a strong showing in the recent conference tournament. With a series of impressive victories, they secured a spot in the NCAA tournament, where they will face stiff competition. The team's success has been attributed to their strong defense, effective offensive play, and teamwork.

Clariification causes controversy

Condon and Kontra receive Big West honors

Cal Poly's first-year head coach, Jenny Condon, was named the Big West Conference Softball Coach of the Year while Robyn Kontra was named Freshman Pitcher of the Year by a vote of the eight Big West Conference head coaches.

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Condon has been instrumental in the Mustangs' success, leading them to a strong conference record and a berth in the NCAA tournament. Her leadership and strategic decision-making have been crucial in the team's success.

Kontra has been a standout pitcher, setting school records for strikeouts and innings pitched. Her success on the mound has been a key factor in the Mustangs' success, as she has consistently delivered strong performances.

The Mustangs are in the midst of a challenging stretch of games, but with Condon and Kontra leading the way, the team is well-positioned to continue their success.
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sports, rather than creating more women's sports, Condon said.

As a result of the recent clarification, schools would not have to cut a program if it is insufficient interest to create a sport for the opposite sex.

For example, a school that has a 50-50 ratio of men to women enrollment and supports 20 intercollegiate athletic teams—12 that are men's—would have been presented with a Title IX problem in the past. The school's participation opportunities would not be substantially proportionate to enrollment and the school might show no history of program expansion for females.

Under old guidelines, the school would need to either raise more funds to support a new women's program or cut a men's program. With the latest clarification, a university may send out surveys to students on campus and if the results show a lack of interest for women's sports, no further action needs be taken to be in compliance with Title IX.

Does Cal Poly make the grade? With a Title IX complaint. Although it might not be the case around the country, Condon said she is pleased with her team's status compared to its baseball counter-part.

"I'm definitely happy," Condon said. "I mean look at our facility. It's wonderful and it's definitely equal to baseball. We have definitely been treated as well as baseball."

Mimnaugh is also confident in the university's handling of equality. Although she said the funding isn't perfectly equal, the attitude of the athletic department is positive.

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"I'm hoping the integrity of the athletic department will stay an tact," Mimnaugh said. "I think the overall philosophy of the department is cognizant of the bad situations in our country."

Mimnaugh, Cooner and Condon all said Cal Poly is in a unique position because Cal Poly maintains a football program despite a small budget. Although the total amount of financial aid given to male athletes is more than what females receive at Cal Poly, Mimnaugh said it's not a significant discrepancy and the football team trusts the scale.

Since the NCAA's response to the clarification, there has been no reaction from the Department of Education. "I would hope they would listen to the NCAA and create an open forum and discussion," Mimnaugh said.

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Tide and set record with a jump of 6-2.75.

Not to be forgotten, though, Duane would carry on his love for gymnastics and the attitude of the athletic department is positive.

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To think Day only's a sophomore. Provided she doesn't burn out, Day could win Athlete of the Year twice more. The Olympics are possible down the road too. Crawford said Day isn't yet following an Olympic-caliber year-round training plan, but the coach liked Day to another former two-sport star, Jackie Joyner-Kersee.

"I think anything is possible and I think she is an athlete who has not reached her peak," Crawford said of Day. Some of the other nominees for Athlete of the Year included softball slugger Into Myers, soccer-to-be baseball draft pick Garrett Olson, Big West Champion golfer Travis Berlendis, record-setting tennis Ben Bruce and Pac-10 wrestling champ Vic Moreno.

But this was a special year.

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