Health and living event heads to UU

By Cathy Lee
Mustang Daily

Cal Poly students and faculty members can pick up swing dancing tips and a few condoms at Thursday’s Wellness Day.

The first Wellness Day, sponsored by Peer Health Education and Rec Sports, is scheduled from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the University Union Plaza.

Kate Clusen, coordinator for Recreation Sports for LifeStyle Programs, said, “Students should be aware that wellness should be a balance of your mind, body, and spirit. It is not just about being physically fit. We hope Wellness Day becomes an annual event and we hope to see a lot of students out there.”

There will be nine booths in UU Plaza with information for students and faculty on how to live a healthy life, said Rojean York-Domínguez, director of health education.

The booths will feature different activities focusing on the seven realms of personal wellness—social, physical, emotional, career, intellectual, environmental and spiritual.

Rec Sports will have instructors demonstrating how to swing dance and kick box from 11 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

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High-Wire: Mickey Wilcox (wearing dark helmet) and Drew Hanson install I beams at the construction site of the College of Engineering’s new Advanced Technology Lab. Last week, crews used a new technique to place walls on the structure.

Poly tries ‘tilt-up’ technique

Approach lets workers raise walls faster than before

By Bryce Alderton
Mustang Daily

For the first time ever at Cal Poly, construction crews are using a faster, more cost-effective building technique on the Advanced Technology Lab.

The technique is called tilt-up concrete construction. Concrete walls are poured flat on a floor slab, the slabs are left to cure for a minimum of seven days and then lifted up to form the walls of the structure.

“The last of the walls was poured April 1,” Clusen said. “Crews will lift the walls last week. The process is running on schedule, according to project manager Katherine Dunklau.

An advantage of tilt-up is that the process is very quick. The project coincides with its Aug. 30 deadline,” Dunklau said. “Labor costs are reduced, because the concrete walls are poured flat on a floor slab, so workers don’t have to do scaffolding.”

Architecture and environmental design students are being introduced to tilt-up.

“I know many of them have watched see TILT-UP, page 3

Health Center offers free anxiety screening

By Jenny Ferrari
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Wheel of Fortune for prizes, or get a fortune cookie with a message related to each of the seven realms of personal wellness. Also, students can try on the Beer Goggles attraction simulator, presented by Peer Health Education's Alcohol and Other Drugs Team.

"Students can wear the goggles, which simulate being under the influence after having three to four alcoholic beverages. It shows how difficult it is to have hand-eye coordination," York-Dominquez said.

Raj Kapur, a certified personal trainer and motivational speaker, will talk to students and faculty members on an individual basis about strategies for exercise, nutrition and motivation. At the Craft Center's booth, students can make candles for free. Other booths will have representatives from Planned Parenthood, Chumash Challenge, Stevensburg and Nutritional Stealth Food Sampler.

York-Dominquez said wellness is a process of becoming aware and making conscious choices toward a more balanced and healthy lifestyle. "Basically each of the seven realms must be in balance for a person to live a healthy life. Otherwise, we focus on two or three of the realms and for college students. They focus on the social, physical, intellectual and emotional realms," York-Dominquez said.

She said the social realm for college students is not just about partying. "Social realm focuses on encouraging independence, cooperation with others and harmony within yourself," York-Dominquez said. The physical realm supports regular physical activity that produces cardiovascular endurance, strength and flexibility. Good nutrition, abstaining from the use of tobacco and drugs, and no excessive alcohol consumption also play a part in the physical realm.

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In Monday's Mustang Daily, a headline indicated faculty strike for today. The California Faculty Association plans to picket today, not a strike. Faculty Association spokesperson Jill Fraim said it was treating at least 10 injured.

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Twister tears through Oklahoma; four dead

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — A tornado that witnesses said was at least a half-mile wide tore through the central part of the state Monday night, wiping out hundreds of homes. At least four people were killed, an official said.

"We are getting so many injuries we are just tagging them and bringing them in," said Shara Findley, a spokeswoman for Hillscrest Health Center in Oklahoma City. "We're getting everything you can think of."

Four persons were killed, according to Ben Pinzke, a spokesman for the state Office of Emergency Management.

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The confidential testing is scheduled from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. It is part of several ways Cal Poly plans to participate in the fifth annual Anxiety Disorders Screening Day. The event is co-sponsored by more than 15 national health organizations and is designed to motivate people to seek and treatment for their disorders.

Bob Neuranti, employee assistance program specialist, said representatives from the Employee Assistance Program and Health and Psychological Services will show videos and distribute information on various types of anxiety disorders.

Participants can take a self-test and speak with a mental health professional about their test results.

"I would encourage people to fill out the self-test first because when finished, the person will know whether or not they want to seek the free, individual counseling available at the Health Center," Neuranti said.

"Some people don't realize they have an anxiety disorder. Information and self-test will help participants realize they might have a problem, but more importantly they will be able to receive assistance," Neuranti said.

Neuranti said typical symptoms of anxiety disorders include racing heartbeat, chest pains, problems with concentration and sleeplessness.

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Students for Good Food

A group of students sits inspecting and tasting campus food for quality control. So they are not just paranoid eaters. They are the group known as the Student Dining Committee and they have been meeting all year.

This group meets twice monthly at one of the campus dining facilities. They bring with them concerns and ideas regarding dining facilities and foods. This group is the link between Campus Dining and the students it serves. Through all their work and meetings these students help assure quality and good taste in the food that is served on campus.

Among the responsibilities of the members is to assist in planning and evaluating special events. This includes generating ideas, enthusiasm, and participation in such events as monitory breakers and special dinners. They also taste-test new products before they reach the shelves.

Another duty of the students involved in this committee is serving as a secret shopper. As secret shoppers, students venture into an assigned dining location on campus and quietly take note and evaluate the food and service offered. These notes are scrutinized by the committee and Campus Dining.

The group helps inform students of developments within Campus Dining. It also gives the Foundation a better grip on student concerns regarding Campus Dining.

This quarter the committee is fully staffed this quarter, however, if you think you’d like to serve on the committee next year, email Campus Dining at: cdining@polymail.calpoly.edu. Membership is open to both students living on-campus and those living off-campus. The only requirement for membership is interest in the food served on campus. As for this quarter, The Student Dining Committee is already watching out for campus goers’ tastebuds.

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and taken pictures of the process. It’s a process some construction students may come across during their work careers,” Dunklau said.

Tilt-up is commonly used for commercial office space and warehouses, because these structures typically don’t have many windows.

“The structural system for the lab itself will tilt up, it’s said. Each wall panel and any openings, may come across during their work anchors are placed on the slab.

“This is amazing,” said Dely Ryan, project information coordinator for Facilities Planning.

“The lab will house graduate research facilities for the College of Engineering. The single-story structure measuring 17,207 square feet is located across from Robert E. Kennedy Library on North Perimeter Road. Construction began Dec. 8.

MECHA celebrates Cinco de Mayo at Santa Rosa Park

By Cindy Carcamo

Green, red and white streamers and the smell of traditional Mexican food greeted those who attended the Cinco de Mayo celebration Sunday.

The Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlán (MECHA) held various events at Santa Rosa Park in an effort to draw light on Mexican culture and tradition.

The first event of the day was Aztec dancing. This group presented traditional dances from Mexico that date back to before the Spanish conquest.

“Every dance represents how we appreciate mother earth,” said dancer Daynara Velasquez.

Socorro senior Dawn Stimson was one of many in the audience who enjoyed the Aztec dancing.

“I think it’s great,” Simons said. “I had never seen Aztec dancing. It’s very interesting.”

Ramon Sanchez, a member of MECHA, said the dance shows the community a little bit of Mexican ancestry.

“It is really good how this dance group keeps the culture going and doesn’t let it die out,” Sanchez said. “This exposes people to how beautiful our culture is.”

Gloria Velasquez and the Poetic Simo also performed a variety of music such as Spanish rock and original poetic music.

Justin Martin, the harmonica player of the group, said he is happy to be able to perform and believes the event is necessary for the community.

“I think that it brings historical value to this culture,” said Martin, a liberal studies senior. “Without events like this people could forget. This makes people aware of what this day is about.”

An impromptu speech was given by one of the members from MECHA to the audience on the importance of Cinco de Mayo for the Mexican and Mexican-American population.

May 5, 1862 marks the victory of the oppressed out-numbered indigenous people who defeated the French army in the “Batalla de Puebla” (the battle of Puebla).

Throughout the festivities people helped themselves to free Mexican food. Torita donated the beans and rice.

Near the end of the celebration, there was a pittura for the children while a mariachi band Mariachi Jaliscereno played. While children broke the piñata, adults danced and sang along to mariachi music.

Co-coordinator Enrico Remo said he wishes there would have been more funding for the event, but that overall he was happy with the outcome.

“I’m happy that families came out this year and got involved and participated in events,” said Remo, a mechanical engineering senior.

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member, said, “If ASI addressed CR/NC in a curricular issue at the end of this year, Academic Senate could have done three things. First, the Senate could have not addressed the issue, waited until the end of the year and the policy would have died. Second, it could have addressed it and not done anything about it. Last, they could have addressed it and taken away CR/NC,” he said.

Dwork said ASI was fearful of the three options. He said it looked at the issues that involved around CR/NC that could have an immediate impact on the students.

“What resulted was implementation,” Dwork said. “The policy the Senate created is not what it implemented. Although students are allowed to take 16 units of courses for CR/NC, they are only getting four units because an elective course they want to take may be a major course for another major, and the computer is not allowing them to register for that course CR/NC.”

Conn believes it would be difficult to resolve the problem with CAPTURE.

“Basically the records office would have to look at each student separately, and we cannot do that,” Conn said. “It would cost too much money and the records office would have to hire another staff member to handle the workload.”

He said the records office has already spent thousands of dollars to set up the system and make it work.

“If the university gave the records office unlimited amount of funds, they could probably solve the problem but there would be no money left to offer courses at the university.”

“We are talking about real money spent on real resources,” Conn said. “It is a trade off. How much money does the university want to give the records office to implement this into the computer system and how much they want to spend on providing the best possible undergraduate education.”

Conn said the records office is trying to make the policy real and is currently still fixing problems with CR/NC and CAPTURE.

“The policy exists. The records office is trying to implement it,” Conn said.

According to resolution, ASI wants the policy to be implemented in time for fall registration, which begins in July.

“We are working prior to the deadline for fall registration and trying to implement the policy into CAPTURE. If there is any significant programming we must do, we have to do it right away, otherwise it will not happen,” Conn said.

Dwork said next year ASI will look at the restriction issue again. ASI has come up with a proposal to explain to the Senate why it should take away the current restrictions with CR/NC.

“ASI will try to explain its view to the Senate and compromise with them,” Dwork said. “We have a few changes we need to make in the articulation agreement. Hopefully next year’s board will have the same views as we did and pass the resolution.”

CR/NC
I’m (not) with stupid, in fact I’m against it

A report claims that stupid was first imported by ancient Samarians, who used it as a cooking ingredient and marital aid. Shipments were intercepted by nomadic hordes, however, and stupid quickly spread, which accounts for its use in the Midwest distributors of stupid. Many descriptions of them, however, contain the phrase “extremely intelligent.” Huh! Most of the intelligent people I know try to keep their confirmed kill numbers to a minimum.

Let’s recap. You can be smart and wipe out the sophomoric class! Killing a bunch of people is stupid. The problem is that people hide behind labels of intelligence in order to commit stupid acts. People think they can get away with acting stupid as long as they have been deemed intelligent by a test or find success in academics. Intelligence is usually nothing more than an excuse. Even if you can describe intelligence to any degree, what good is the description? It will only give a rough approximation of the level at which you should be performing. The question should not be whether or not somebody is intelligent, but whether they act intelligently. Stupid used to offend my sensibilities. When it impinges on my safety, it is time for me to get involved.

Stupid is running rampant in the world, and I am taking it upon myself to stamp it out. I hereby mandate the System of Brent. From now on, there will be two levels of intelligence: not stupid and stupid. I will be personally determining all stupidities. Complaints or questions about its integrity or efficacy will be ignored. Here is how it works. If you do something stupid, you are stupid. There will be no committees or investigations. I decide.

Hey, Brent, what makes you think you have the authority to determine stupidity? People love knowing how smart they are, but the tests through which intelligence is gauged were not the product of divine inspiration or infallible thought. Somebody with as many flaws as everyone else determined a set of criteria that he thought described brainpower. My arbitrary system is just as good as anyone else’s.

Stupidity will carry heavy repercussions. Maybe your library card will be rescinded. Maybe you’ll get a swift kick in the groin. Seven years of punishments will be determined by the stupidity of an act. Repeated violations will result in pain. But Brent, I thought you were stupid.

A valid point, and I admit I’ve heard the rumors. Fortunately, test scores have proven otherwise.

Brent Marcus

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What is the best gift you’ve ever given your mom for Mother’s Day?

David Robinson mechanical engineering senior

“I made her a note saying I would do anything she wanted me to do, whenever she needed it. She really appreciated it.”

Jenna Cox nutritional science sophomore

“I gave my mom one of those beauty salon packages that included a manicure and a massage.”

Kari Thomas environmental engineering freshman

Danielle Goodner math junior

“It's towels, because she is always asking for them.”

What is the best gift you’ve ever given your mom for Mother’s Day?
'Popular' kids should learn kindness from shootings

The Daily Iowan (U-WIRE)

Like almost everyone else in America, I've been following the news of the Littleton, Colo., school massacre since it happened almost two weeks ago. When contemplating how to handle this in writing, a multitude of emotional responses and possible approaches crossed my mind. My anger at the senselessness of the whole thing suggested a scathing read of the creeping evil of suburbia and how lack of culture combined with a steady diet of mall-crawling and bad television can rot your soul. My sympathy and grief on behalf of Littleton and all the families of the dead and wounded suggested a eulogy of sorts, asking for the millennium's worth, "Why?"... but then I realized — I think I know why. It's a confluence of factors, of course. The killing at Columbine High had a lot less to do with Marilyn Manson and search-and-destroy video games than all the newly concerned parents out there seem to think. The why's are pretty simple when you get right down to it.

Dylan Klebold and Eric Harris were dorks. They were goofy, black trench coats, messed around with computers and were your basic high school social no-accounts. Some of the 'popular.' A lot kids at Columbine seemed to want to make sure that Klebold and Harris and their little posse of misfits knew their place and understood their dork-hood in Technicolor. To hear the remaining "Trenchcoat Mafia" tell it, the "popular" kids made them objects of ridicule and cruel remarks as an almost daily basis.

Now, I myself know all about making cruel remarks. I've done it, as a matter of fact. Ask around. I studied under some of the cruelest, rudest little bastards you ever came to meet — I went to high school and junior high with some of them. They were of the same species as the kids who made walking punch-lines out of the trench coat geeks at Columbine. I suspect, and they did the same thing to me.

And because of that — and were it not for the ridiculous neo-Nazi racist garbage angle to the whole thing — I might actually admit to understanding where Klebold and Harris were coming from. The smoldering, frustrated rage that you feel when some jocks seems to think he can mess with you just because you're weird and he plays football is not foreign to me.

I get it — because I was there. Back in junior high and high school, I got called everything from a Satanist to a dork because I wore a lot of black and opted not to perm my hair. I thought it was absolutely hellish at the time, but now I look back and just find it absurd.

What's equally absurd is that there are people around who can't find anything better to do with themselves than make another person miserable. Bullies, you know who you are. You're the ones who take great pleasure in picking on people who have the nerve to stand out in a crowd and disturb your delicate sensibilities by being queer, Goth or anything else not obviously born and bred in corn country. But why should everybody be like you? Why shouldn't you be more like them? What's so fabulous about you?

So in case the message in the tragedy at Columbine hasn't quite sunk in yet — these people whom you big, strangling fellows so enjoy terrorizing are in fact people. They're not playthings put on this earth for your amusement. It doesn't matter that you're capable of the football team, or of spewing, or whatever — you don't have the right to be mean-spirited just because you feel like it. You're not allowed to hurt someone for no reason. Not because they might snap and try to eradicate their whole school, mind you, but because it's simply not the proper way to behave.

Our society is rife with violence and mass stupidity — don't add your own little piece to the slagheap just because you think it's funny. It's not funny. Klebold and Harris did not find it funny, and now everyone's crying.

What those kids did in Littleton was heinous and evil, no question. They were someplace I never hope to go — but I've seen it from a distance, and I have a pretty good idea how they got there. Even up here on my soapbox, comfortable in the luxury of being able to talk about the outrages and idiocies of the world as "them" and "not us." I'm not immune to the pang of sympathy I feel for two kids driven to such a catastrophic act.

If anything remotely positive can be gaine from a bloody massacre, it's this — above all, be good to each other and be gentle. Refuse the offer of harm and respect yourself enough to realize that even your most offhand remark has an impact on someone. There's a difference between a private smirk at something silly and the public humiliation of another person for no good reason. Hopefully, when the tears run out in Littleton, the quiet that comes afterward will allow for folks to come to terms that distinction — and recognize how fragile people are sometimes.

Hannah Fons is a student at University of Iowa, Iowa City.

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Patriots say they plan to stay in Massachusetts

BOSTON (AP) — With a $70 million plan cooling in the Statehouse to help the New England Patriots make infrastructure improvements at Foxboro Stadium, the team plans to stay in Massachusetts.

A team spokesman also quelled rumors that owner Robert Kraft planned to sell the team.

"I have said flatly that the Patriots are not for sale," Stacey James said Monday. "We plan on staying in Massachusetts for a long time.

The team has not confirmed that it will stay in Foxboro, although there doesn't appear to be any other viable alternatives in the Bay State."

"We will refuse to comment on what possibilities there are," James said.

There had been talk in recent weeks that Mayor Thomas Menino was open to the possible construction of a stadium off the Southeast Expressway. But Menino said Monday that a Boston stadium plan probably would not come to fruition.

"I always knew that Foxboro was the best site for them."

AL suspends pitcher for scuffing ball

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — Brian Moehler isn’t even bothering to appeal his automatic 10-day suspension for scuffing baseballs.

The Detroit Tigers pitcher was notified of the penalty by Al president Gene Budig on Monday, two days after Moehler was ejected from a game against Tampa Bay by umpire Larry Barnett, who said the right-hander doctored baseballs with sandpaper.

Moehler, 27, said it wasn’t sandpaper, merely dirt, but said he didn’t protest his ejection during a 4-3 loss because it’s not his nature to “argue until I’m blue in the face.”

True to his nature, he notified the players’ association not to appeal Budig’s decision.

Barnett, the plate umpire, said he found a small piece of sandpaper attached to the pitcher’s left thumb after the Devil Rays complained he appeared to be scuffing the ball.

Moehler yielded three runs on four hits in the first two innings, then allowed just one hit during a four-inning stretch. Tampa Bay players said the velocity and movement of Moehler’s pitches changed dramatically.

"I don’t derive any satisfaction out of getting somebody thrown out of the game,” Devil Rays manager Larry Rothschild said Sunday. "But I’m going to stand up for what these players need, and that’s a level playing field.”

Detroit manager Larry Parrish countered that scuffing is part of baseball, characterizing Tampa Bay’s complaints — as well as the decision to ask Barnett to check Moehler — as "boogey.”

"There’s not a pitching staff in baseball that doesn’t have a guy who defaces the ball, ... If the umpires want to check things like that, I think half to three-quarters of the league would be suspended, including some Tampa Bay Devil Rays,” Parrish said.

Section 102 of the Official Baseball Rules calls for a 10-day suspension.

Woodstock’s Pizza it’s out of this world!
Track sets up counseling services, opens trust fund, eyes higher fences

CONCORD, N.C. (AP) — The track where three fans were killed by flying debris is offering counseling services and has set up a trust fund for the victims.

Eight other fans were injured Saturday at the Charlotte Motor Speedway, from a three-car wreck at more than 200 mph during an Indy Racing League event. The fans ran for safety and into the grandstand.

Lowes Motor Speedway officials also said Monday that they probably would increase the height of the safety fences surrounding the 1-mile superspeedway in response to the crash during the VisionAire 500.

Prior to Saturday night, no spectators had died at the track, which opened in 1960.

"Based on everything that's happened in our 45-year history, this is certainly an isolated event, but we feel the need to keep it that way," track spokesman Jerry Gappen said Monday. "The fans need reassurance that we're going to keep working to make it a safe place for them, and we're very committed to doing that."

The speedway scheduled three counseling sessions Tuesday at a clinic in nearby Charlotte to help spectators cope with their grief.

The track is paying for the sessions, and depending on the response, officials said more sessions might be arranged.

The speedway also established a trust fund designed to help the families of those who were injured and killed.

The fund will be administered by First Union, which will appoint a board of trustees to distribute the funds as the members see fit. The track will not be represented on the board.

Early indications were that the trust fund will be a popular way for people to express their support for the victims.

The speedway canceled the race shortly after the crash and offered to refund the total of the tickets.

But within minutes spectators began leaving telephone messages at the track office offering to target their refunds for a trust fund.

When the speedway reopened for business Monday morning, it was more of the same. By the time the track finally ended, track officials said about 80 percent of the people who called about refunds wanted to know how they could earmark that money for the victims and their families.

The track also gets calls from people who didn't attend the race but wanted to make donations to a trust.

Tickets for the race, which drew almost 50,000, cost $15, $30 and $45.

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**Elway was great, but he’s not Michael or the ‘Great One’**

Sub-zero weather, the Beavers leading, 99 yards to go and no chance of a comeback.

Well, with John Elway at the helm, that sketch that last part. Elway has engineered 47 fourth-quarter comebacks, won two Super Bowls and is leaving the game he played so well on top. It is undeniable, Elway is one of the finest quarterbacks ever to play the game.

But that’s where I drew the line.

The bottom line is that Elway has downfavored comparisons to Michael Jordan and Wayne Gretzky leaving the sports they dominated. This timelines has validated overzealous statements.

The standard Jordan and Gretzky set is immeasurable.

Elway took his inspiration by legends Larry Bird and Magic Johnson and made it his own. Starting with the spectacular way Jordan dunked from the free-throw line, emulating the NBA title. There was that.

But to go further: Jordan left the Chicago Bulls and wasn’t as good, but Elway’s talent is. Jordan lurched to another level. But for every sensational dunk over Patrick Ewing, there was a clutch game-winner to beat the Cavs. There was that.

Then, there is the “Great One.”

Two hundred points in a single season? Are you kidding me? Gretzky is a man who not only excelled at his sport, but played most of his career as a living legend. He had to be after making the NHL record book his personal trophy.

The Canadian’s diehard work on the ice went so far that he brought Canada’s game to the United States. Before, the “Great One” hockey was huge in maybe three cities: Chicago, Detroit and New York. Now, hockey has an encompassing audience and its following from San Jose to Carolina to Tampa Bay Gretzky’s performance, skill and ambidextrous simply have not been matched.

Elway is a Hall of Famer and winning two Super Bowls put the finishing touch on a splendid career.

However, unlike Jordan and Gretzky, there are no rumors of a successor or passing of the torch because the torch is not Elway’s to borrow. Throughout most of his illustrious career, he was stuck behind John Elway as the best quarterback, and when he defeated the Pack in 1998, many would have chosen Brett Favre over Elway.

Elway is leaving his sport the same year Jordan and Gretzky retired, truly, a devastating blow to the sports world.

But make no mistake, Elway left at the top of his game. Jordan and Gretzky left at the top of their sports.

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**Hurricanes player killed in truck accident**

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — Hours after his team was eliminated from the Stanley Cup playoffs, Carolina Hurricanes defenseman Steve Charron was killed when his pickup truck flipped on a dark, lonely road.

The 32-year-old player was found early Monday morning in north Raleigh, and the State Highway Patrol said he might have been speeding after drinking alcohol.

The truck rolled and ejected Charron, who was not wearing a seat belt and had been driving alone, investigators said. Weather was not a factor and no other vehicles were believed to have been involved.

"This is a tragedy that is impossible to put into words," said Jim Rutherford, Carolina president and general manager.

Hours earlier in Boston, the Bruins ended the Hurricanes season with a 2-0 victory in Game 6. On Friday night, Charron scored the first goal in a 4-3 double-overtime loss to the Bruins.

"When you work together in our environment, you have a family among players and an extended family among wives and children that go to school together and play on sports teams together," Carolina coach Paul Maurice said at a news conference.

"It's really an environment unlike any other. When a tragedy like this happens, unfortunately ... there's no other way to put it except for we've lost a member of our family. It's a very painful time for all of us."

Added NHL commissioner Gary Bettman: "When a young life ends prematurely, when a young family is suddenly faced with a major loss, a further, a father, a family cannot begin to express our sorrow."

Team spokesman Chris Brown said two cases of beer and water, sports drinks, milk and vegetable juice were served on the team's charter flight to Raleigh.

He didn't know how much beer, if any, Charron drank. After the plane landed about 1 a.m. at Raleigh-Durham International Airport, the players got into their vehicles and left.