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Students storm Capitol
By Dina Chatman
Mustang Daily

Thirty-seven Cal Poly students journeyed to Sacramento Sunday night with a common goal: to secure $30 million for the California State University system. Gov. Gray Davis will decide whether to grant the budget request within the next two weeks.

The $30 million would help the universities hire and retain faculty members, and providing adequate computer resources. It will also allow money to high-cost programs — agriculture, architecture, engineering, and nursing — which require intensive teaching requirements and have greater equipment costs. Money for agriculture research is included as well.

Cal Poly has three of the four high-cost programs: agriculture, architecture, and engineering. Agriculture research is significant to Cal Poly because it will assist the
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Political Poly students lobby for state funding
By Dina Chatman
Mustang Daily

The clicking sound of dress shoes ricocheted off the walls of the state Capitol, as Cal Poly students raced to lobby legislators for educational funding. The students organized into groups of three and four and a list of senators and assemblymen they would meet with, and set off to pertinent state government for additional funding.

Senior Policy Analyst for the CSU Office of
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By Jenny Ferrari
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The administration at Cal Poly has stated its neutrality in the salary negotiations.

The current situation is between the CFA and the CSU system, said Jeff Bliss, director of university relations.

“Our main issue is that the university functions, that classes are taught and students are cared for,” Bliss said. “We are trying to do everything we can to resolve issues within the school. The future of the conflict between the CFA and the CSU system is undetermined.”

However, Fetzer said that if there is no resolution soon, the probability of a strike will increase by fall.

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agriculture program in maintaining long-term profitability in a competitive global environment.

Jeffery Vaca, senior policy analyst for the CSU Office of Governmental Affairs, said California expects an estimated $1.6 billion surplus that year, from which the Trustees hope to receive the $90 million. Vaca said one reason for the surplus is that tax revenues were higher than expected.

“The change comes so quickly, he said, “just as recently as January, we were hearing there would be a deficit.”

Kelli Smith, legislative assistant for Sen. Jack O’Connell (D-Santa Barbara), said one of the reasons for the surplus is simple trial and error. “We were estimating how much money we would be giving,” she said. “We definitely met our goals.”

Smith gave an overview of the process the budget request would go through before it could be appropriated. She said the budget request has passed in the Senate, and is awaiting approval from the Assembly.

The Governor will disclose how to spend the surplus in the May Revise. The CSU Board of Trustees has watched state funding dwindle since the early 1990s. This year the Trustees received $211 million less than they requested. They noted the budget deficit has increased student fees, eliminated faculty positions, and hindered the CSU system’s ability to keep up with technological advances. The Trustees requested the money in order to close the gap between the funding the CSU system needed and the funding the CSU system received.

Smith said tax cuts and decreased student fees are the biggest obstacles the budget request will face. Decreased fees will not put more money into the school, but reduce the amount that taxpayers pay toward the CSU education.

Vaca said the city Chancellor Reed was in support of the lobbying. “We need all the help we can get,” Vaca said.

State Sen. McShane, Cal Poly graduate and former ASI president, is now on a fellowship with Sen. Bruce McPherson (R-Santa Cruz). McShane gave the group words of encouragement, and even demonstrated how to talk to a legislator.

“Just remember, these are people like us,” McShane said. Because most senators and assemblymen were lobbying in Washington, D.C., Cal Poly students targeted their legislative aides.

Guillermo Marce, legislative aide to Sen. Tom Hayden (D-Los Angeles), said the senator supported the CSU budget request, and is willing to do whatever necessary to decrease the amount of money students have to pay.

“I think the senator’s going to support the budget as it is,” Mayer said. “My boss would like to reduce fees significantly, and provide maximum money from the state.”

Julie Hopper, member of the Board of Directors for the College of Science and Math, created a letter-writing campaign to show state legislators that Cal Poly supports the budget request. Lobbying government officials in Sacramento was a feature of the letter campaign. Hopper said students met with every member on the budget subcommittee. She said Gov. Gray Davis was given information concerning the budget request, and estimates that students lobbied between 125 and 150 legislators. Hopper said Cal Poly sent more than 2,000 letters advocating the budget request.

Political science junior Stephanie Darwin said legislators were very receptive and support the CSU budget request.

“The legislators listened, accepting of our news, and were interested in how they would incorporate it into their decisions,” she said.

A legislative aide for Sen. Richard Arden (D-San Fernando Valley) told Darwin the senator is behind the request. Darwin said she was also told that the request has the blessings of Sen. O’Connell and Assemblyman Abol Mahmoudi (R-Santa Maria), a Cal Poly alumnus.

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NEWS

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Dawn Kaler-Mustang Daily

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By Jessica Hagans

Graulie Motors, and all proceeds go to the San Luis Obispo County Child Abuse Prevention Council.

"It offered me a hands-on opportunity to do a project in the real world instead of just a marketing class," said Chris Muzzy, a business administration senior and member of the group.

Dean Haupt, owner of Rancho Grande Motors, gave the seniors $2,500 to begin their project. From there, if the seniors needed more money they had to solicit donations.

"It seemed impossible the first two weeks," Muzzy said. "We've now gotten about $15,000 in donations.

During the week of April 12, GMMI members presented the walk-a-thon plan to members of General Motors, Cal Poly administrators, Haupt, and employees from SLOCAP.

"It was well-researched, well-developed," Somsel said. "They did their homework and then developed the project out of that homework.

The members of GMMI say it was hard to get everyone to work together at first. The group divided into six different departments: public relations, events planning, published reports, budget, market research and advertising. The idea for the walk came from the events planning group.

The event kicks off with a five kilometer walk, starting at Meadow Park in San Luis Obispo and ending at Rancho Grande Motors.

"The walk is just a pre-event. The main event is at the dealership," Muzzy said.

A tri-tip cook-off will be held at the dealership. So far, Firestone Grill, Friends Grill and Catering of Atascadero and Harry's Rib Company of Los Osos will be cooking tri-tip.

Muzzy said there will be music, prizes and lots of food at the dealership.

"Right now we're working on getting a bike donated for the grand prize drawing," Conseidne said.

Besides the $15 donation to walk in the walk-a-thon, there are other ways for SLOCAP to receive money from this event.

"The test drive for charity is where (Haupt) will donate $10 for every test drive (taken on Saturday)," Muzzy said.

"It's an opportunity for greater public awareness for SLOCAP," said Conseidne, executive director of SLOCAP.

The GMMI members would like to see 1,200 people walk and $3,000 be raised up at Rancho Grande Motors after the walk.

The 5K walk starts at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 8, at Meadow Park. The event costs $15 for registration before April 23, and $20 for registration on the morning of the walk.

"If you like SLOCAP and you like walking, not only is it good for your health, but you're also doing something good for the community," Muzzy said.

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Poly seniors to present marketing plan to GM
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Bryan Cartello, field associate for Ed Venture Partners and liaison between the intern and GM, said the Cal Poly intern's project is different from the other participants because the event will be held off campus.

This internship program has been going on at Cal Poly for many years, but this is the first group to present its project to GM executives.

"We wanted to pick a group that would represent all the campuses and put our best foot forward, and (this group) did that," Cartello said.

"It's a great opportunity," said Meg Conseidne, a business administration senior and GMMI member. "This is the first time the people in charge of the divisions at GM have actually heard about GMMI. We kind of the idea for the bike.

Six or seven members of the 25-person GMMI group will present in Thousand Oaks on May 12, four days after the walk-a-thon and dealership event.

"To win is a huge honor," Conseidne said. "We all worked really hard and it seems like we're getting a payoff in the form of recognition for all the hard work we've put into the project," Tara said.

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Where:
ASI Executive Office, upstairs in the UU (UU220)

Why:
It's your school; it's your obligation to fight to preserve its reputation.

Save us from the Poly Plan.
Write a letter today!
Getting wet and wild at Wildflower

Wildflower 1999 has given camping a whole new meaning. I, along with hundreds of Cal Poly students, spent last weekend in Beach City roughing it on the edge of Lake Nacimiento's south shore. In the daytime, we were normal Cal Poly students, responsible for passing out cups of water and cheering the athletes on, but it was a totally different story after the sun went down.

We parted to four live bands underneath a full moon at the 7th annual triathlon. There was scorching, huge bonfires and everywhere you looked, masses of people having fun. If you still cannot imagine a party this big, thank Woodstock.

I am sure many of you are reading this article with some degree of skepticism. I do not blame you. The average Cal Poly student walks around campus with "the stock conservative" on their face. "Those students let their hair down — impossible!"

I am here to tell you the theory has been disproved. All masks were off on this camping trip. I met more people during the Wildflower three-day weekend than I have in my last three years at Cal Poly. Everyone was in a great mood, relaxed and mellow, despite it being the end of the fifth week of the quarter. It gave me a chance to be one of the masses instead of the watch dog. I have had something to do with the obscene amount of beer everyone brought in, but I like to think it had more to do with nature.

I guess I should mention something about the triathlon, since that was the purpose of the weekend. Athletes came from all over the United States to compete in the grueling swim, bike and run race. One participant even dived across the finish line in a superman costume, while another wore the tallest Elvis wig I have ever seen. I walked away from the weekend with a great respect for the athletes, many who raced for Cal Poly, but also quite a blow to the ego. The most in-shape athletes finished the race in a little more than four hours. I doubt I could have even made it through two of the events. This experience has caused me to begin a strict exercise regimen in an attempt to regain some pride.

On Sunday, after the last race was over, a light rain began to fall. The rainspuds felt good on my sunburnt skin. After three days of dust, sun and lake algae, I could not help but think the heavens were washing us all clean.

If you did not make it to Wildflower this year, you should definitely go before you graduate. This is an experience that will leave you smiling for days after. Oh, and who ever stole my lawn chair Friday night? Karma is real!

Kathryn Dugas

Blaming the victims of Columbine is not the answer

Editor:

I am personally incensed by the editorial by Hannah Fons from Iowa. How dare she blame the victims for creating the monsters of Dylan Klebold and Eric Harris?

First of all, I have to make the disclaimer that harassing and tormenting other students because they are different is not cool. I am totally for tolerance and acceptance of all kinds of people (except murderers and criminals). When jocks make fun of nerds, it hurts the nerds' feelings.

When the nerds shoot the jocks, it hurts everybody. But when people like Fons blame the jocks for making the nerds murder them, they are WAY out of line! You must remember who the victims are. Nothing the "popular" kids did warranted a death sentence, no matter how much they made fun of Klebold and Harris. If a woman wore a low cut shirt and a very small skirt, she is not responsible for a rapist's actions, so how can you hold "popular" kids responsible for the monsters in Littleton?

The only people responsible for their actions are themselves (and maybe their parents, but I don't know for sure). No matter how much one sympathizes with social outcasts and no matter how much people want to be able to explain other's actions, no matter how much one can try to make sense out of it and is one of the top contenders this year, didn't even finish. Poly had three All-Americans, with Wiettler taking ninth. Furthermore, we had several people who had never even competed a real triathlon before, who finished what is probably the toughest Olympic distance triathlon in the world, and had a great time doing it.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Article on Cal Poly triathletes is incorrectly unsupportive

Editor:

Great article on Wildflower (sarcasm)! As usual, the Mustang Daily writers have to do what they are talking about, "Wildkill defends title while Mustangs falter," May 1. Wow, I had no idea taking the NATional Championshios was faltering. I guess they really do have high expectations here at Poly. With every decent collegiate triathlon team in the nation making the journey to Wildflower to take a shot at winning the Collegiate National Championship, I'd say the Cal Poly Triathlon Team kicked some serious ass.

Especially considering that Reto Waeber, our top male, was injured and Jessica Gillett, who took third last year and is one of the top contenders this year, didn't even finish. Poly had three All-Americans, with Waeber taking fifth, myself coming in 10th and Ryan Layhee taking ninth. Furthermore, we had several people who had never even competed a real triathlon before, who finished what is probably the toughest Olympic distance triathlon in the world, and had a great time doing it.

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Opinion

Ladies, help the men by covering up

The sunny weather has many of my gay friends grumbling. Naturally, I was perplexed when I heard general complaining on their part. Then one day, as I looked up from my gay magazine and saw them gathering, I realized these guys are growing because spring's warm sun draws out the tank tops and their virtual ambivalence to being Anything of tanning flesh and voluptuous curves emphasized by the skimpy clothing we see these men wear. It's distracting, it's hard to concentrate on the conversation. The change is not just for the men and their friends to understand. It is a real change. But in reality, where the results of this extension make perfect sense. The real change, the extension for wider acceptance of women's bodies, perhaps too much, therefore, need to understand this and be responsible. It is not that they promote themselves. Men are more turned on by visual stimuli, while women respond to emotional overtones. It is not on the forefront of women's minds that their choice of clothing will drive their attraction for friends to the women. We simply don't have the same problem.

In Colorado Daily (U-WIRE), it says that women say they care for equality and liberation, yet still dress as if they're advertising themselves. They then turn around and say they aren't interested in the same issue.

The truth is, that modern society is a dangerous road to travel. But in reality, where the rest of us live, hate-crime legislation makes no appreciable equal treatment before the law and protects against certain brutality of same-sex marriage. This is the most pernicious crimes committed against gay people. The protections against violent crimes already exist, but the law does not make it possible to succeed at the most pernicious crimes committed against gay people. The protections against violent crimes already exist, but the law does not make it possible to succeed at hate crime.

The staff of the Colorado Daily attend the University of Colorado, so I think we can say without any fear of contradiction that hate crimes are (once again) a very real, but hate-crime laws aren't any more likely to deter them than the death penalty is to deter murder. Hate-crime laws have single-handedly turned an issue that once united us into one that deeply divides us. They also give ammunition to anti-gay activists who would use these laws to justify increased violence against our God-given, core need to express our sexuality.

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The movement is all violent crimes are treated as if they're advertisers for money and cruel. But the new congressional billối to instill child safety laws on kids - it cares only about the profits of gun manufacturers. If you're outraged, Sandusky's NRA conference at the Colorado Convention Center in Denver is your chance to express it. Phoning for Social Responsibility and the Colorado Coalition to Prevent Gun Violence will hold a "silent protest" on the west steps of the state Capitol against the NRA convention. It will begin at 9 a.m. Please call, write or visit your representatives in Congress and urge them to support the Children's Gun Violence Prevention Act.

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FLIERS
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"Richards said he took the fliers down because they are inappropriate. "Pornography is illegal in this state and if they (GBLU club) think they can tab my rights for their personal agendas, I don't agree with that," Richards said.
Gomez said Richards is taking down the fliers because of his religious beliefs.
"My Christianity has nothing to do with me taking down the fliers," Richards said.
Richards said he has been advised by his supervisor not to take any action until the university decides whether the flyers are inappropriate.
Bob Walters, assistant director of Student Affairs, said several male and female students have complained to him about the content of the club's fliers.
"Some students see the posters as offensive and degrading, but no matter how offensive the material may be, student organizations do have the right to go," Walters said. Gomez said the GBLU club produced the flyers to let the community know there are gays and lesbians in almost every classroom. "We want people to stop hating and make people feel good about themselves and know they have a place to go," Gomez said.
"On a personal level, I've been very distressed and disturbed because Paul Richards is a state employee using state time to perpetuate a personal agenda," Gomez said.
Gomez said the GBLU club fliers are necessary. "On such an aesthetic campus, we need something to get people's attention so others can begin the dialogue of discussing homosexuality in general,"
Graphic Communication freshman Nicole De Benedetti said she is not offended by the flyers. "The flyers are a little graphic for a campus club," De Benedetti said. "If they were looking to grab attention, I'd say they did it."
Civil Engineering Senior Ron Yen said people are bothered by the flyers because "the are ignorant about homosexuality. It doesn't really bother me. It's just not that big of a deal," Yen said. "If people can't accept others for being themselves, then that's their own problem."
By Chris Hoffman

Mustang Daily

As you enter the dark, blood-stained hospital room, a grotesquely deformed woman emerges from the shadows and但他 toward you with a knife. You step back, then repeatedly stab the woman's flesh as she slumps to the floor with a scream.

Welcome to Silent Hill.

More than any other video game, Silent Hill for the Playstation manages to create an interactive experience that is violent, disturbing and downright frightening.
The game puts you in the shoes of Harry Mason, a man who has lost his 7-year-old daughter in the resort town of Silent Hill. As Mason searches, he discovers the town is shrouded in fog or darkness so players never know what's lurking nearby.

Sound effects add to the creepy atmosphere, with pounding music that heightens the tension. Sounds get louder as you near a monster, even if you can't see it, giving players an idea where it is.

The camera shifts to bizarre angles that give a claustrophobic feeling in some situations, and the city is constantly swathed in fog or darkness so players never know what's lurking nearby.

Silent Hill is a sure bet. Though it has flaws, Silent Hill is saved by its story and terrifying atmosphere. It's one of the few games that can truly elicit fear. For a disturbing game that draws players in, Silent Hill is a sure bet.

Station dedicates song to slain students
KISS-FM mixes KSBY soundbites into tribute tune

Mustang Daily

KISS 99.7 debuted a musical tribute to Rachel Newhouse and Aundria Crawford on Tuesday.
The song, which is less than three minutes, combines Donna Lewis' "Silent World" and testimonials from the women's memorials and voices from KSBY news reports.
People have called into KISS requesting and asking about the song after hearing it for the first time. Angela Olobo, a civil engineering senior, heard the song for the first time on KSBY. She thinks the song contributes to awareness rather than serves as a memorial.
"It was a nice gesture, but some of the clips of the newscast were kind of scary. It gave me chills," she said.
According to KSBY's program director, the Jammer, the station will play the song every two hours. He expects the song to air for about one to two weeks.
The station compiled the song to keep people talking and aware.

Need a Summer Job?

Cal Poly is hiring work-study students. Positions are available in Academic Affairs, Public Relations, Student Affairs, Campus Recreation and Athletics, and Student Employment.

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For more information, call 805-756-2267.
SPORTS

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER
Columbus, Ohio is the largest city in the United States without a professional baseball, basketball, football or hockey team.

TODAY'S QUESTION
Name the smallest city to have a professional baseball, basketball, football or hockey team.

Please submit answer to: mustangdaily@calpoly.edu Please include answer received via e-mail.

BRIEFS

MLB
CHICAGO — (AP) — Less than a week before the deadline for choosing the group of investors that will be given the chance to buy the Oakland Athletics, city council members complained Tuesday they don’t have enough information.

Public officials have until May 15 to select one of two groups vying for the right to purchase the A’s for $122.4 million, and to pass that selection on to major league baseball for approval.

The city council and the Alameda County Board of Supervisors scheduled meetings this week to hear about the two groups and their bids. The city council meeting was Tuesday, with the county supervisors scheduled to meet on Thursday.

The investor group including former A’s executive Andy Dolich, Hall of Fame second baseman Joe Morgan and Bob Piccinini, the chairman of Modesto-based Save Mart Foods, made a presentation to the city council in which Dolich drew applause as he referred to the A’s past greatness and the glory of baseball.

The other group includes former A’s pitcher Steve Stone, now a broadcaster for the Chicago Cubs, and former A’s and New York Yankees general manager Bob Watson. That group did not appear at Tuesday’s meeting.

Council members demanded more details about the two groups from Randy Vataha, the president of the Game Plan consulting firm, that was hired by public officials to lead the search for prospective buyers.

One Cuban seeks asylum in Baltimore

Baltimore (AP) — A Cuban baseball coach skipped the flight home Tuesday after the game against the Baltimore Orioles and asked for asylum in the United States.

Federal authorities were trying to determine whether six others who missed the plane wanted to stay in the United States, too.

Rafaelo Herrera, a 54-year-old pitching coach, walked into the downtown police headquarters about 10 a.m. Tuesday, a police spokesman said.

The interview was handled through an interpreter, understood he was requesting asylum and immediately notified INS officials,” spokesman Robert Weinhold said. The Immigration and Naturalization Service took custody of Herrera, he said.

Rep. Bob Menendez, D-N.J., a foe of Fidel Castro’s regime, said the man’s full name is Rigoberto Herrera Betancourt.

Menendez said two others may also have asked for asylum. That could not be immediately confirmed.

The official Cuban government list of the delegation that traveled to Baltimore included Rafaelo Herrera Betancourt. The government news agency said he was a 54-year-old retired pitcher.

He played Cuban baseball between 1965 and 1975 and was known for an excellent curveball.

Three times he was part of the national team — during the Central American-Caribbean games in 1975 and was known for an excellent curveball.

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San Jose finishes year sub-.500 once again

SAN JOSE, Calif. — The San Jose Sharks got off to a dismal start this season, winless in their first eight games.

Still, they rebounded to make the playoffs.

The Sharks started the season 0-6-2, but were able to pull together to go 26-19-11 in their last 56 games and claim a seventh-place finish in the Western Conference.

In the midst of their recovery, they had to go on the longest uninterrupted road trip in NHL history, a grueling 12 games that sent them to Phoenix, Los Angeles, Chicago, St. Louis, Tampa Bay, Florida, Detroit, Buffalo and Washington in February. They emerged 4-5-1.

The Sharks were 33-13-18 at the end of the regular season. The team set franchise records for fewest goals allowed at 191, with a team goals-against average of 2.28.

Vincent Damphousse, who came to the Sharks at the trading deadline from Montreal, speculated that the start cost the team.

“Some on the team blamed the start on a throwing season-opening opening road trip to Tokyo, where they went 0-1-1 against Calgary.

The Sharks did their best to make up for it. Friesen led the team with 22 goals and 35 assists in the regular season. Right wing Alex Karpov, who was called up from the Kentucky Thoroughbreds on Dec. 11, had 12 goals and 18 assists with the Sharks and was named the team's rookie of the year.

Pushing Dirt:
According to Project Manager William MacNair, the sports complex is 15 percent completed.

Sports complex progresses on track

By Alexis Garberb Mustang Daily

The Cal Poly Sports Complex is starting to take shape and is still on schedule for a summer of 2000 completion.

William MacNair, project manager for Facilities Planning, said he is pleased with the progress.

“If you go out there, it is looking like a sports complex,” MacNair said.

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The complex’s expected completion date is July of 2000. In July, all contractors will leave the site, but it will not be open to the public.

There is a 60-day maintenance period for landscaping, so sports teams will not be able to utilize the complex until everything has grown.

The sports complex is located between the science unit and the aerospace hangar.

Playoff attitude is unmatched

Wicked cross-checks, power play goals and crucial face-offs have created an atmosphere unmatched by any professional sport.

If you haven’t been watching the NHL playoffs, you’ve been missing some of the greatest sports action this year.

No early season baseball game or low-scoring NBA game can come close to matching playoff hockey.

Even though some sports fans have no idea that the playoffs are going on, fans who are tuning into the games on television or going out to the arena are the lucky ones.

Hockey arenas are the best venue for sports, especially during the playoffs. You’ve got 18,000 people cheering in unison for every check the boards, scoring power plays and penalty call against the opposing team. Even the cheap seats are rocking.

Power plays are the keys to hockey in the playoffs. Being able to come back with a one-man advantage either makes or breaks teams in crunch time. Having a crucial power play can be the difference between a team that advances and one that is eliminated.

The Colorado vs. San Jose series is a good representation of this year’s playoffs. Colorado took the first two hard-fought games in San Jose, and the Sharks were looking like they would be the victim of a first round sweep. Then the Sharks rebounded and took the next two games in Denver, with some clutch goals by Mike Ricci.

The Avalanche then went on to win the next two games, but they were both hard fought, with the series winner for Colorado being scored in sudden death overtime In Game Six.

Patrick Roy, the Colorado goaltender, carried his team in the series by tak­ing his game to the next level.

Even though the Sharks aren’t advancing, this kind of physical play will surely continue.

The goals in the playoffs are the true stars to watch. Roy, along with Dominik Hasek in Buffalo, are dominating goaltenders who make the sensational saves that keep playoff hockey so close. These men are truly amazing athletes, as they work to protect the goal by any means necessary.

The best, however, might be a first-time viewer catching the third period of the Colorado vs. Detroit series.

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