ROTC: students who serve
Future soldiers speak of plans and apprehensions

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Associated Students will control a budget of $921,680 this year. AS supports countless organizations, clubs, programs and events that enrich student life, many of which require funding.

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