CSU's may ban ROTC because of homosexual rule

Member calls military 'homophobic'

By Mary Frederley

Some California State University students have joined a trend to ban ROTC groups from campuses across the country because ROTC will not accept homosexuals.

While the California State Student Association (the CSU's primary student lobbying body) presented a resolution to CSU last month, ROTC officials say they cannot change policy until the U.S. Supreme Court says they must.

"If the nation demands our taking homosexuals, we will do it," said Maj. Mark Earley, the spokesman for Cal Poly's military science department. "But it (the decision) is at a higher level. We have to go along with policy."

Because of Department of Defense policy, homosexuals currently are not allowed in the military, including the ROTC.

The CSU, however, is considered a non-discriminatory institution.

"The issue is academic," said Jeff Zerwekh, legislative analyst for the Associated Students at Chico State. "This is denying access to an academic program. How can someone tell me I can't take this class because of a personal question?"

The question Zerwekh is referring to is on the ROTC admission application and states, "Have you ever engaged in, desired or intended to engage in bodily contact with a person of the same sex for the purpose of sexual satisfaction?"

The CSU's position is that the ROTC program is like an employer/employee relationship. CSU Chancellor Ann Reynolds suggested that the CSSA pursue the resolution by taking it to the CSU Board of Trustees.

Around the nation, as well, campus groups are seeking to remove ROTC from their schools but are finding opposition from their universities' administrations.

Associated Press reported that the University of Wisconsin faculty senate in December voted to expel ROTC from campus because of the discriminatory policy, but the university regents did not accept the proposal. At Northeastern University, the student government voted to no longer allow ROTC to use school facilities or funds, but the recommendation was not accepted by the administration.

Earley stressed that ROTC is just following orders. "We do not dictate policy, we just implement it," Earley said. "We are following orders of the military, however, who spoke on condition of not ROTC, page 8"

Pro-choice rally kicks off campus chapter of NOW

Group focus will include child care, pay equity issues

Nadra Williams

A pro-choice rally in the U.U. Plaza Thursday kicked off the formation of a campus chapter of the National Organization for Women (NOW).

Organizers chose to focus on the defense of abortion rights, but said that other issues that they plan to bring to the forefront at Cal Poly are pay equity, child care, education equity and a women of color program.

"Everyone assumes that this is a very conservative campus," said Sangita Luthra, the club president, "but when I actually started talking to people, I found that many support our stands, but some felt intimidated by the more vocal opponents — especially those that oppose choice."

Luthra served an internship last summer as an aid to Molly Yard, president of NOW at the national office in Washington D.C. She also serves as chair of San Luis Obispo County NOW chapter's Women of Color.

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Academic Senate discusses changing audit system; seeks to require class attendance

By Larre M. Sterling

The Academic Senate may decide that students who audit a class must attend to receive credit.

The senate discussed the resolution Wednesday night.

According to the universitycatalog, the present policy reads that the "AU" symbol indicates a student was officially enrolled in a class, participated in class, but was not required to be examined on course materials.

The manual says that enrollment as an auditor is subject to the permission of the instructor. Students receive no credit for auditing a class. An audit does, however, appear on student transcripts.

Steve McGary, a representative for the Academic Senate, said the present policy does not require students who audit a class to attend.

McGary said that many students will attend only two or three weeks of the course.

The new policy would make attendance a requirement to successfully auditing a class. If a student does not attend, the instructor has the option to change the "AU" on the transcript to either an "NG" (no grade) or a "W" (withdrawal). The "NG" would not show on the student's transcript.

This change would eliminate those students who audit a class for the purpose of having the "AU" appear on their transcripts — which gives the impression that the student attended the class and learned the material — but never attended the class.

"I think the 'NG' is a fair thing to do," said Tina Bailey, chair of the Academic Senate Curriculum Committee. "I think the 'AU' is a fair thing to do."
Opinion

From the editor's desk

Andrew R. Oveden

Thoughts of a New American

I urge everyone to adopt the view that the attitude that has no place on this planet is the environmentalist's Big Brother attitude. After all, we know where you're at and don't give anything that's fun. I really don't understand why you'd give up your day of freedom and opportunities available here in this great country, without the support of your own personal freedom and opportunities. As one example, Guatemala's president, Jacobo Arbenz in the 1950s was wrongly labeled a communist by the Johnson administration to gain congressional support for his overthrow. Not a single member in the Arbenz cabinet was truly a communist. Arbenz' mistake: to nationalize idle land "owned" by the United Fruit Company on which their directors sat several members and associates of President Johnson's cabinet.

More recently, the United States is wrapping up the tragic legacy of the tiny nation of Nicaragua. That country's big mistake was to overthrow the oppressive Sandinista regime with U.S. support, supported by the U.S., was running amok in Nicaragua. They then had the audacity to buy weapons from the East bloc with which they bought themselves from the Contras. Even if the Sandinistas were indeed communists (which is debatable) let us applaud their monumental efforts in raising their literacy rate, lowering their infant mortality rate, and improving the quality of education and agriculture.

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Then let us consider those other nations which are denied support in recent decades including many right-wing dictatorships with horrific human rights records. Choose from this list: Chile, the Philippines, El Salvador, Turkey, Panama or Guatemala, to name only a few. Some of these countries are in need of democracy and human rights in these nations for the security of a few U.S. corporations and to check communist's involvement.

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Andy Oveden is Mustang Daily's Insight editor.

Letters to the Editor

To endure...

After reading the letter in Monday's (April 16) edition by Don Kimball, the only conclusion I could draw is that Don is a very ignorant person.

If Don had done a little checking, he would have found out that the Penguins and other off-road clubs, such as the Poly Goats, are involved in the Forest Service's Adopt-A-Trail program. This doesn't help the users of the land do work that the Forest Service doesn't have the manpower or funds to do, so we supply the work. This work includes: clearing brush, installing drain culverts, campground maintenance, maintaining the roads, and even rerouting trails around environmentally sensitive areas. Furthermore, off-roaders are not shamed, because they participate in environmental awareness year round. By comparison, Earth Day is celebrated only one year.

If Don had checked even further, he would have found that the Penguins consulted with other users of this area and got an agreement through the U.S. Forest Service over where the course was to run. This year's course is entirely on established roads and trails, none of which go through environmentally sensitive areas.

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Tim Simonich

Penguins

Four Wheel Drive Club

...or not to endure

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Mohawk chief shares message of caring for earth with students

By Mike McMillan
Staff Writer

Native American Indians have a prophecy about the state of the earth. Mohawk Chief Jake Swamp told a group of people at the University Union Thursday that "It is now time for mankind to bring things back in line."

Swamp, who has traveled the world spreading his environmental awareness gospel, originally is from New York, where the remnants of the Mohawk world exist on a 25-square mile patch of land that is home to 8,000 people of the Six Nations Confederacy.

Swamp told the story of "The Great Law of Peace," a legend that "is from New York, where the remnants of the Mohawk world exist on a 25-square mile patch of land that is home to 8,000 people of the Six Nations Confederacy.

Swamp said "that is very similar to the story of Christ." The story explains the reasons and means Swamp uses to spread peace throughout the world.

"The Indian nations for a long time loved all life, but as our numbers grew, war became common in settling disputes," he said. "As generations passed, destruction abounded within the nations near what is now Lake Ontario."

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The canister is future for nuclear waste moving

By Natalie Guerrero
Staff Writer

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the National Nuclear Waste Transportation Task Force (NNWTTF) tour to advocate awareness of the dangers in radioactive waste transportation.

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Cal Poly lab monitors area's radiation levels

By Patty Hayes
Staff Writer

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Community service secures jobs, transcript notation in program

By Tina M. Ramos

Community service is often a thankless job, but now students' transcripts can reflect that selfless hard work.

Through programs by the Student Internship Community Service Program and Human Corps, students can get jobs tailored to their career goals and have their community service participation recognized on their transcripts.

The Community Consultant program is a pilot program funded by the lottery. It has been successful in getting jobs in non-profit organizations for students based on their career goals.

John Gilmore, an agriculture marketing senior, is one of the five students involved in the program. Gilmore is now coordinating the annual Wine Festival that benefits the Economic Opportunity Commission's children programs. It is a job that allows him contact with wineries, where he hopes to work in the future, while doing community service work.

The program works on a first-come, first-served basis and involves no academic credit.

"Students interested in the program must be eligible for work-study and have a decent GPA," said Sam Lutrin, Human Corps coordinator. "We're now accepting applications for fall quarter and will wait for award notices to match eligible students with jobs."

Once students have performed some type of community service, they can receive a notation under the Human Corps Community Service Transcript Notation program. "Students must complete a minimum of 120 hours of service while attending Cal Poly, including holidays and summers," says Lutrin.

Under the program, community service is defined as work or service done either voluntarily or for academic credit through non-profit, governmental or community organizations or schools.

The service must be done under supervision of an agency coordinator, a Cal Poly Human Corps coordinator or a Cal Poly faculty member.

Students can apply for notation only once, but may do so anytime during their academic tenure. Applications should be submitted at least one month before graduation and are available from Lutrin in the Student Life and Activities office.

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Regulatory Commission, but has since switched gears and now opposes nuclear production. He has authored several books on radioactive waste issues.

The NNWTTF presented a three-person panel, addressing the radioactive waste issue and the proposed full-scale nuclear-dump site in the Yucca Mountains in Nevada.

The task force is a coalition of more than 60 grassroots and national organizations concerned about the dangers of radioactive waste transportation to proposed federal dump sites in Nevada and New Mexico.

The NNWTTF is traveling with the nuclear waste canister to let people know that nuclear waste transportation is an important issue, said J.R. Wilkerson, a task force representative.

"We definitely get a lot of double-takes going down the highway," he said.

The task force is on a statewide tour visiting eight cities including Sacramento, Berkeley, and Los Angeles. NNWTTF believes its main objective is to decrease nuclear production. But the present alternative the group proposes is to store nuclear waste on the nuclear plant site in strong steel casing for the next 100 years, instead of moving it.

"Within 100 years, theoretically, a new process will be discovered," said Renkoff.

One resident reminded the panel that Diablo Canyon nuclear power plant was built on the Hogri Fault and nuclear waste should not be stored at the plant. Renkoff agreed with the resident and said the storage process would differ from plant-to-plant.
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Sports

Women's Track

Mustangs turn in good showing at Pepsi Invitational in Oregon

By Neil Pascale Staff Writer

Two weeks ago, the women's assistant track and field coach, Ed Crawford, received a newspaper clipping from his parents in Oregon showing the results of the University of Oregon's track team and hung it in his office.

"We wanted to give the girls an idea of what they had to run against," Crawford said.

Unfortunately, the Mustangs didn't foresee a crowd of close to 4,000 cheer on the home team to a first-place finish in the Pepsi Team Invitational held at Hayward Field in Eugene, Ore., Saturday.

"Eugene is the track capital in the United States," Crawford said. "There are very few places where you will get 4,000 people at a track meet."

Poly finished second with 163 points, 20 points behind Oregon. Washington State placed third with 130 points and Georgetown finished last with 99 points.

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Both the men's and women's track teams will be at the Mount Sac Relays this Saturday.

Baseball

Cal Poly gets blown out by Fresno State

By Rob Brockmeyer Staff Writer

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do something about its resource management system," he said, drawing from a 1982 Grand Jury Report that determined San Luis Obispo did not have an "understandable" water policy at that time. Councilwoman Rappa concluded the two-hour discussion by addressing the topic of water conservation specifically. She spoke extensively about the success the county has had with reducing personal water use—down from 175 gallons per capita (per person per year) a few years ago to about 125 gallons per capita now. Regarding the water issue as a whole, the panel stressed that definitive steps toward a solution must be taken at the state level. They also emphasized finding a long-term program, rather than settling for quick fixes.

"We've been short-terming for too long," said Krupa. "Let's take a look at a permanent future."
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As a young woman of color herself, Luthra is aware of the fact that minorities are often under-represented in national women's organizations. NOW is often perceived as a white middle-class women's group. This runs completely contrary to the facts, said Luthra, especially in the area of reproductive rights. Poor women are most severely affected by the elimination of abortions, and black women in Georgia were affected four times more than white women, she said. The so-called pro-life groups tend to ignore the consequences for women who are denied access to safe, legal abortions and ignore the plight of children who are born unwanted. Worldwide, one woman dies every three minutes from a botched abortion, which adds up to nearly 200,000 deaths per year, she said. The toll on unwanted children is just as tragic, with 34,000 children waiting to be adopted yearly in the United States, 51 percent of which are minorities. An additional 450,000 children die from abuse or neglect each year.

Luthra said it is unfair to assume an unplanned pregnancy is the result of an irresponsible person, citing the failure rate of common contraceptives. The club's table attracted a group of male and female students, who signed petitions, carried signs and walked around the plaza to inform others of their new presence on campus. Nationally, NOW is focusing on grassroots support for women's rights since the Supreme Court gave states more authority over abortion access with last year's Webster decision. The club is enthusiastic about the response we've gotten," Luthra said.

Students can contact the chapter by calling 544-4286.

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"They (ROTC) are very, very homophobic," the source said. "They are discriminatory, there is no question. Technically, an employer cannot ask you if you are male, female, or your race. But they set different laws for the military. The Army can do anything it wants."

The source also said that while the problem is with those who make the policy, rather than those at the ROTC level, there is not much of a chance for change. "It's like anything, they do not want to open their eyes," the source said. "The problem is not the military system, but the people running it. ... there probably won't be any changes in the future, at least not in our lifetime. It is sad. They (the military) have the potential to be better than they are. They have a lot to offer people."