Only serious and compelling reasons approve drop petitions

by Susan Dethelsen

Your job requires too much time. You break a leg in a bike accident. Your pet hamster dies. You may have discovered some faculty consider all of these things serious and compelling enough for you to drop a class, yet others believe some broken neck isn’t serious enough.

The Physics Department head said this lack of consistency in the present “petition to drop” system was due to its origin. Under the present add/drop system, students could drop a class after the initial drop period of one week. They must petition for it and give a “serious and compelling” reason as an excuse. All petitions go through the heads offering the course and it is up to them to tell the student whether or not the reason is about his or her reason.

The “serious and compelling” reason is usually considered a death in the family, financial difficulties, personal illness or a change in class. The point at which each of these becomes “serious and compelling” is what causes confusion.

Dr. Keith Stowe, Physics Department head, said he is known as the strictest person on campus when it comes to signing a drop petition.

Stowe said he personally checks all excuses on the petitions. This includes calling out-of-state employers, talking to financial aid supervisors and double-checking medical and psychological recommendations.

He said during the first two quarters of this year he had “bunched” checks of people petitioning to withdraw. He immediately checked into the reasons and rejected all but 50.

Other than those 50 he found that all but one was getting dropped in the physics class they wanted to drop.

Stowe said that these statistics show that the primary reason for wanting to drop a physic’s class is because of low grades — and this is not considered “serious and compelling” by the California State College Board of Trustees.

Many of the excuses these students have are from their doctors stating they have emotional or medical problems to the extent that the stress of the class is too much for them.

”My opinion is if you can’t handle stress then you shouldn’t be in the game,” Stowe said.

Stowe said some students who come in are “lazies” and others are sincere. However, he added those who are always trying to get out of a class they are getting a D or an F in are not necessarily lying. However, he acknowledged that he usually signs about 60 drop recommendations each quarter. Of these, he said he believes up to 20 are due to sickness and a large number due to stress of getting bad grades.

Stowe said he feels that many of the students are angry at him because the same excuse used for dropping other classes doesn’t work for his. Stowe believes that something needs to be done about this inconsistency.

“When they come in with a petition I want to be fair,” said Stowe, “but I want to be fair to those who are not sick.”

Dr. James Nash, director of student services, said he often disagrees with Stowe’s strictness.

Nash interviews all the students that wish to get out of a class for medical or psychological reasons and decide if he should sign the recommendations that go to the department heads.

“I feel the Health Center’s function is to keep students in school and help them graduate. Anyway we can smooth the path is part of our job,” he stressed.

Nash said Stowe usually doesn’t listen to his recommendations even though most people who come into the Health Center for a medical release have good reasons.

Nash said physics classes are high on the list of courses people want to drop because they are often difficult.

Nash said he feels if a student is in a class he or she should stay in it. He feels it seems reasonable for him to be able to drop a class.

The Senate puts language requirement up to vote

by John A. Bachman

Last week’s Student Senate meeting was cancelled because two-thirds of the senate’s members were not present, carrying over agenda items for tonight’s meeting.

The senate is scheduled to discuss a resolution recommending dropping non-technical majors are required to take either a year of foreign language at Cal Poly, two years in high school or pass a proficiency test before graduating.

The resolution is in response to Chancellor’s Task Force recommendations that all California State University students be required to take a foreign language before graduating.

Not all majors should be required to take a year of foreign language says the bill which opposes the Task Force’s system.

“Various other disciplines who sit on Cal Poly primarily for a well rounded education would benefit from a Foreign Language Requirement,” says the resolution authored by Communication Arts and Humanities Senator, Sue Robins.

But technical majors with their few free electives should not be required to take the burdensome extra electives, said the bill authored by Robins.

“That would force such majors to drop valuable courses,” read the resolution.

Michael Hayes, who would be required to take a foreign language are Political Science, Social Science, Communication, Liberal Studies, Journalism, English, Music, History, Child Development and Applied Art and Design.

Besides the resolution recommending a different foreign language requirement, the Chancellor’s Task Force’s recommendation, the senate is also scheduled to vote on a bill which will allow senators to call for roll call during meetings.

The senate meeting is tonight in UU 250 at 7 p.m. Anyone interested in addressing the senate is invited to attend.
Opinion

Free Support

The Supreme Court Monday confirmed a right we all have as citizens.

The Court's unanimous decision to keep courtrooms open to the press and the public strengthens the spirit of the First Amendment, guaranteeing freedom of the press and the right of the public to information.

We should be glad to see our system working as it is intended to.

The Waller vs. Georgia decision holds that court proceedings should be closed when there is "overriding interest" to the court. Justice William F. Powell Jr. wrote for the court: "The court has made clear that the right to an open trial may give way in certain cases to other rights or interests, such as the defendant's right to fair trial or the government's interest in inhibiting disclosure of sensitive information."

But the significance of the court's decision, as the Los Angeles Times noted the court as saying, is that "The public has a 'strong interest' in gaining access to hearings where the methods that authorities use...are often at issue."

This idea coupled with the Freedom of Information Act fuels arguments to keep the public in a position to obtain records and other information regarding its well-being.

This can be applied at all levels, however, not just with the judicial system. The public should be informed about how its authorities are running its life, whether it be the government's proceeding. Whether it be the court sentencing a defendant to life in a murder trial, the downtown meter maid writing out a parking ticket or the university changing its academic requirements.

The public shouldn't be stripped of what power it has by being naive to how the world around it is being run.

While most of us won't have to stand trial, the Waller vs. Georgia decision holds implications that apply to all of us. The government has the power to watch over us, but we have maybe even more power—through Supreme Court rulings reaffirming our rights—to keep close watch on the government's proceedings.

Question what is being decided for us. The Supreme Court, in essence, supports it.

Search for story at Cove proves quite an adventure

As I stared down into Pirate's Cove from a tower that jutted out into the ocean, my eyes scanned the beach towels sparsely laid out on the short, sandy beach. At a distance, I could see several people playing in the calm water of the bay that gently pushed waves onto the shore.

Such nobility, I thought, as I descended down to the beach with my reporter's notebook. I was counting on the environment's serenity to carry over to the way people would react to an interview. To put it bluntly, I did not want to get hit.

Strolling down the beach seeking out prospective Cal Poly students for my article, I had a difficult time determining who was a student. After all, I did not have any alligator shirts or plaid Bermuda shorts to go by. Rather, I looked for people in their twenties with backpacks.

After finding several students to interview, I was pleasantly surprised by their willingness to spend a few minutes to talk about their love of the cove's beauty, solitude, and the other aspects the cove had to offer.

Although I was comfortable interviewing various people, I felt I was the object of many curious stares as I walked down the beach with pen and paper in hand.

One man asked if I was doing a survey. After I explained it was a story about Cal Poly students, he replied he went to Cuesta and offered to be interviewed. I declined, saying my article focused only on Poly students. He then said, "I can be anything you want me to be."

Leaving the beach I began to climb up the steep dirt path that led to the parking lot. My legs were agreeing with me of the disadvantage of Pirate's Cove that people had listed in their interview.

Reaching my car with sore legs, my notebook and a bit of a tan, I decided the next time I would come to the cove it would be for relaxation only—and only when my body could make the journey up the hill without the need for CPR.

Author Dawn Yoshitake is a junior journalism major.

Letters

Thanks for the 'memories'

Editor:

I wanted to express my thanks and appreciation to those of you who participated in the "May Day Celebration" at the Mission Plaza on May 5, 1984.

I wanted to specifically thank the Cal Poly Student Body. If I believe her name is Yvonne Brown. She was responsive and friendly and answered all my questions...and more. I was surprised of her helpfulness and it was very difficult leaving to go home. I also got further positive feedback from a friend referring Yvonne, saying that she too, noticed the same qualities. My friend also mentioned that Yvonne did a great job dressing, and put on quite a show. I also wanted to thank the "Memorial of whom was from the Agriculture Business Department" who had the "Paper Plate Mask" booth. My child loved her and my child also enjoyed the "Memorial of whom was from the Agriculture Business Department." Basically, I wanted to say best to all the Poly Poly Students know that their donated time and efforts were valued by all who encountered them, and that they made the "May Day Celebration" even more enjoyable by all who attended the activities.

SUSAN M. CARNOBAN

Thank you

Editor:

The Public Safety Department would like to thank you and your staff for the assistance provided to this Department and our Crime Prevention programs. We feel your assistance will have an impact on crimes at the University. A special thanks to staff within Karen Killicman for all her help and attention in reporting crimes on campus. Her help in our Crime Prevention programs has been very valuable to students, staff and faculty here at Cal Poly University.

RICHARD C. BRUG
Director of Public Safety

Mondale speaks Friday

Democratic presidential candidate Walter Mondale will be making a campaign stop in San Luis Obispo this week.

Mondale will make a speech at Mission Plaza at 10 a.m. on May 25. The former vice president is scheduled to make a major policy address regarding the Diablo Canyon nuclear power plant.

Retraction

In the May 18 issue of the Mustang Daily Brian Doyle was quoted in an article on Pirate's Cove as saying "I can partake in alcohol and drugs and not worry about the authorities." Doyle wished to have it clarified that he was speaking about people in general, not himself personally.
Students go through strict channels for drop approval

From page 1:

"No one in his right mind will throw eight weeks of a quarter away if they can avoid it," Stowe said.

Stowe said he believes the problem could be alleviated if students were required to sign a withdrawal form. "This would decrease the number of withdrawals, but does not feel it would be an absolute number because emergencies can occur.

Chemistry Department Head William Rife agrees with Stowe's idea, saying the system isn't very good.

"I think the present system tampers students and family members into dishonesty," said Rife.

Rife also feels that the procedure should not call up a family and ask if the student's parent is dying or cancer," said Rife. His added there is no good way to verify if a student is telling the truth.

Paul Murphy, Math Department head, is also more lenient than Stowe. He said, as a department head, if a faculty member decides to sign the withdrawal form, he will do so. However, his department has its own way of making sure a student doesn't take this leniency for granted. Murphy said that in the chemistry department's case, if the chemistry department doesn't question the student, but if they want to drop another class, the students must verify from a doctor or psychologist.

"We had problems last year with the new withdrew system where a student only has one week to decide to drop a class or not. As a professor I felt more comfortable with the three week drop period because a student was given time to think what the course was really like.

The present add/drop policy was started in January as a way to let students take responsibility for their own registration. It also assured the University of more funds since money allocation is based on the number of credits students are taking during a given quarter.

Political apathy blamed on programs

by Lynette Frediani

Stunt week

The political apathy of Cal Poly students can be credited in part to the demands of the university's technological programs, said the chairman of a student group working for Democratic presidential hopeful Senator Gary Hart.

Senior Political Science major Meg Gibson of Students for Hart said Cal Poly's large population of technical workers in the five bachelor degrees required of such majors, tends to decrease political apathy.

"I don't believe that persons in technical majors do anything," she said. "They just think they don't have time for it," said Gibson.

However, she said the College Republicans may be more active on campus than other groups because technical majors tend to be more conservative.

Gibson, though, is pleasantly surprised with the participation rate of students for Hart. There are currently 22 members in our organization.

Students for Hart is conducted under the auspices of the Young Democrats, said Gibson. But, the group is not affiliated with the Young Democrats. Gibson said Young Democrats will withdraw from the organization until the national convention has ended.

Although her chairmanship of Students for Hart also doubles as her senior project, Gibson says she is involved because of her "heartfelt ideological commitment to Senator Gary Hart."

Gibson carries this ideological commitment to tables at the University Union Plaza weekly to promote Hart's candidacy. "I have received positive reactions from students. People come up to the UU table out of curiosity because they want to know the most of the issue," said Gibson. "Students don't want a brief description of Hart's policies, they want tangible, visible solutions."

Hart's candidate solutions that have led Gibson to support Hart. "He's fresh and new. Hart has solutions. Hart's just pointing out problems, but he has visible solutions. The best part about Gary Hart is that his ideas are workable," said Gibson.

The main goal of Students for Hart is to educate the voters about these solutions through literature, position papers, and get the word out through the UU, said Gibson.

She speculated that Hart has the majority of the Democratic vote in San Luis Obispo County since it is not labor-intensive.

"We will be on schedule, and we're ready for June 6," said Gibson. "No one has been really negative," she added.

But, said Gibson, the San Luis Obispo County Hart campaign does not have the funds to do anything well financially.

Gibson also says assistance is needed as Students for Hart. Interested volunteers can contact Gibson at 525-6192 or contact San Luis Obispo Country Volunteers with Hart Headquarters at 541-3191 for more information.

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by Rebecca Proulx

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TGs present problems for police

It's Friday afternoon, thank God, and students are gathered at the large fraternity house on the hill celebrating the end of the week. The beer is flowing and a band is blasting from the backyard. Cars are parked for blocks around, and people are drawn to the dull roar of the party. For three to four hours these students will drink beer and mingle with strangers and friends.

"TGs" as they are commonly called, are quite popular in San Luis Obispo. "They are a good excuse to let loose and have a good time," says Dave Ward, a Cal Poly Engineering student. But to San Luis Obispo Police Public Relations Representative Steve Seybold, "These parties present a lot of problems in the area."

According to Dan Robinson, former President of Interfraternity Council and a member of Delta Tau Fraternity, "TGs are good for generating revenues, they were not fined for selling to minors either, but they did decide to cancel all other TGs this spring, according to Robinson.

"I think the ABC realized that we were supplying a service to the public," said Dan, "that's maybe why we got off with a warning.

Seybold said party throwers should be aware of the size of the crowd. "If you are unable to control the police, it is best to notify the police ahead of time.

Another consideration to TG holders is the new ordinance which is pending approval in San Luis Obispo to extend the penalty for violation of the Municipal Code prohibiting plainly audible noise. "This will affect Cal Poly students for sure," Seybold said. "I went to Cal Poly parties, I should know.

"I don't know if the public is aware of the $250 penalty for driving under the influence on a bicycle," he said.

"The police usually won't step in unless laws are being broken or citizen's rights are being violated," Seybold said.

"If you obtain a liquor license and don't sell alcohol to minors, which seems impossible, you'll avoid a $650 fine from the Alcoholic Beverage Control."

Minors are also a problem when it comes to TGs. One Poly Royal two fraternity TGs were broken up by the Alcoholic Beverage Control.

"The ABC sent two undercover cadets into the party to buy beer, and they were minors. They reported back to the officers down the hill who came in to seize the beer, our money, and to close the party all at once," Dan explained.

Eventually the fraternity got back all of the beer and its revenues. They were not fined for selling to minors either, but they did decide to cancel all other TGs this spring, according to Robinson.

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From grains of sand to works of art—glass

Story by Rosemary Costanzo

Far right — Michael Lopez attempts to blow a bulb out of the gathering of glass just pulled out of the kiln.

Bottom right — Both the qualities and the imperfections of a piece of glass can best be judged by holding the object to the light, and looking at it in profile.

Top — Mark Dickson works in glassforming lab, now located next to the Art Building.

Above to right — The glass must be kept at just the right temperature for blowing and shaping. Instructor George Jerchic uses the "Glory-hole" to reheat this piece.

Above — This piece of glass is being cut away from the blowing rod and on to the pontil for further shaping.

Directly right — Glassforming is an experiment in the use of many shapes and sizes.
It begins as sand and through the art of glass forming it may become a tumbler, bowl or an abstract piece of art.

Although out of commission for about seven months, the Cal Poly glass forming lab is now going full-tilt.

The lab equipment was moved this year to accommodate the new engineering building that is being constructed by the baseball field. The new lab is located next to the Art Department building.

Art Lecturer George Jerich proposed the idea of starting a glass forming lab and classes at Cal Poly. "I proposed the idea because I thought it would be a popular class," said Jerich.

Jerich who earned his Masters Degree in Art Programs from San Jose State has been teaching at Poly for eight years.

"I was studying bronze sculpturing at San Jose State and decided to take a class in glassforming," said Jerich. "I decided I like working with glass."

Jerich said that everyone of his works is his favorite in one way or the other.

Jerich said that most of his creations start out as experiments.

"I like to experiment and deal creatively with the matter," said Jerich.

The beginning glass forming class includes an introduction to basic glass forming technique and an overview of glass history. The next class is an introduction to the use of form, color, and texture relating to glass.

In the advanced glass forming class the emphasis is placed on development of individual design and concepts.

"I like teaching because I like to deal with the spontaneity and the almost naive way students approach this new material," Jerich said.

Jerich said at first most students get frustrated working with the glass. "They definitely learn to appreciate what goes into the making of a product.

Often times a student's project starts out as an accident. "We take advantage of accidents and learn from them,

"George has done a lot with the lab. He puts a lot of time into it," said architecture student Evin Schweizer.

Schweizer is in his second glass forming class and is working with molded glass. He is designing a coral motif using individual modules of coral. Schweizer designed and constructed the molds for the coral also.

Crop Science major Mark Dickson said he took glass forming because it fulfilled an art general elective and "it sounded like fun."

"But it's hard," he added.

Dickson was working on a tumbler that cracked. "Oh well, he said. "90 percent of the stuff you make you never save anyway."

Electronic Engineering major Michael Lopez said "When you see George do it it looks pretty easy. He's a wiz. But when you try it you see how difficult it can be."
Sakharov ordeal sparks concern

LONDON (AP) — The ordeal of Nobel Peace Prize-winner Andrei Sakharov has sparked a wave of concern in Western Europe, where governments, political parties and newspapers are questioning Moscow's treatment of the Soviet dissident.

Sakharov reportedly began a hunger strike May 2 to win permission for his wife, Yelena Bonner, to leave the Soviet Union for treatment of heart and eye ailments.

The 63-year-old nuclear physicist was reportedly taken from his home in Gorky on May 10 and since then Soviet news media have been silent on the whereabouts of the nuclear physicist. Sakharov was banished to Gorky, a city closed to Western reporters, in 1980.

The European Common Market nations decided during the week to send a mission to Moscow protesting Sakharov's treatment, and some individual European countries have also expressed concern.

The Hungarian government of Socialist Prime Minister Bruno Craid on Monday expressed "deepest worry" over Sakharov.

West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher said he discussed the Sakharov case at his meeting with Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei A. Gromyko but Genscher refused to make any independent statement on the Sakharov affair, but joined in the Common Market protest to Moscow.

Reps. Ike Skelton, D-Mo., and Bill Richardson, D-N.M., said Duarte told lawmakers that he plans to replace G. Nicholas Caram, the head of the Salvadoran Treasury Police. Duarte reportedly made the disclosure during a closed-door meeting of the House Appropriations Committee that screens foreign military aid.

The messages, signed by the "White Student Union" were printed on white pieces of paper designed to resemble $100 bills. They were found in lockers at East San Diego County high schools.


"I have told Congressman Long that I want to leave the USA," Duarte said.

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In advance of the session, the president was given a briefing book to study and halt practice sessions. Reagan is expected to open the press conference by saying: "I think a lot of minds, particularly in the administration, are concerned about the situation."
Coach to fly north to pilot Alaska nine

By David Kraft

It's one of the top summer baseball conferences in the nation, boasting an alumni of Tom Seaver, Harmon Killebrew, Catfish Hunter, Tim Wallach at last year's number one pro draft pick, Jeff Lahoud.

Cal Poly baseball coach Steve McFarland will be part of that reputation this summer when he coaches in the Alaska Baseball League for the first time. McFarland, to coach the Anchorage Glacier Pilots, will no doubt tutor some future big leaguers among his utility.

McFarland, wife Kelly and eight-month-old son Dustin are ready to go. Also ready to join McFarland are Cal Poly's star Maas and pitching coach Mark Bresnahan, who will also do some pitching for the Glacier Pilots.

For the past eight summers, McFarland has skipped the Santa Maria Indians semi-pro team, during which time he won a National Baseball Congress national championship and finished second twice. However he saw a chance for a glamour job in high-caliber league so he jumped at the Anchorage position.

"We've gotten Santa Maria to the point where they're one of the best summer teams in the country," McFarland said, "but the reason I'm leaving is because of the contract. For me, it will be enjoyable because I'm getting some compensation."

Besides the financial reward, McFarland gets a chance to coach some of the nation's premier talent. Among the 46 players invited to try out for the Glacier Pilots, six could possibly be on the United States Olympic team in Los Angeles.

McFarland sees the Alaska League as a chance for players to hone their skills and for teams to assess their talent.

"Alaska baseball is so important to any college program," he said, "Coaches send players up there and they play good baseball and earn some money. "The players also learn something about themselves," he said.

Players are given jobs in the Anchorage area, just as they were when McFarland coached in Santa Maria. However, while McFarland said there are more jobs and better money in Santa Maria, each player makes about the same salary in Anchorage.

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McFarland, a Mustang coach, will be heading to Alaska this summer to coach.

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Women heptathletes place at national championships

by John A. Bachman and David Kraft

The Cal Poly Poly women’s track team placed two athletes in the top ten Tuesday in the heptathlon and pentathlon at the NCAA Division II Track Championships in Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

Mustang junior Karen Kraemar finished eighth overall, and teammate Sharon Hanson was tenth. Kraemar almost clinched the national championship in the seventh event, while Hanson garnered fourth place in the event.

Janet Nichols of Cal Poly Pomona won the heptathlon.

Kraemar finished 11th after the first day of competition, and scored Personal Records the second day to move up to eighth in the final results.

On the first day she also set a Personal Record in the 100 meters, finishing in 16.7 seconds. Kraemar, however, did not do as well in the first day’s other events.

While her best recorded in the high jump with a leap of 5-5 3/4, Kraemar had hoped for a six foot jump into the day.

In the other events of the first day, the 110-meter intermediate hurdles and shot put put her placements to the same as she expected. “I had really bad first day. I was kind of frustrated yesterday (Monday),” said Kraemar by phone from Missouri.

But she placed seventh in the javelin and long jump to give her the eighth place finish.

Kraemar performed very well according to her coach Kevin McCarthy.

“She really came through,” she said by phone from Southwest Missouri State University, host of the competition. “Her first day was not as good as we expected, but she kept improving.”

However, according to McCarthy, Kraemar’s best event may have been the long jump. Though she placed down in the field, Kraemar set a personal record of 171 3/4 inches, more than a foot over her previous best.

She also set a Personal Record in the javelin with a throw of 115 feet.

Kraemar added that she was disappointed with her 800-meter time of 2:25, but she has one more day of competition.

Kraemar will have a chance to come back in the high jump as she takes place in the open competition which begins on Thursday for the high jump.

Kraemar actually finished seventh, amongst American participants, and she missed All America honors by 40 points.

Hanson had surgery just four weeks ago and is already back on the track, especially with needing to wear a large brace to protect her knee for the next 4-6 weeks before her injury. Hanson was scoring high marks in the long jump.

The women Mustangs are trying for their fourth consecutive national championship, and left San Luis Obispo Tuesday morning, but will return by Saturday. They will return this Saturday.

The heptathlon competition was held Monday and Tuesday, with the rest of the competition being held the rest of the week.

Cal Poly coach to head Alaskan baseball team

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Another change for McFarland from Santa Maria is that he has an active front office in Anchorage.

“Up there they have a full-time general manager,” McFarland said.

“Hank has to do a lot.”

And coach will. Among the players slated to play with the Glacier Pilots are Vine Barger from the US Pan-American Games team and Franco State, Randy Johnson from USC and Chris Wygyn from San Diego State. Wygyn’s brother, Troy, is among the top five hitters in the majors, and Chris is reported to have more natural left-handed hitting.

“We’ve got kids coming from everywhere,” McFarland said.

“How am I going to head a group of players who have no experience? I can’t get to heaven by myself.”

There are four divisions: championship, recreational, seniors, and high school. The championship and recreational divisions are split further into men’s and women’s, and coed categories.

“Anchorage open at Kenai June 1 and another league will be meeting Thursday, May 24 at 7:30 p.m. at the Son Luis Obispo Recreation Center, 864 Santa Rosa. At least one member from each team has to be present. The entrance fee is $10.00 per team before May 24. After that date, the fee is $16.00 per team. Tamas are encouraged to assist local businesses, as all contributions are tax deductible.

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Cal Poly coach to head Alaskan baseball team

Among the schools represented on Anchorage are Nebraska, Oklahoma, Oral Roberts, Purdue, UCLA, and BYU. McFarland said he had various coaches about players with his tenure with the Indians.

The league is divided into two divisions. The six teams broken into two divisions.

McFarland said he has the opportunity to make up the Southern Division with Fairbanks, Mat-Su, and North Pole completing the Northern Division.

The league opens at Kenai June 1.

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by Julie Reich

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