There's an app for that: two phone applications hit campus

Amanda Sedo

THE new Cal Poly Application for the iPhone and iPod Touch, created by aerospace engineering freshman William Sidell, hit the Apple App Store on Oct. 20. The Cal Poly application features Cal Poly sports information, Mustang Daily articles, local maps and lyrics to the Cal Poly fight song, among other tools.

Sidell has been developing applications since the end of last school year and saw a need for the Cal Poly application. So he began working on it on a whim one weekend. After two weekends of work, the Cal Poly Application was created.

The most valuable feature to Sidell is the Campus Dining information. The application shows which restaurants are open and closed. Also noted is the amount of meal dollars allocated for each meal of the day.

"For freshman that could be a pretty useful thing," said business administration junior Alyson Boehm. "For freshman that could be a pretty useful thing," said business administration junior Alyson Boehm.

The application is a great thing for iPhone users who are Cal Poly students with the ability to download the application, Boehm said. "As a freshman this year, there were various things I thought would be nice to have," Sidell said. "One of those things was the map."

There are two maps available to the Cal Poly application user. One is the campus map, which pinpoints buildings and campus landmarks. The other is of San Luis Obispo, which will pinpoint the iPhone's location in comparison to the rest of the city when started.

So far, the rating for the application is at four out of five stars with only seven ratings to date. As of Oct. 29 the application had been out for a little more than a week and had 60 downloads per day on Oct. 27 and 28.

Nathan Mock, a current iPhone user and computer science junior, thought the application was a great idea but wanted to see a few additions.

"I would check it out if it had the (Cal Poly) portal," Mock said. "Also, if PASS was on there and I could register for classes, I would definitely use it.

Sidell is already thinking about ways he can make the application better and more convenient for Cal Poly students.

"I hope to integrate Blackboard someday," Sidell said. "I want people to be able to click on their class (on Blackboard) and have it map the location."

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Get 'Punchd' with two Cal Poly students' senior project

Catherine Borgeson

Computer science seniors Reed Morse and Grantham Chew turned their senior project into a business with "Punchd," a phone application for any smart phone that acts as a digital "loyalty punch card" — in other words, a buy-10-get-1-free card.

With the "Punchd" phone application, the smart phone acts as a scanner. Instead of businesses punching a printed card, the phone scans a code that virtually redeems the "punch." "I hate those (physical) cards because I love getting free stuff, but I either forget them at home or my wallet is really thin and they take up a lot of room so it's terrible carrying them around," Morse said.

Not only is it one less item for customers to carry around, but businesses receive more information than from traditional punch cards. Businesses can see data of exactly how many people downloaded the application, how many people make transactions and where the transactions go.

"With the paper card (businesses) have no idea how many punches they're giving out, no idea how many cards are out (and) no idea how many free things they're giving out but we can track all of that," Morse said.

Morse and Chew have been working on "Punchd" since last February. The project started in a computer science course that taught Android application development. The Android class was sponsored by Google, including a grant and a donation of 24 T-mobile G1 phones.

"I really wanted to give students an environment and platform where they could do something entrepreneurial with the hopes of building a project that lived beyond the class," Janzen said.

At the start of the class, Janzen encouraged his students to think "atoms to bits." "If we can take anything that is physical in atoms and make it digital in bits and by doing so, replace that physical thing, it's often going to be useful," Janzen said. "I asked the class to consider what's something in their wallets that's physical but we don't really need to have — what's physical any more?"

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Sidell is also taking note of other suggestions students have made, including the addition of the hours for each meal time for those who have the dining plans. Another suggestion from Boehm was adding an actual schedule of sporting events for the week as well as a schedule of major-related symposiums.

“I also think a link to the career center would be a good addition,” Boehm said. Despite all the things that students want for the future update of the application, all seem to be pleased with the things that are already offered. “I’m actually surprised that he’s a freshman,” Boehm said. “The app is such a good way to bring recognition to a relatively small school.”

Another featured part of the application is the soundboard which stores voice recordings of different phrases such as “Go Cal Poly” and “Go Mustangs.” “The idea is to use it at a game, to cheer on the team,” Sidell said. This application was developed as a simpler way to see what is going on throughout the Cal Poly campus, Sidell said. He wanted students to be able to obtain the information they want in one easy-to-navigate place.

“I just wanted to do something for the Cal Poly community that is beneficial for the students,” Sidell said.
Discovery space shuttle restored for Tuesday launch

Robert Block
THE OAKLAND SENTINEL

When space shuttle Discovery thunders off the launch pad Tuesday afternoon, it will be a cleaner, tougher and vastly improved spacecraft compared to the one that rolled off an assembly line in California in October 1983.

For its coming mission to the International Space Station, Discovery will sport 33 new and improved heat-protection tiles over critical areas of the ship and new ceramic bolt covers that thump off the launch pad Tuesday, Aug. 3.

It is also carrying new instruments installed on its belly to measure how fast its nose is diving after the orbiter makes its fiery dive back home.

What makes all these upgrades possible is that they were all installed for the craft's final flight. After more than 26 years and 143 million miles circling the Earth, Discovery is the first of NASA's remaining three orbiters to be decommissioned — and ultimately sent to a museum — when it lands in about two weeks.

So why would NASA keep on spending millions of dollars — the agency couldn't come up with a precise figure — on an orbiter designed to be the last? Because, it said, Discovery is a museum — when it lands in about two weeks.

And according to John Shannon, NASA's shuttle program manager and the man overseeing the end of perhaps the most successful space vehicle ever to have flown. "We have had a mantra throughout the program, once the engine is going, we are not going to stop trying to improve the vehicle," he said.

For a program that's twice seen tragedy strike — when Challenger exploded minutes after launch in 1986 and Columbia disintegrated after re-entering the atmosphere, the future is promising. Since then, NASA has made improvements on the shuttles before every flight, including installing harder heat-protection tiles in critical areas of the orbiter's underside.

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State
FRESNO (MCT) — Fresno dentist Dr. Tiera Lee remembers her children picking out their favorite candy bars after trick-or-treating on Halloween and leaving the rest to waste.

Now there is a solution for parents with leftover candy or children looking for an extra buck. Lee and other dentists in the central San Joaquin Valley will buy Halloween candy from children and donate it to Operation Gratitude, a national nonprofit organization that sends the candy to U.S. soldiers overseas.

REDLANDS (MCT) — Party Hernandez’s customer, Leo Schussert, seemed a little down during his visit to her seafood counter at Albertsons.

“I asked him if everything was OK and he said, ‘My daughter is sick,’ ” Hernandez said. “I told him, ‘I’ll pray for her.’ ”

On Oct. 18, she gave her kidney to 25-year-old Juliana Schussert at Loma Linda University Medical Center. “She’s such a people person,” said store director Mike Enriquez. “She has such a connection to customers.”

National
WASHINGTON (MCT) — The Supreme Court said Monday it will explore the rights of schoolchildren questioned by the police, the second time in recent weeks it has dived into student issues.

The justices agreed to hear an appeal from a 13-year-old burglary suspect from North Carolina and decide whether children who are questioned by the police at school must be warned of their rights under the famous Miranda v. Arizona decision.

TEXAS (MCT) — A federal judge sentenced a 43-year-old Dallas man to more than two years in prison after he admitted planning a threat to kill President Obama online in March.

Brian Dean Miller was arrested March 25 after authorities in Arlington were tipped off about remarks on Craigslist.org the night the national health care bill became law.

“Publicly, the time has come for resolution,” the post read. “It is time for Obama to die. I am dedicating my life to the death of Obama and every employee of the federal government.”

International
HAITI (MCT) — Thomas weakened to a tropical storm early Monday but was expected to regenerate into a hurricane that could deliver this beleaguered country yet another devastating blow.

Still stunned from a powerful earthquake and struggling to contain a deadly cholera epidemic, the government put the country on heightened alert on Sunday, sending out text messages and broadcast warnings of a possible landslides this week.

Her spokesman said she was completely recovered.

Thatcher, 85, was to return to her home in the course of Monday afternoon.

The former prime minister, dubbed Britain’s “Iron Lady,” was admitted to the private Crowne Plaza hospital in London on Oct. 19, suffering from a flu virus.

Federal Reserve meets to plan economic revitalization
Kevin G. Hall
MCCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS

The Federal Reserve begins a two-day meeting Tuesday that’s expected to conclude with announcement of an unorthodox plan to spark life into the moribund U.S. economy.

The Fed has signaled since August that it’ll begin purchasing both two-year and 10-year Treasury bonds that’ll boost the U.S. economy by making U.S. exporters cheaper abroad. The action also is expected to compel similar steps by the British, European Union and Japanese central banks later this week.

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The risk is that all the new pumping may end up igniting inflation down the road.

In normal times, the Fed lowers short-term interest rates as a tool to heat up the economy, or raises them to cool it down. Times are anything but normal.

“Now the Fed’s benchmark lending rate, which influences loan rates across the U.S. economy, has been near zero since 2008.

That’s helped to spur a modest recovery. The massive federal stimulus spending has helped. But unemployment remains near 10 percent, growth remains weak at best, and there’s little appetite in Congress for additional spending to spur the economy. That leaves the Fed as the only game in town, reaching for an unconventional tool.

“If you have an instrument that could work, you’re supposed to use it at times of distress,” said Vincent Reinhart, a former top economist on the Fed’s rate-setting Federal Open Market Committee.

“They might not go into it with a lot of confidence, but they recognize that if they were to sit on their hands, the Fed’s reputation could be damaged.”

There’s considerable skepticism about whether the unorthodox step, called quantitative easing, will work.

Many analysts fear it sets the stage for revived inflation, the rise in prices across the economy. Some experts worry that the Fed may not be able to rein in prices once it55 civilizes, or may face pressure from politicians to tolerate higher inflation rather than dial it back as the economy recovers.

That’s why Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City President Dana Stangel said last week that the Fed’s expected action is “a pact with the devil.”

Several Fed leaders have voiced unease with the step, in part because it’s mostly untested.

The Fed purchased more than $1.76 trillion in federal government bonds during the crisis to help pump prime the U.S. economy. But stabilizing the housing market also swelled its balance sheet to more.

Several actions, though, came during a time when credit markets were impaired. This week’s action comes as financial markets are much healthier, and skeptics abound.

“I don’t think quantitative easing will have much impact on the economy,” said David Malpass, the president of forecaster Encima Global in New York. He added that “Japan tried this in 2002, with no impact,” referring to that country’s decade-long economic stagnation, like ours brought about by a financial crisis.

“I think everybody at the Fed is aware of that,” said Lyle Gramley, a child of the Great Depression, and economist. “It’s being done where the Fed doesn’t think the Fed is repeating Japan’s mistakes.

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“I think the candid answer is nobody can be sure. It’s going to do some good,” he said, noting that lower lending rates will make it cheaper for businesses to purchase equipment and for consumers to buy homes.

“If you are trying to put a magnifying glass on it, you might get something in the order of half a percent (of additional economic growth) next year, which is certainly not a panacea for our ills. That’s why it is so controversial within the Fed.”

When news breaks... we’ve got it covered
Arizona court examines state immigration law, hints at possible new interpretation

Maura Dolan  
**Los Angeles Times**

A federal appeals court, reviewing Arizona’s tough new immigration law while protests outside snarled and waved signs, suggested during a hearing Monday that the state may be permitted to require police to investigate the immigration status of suspected criminals and yet be powerless to do anything about a person’s illegal residency. 

During an hourlong hearing, the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals examined four provisions of the new Arizona law that a federal judge in Phoenix blocked as unconstitutional. The three-judge appeals panel appeared largely inclined to agree with the lower court’s July ruling, which said the law usurped the federal government’s sole authority to regulate immigration.

But the appeals panel expressed skepticism with part of the ruling that blocked the state from requiring police to at least investigate the immigration status of someone suspected of a crime. 

After a lawyer for the federal government told the court the provision was illegal, a frustrated Judge John T. Noonan Jr., a moderate Republican appointee, noted that federal law permits police to inquire about a person’s immigration status.

On that score, “you don’t have an argument,” the judge told the lawyer for the Obama Administration. Arizona Gov. Jan Brewer, a Republican appointee who was born in Spain, objected that federal law permits police to inquire about a person’s immigration status.

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On that score, “you don’t have an argument,” the judge told the lawyer for the Obama Administration. Arizona Gov. Jan Brewer, a Republican who is campaigning for re-election, flew in for the hearing and sat at the front of the courtroom. Brewer signed the legislation known as SB1070 into law in April, sparking protests around the U.S. from immigrant rights activists who said it would lead to racial profiling.

Brewer’s actions boosted her flagging re-election campaign, while national polls showed that a majority of Americans supported the Arizona law.

After the hearing, the governor said 22 other states were poised to pass similar laws against illegal immigrants. “The federal government needs to do its job so Arizona doesn’t have to,” Brewer said.

John J. Boum, who represented Arizona in the case, told the court that the border state was suffering from serious crimes committed by illegal immigrants who, once in the country, never get sent back.

“Crossing the border is the same as crossing the finish line,” Boum said.

Deputy Solicitor General Edwin S. Kneedler, representing the Obama Administration in challenging the law, said it infringed on the power of the federal government over foreign relations and could affect U.S. citizens abroad if other countries adopted similar laws.

Comments from the judges suggested they were likely to reject provisions that would make it a crime for an immigrant to fail to carry immigration papers and for illegal immigrants to seek and accept paid work.

Judge Carlos T. Bea, a Republican appointee who was born in Spain, observed that Arizona was attempting to take over the federal government’s responsibility for policing immigration. Bea likened it to a state enforcing federal immigration status — as constitutional bound but would continue to block other controversial provisions.

“This is going to be a mixed verdict,” Levine said.

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The ins and outs of drug testing in the workplace

According to your eighth grade D.A.R.E. officer, there will never be a good time to use recreational drugs. According to your roommate, there is no better time than about a half-hour before the two of you walk to The Fremont to watch “The Birds.”

However, depending on your future ambitions, some of your current habits might have to take a backseat to reality. With public sector employment expanding exponentially, and so much of the private sector dependent upon contracting work with the state and federal government, workplace drug testing is becoming more common.

Drug use regulations and testing vary by employer. As a general rule, virtually all jobs in the public sector exist under the guise of some sort of pre-employment drug test and the threat of random drug testing. Things get a little murkier in the public sector and this is complicated by the fact that...
Fennel incorporates healthy vegetable with sweetness

I know what you are thinking — why risk putting a vegetable in cookies? But I say, why not? Fennel is no ordinary vegetable. Fresh fennel is composed of a white bulb that gives way to a green stalk, leaves and seeds — all parts are 100 percent edible, and offer you more bang for your buck.

The seeds — often used as a spice in cooking — are the key to making cookies your roommates will crave. The seeds have a similar taste to licorice and lend depth of flavor to cookies. I know licorice is most often a hit-or-miss type of flavor, but even I — a Red Vines-only consumer — have found a new appreciation for the savory sweetness fennel seeds can add to a dish.

If you aren’t quite at a place in your cooking career that seems adventurous enough to meddle with mixing desserts and vegetables, I implore you to take a closer look at the bulb, stalk and leaves. The ability for the aroma of the fennel leaves to permeate through the food they are being added to without overpowering its original flavor makes fennel a desirable addition to meat, fish and soups.

Fennel truly is the versatile athlete of the food world — a spice, an herb, a vegetable, intensifier of savory dishes and complementer of delicate desserts. This winter, put fennel to the test and see if there is something it can’t enhance.

CLUE: This berry comes in two color varieties — Cal Poly’s very own.
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green and gold.

Fennel Tea Cookies Recipe

Ingredients
1 tablespoon fennel seed, crushed
2 tablespoons boiling water
3/4 cup packed brown sugar
1 egg
2 cups all-purpose flour
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
Confectioners' sugar

Directions
In a small bowl, soak fennel seed in boiling water; set aside. In a large bowl, cream butter and brown sugar until light and fluffy, beat in egg. Drain fennel seed. Combine the flour, baking soda and fennel seed. Gradually add to creamed mixture and mix well.

Roll into one-inch balls; place two inches apart on ungreased baking sheets. Bake at 350° for 10-12 minutes or until lightly browned. Roll warm cookies in confectioners' sugar. Cool on wire racks.

Yield: three dozen.

Recipe courtesy of Taste of Home.

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Drug testing

bees laws vary by state.

In California, if a private sector employer does not contract with the state or federal government, a pre-employment drug testing can be completed through such measures as a pre-employment and random drug testing program.

Due to the nature of state and federal contracting work, many private sector employers in California, including non-engineering, architecture, planning and information technology firms, will pursue public sector contracting work, and thus, subject their employees to the requirements of the State or Federal Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1998. Both laws are similar — the state act was modeled after the federal act — and require all private contractors to maintain a "drug-free" work environment. A workplace drug test can be completed in the most extended indication of exposure.

There are many myths about drug testing, such as "drinking vinegar will help you pass" or that "secondhand exposure will cause you to fail." Today, drug tests are sophisticated enough to weed out any attempt to "mask" your sample. Unless you're Lance Armstrong, your sample will be flagged as abnormal if you make any attempt to "beat" your test. In addition, the typical cut-off for a positive test (50 nanograms per milliliter of peer) is well above the exposure you got at the Iron Maiden concert you went to the previous night.

Of course, everything is off the table when it comes to a lie detector test. The Employer Polygraph Protection Act of 1988 prevents (in almost all cases) private sector employers from administering lie detector tests. However, if you're a job applicant for a job in the public sector that involves sensitive information and/or national security, you will most likely undergo a polygraph examination focusing on security issues, accuracy of your application for employment and your use (or sale) of illegal drugs.

For a new employee, the typical threshold for drug use will be one year; you will be asked if you have used and/or sold an illegal drug, or a prescription drug not prescribed to you within the past 12 months. For a lie detector test, there is no correct answer other than the truth.

Note: It is the author's opinion that what you do on your time is your business; however, when your actions impact the lives of those around you, it is also the author's opinion that you should be of sober wit and mind. Please keep in mind this is just a guide; the accuracy of this column cannot be guaranteed and is not meant to encourage drug use. In addition, drug testing/laws vary by jurisdiction and workplace and are subject to change.

This column is not intended to interpret the law or give legal advice.
Secret donations to campaigns undermines democracy

Jan Mars truly does care about stu-
dents and she does more than pay lip
service to it. Jan lives close to campus
and her husband teaches at the univer-
sity, giving her unique insight to the
issues with students. In fact, a couple
of years ago Jan came to students at
the Empower Poly Coalition seeking
help to fund California Blvd's Bike Par-
ks. “Missing Link.” The city did not
support the idea, the campus did in part
and Jan stepped in, with no personal stake,
other than a concerned community
member and led the campaigns to
finish the bike path. Students should
rejoice. She knew this was something
important for the town and most
importantly for the students. Also,
if you did know that Jan led the initia-
tive up Bishop Peak to be a public
hiking trail? Talk about a benefit
for the Betterment of Mankind, or
Americans for Puppies, Apple Pie,
and the Fourth of July.

But Mars was even more true that
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Seventy million dollars, the DISCLOSE Act. Meanwhile, on the
House side, House GOP leader John
Boehner said in 2007, “We ought to
have full disclosure, full disclosure of all of the money that we raise and how it is spent.” And I think that might
be the best disinfectant.” But when the
potential big donors voiced their disappoin-
ted with the recent ruling that
Trumped their distaste for sun-
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ANNOUNCEMENT

Come join the brand new Diabetes Club on campus! Our goals are to gain knowledge and support, raise awareness, educate our community about diabetes, and HAVE FUN! Our next meeting will be held this Thursday, November 4, 2010 at 6pm in the Library, Room 216 K. Hope to see you there!
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Krisztina Santiago, who recently completed a career at Cal Poly, has seen her basketball skills improve and become more diverse throughout the years. Santiago said her perimeter skills have blossomed since she first arrived.

"(She) spends quite a bit of time practicing ball-handling skills," Mimnaugh said. "(That way), she has more confidence when she goes to play (rivals)."

Mimnaugh also said Santiago could be the best women's basketball player to have come through the program.

"From an offensive standpoint, I do think Kristina is the best player we have worked with at Cal Poly," Mimnaugh said. "From the record standpoint, Kristina is chasing her records."

As far as records go, she definitely has the abilities and talent to own almost every record in the book, Mimnaugh said.

Leading by example is a very important commitment for Santiago, but said she has a hard time fulfilling this duty when she is injured and forced to sit out.

"When I get hurt, that's definitely the hardest," Santiago said. "I even sat out earlier this year because I was having knee issues. It's really hard (to sit on) the sidelines to try to help people and tell (them) what to do. You don't really have that credibility (anymore)."

Regardless, Santiago goes all-out when it comes to her teammates.

"(I have to try) to do what's best for the team and really discipline myself to stay focused on that goal. I think good leaders, good captains, are keys to winning. You have to have that discipline and the people that push everyone to get better and set the standards."

As far as basketball goes, Santiago doesn't plan on quitting anytime soon. She doesn't know what the future holds, but she anticipates that basketball will stay with her for a very long time.

"Basketball is one of my (future) plans," Santiago said. "I want to keep playing for as long as I can."

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Moss didn't expect we'd lose this game. I don't know how many more times I'll be in New England again. But I leave coach Belichick and those guys with a salute: I love you guys. I miss you. I'm out."

Childress doesn't see Moss' remarks as "incendiary," he said. The closest he came to criticizing him was when he admitted Moss could have caught a pass that fell incomplete in the end zone.

"But again, I don't know," Childress said. "He was restricted. If they called pass interference, there had to be some kind of restriction."
There isn't much left for Kristina Santiago to accomplish

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Forward Kristina Santiago doesn't settle for anything.

"Since I (was) little, that's kind of the way I've been raised," Santiago said. "Not only sports, but life, you can always do better. You can always strive for more."

"Striving for more" is exactly what she's done.

The 2009-2010 Big West Player of the Year has raked up a remarkable athletic career during her time at Cal Poly. Her 19.6 points-per-game average last season helped her become the fourth-leading scorer in school history. She is also one of only six Mustang athletes in history to record over 400 points during a single season, which she accomplished during the 2008-2009 season when she was only a sophomore.

However, this is not enough for the 6-foot-1-inch kinesiology senior who dreams of moving forward with her basketball career after she graduates from Cal Poly.

"I want to keep playing basketball," Santiago said. "I've definitely thought about (going to the WNBA). I've been contacted by an agent that thinks I have potential to play for the WNBA, so we'll see. He said the main thing was my size and that I'm very versatile."

Until then, Santiago is concentrating on helping the Mustangs make it to the NCAA championships.

"I expect us to get to the NCAA tournament, especially since it's never happened before," she said. "We've always been right there, but this is definitely the year we need to get that. It's my ultimate goal while I'm still here."

As she works toward her ultimate goal, Santiago is hoping to make final improvements in the offseason because no matter how she plays on the court, Santiago believes she still has much more to work on.

"My rebounding improved from last year, but I still think I can do better," Santiago said. "I want to crack harder. I definitely want to focus on (that) and to discipline myself. Ball-handling (is something) I want to improve on, too."

Santiago said her perfectionist attitude stemmed from her parents, and the way she was raised. As a child, Santiago said she started playing basketball later than most kids and had to play "catch up" athletically.

"I was really good when I started playing, so a lot of people kept pushing me to keep doing better and playing and getting into club basketball," Santiago said. "Growing up, Santiago said her father and brothers were the ones who introduced her to the sport and she idolizes them for their help. Her father, Tony Santiago, said he always saw that drive in Kristina and the love of the game in her eyes."

"(Kristina is) focused, determined and smart," Tony Santiago said. "It shows in her game and how she plays. She is very intelligent out there on the court."

She also looks up to two of her former teammates, Lisa McBride and Megan Harrison, who, when the three of them played together, were dubbed as the "Big Three." McBride, Harrison, playing with Santiago and how devoted she was to basketball.

"She has so much passion for the game," McBride said. "You can always count on her. I'll throw her passes and she'll catch them; she's always there."

Women's basketball head coach Faith Mimnaugh, who has coached Santiago since the beginning of her

Giants win first their first championship since 1954

Bob Glauber

If the trade last month that sent Randy Moss from the Patriots to the Vikings wasn't a big enough shock, the Vikings just released the mercurial wide receiver after just four games.

Vikings coach Brad Childress informed his players Monday morning at a team meeting that Moss would not remain with the team. An NFL source said Monday that Moss had not been placed on waivers, but the transaction was expected to happen Tuesday. Teams would then have 24 hours to put in a claim for Moss. He would be awarded to the team with the worst record that put in a claim.

The decision to release Moss came a day after the Vikings lost to the Patriots, 28-18, in Foxboro. After the game, Moss delivered a rambling, five-minute monologue in which he heaped lavish praise on the Patriots organization.

"I miss them guys, man. I miss the game," he said of the Patriots, who traded Moss for a third-round pick in 2011. "It was hard for me to come here and play. Been资质and-down roller coaster emotionally all week. And then to be able to come in here and see those guys running in their locker room, man, and I just want to be able to tell the guys that I miss the hell out of them. Every last helmet in that locker room, man."

Patriots coach Bill Belichick decided to say whether he would put in a claim for Moss, or whether he'd sign him as a free agent if Moss went unclaimed and cleared waivers.

"You know I can't comment on the status of any of the other players in the league or any other transactions or anything like that," Belichick said. "Asked hypothetically if Moss cleared waivers, Belichick replied, "If the moons were made of Swiss cheese ... You know I can't comment."

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