Nobody in the hotel business ever tried harder to make a splash than Alex Madonna. So what did he have against swimming pools?

Over a span of 46 years, this builder-raucher-hotelier crafted his Madonna Inn, turning it into one of California's best-known roadside institutions. It beckons newlyweds and road trippers with its garish pink extravagances of Las Vegas, but it also managed to make a splash in a locale known for its more restrained and, of course, the storied waterfall in the lobby of the most-admired and most-photographed urinal in North America. "It's like trying to keep a museum open later fall quarter. " said Lois Capps, congressional representative of the 23rd district, in an interview.

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Gonzales v. Carhart decision, Cal Poly students had their own appraisal.

On May 22, about 25 students silently marched from Dexter Lawn to the University Union Plaza, where they encouraged discussion of the decision.

They decided to be silent because "this decision effectively silences women and their doctors (regarding second and third trimester abor­
tion)," said Ruth Osorio, English senior and member of Cal Poly Women's Awareness, the student- club that organized the event.

"We realize that San Luis Obispo is a small town," Osorio said. "We may not enact major social change in Washington, D.C., but we also realize that not many people knew about it — every person I talked to didn't know what happened." The group utilized Free Speech Hour, 11 a.m. to noon on Tuesdays, to draw attention to why they were marching and hand out information to other students.

Then main goal was to encourage discussion, industrial engineering junior Erica Janof said. Many people look to other groups on campus to inform them.

"It's difficult on a conservative campus to spread word about more liberal-minded things, but most people appreci­ated the effort we made," she said.

They got a mixed response, Osorio said. "Most people's response was curi­osity, wanting more information."

Cal Poly Women's Awareness club members decided to organize the event about a week after the court decision, Osorio said. The CPWA members made up about a third of the marchers, with a few members of the Cal Poly Democrats and some people who had just heard about it, she said. About one-third of the participation was male.

Part of the group's motivation came from a "lack of media cover­age" due to timing of the decision, Osorio said. The decision was announced two days after the Virginia

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Congressional representative of the 23rd district

"I believe that my support for this legislation represents both my district and my per­sonal beliefs," Capps said in an e-mail. "I have received tremendous support from my constituents regarding my stance on a woman's right to choose.

"As for personal beliefs, as a health professional, it is imperative that the federal government not get involved in a decision that must be made between a woman and her health care provider.

The 5-4 Gonzales v. Carhart Supreme Court decision states that the Partial Abortion Ban Act's failure to include a provision allowing for a woman's health "does not have the effect of imposing an unconstitutional burden on the abor­tion right."

"First, the court ignored recom­mendations from health care profes­sionals and published a procedure that is medically inappropriate," Capps said. "Worse, though, is the fact that the decision sets precedence for fail­ing to include exceptions to account for the health of the mother."

Though the decision stated that the act's prohibition would be unconstitutional if it subjected women to significant health risks, it also stated that evidence presented in trial courts demonstrated that "both sides have medical support for their positions. The court's decision instruct that the act can survive facial attack when this medical uncertainty persists."

"I think that potential effects of this ruling could be the performance of alternative procedures that may in fact be riskier for the health of the woman," Capps said. "It could also force health care professionals into a dangerous position of having to choose between upholding their pro­fessional oaths to act in the best inter­ests of their patients' health and breaking federal law.

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"This building is a food-friendly and coffee shop. "We are investigating this now and are hopeful that we may be able to do that even sooner," Miller said.

He said that these changes have been due in large part to the involvement of students involved in the Associated Students Inc. student-advisory committee. Through this students are able to give input and help the library to better serve student needs.

Another big part of the extend­ed hours will be student comfort. In addition to giving students an opportunity to have a coffee shop, students are also welcome to bring their own food, Miller said.

"This building is a food-friendly building now, which I don't think many people realize," he said.

"Most people like food and drink when they work and we know this helps students be more produc­tive.

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State

COVILLE (AP) — A wildfire burning on the Sierra's eastern front forced the evacua-
tion of more than 200 people in Mono County on Tuesday and the closure of a 40-mile stretch of U.S. Highway 395 south of the Nevada line.

Fueled by winds gusting up to 60 mph over the ridge tops, the fire tripled in size from an estimated 200 acres to more than 600 acres by late after-
noon, said Mark Struble, a spokesman for the Sierra Front Interagency Fire Dispatch Center.

About 50 homes were imme-
diately threatened and another 150 structures were in the area of the fire, he said.

FRESNO (AP) — A re-
ner leader of the Hmong- American community was among 10 men arrested and charged this week with plotting to overthrow the Lao-
tian regime in a case that has shaken the growing immigrant com-
munity.

Elders often credit Yang Pou, a former general in the Royal
Army of Laos who led Hmong counterinsurgents, with helping them build new lives in the U.S.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Vice President Dick Cheney's former chief of staff was sen-
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He has faced criticism from his

rivals who oppose the measure, in

particular Mitt Romney and Rep.

Tom Tancredo, R-Cole., who con-
tends the bill would grant amnesty
to illegal aliens.

Also participating in the debate

were former New York Mayor Rudy

Giuliani, Kansas Sen. Sam

Brownback, former Govs. Mike
Thompson of Wisconsin, and Reps. Duncan
Hunter of California and Ron Paul
of Texas.

On Tuesday, Tancredo stood out-
side Republican Sen. Judd Gregg's
New Hampshire office and said he
would start a petition drive and vol-
unteer network to help voters cam-
paign against senators who support the
White House-backed immigra-
tion plan.

"For a Republican to be talking about other Republicans, trying to take them on and defeat them in primaries, that's a somewhat injudici-
ous thing for me to do. But this is
an issue that surpasses all the nit-pickings that go along with political came-
raderie that you develop," Tancredo
said.

Gregg has said he won't decide how to vote until he's seen all the
details of the bill. He dismissed peo-
ple who use "a jingoistic and dema-
gogic approach of opposition to
immigrants as a way to raise their
own political visibility."

Romney has complained that a
so-called Z visa included in the
immigration legislation would allow
the 12 million illegal immigrants already in the country to remain indefinitely, letting them jump ahead of other foreigners seeking to emi-
tigrate legally. He has proposed mak-
ing the visas temporary, forcing recipients to seek permanent immi-
grant status or leave the country.

Civil Defense said the storm was
dropping heavy rains on the
capital, Moscow, and other nearby
towns, but it was not known if the
storm was causing any damage.

BAGHDAD (AP) — A sui-
cide car bomber struck a group of
tribal chiefs who opposed al-
Qaida in Iraq, killing at least 18 in a mar-
ket area near Fallujah.

Tuesday's attack underscored
the difficulties facing Sunni lead-
ers in trying to wrest control of
Anbar province from the terror
network.

Much of the al-Bussa tribe has
formed an alliance against al-
Qaida in Iraq, which has alienated
more moderate Sunnis with its
brutality and dependence on for-
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and confers on such competitors as the Embassy Suites just down the road. Pearce acknowledges that the inn's occupancy rates have fallen in recent years.

So here's the question: How does a man design waterfall urns and garden fountains and cascading showers, and outfit his guest rooms with water features including a moonshiner's still and a working waterwheel yet never turn earth on a simple swimming pool?

First, consider the man. Alex Madonna started his construction business as a teenager and made much of his fortune building roads for the state. He built the inn and opened it with 12 rooms in December 1958 — just six months after Heart Castle opened to public tours.

Madonna designed much of his inn's exterior — three parts Swiss, one part Old West — and took his break­fast, lunch and dinner daily on the premises for decades, running his business as a teenager and making much of his fortune.

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Madonna would take a check from about anywhere, run-in-law Pearce recalls, but turned away credit cards and didn't get around to adding air conditioning until the 1990s.

"He didn't build it the way the industry experts told him to. He built exactly the way he wanted to build it," says Pearce. "He was always against adding a swimming pool, he says, because people would get out of the pool and come back and ruin your carpets, tracking all that water in."

No. Pearce acknowledges, that sounds sort of flimsy. But Madonna often played his cards close to the vest. Maybe he wanted couples, not families. Maybe he figured travelers would check in, grab dinner, turn in for the night, then hit the road. Or maybe it was something else.

"He was a bit frugal by nature. Yet he went to the nth degree of cost in building the Madonna Inn," Pearce says. "Who knows? Maybe he just didn't like pools. He didn't have one at home I never saw him in water."

Besides the guest rooms, the inn property includes two restaurants (one with a golden tree made of copper tubing and other metal leftovers from construction projects), a pastry shop, cocktail lounge, a convention facility and the Cerro San Luis, a mountain whose trails have long been popular with local hikers.

No two of the seven guest rooms, which bear such names as Euphoriasm and Hydrolucinogen, are alike. Madonna, surrounded by four acres of sage, is famous for his liberal deployment of water features. Madonna's surrounding acreage and amenities including a moonshiner's still and a working waterwheel, never turn earth on a simple swimming pool.


"The last thing we want to do is abandon what made us famous," says Clint Pearce, back at the inn. "But at the same time, we want to make sure we still have what it takes."

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Where will you sell your books in June?
Paul McCartney out of steam on new CD 'Memory Almost Full'

John C. Schlotfelt
The Daily Nexus (U. Iowa)

I think Paul McCartney has really struck upon something.

Our memories have had just about all the McCartney we can handle.

We're inundated with images of Paul (and those three other guys) in suits, mop-topped dos, and Italian boots. Is there any room for more McCartney? Lately, No.

Granted, it's nearly impossible to think about McCartney without the usual shimmering melodies having been on the decline.

"Everybody gonna dance tonight! Everybody gonna feel all right!" is the kind of "poetry" McCartney's putting forth on "Memory Almost Full."

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"Tour de Cheese' continues

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When the nachos finally arrived, they were truly a sight to behold. Crispy, oven baked tortilla chips, diced onions, olives, black beans, sour cream, salsa, guacamole, freaking loads of jalapenos, and diced carne asada — sheer excellence.

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Spike's: The mission that never was

To the courteous folks at Spikes: We failed you. Sadly, the Nacho Tour would end that Thursday night at Downtown Brew. It was 10:15 p.m., and the party was sure that the kitchen was closed at Spikes. The Nacho Tour will see you next year.

As for the winner, Agouraheats senior JessicaWallstrom informed me that Pepe Delgado's came in third with an average score of 8.4. Downtown Brew came in second with an average score of 10.4, and Via's took the crown with an average score of 12.

As for myself, I learned a couple of things about nacho critiquing, and made some new friends along the tour. I found the members who joined the adventure to be a fun and inviting lot, worthy of this detailed account of our nacho-munching endeavor.
Katherine Heigl, Ben Stone get it on in new comedy ‘Knocked Up’

Cassie Gaeto
MUSTANG DAILY

Late night clubbing, a drunken sexual encounter, an awkward morning-after followed by a certain stick turning blue eight weeks later is not very funny if it happens to you but it does set the stage for one amazing comedy. “Knocked Up” is director Judd Apatow’s first follow-up to the 2005 surprise hit “The 40-Year-Old Virgin” and he did anything but disappoint. Through great casting, character development and hilarious dialogue, “Knocked Up” is destined to land a spot next to its predecessor in the comedic hall of fame.

Emma Scott, played by Katherine Heigl of “Grey’s Anatomy,” and Ben Stone, played by “40 Year-Old Virgin” veteran Seth Rogen, are leading very different lives when they meet scrambling to order at the bar of a crowded club. Scott is out celebrating her job promotion at E! Entertainment Television while the unemployed Stone kicks it with his crew of slacker buddies.

Two Coronas lead to shots which pave the way for the age old question — want to come to my place?

Ultimately, it is a condom miscommunication in the heat of the moment that lands Scott and Stone in their unplanned pregnancy nightmare. After deciding to keep the baby, the leading couple sets out to get to know each other and put forth a real effort to create a relationship.

What follows is a courtship involving trips to the gynecologist, shopping for baby clothes and meeting the whacky friends and family in each others lives. Rogen is not your typical leading man, sweeping the girl off of her feet, but his endearing clueless behavior makes the movie. Prior to the one-night stand, Stone’s laidback lifestyle wasn’t much more than smoking weed, making bets with his friends and working on a celebrity nudity Web site. His journey from deadbeat 20- something to wannabe dad is funny and full of heart.

Although Heigl and Rogen are the lead story line, supporting cast Leslie Mann and Paul Rudd, playing Heigl’s sister and brother-in-law, do just as good of a job commanding the audience’s attention through their love-hate marriage. Both actors had roles in “The 40 Year-Old Virgin” and their onscreen comedic chemistry and witty banter are unbeatable.

With a summer line-up chalked full of blockbuster sequels and big studio action adventures, an unassuming film like “Knocked Up” is a great alternative so funny it could have only stemmed from a one-night stand gone awry.
It's a Wonderful Lie" gives college grads a look into the future, but it's kind of cloudy

With graduation fast approaching (or looming, depending on your viewpoint) it's comforting to know everyone doesn't have their life completely planned out at the age of 22, as the anthology's authors reassure their audience. Even those who thought they had their future signed and sealed along with their diploma found that life often takes a different course.

Each of the essays falls into one of five "lies" about life in your 20s, including "I'll have an amazing apartment and love my job" and "I'll know myself — and what I want." These essays contradict each expectation, but end with the message that life's unpredictability isn't always negative.

"It's a Wonderful Lie" often disappoints in substance. It offers a cloud of fluffy pink cotton candy — delicious, but unsatisfying. As a reader I found myself hungry for something a bit more essay—a book with less personal anecdotes and more helpful advice.

Several essays whine about how confusing it was when Daddy stepped paying the credit card bills. Others dangerously border on a "Cathy" comic strip. Luckily if you don't like one essay there are twenty-five others you might enjoy or be able to relate to more.

That said, "It's a Wonderful Lie" expresses what the soon-to-be college graduate thinks, but hasn't yet put into words. One sentence in particular hit me hard. "I missed the feeling of popping into a local bar and knowing that there would be familiar faces inside, the assurance that walking down the street would turn up friends in cafes and bookstores." If nothing else, this anthology will certainly make the reader reluctant to graduate into the cold hard world the authors inhabit — where you have no friends, a dead end job, a rat-infested apartment and no money to buy food.

"It's a Wonderful Lie" is in essence 26 warnings about maintaining a practical view of the future. You're probably not going to become a CEO or get a spacious loft in Soho right out of college, but be patient. The authors stress the fact that life takes time; but things eventually work out for the best.
POLITICAL COLUMN

The truth about President Bush

The critics of George W. Bush will say that as a president, he is a poor decision maker, a bad public speaker, and a stubborn leader that refuses to change his mind. But Bush presidency is not without its faults, but many of these faults are exaggerated. In fact, there have been numerous successes.

Believe it or not, President Bush is not as stubborn as the media portrays him, and he has actually been willing to negotiate and reconsider many things. The recent immigration bill is one point. Instead of merely succumbing to the pressures of some Republicans that want to deport nearly 12 million illegal immigrants who are working in this country, the president has offered a plan that will actually solve the problem. The plan incorporates provisions for tighter border security and allows for a path to citizenship.

Of course, this plan that tackles the reality of the situation has been under assault from nearly every side of the immigration debate. However, if the bill is successful, history might see Bush as a decent negotiator that helped solve the immigration crisis. While solving the problem will be challenging, he should get credit for trying to tackle the problem and for addressing so many different points of view.

Perhaps one of the least mentioned (but maybe the most interesting) change in the Bush presidency is his stance on climate change. Contrary to popular belief, Bush actually has a decent environmental record. Since 2001, harmful air pollutants have decreased more than 10 percent. Through Farm Bill conservation programs, nearly 200 million acres of land have been conserved. Bush also made a commitment to fight climate change by setting a goal an 18 percent reduction in greenhouse gas intensity (a measure of greenhouse gas emissions relative to economic activity) by 2012 compared to 2002. Last year, the president offered a new plan to combat climate change by gathering the largest carbon emitters by the end of 2008 and to develop clean technologies with other countries. This seems like a policy shift for a president that rejected the Kyoto treaty.

Believe it or not, President Bush is not as stubborn as the media portrays him, and he has actually been willing to negotiate and reconsider many things. However, it represents a continuing policy that tries to balance environmental protection with economic development. If climate change is a serious problem, then the president must be willing to work with other countries on fruitful solutions.

Actual solution needed for pedestrian problem

In response to Damien Micallef’s letter “Pedestrians begging to be run over on campus,” June 4, you do make a good point. People pass the street blabbing on their cell phones or listening to their iPods. Actually, I am one of them.

See, the thing is, perhaps in that whole mess of people crossing the street, there are just be people with “real majors” also trying to get to class on time. And maybe, just maybe, they’re thinking to themselves, “Boy, I’m glad I left five minutes earlier than usual at this busy time of the day so that I can be sure to get to class on time and not throw a temper tantrum at the people crossing the street.” I’m astonished that all four, or maybe even five years in a “real major” you haven’t learned to prepare for difficult situations like that. I guess that’s something to be learned by those with “non-real majors.” Or is it “unreal majors”? Regardless, somehow it rubbed off on me and a lot of other people. They really should quarantine “real majors” from “unreal majors” so "real major" you haven’t learned to prepare for difficult situations like that. I guess that’s something to be learned by those with “non-real majors.” Or is it "unreal majors”? Regardless, somehow it rubbed off on me and a lot of other people. They really should quarantine “real majors” from “unreal majors” so that don’t fuel our incredibly sophisticated brains.

Regardless, pedestrians congregate in obviously a problem that will not be resolved on an individual basis. Having one in every 10 people stop to let two cars go doesn’t really change anything.

The source of awareness by both parties in conjunction with efforts by campus police is an actual solution. Anyway, good luck with that higher than thou attitude.

Stephan McDaniel
Mechanical engineering senior

Don’t drive or walk; ride your bike

It’s funny how dependent we’ve become on automobiles. I broke my collar bone and had to drive to school for the first time in my four years here at Poly. It takes me 10 to 15 minutes to ride my bike whereas it takes me a good half-hour to drive. I learned walking and parking across campus into biking. Biking is a leisure and healthy activity. It is very different from riding, which is rather irritating as it can be seen in the “Pedestrians begging to be run over” commentary by Damien Micallef.

Here are some ideas for healthy change:
1) Raise parking fees, and invest them in bike-oriented programs. USCSC charges about $230 a quarter and consequently has an excellent public transportation system since many depend on it.
2) We need bike paths away from cars which will avoid bicycle-automobile collisions. A path along the railroad track is waiting to happen.

We need to realize that bikes are a great investment. People spend thousands of dollars buying a car, insurance, parking fees, gas, etc. But when it comes to bikes, they hold tight to "that dough," maybe spending $30 on a poorly assembled "junkie” from Costco with shitty parts. Those cheapo fall apart quickly and end up costing more in the long run, or stored in a garage permanently.

Invest in a good bike, keep the tires pumped and chain lubed, bring it to the shop once or twice a year for tune-ups, and the machine will serve you for the rest of your life.

Karin Hanzi
Mechanical engineering senior

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Hurkos

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ning since they were 2 years old. “We needed to burn off extra energy I guess when we were little, so our parents just threw us in the water,” Chris said.

Milich is not surprised to see triplets on the Mustangs. “In general, swimming runs in families,” he said.

Although the triplets have practiced and competed together for the duration of their swimming careers, Chris, Andrew and Stephen are three different swimmers, Milich said.

Andrew competes in the backstroke and IM for Cal Poly, while Chris swims the butterfly and IM. Stephen competes in freestyle and butterfly.

The triplets were involved in both swimming and soccer growing up, but ultimately chose swimming when they entered high school.

“Oh a hot day, I’d rather be in a pool than on a field,” Andrew said.

Andrew was captain of the swim team from 2004-06 at Leigh High in San Jose, his brothers’ hometown. Chris is a former six-time all-league event winner, and Stephen earned all-league honors in the 200 freestyle and 200 freestyle relay.

Swimming serves as a fun, competitive hobby and as a stress reliever for the Hurkos.

“I like that when I’m in the water, I don’t think about class, I don’t think about if I have a midterm. I just clear my mind,” Andrew said. Even if Chris has had a bad day, swimming turns it around. “Once I’m done with practice, I feel better,” he said. “I have no energy, but I somehow feel better, like I’ve accomplished something.”

Although the Hurkos sometimes dread attending hard practices, especially distance-day Mondays, they know the harder practices will make them faster, better, stronger.

“To break up the monotony of the longer, more boring distance-day workouts, Stephen sings songs and tries to remember arbitrary pieces of information as he swims. “It’s fun because when you’re tired and you’re oxygen-deprived you can’t recall much,” he said.

During the Monday practice after the Sunday NFL Draft in April, Stephen focused his attention on trying to remember the first 32 picks. He got to pick seven.

As members of the men’s swimming and diving team, the Hurkos spend a lot of their time balancing swimming training with homework and a social life.

“I think we’ll always fit in the social life,” Andrew said. “It’s just a matter of fitting in the school and the swimming.”

Stephen feels being involved in competitive sports helps him manage his time.

“When we were in our off-season for two weeks, I just didn’t get anything done,” he said. “I had no structure in my life.”

Chris said that swimming, school and a social life all fit together well, “it’s just sometimes you think about how much better other things would fit in if you didn’t have swimming.”

Despite some difficulties in having a busy schedule, none of the brothers feel they’ve missed out on anything by swimming competitively.

Stephen considered joining a fraternity his freshman year. Instead, they feel like they’ve gained friends by being a part of a close-knit team.

“For everyone’s a good friend, everyone gets along really well,” Stephen said.

The brothers have as much fun as they can during an intense practice session.

“You have to think of really good jokes because you only have a 10-second window to say them,” Stephen said, describing the exchange of one-liners between sets.

Milich said he expects Andrew, Chris and Stephen to continue to work and improve as swimmers on the men’s swimming and diving team in future years.

The triplets agree, planning to stay with the team.

“This is probably as much fun as I could be having,” Chris said.

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Ira Podell

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men’s tennis players piled in with 
body paint, signs were strewn 
to no end. Before the match began, a 
group of my track mates and I 
started a Poly "Dye" chant that 
spread across Mott as the team took 
the court. 

It’s always remember the odd 
sold-out crowd I witnessed in Mott 
Gym as a student — Cal Poly’s 
That game was my favorite memo-
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the court. 

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the court. 

Mustangs posted 15 points in the 
games and did my best to contribute 
to their madness. 

At times it was difficult doubting 
as a journalist and an athlete. On a few 
occasions I had to write less-than-flair-
tering articles about people I saw in 
the weight room every morning at 7 a.m. 

There are still athletes who give me 
dirty looks when I’m walking around 
Mont Gym. 

Let’s make this clear: I rooted for 
every team on this campus — I made 
it to win national tennis matches, to 
women’s and men’s basketball games, 
to football and other sport events. 
When the time came, I put the 
reporter’s cap on and went to work. 
I also had the privilege of seeing 
both of the men’s basketball team’s 
winning games and did my best to contribute 
to their success. 

NBA Finals 
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Conference Finals against Detroit. 

Since then, James’ offensive 
process has dominated most talk 
about the finals. But Bowens isn’t 
necessarily buying into it, especially 
when it came to the stylized 
Thrust’s game. 

I thought Michael Jordan’s go-
something in Boston was 

Now I think it got this 
much media coverage. No. Did I 
deserve it? You could say it did.” 

Bowens said. “Music Johnson, 
his rookie year at the NBA, the show he 
pushed on in Philly. That is huge. But it 
shows to you that if you’re not playing anyway, it’s OK, we’re 
looking for the next best thing. 

“It was important what he was 
yielding. It’s not, nothing because I’m not there, 
not a Detroit Pistons, I’m just watch-
ing the game as an avid fan,” Bowens 
added. 

But don’t get Bowens wrong. It’s 
not as if he hadn’t taken notice of 
James’ skills. 

“It’s a matter of him being their 
founder, their team, and he’s 
going to do that night-in and 
night-out and it’s important for us to come 
with our hard hat and be ready to 
play,” Bowen said. 

Bowens is used to the position he’ll 
be in for the next couple weeks. 

Everyone has an opinion. And I 
can’t allow other’s opinions to affect 
who I am or what I do.” Bowens 
said.

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Swimming bonds Horuko triplets

Brooke Robertson

The Horuko brothers are accustomed to being stared at. Sophomores at Cal Poly, the brothers are all on the Mustang men’s swimming and diving team, and share classes, extracurricular activities, an apartment and a face.

Identical triplets, Chris, Andrew and Stephen Horuko refer to each other as “awkward stars,” Stephen said.

Putting a bewildered look on his face, Stephen turned his head from his twin and stared, shocked at the supposed impersonation of himself and his brother, walking the same route to the same class a few minutes apart from each other.

“It’s like triple déjà vu,” he said.

Business majors Chris and Stephen share some classes with Andrew in a cultural business major, and the three are often in the same area of campus, if not in the same classroom.

To avoid being grouped and looked at as a unit, the three are often in and out of the water. “If we know we’re compared to each other we always try to do better,” Stephen said. “We end up doing better overall, even though one may be slightly better.”

Cal Poly head coach Tom Milich said he sometimes has trouble telling the triplets apart. He described them as consistent swimmers who are dedicated to practice.

Milich described the triplets as competitive, but also supportive of one another.

On the Cal Poly swimming and diving team, the triplets usually take on an “us versus them” mentality, Andrew said, but not always. “In races, sometimes when it comes down to the end, it’s more satisfying beating a brother than an actual opponent on the other team,” Andrew said. “Then you have bragging rights until the next race, which could be a while.”

The Horukos have been twins—see Horukos, page 10

Poly opens NCAAs today

The NCAA Championships start at 10 a.m. today at Sacramento State.

Daniel Seguin

Javelin throwing, high jumping and distance running.

These are the three events in which Cal Poly track and field team members Aris Borjas, Sharon Day and Phillip Reid will compete at the NCAA Championships, which run today through Saturday at Sacramento State.

Borjas (men’s javelin), Day (women’s high jump) and Reid (men’s 1,500-meter run) clinched spots at NCAAs with their respective performances at the NCAA West Regional Meet in Eugene, Ore., from May 25 to 26.

With a personal-best throw of 226 feet, 5 inches at regionals, Borjas, a senior, said he is happy with his rate of improvement.

“Last year I improved by about 8 feet,” Borjas said. “This year I improved by between 12 to 15 feet.” He said he hopes to do well at NCAAs, but knows that nothing is guaranteed.

“Right now, I’m ranked eighth going into the nationals,” Borjas said. “There are 26 other competitors in my group. We’ll just have to wait and see what happens.”

Day, a junior, said she is satisfied with her wins at the Big West Conference and regional meets. She is looking forward to competing at nationals and possibly breaking her record.

Day won the NCAA outdoor title two years ago at 6-4 before suffering a foot injury last season, in which she redshirted.

“My personal-best right now (this season) is 6 feet, 3/4 inches,” Day said. “I will give it my best because I want to do well.”

Cal Poly distance-running coach Mark Conover said he is impressed with the work Reid has done. The junior, who was named Cal Poly’s Male Athlete of the Year on May 14, won the 1,500 at the Big West Championships at Cal State Northridge on May 12 in 3 minutes, 52.42 seconds.

That mark broke the record previously held by Steve Scott — a former UC Irvine runner who went on to compete in three Olympics — since 1978 by more than a second.

“Phillip has done really well in cross country and the 1,500-meter,” Conover said. “He did what he needed to do to get through to the NCAA Championships.”

Borjas spoke of the team bonding that is present between himself and the others.

“Although we come from different events groups, I think our camaraderie is very strong,” Borjas said. “Our team has a really good kind of cohesion and we get along really well. That is very important.”

Conover agreed that there is a genuine bond between the three athletes.

“They are a great group of people,” Conover said. “Their sprits are high and they’re a tight-knit group of people.”

And just where does the dreams of Olympic gold sit in the plans of the trio?

Borjas said that he would like to accomplish that goal, but he would first like to continue working on his skills.

“Of course I would love to be there,” Borjas said, “but I have some more things to improve on before I get there. If and when it comes to that point, I will do my best to represent my country.”

Day said the Olympics are a goal see Track, page 10

Bowen not scared to ‘D’ up against LeBron

Game 1 of the NBA Finals between the Cavaliers and Spurs tips off at 6 p.m.

Thursday on ABC.

Elizabeth White

SAN ANTONIO — In his more than 30 years in the league, San Antonio’s Bruce Bowen has seen plenty of impressive players and breakout performances — most of them just a few inches from his face.

So when his matchup with LeBron James of the Cleveland Cavaliers is billed as the top con- frontation to watch in the upcoming NBA Finals, Bowen is neither fazed nor impressed.

“The No. 1 assignment in the league?” Bowen repeated back when asked about guarding James. “That’s your opinion, that’s your opinion and that’s your opinion. There’s a lot of other layers in the league, too.”

The Spurs’ Bowen, who turns 36 on June 14, has been voted to the NBA All-Defensive team the last seven years and was selected for the first team the last four. He’s been run- get-up-for Defensive Player of the Year the last three seasons.

The 6-foot-7, 200-pound Bowen will likely get much of the time against the 6-8, 240-pound James, who scored a career playoff-high 48 points in Game 5 of the Eastern Conference and regional meets. See Track, page 10

Frankly Speaking

Remember three years ago when I first arrived in San Luis Obispo. “This is it?” I asked my road buddy. We had reached the Monterey Street off ramp on southbound U.S. Highway 101.

Before checking out Cal Poly, I had already seen Texas and UCLA. Cal Poly was far different from either of these campsus, but something about the laid-back atmosphere and the homely feel caught my attention. I loved the campus and the town. I’m still here after three years.

Now I’m one-and-a-half weeks from graduation and wishing I had a few more “SLO” days to live. Oh well, I’ll be back next year working for Cal Poly’s sports information department — Oh, so this farewell address isn’t an end-all moment for me, but it is the final frontier for Frankly Speaking.

This column began as space filler last year. As the sports editor, I had the duty of filling the sports section with meaningful information on a regular basis. From Wednesday night in October, I found myself short on material and said, “Hey, I know what to do. I’ll write a column!”

It was that simple.

Over the last two years, I’ve witnessed some of the biggest moments in Cal Poly sports. Amid the many amazing contests I watched, one stood out as a defining moment for me as a Cal Poly sports fan — the volleyball regional final game against Michigan at Mott Gym in the NCAA Tournament.

I’m a die-hard college basketball fan and football is a close second in my spectator sports rankings, but there was something magical about that night in Mott. Growing up, I cheered Stanford’s “Booth Mob” and Duker “Cameron Crazies.” I saw those sold-out games and rowdy student sections and nothing more than to experience that type of college-sports environment.

When I first entered campus as a junior transfer student, I didn’t know the first thing about college volleyball and I certainly didn’t expect to get my ultimate fan experience from a women’s volleyball game. But about 4,000 fans filled Mott Gym and many were standing for the duration of that Friday night match. A group of us

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