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What tips do you have for finding a house?

“Google, pretty much. Google housing and you’ll find a lot of listings.”
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- Don’t go looking until mid-April, most management companies don’t know what is open until then.
- First and second years shouldn’t pass up a good rental in a complex, since house rentals are looking for tenants with verifiable renting histories.
- Go into it like it’s a job interview — dress nicely, be professional, like you’re selling a product, which in this case is a good tenant.
Know your California tenant rights

- There are limits on the security deposits people are required to pay. In an unfurnished apartment, it cannot be more than two months' rent, and in a furnished apartment, no more than three, unless the tenant has a waterbed. Tenants also have the right to get the security deposit back upon moving out.

- There are limits on when the landlord can enter the rental unit. The landlord can come in only in the case of an emergency, when the tenant has moved, to make agreed-upon changes, to show the apartment to future tenants, or to perform an initial inspection of the apartment before the tenants move out.

- The right to sue the landlord for violations of the law or rental agreement.

- The right to repair serious flaws in the rental and to subtract certain repair costs out of the rent.

- The right NOT to pay rent under certain circumstances. If the landlord doesn't repair serious problems that make the apartment unlivable or dangerous, the tenant may refuse to pay rent until repairs are made.

- There is protection against retaliatory eviction. The landlord can't raise rent or try to evict a tenant who wants their tenant's rights respected.
Website helps students keep sharp when looking for houses

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Looking for a place to live in San Luis Obispo can be hard, but Cal Poly students Kiyana Tahriz and Haley Perkins created a new website to help make house-hunting a little less difficult — Sharptenant.com.

The website is a place where students can search property and landlord ratings throughout San Luis Obispo.

Both Tahriz, a political science senior, and Perkins, a psychology senior, decided to create the website for their senior project after a "horrendous" experience last year.

"I would say we came up with the idea about a year ago," Perkins said. "We had a horrific landlord situation and realized that if we had some basic information beforehand, we would have been much better off."

The duo was faced with a rat infestation in their house, which was only the beginning of their problems. They said their landlord was antagonizing and verbally abusive when we were about to sign our lease (last year) and we were able to see a profile of this landlord, maybe we would have decided to live elsewhere," Perkins said.

The goal of the website is to inform and empower students so they understand the power they hold and can use it, Perkins said.

"This website was made to inform students of landlord/tenant laws as well as warn students about potential landlords or properties," Tahriz said.

Students who visit the website have access to a list of landlords and properties, their ratings and a search function where students can simply enter in the name of a potential landlord or property to see how it has been rated in the past.

Amanda Nespor, a kinesiology junior, said Sharptenant.com is a great way to help out students looking for housing.

"It will allow (tenants) to know what to expect," Nespor said. "Students will know which landlords are strict or not and whether or not the landlord is reliable, which is pretty important."

But both creators stressed the importance of student input. The website will only be meaningful if students participate, Tahriz said.

"It's a resource for students and it can only be utilized if students actively use it," Perkins said.

Tahriz compared it to a popular website amongst Cal Poly students — Polyratings.com. Similar to Sharptenant.com, the website simply does not work without student input. If a student cannot see other students' terrible (or not so terrible) experiences, they could end up, unknowingly, in the same boat.

"The landlord that we had last year also owned at least 20 other properties, their ratings and a search function where students can simultaneously enter in the name of a potential landlord or property to see how it has been rated in the past."

"This website was made to inform students of landlord/tenant laws as well as warn students about potential landlords or properties," co-creator of Sharptenant.com Kiyana Tahriz said. "It will allow (tenants) to know what to expect."

There is also a "Know Your Rights" tab where future tenants can sort through a variety of information on topics ranging from home inspections before renting to managing repairs.

"There's just so many basic rights that many students don't even know they have," Perkins said.

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Did you forget something?
Don't get caught up searching for things last minute before you move. Cut out this checklist for moving in and out to save yourself from having the "Oh, shit, I forgot something!" moment.

**Checklist for Moving Into a New Apartment**

- Review your lease and restrictions on alterations you can make to your new apartment. If you can't put holes in the wall, it's important to know!
- Don't lose your important documents. Your copy of the lease and the like should be in their own container so you can keep track of them.
- Meet with your roommates to decide on responsibilities.
- Call the utilities companies to turn on gas, electricity, etc.
- Photograph each room before you move items as evidence of any damage. Make a list if anything is broken or damaged. Mail one copy to your landlord and get them to sign off on it; mail the other to yourself and don't open it! The postmark will act as evidence if your landlord says you damaged anything.
- File a change of address with the Post Office, DMV, etc.
- Buy some groceries!
- Plan a house/apartment warming party!

**Checklist for Moving Out of an Apartment**

- Call utilities to set the date for turning them off.
- Remove any nails or nails from the walls.
- Pick your things and make the move to another apartment. Moving out before your deadline gives you time to deep clean the apartment before the move-out inspection.
- Replace anything that's been broken (such as blinds).
- Take another set of photos to document the state of each room after cleaning and before inspection.
- Go to your move-out inspection.
- Turn in your keys.

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**Tenant**

"I wish I would have known my roommates better."
- Justin Witt, communication freshman

"How expensive it is to live super close to campus.
- Karl Sheer, graphic communication sophomore

"Be sure you clearly know the contract details — like what you have to pay and what you're responsible for.
- Jonas Friedel, aerospace engineering senior

"Check to make sure things are OK — like your shower is working, so you don't get broken things blamed on you.
- Marina Karger, industrial engineering junior

"You probably should know who you're living with.
- Austin Weige, business administration freshman

"How to cook, but besides that, the roommate talk before you actually enter. Know the ins and outs of roommate chores and mutualism.
- Jacob Brandt, landscape architecture junior

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"I'm sure there are a ton of things that people should know, but don't about their rights." Nespor said. "I guess this gives people a better idea of what they're entitled to (as tenants)."

Sharptenant.com was launched a month ago and already has information on thousands of landlords and properties in its database, according to the website.

"We want to encourage more people to go on and rate," Tabrizi said. "Give good landlords more business and warn students to stay away from the bad ones."
Smoke and mirrors: smoking ban doesn’t apply to campus

We cannot go onto the campus and enforce it there because Cal Poly is on state land.

— Brigitte Elke
Principal administrative analyst for San Luis Obispo

Despite the May 2010 smoking ordinance in San Luis Obispo, smoking in public places continues to occur, especially on the Cal Poly campus.

The ordinance bans smoking in all public places throughout the city. Exceptions include private residential property, in hotel rooms designated for smoking, in outdoor areas at bars where no food is served and at existing tobacco retailers.

For those Cal Poly students wondering why they still see people smoking on campus, it’s because they can.

Brigitte Elke, the principal administrative analyst for the city of San Luis Obispo, said the city ordinance does not apply to the Cal Poly campus because it is not under the city’s jurisdiction.

“We cannot go onto the campus and enforce it there because Cal Poly is on state land,” Elke said. “The superior agencies regulate (ordinances) there.”

Therefore, students, visitors and employees of the university can light up their cigarettes while in designated smoking locations on campus.

Chief of University Police Department (UPD) Bill Warton did not know a ban on smoking existed.

“There is no ban that I know of... but we do not regularly enforce smoking regulations,” Warton said.

Technically Warton is right; there is no ban on smoking throughout his main jurisdiction, but other regulations do apply to those who wish to smoke on campus.

“You can’t smoke anywhere inside a state building, or within 20 feet of an entrance or exit to a building,” Warton said. “There are also maps on the Cal Poly website and one of them shows where you can and can’t smoke.”

Students like Carl Anderson, a kinesiology junior, have noticed smoking regulations more strictly.

“I feel like if you’re choosing not to smoke, there is no reason why you should have to inhale it on campus,” Anderson said. “I was just in class and someone was smoking outside, and I could smell it through the window and someone was smoking outside, and I could smell it through the window of our building.”

Even though smoking is said to be allowed in designated areas only, cigarettes often seem to be lit up all over with relatively no consequences.

“We don’t really enforce smoking regulations unless someone complains to us about someone who is refraining to comply,” Warton said. “But there have been no issues on campus since I’ve been here.”

Warton said before UPD gets involved, it is up to building management to deal with the issues first.

San Luis Obispo has always been ahead of the curve when it comes to smoking legislation — in 1990 it was the first city in the world to ban smoking inside buildings.

“So far there have been no negative reactions,” Elke said. “However, we have actually started to ask the police department to enforce the policy more strictly.”

At this point, the San Luis Obispo Police Department (SLOPD) has done less enforcing via citations and has focused more on educating and warning those that break the ordinance, Elke said.

Although smoking is a personal choice, secondhand smoke may also put people around a smoker at risk. The 2006 U.S. Surgeon General’s Report stated there is no safe level of exposure to secondhand smoke.

“If you’re choosing not to smoke, there is no reason why you should have to inhale it on campus.”

— Carl Anderson
Kinesiology junior

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Renting responsibilities vary for Cal Poly students

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Finding a new place to call home next year can be exciting — and daunting. The financial steps to rent a house, though intimidating, can easily be understood by anyone preparing to move into a new apartment or house.

Out of the renting options, living on campus in Poly Canyon Village seems to be the easiest transition from the dorms to renting life, though not the cheapest.

For students who plan to live at home over the summer, this may be the best option as Poly Canyon offers a nine-month lease designed for students who plan on being in San Luis Obispo for just the school year. It costs approximately $763 per month for a private bedroom and $617 per month for a shared bedroom for the 2011-2012 school year. This includes all utility bills, such as cable, Internet, electricity, water and garbage. This also includes a housekeeping service that services the bathrooms in the apartments.

University Housing Outreach and Program Coordinator Tessa Stevens said one positive aspect about living in Poly Canyon is each tenant is only responsible for his or her rent.

"Students can have peace of mind by signing an individual nine-month academic year lease for their own bedroom in an apartment with their roommates," Stevens said. "This is very convenient for students as they are only responsible for the rent for their own bedroom, or bedspace if they are sharing a bedroom. If plans change or if financial difficulty arises with a roommate, students can rest assured that they are only responsible for their private individual lease and rent."

Renting an apartment or house can be cheaper than living in Poly Canyon but involves more responsibilities. Applications to rent a house or apartment may cost a fee to process. This can range from $10 to upward of $60. Renting an apartment involves an initial deposit. This fee can range from the cost of first month's rent to a couple hundred dollars, depending on the size of the apartment and the tenants' policies. Typically, apartment complexes factor in some utility bills into rent cost.

Valencia Apartment property manager Sarah Helberg said her tenants pay a $200 utility fee every quarter, which eliminates the hassle of setting up electricity, water and cable bills. Other apartment complexes pay for some utility bills but require students to set up and pay for others on their own. Mustang Village, for example, pays for water and garbage but requires students to set up accounts with Pacific Gas and Electric and Charter for their electric and cable/Internet bills.

Cal-West Real Estate property manager Ellie Malykont said she advises students who have lived on campus to rent an apartment before renting a house with several friends. After being in real estate for 19 years, Malykont said she has seen a pattern of students who get out of the dorms, live with several of their close friends and then find themselves living in a one or two-bedroom apartment after a year of roommate troubles.

"Having to deal with four or
Renting
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"It's better to live on-campus because of convenience. You don't have to travel anywhere."
— Carly Althoff, architecture freshman

"On campus is better because you have accessibility to groceries. Also, once you're 21 alcohol is allowed off campus."
— Gracie Nixon, electrical engineering senior

five other roommates is not easy," Malykont said, "that's what my experience has shown me. There are always a lot of kids who want to live with a lot of their close friends. It's not always fun when you're trying to get your studies done."

For students who are hard-pressed to live in a house, there are several financial considerations to take into account. First, a lease must be signed with all tenants and the landlord.

Signing a lease makes the signers responsible for paying rent. Malykont typically has a group of students sign a "joint and several" lease, making all renters responsible for rent payments. If you have a flaky roommate, Malykont said, that means you're still responsible to pay his or her share of the rent if they decide to leave.

The lease, in most cases, must be signed with a co-signer. Landlords need co-signers because students don't have collateral.

"Students don't have credit nor do they have property," Malykont said. "We can go after (the co-signer's) assets if they don't pay their rent."

Secondly, a deposit must be paid. Similar to the process of renting an apartment, deposits for house rentals can typically cost up to as much as first month's rent. When renters move out, they can expect some of the money to go toward cleaning expenses, Malykont said.

Additional money will be taken out for any damages done to the property. Other fees besides rent may include yard maintenance, all utility bills and parking.

Important factors to consider when renting includes the location of the apartment or house. Helberg said it's a good idea to live in an apartment complex where students live close to other students and noise ordinances seem to be less of an issue.

"You're going to have more of your peers around you as opposed to a house where you may be living next to a family," Halberg said.

"In houses, it seems to be more prevalent with noise violations than among any apartment complexes in San Luis Obispo."
Word on the Street

How do you pay for housing?

"My parents do now, but I'll have to pay for it next year." — Erika Drake, chemical engineering sophomore

"My parents pay for it." — Melina Smak, computer science sophomore

"I'm paying for it." — Jorge Mendoca, computer science sophomore

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Homeowning becoming less of a priority for federal government

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As Congress and the White House debate how to patch up the housing market after four years of crisis, one clear lesson has emerged: Political leaders for the first time in decades no longer see the American dream of homeownership as the all-consum ing goal it once was.

Against a backdrop of burgeoning foreclosures leading to blighted neighborhoods and rising homelessness, the administration's blueprint for housing finance points out what may seem obvious but is difficult for most politicians to acknowledge: The debts and responsibilities associated with homeownership are not for everyone, and many families are better off renting.

That feature of the White House's plan for winding down mortgage giants Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac helped engender a surprisingly warm response from congressional Republicans, who are intent on minimizing the government's role in housing, while it set off an unexpectedly sharp backlash from administration allies, such as liberal groups and advocates of lower-income Americans.

Housing and Urban Development Secretary Shaun Donovan called it "rebalancing" the government's longstanding preference for homeownership and said that the administration wants to "afford homeownership shouldn't be put in an unsustainable loan," Mr. Taylor said. But, "the administration's proposal may be overly narrowing the window of opportunity for many blue-collar and low- and moderate-income people from realizing their dream of homeownership."

The prickly response from progressive groups contrasts with the welcoming tone from congressional Republican leaders. Rep. Scott Garrett, New Jersey Republican and chairman of the House Financial Services Committee's capital markets subcommittee, said it was "encouraging" that the administration is "on the same page" as Republicans.

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Mortgage crisis remains a concern for government

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Federal and state officials are analyzing proposals that could help people who lost their homes or missed mortgage payments as a key part in resolving a multibillion-dollar case over botched foreclosure paperwork.

Government negotiators are wrestling with banks and their mortgage servicing arms over the amount of the settlement — from $5 billion to $20 billion — and then must decide how best to use the money.

"We are getting close to a critical phase of negotiations," said Geoff Greenwood, spokesman for Iowa Atty. Gen. Tom Miller, who is leading attorneys general from all 50 states in investigating mortgage foreclosure problems. "We've frustrated nothing, and we're still working on some very complicated issues."

One of the most delicate issues is determining how to aid homeowners without further damaging the housing market.

Should the money, for instance, go only to people whose mortgages were directly affected by faulty robosigned documents — those signed without being reviewed by anyone — or should it be spread broadly to all troubled homeowners in order to mitigate the harm caused to the entire housing market?

Under one proposal, people who already have lost their homes could get cash payments or access to new mortgages at special low rates, according to two government officials familiar with the talks but who requested their names not be used because a deal hasn't been struck yet.

Another proposal, they said, would force major servicers, including Bank of America Corp. and Wells Fargo & Co., to provide a total of $20 billion to reduce principal on troubled mortgages — and eat the costs, not pass them on to mortgage investors.

Rep. Maxine Waters (D-Los Angeles) said $20 billion for principal write-downs was not enough money, given the scope of the problem.

At the end of September, the total amount of negative equity — how much borrowers nationwide were underwater — was $744 billion, according to a real estate research firm CoreLogic in Santa Ana.

"The settlement is too small and will likely have one of two results: Either borrowers will receive insignificant principal reductions or reductions will only be available to a small subset of troubled borrowers," Waters said.

But others contend writing down principal could cause more problems by encouraging borrowers to stop making their monthly payments, hoping to score a reduction in the money they owe.

"The magic wand is principal reduction ... but to what extent does it encourage people to stop paying?" said Ben Ely, an independent banking analyst. Some banks might balk at such a requirement, he said.

"This is clearly a very global type of solution, but I question whether or not everybody's actually going to buy into it," he said. "And even if everybody did, the question is, how effective is it going to be?"

One proposal to deter homeowners from intentionally missing payments, one government official involved in the talks said, would make principal reductions available without requiring that mortgages be in default.

"Competing agendas of different government agencies and potential pushback from mortgage servicers could force separate settlements and delay an overall resolution more than a month," the official said. Otherwise, a broad settlement would be reached within weeks, they said.

Because foreclosure laws vary, state officials are taking a leading role in the negotiations. But Washington is also important because the four largest servicers, which dominate the market, are national banks that are overseen by federal regulators.

Officials from federal government agencies involved in the negotiations, including the Treasury Department, the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency and the new Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, declined requests for comment.

Bank of America and Wells Fargo executives also declined to comment. But Wells said the bank already has written off more than $3.8 billion in principal on troubled mortgages.

A coalition of 30 state and local liberal groups, such as People Improving Communities through Organizing and the Service Employees International Union, said they would deliver petitions to attorneys general in nine states demanding a large settlement with tough conditions.

For those who lost their homes through what the coalition called "fraudulent or criminal behavior," the group wants to get financial restitution for the full market value of the home or the rent of the property if it hasn't been sold.

But congressional Republicans have slammed the administrations mortgage modification program as ineffective, and some are worried that settlement money would be funneled to it.

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I'm a freshman. So true to freshman fashion, I live in the dorms. No, not dorms, my resident adviser will tell you, but residence halls. I live in a refrigerator box-sized room with two other people. In theory that sounds horrendous, right? Right.

But I wouldn't have it any other way. What's funny is this wasn't the initial plan. When I received my housing information in August, I had been assigned to live in Sierra Madre. Within 15 minutes I called University Housing and asked what had happened - I hadn't added Sierra Madre to my preference sheet. University Housing told me they'd see what they could do to make it work, and apologized for the error.

A week before we left for school I received a phone call. A spot was now open in Trinity Hall. That spot was mine, and the rest is history.

Now when I walk downtown in Trinity Hall each morning, I am greased by the people I now call my family. The common room is my living room, the teeny-tiny kitchen is my kitchen. This large building filled with bite-sized rooms is my home.

Dorm life has easily been my favorite part of freshman year. But there are a few things I wish I had known before I threw myself into this exciting, fast-paced environment, and there are a few things I feel like I missed out on.

I wish I had known how to be creative with Campus Dining. There are so many ways to get creative when overcooked pasta becomes boring. Had I known that you could get a side of residence halls, page 21

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Heather Rockwood is a food science junior and Mustang Daily food columnist.

As a PolyRep, I am privileged to have the opportunity to show students and parents around Cal Poly's campus. I am asked a myriad of questions, and presented with many myths regarding college life that I must debunk. One of the largest misconceptions all visitors have is that it is impossible to eat healthy while living in the dorms and dining on campus.

As a matter of fact, that is a misconception held widely by many students on campus, along with the complaint that it is too difficult and expensive to make healthy choices. As a junior Campus Dining and dorm veteran, I can attest to the fact that these statements just aren't true. Yes, sometimes choosing the healthier options on campus and preparing satisfying meals in the dorms can seem like a lot of work to the untrained eye, but with a little ingenuity, a little practice and a few helpful tips, eating healthy on campus is a secret that is about to be exposed.

The first step to healthy dorm eating is to not make any foods here forbidden. By declaring certain foods unhealthy and notorious for frequenting college campuses — such as bacon cheeseburgers, ice cream, French fries and meat lover’s pizza — as forbidden, you inadvertently create an even larger desire for that food, and thus will have a harder time not eating it. If history has taught us anything, it’s that mankind (especially those who just received more freedom than they’ve ever had) loses that which it cannot have. So, don’t make things harder than you already think they are when trying to eat healthy. That being said, I’m not promoting a weekly habit of consuming the above mentioned foods — it’s all right to indulge in them once in a while, but don’t make these staple go-to foods.

Now that you have an unrestricted diet, what food choices should you focus on that contribute to a healthy diet? Most people have heard about the food pyramid and have some idea of the foods that should be populating their dinner plate to promote healthy living, so I will not go into too much detail of what healthy eating means. Instead, I will highlight foods and cooking methods that are quick and easy to prepare in a kitchenless 11-foot by 13-foot room.

One of the easiest choices for a quick and healthy snack on campus is fresh fruits and veggies. These fruits and veggies cannot only be found at Campus Market and Village Marker, but also at quick stops such as The Avenue, Sandy's Sandwich Factory and other Campus Dining complexes. These eateries all take Plu$$ Dollars, so you won't need to travel to a local grocery store or spend any extra money to fill up the fruit basket.

The key here is to switch things up to keep from boring your taste buds and getting burnt out. If one week you only grab apples, oranges, carrots and celery from The Avenue, next week try mangoes, kiwis, edamame and sweet peas from Campus Market. If you still want more variety and want to stay on campus, look into the Cal Poly U-Pick program.

A rookie mistake often made by new freshmen is not using their meal credit on campus you get up to a certain set amount of money — so, if you still have 70 cents left after picking out your dinner, use the extra to buy a 65-cent fruit for tomorrow's snack. This way you save yourself from needlessly using Plu$$ Dollars later to buy the same fruit from an eatery that does not accept meal credits. All too many freshmen either waste that 70 cents by not purchasing anything or add to their temptations by grabbing another candy bar at every meal.

Now for prepping food in the dorms. Although there is a kitchen, it is rather small and must be shared with all residents of the dorms, so it is nice to know how to prep study snacks in the comfort of your own room. Immediately you think your options are limited to only boxed foods, Cap Noodles and the fresh fruits/veggies mentioned before. However, you would be surprised about the lesser known options available.

As previously mentioned, do not forbid foods such as Cap Noodles, but do be cautious as these foods are high in sodium and convenience is not enough to mask the lowered nutritional state. Instead, look for canned soups low in sodium and rich in other nutrients such as Amy's Soup. You could even add some brown rice (left see Freshman 15, page 22
Handy hints for horny housemates

Prior to coming to Cal Poly, I dreamed of college as a magical place devoid of parental oversight. As I packed my bags, I made sure to pack a few extra reams of condoms.

When I arrived in San Luis Obispo, I realized that no parents does not mean no rules. There were roommates, residential advisers and neighbors all in relatively close quarters — people I didn’t want to know about my antics.

So, here are some tips on how to be sexually active while still being respectful in college:

Talk to your roommate(s) about when — if ever — you can have someone over for a hookup. If you are in a situation in which there are two or three of you sharing one dorm room (I’m looking at you, red bricks), discuss whether or not you’re OK with this well in advance of your roommate bringing someone home from a party.

Designate the cues you’re going to leave for your roommate(s) to let them know when you’ve got someone over. A simple text message is brilliant, but you Cal Poly students are more clever. Leave a rubber band or sock around the doorknob to not only let your roommate know the deal, but your entire floor too. Respect your roommate though — don’t barge in while your roommate is in the middle of someone, and don’t leave your roommate without a place to sleep for the night.

Be well aware of the noises you make. Yes, I know dirty talking, screams of desire and moans of ecstasy make you feel like the sex gods you all are, but I can guarantee your neighbors aren’t interested. I know the dorm beds are really squeaky, both from personal experience and from my upstairs neighbors, but there’s not much that can be done about that. You can, and should, control your other noises. You don’t want to find out later that the entire floor knows you like to be spanked.

Clean up after yourself. Don’t leave condom wrappers, used condoms, dental dams, lube packets, washcloths or tissues with semen on them, sex toys, whipped cream (by the way, if you use food during sex, make sure to wash afterward so no one gets an infection), porn or edible underwear around the room.

If your roommates happen to be your parents, follow the guidelines above but err on the side of discretion. Unless, of course, you want your dad to cook breakfast for your partner or one-night stand.

So, remember that with these newfound college freedoms come new responsibilities. Bottom line: don’t let your sexual desires make enemies out of your neighbors.
Residence Halls

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plain pasta to put in your salad, or that Sandwich Factory's oatmeal tastes great
with the berries I bought at Farmers' Market last night, I would have been a
lot happier all quarter.

I wish I had started using my
friends' kitchens sooner. I just realized
a lot of this revolves around food. But
for me, good food and a place to cook
it are the only things lacking in Univer­

sity Housing. Once or twice I've used
my co-columnist JF's Cerro Vista kitch­
en to bake cookies (usually it's when I
lose a bet or owe him something), and I
don't know why I haven't taken advan­
tage of the fact one of my closest friends
has a kitchen with a stove, an oven and
everything you need to make a family
dinner. It's doable, it's easy and it's fun
when all your friends come together to
cook (and do the dishes afterward).

I wish I had known how fast
things change. When you live to­
gether, relationships and friendships
are different. My friends are won­
derful; I wouldn't trade them for the
world. But it's insane how quickly
friendships generate, deteriorate and
magically reappear after some time
apart. Someone might be your best
friend for a week, and then you don't
get lunch together for two weeks after
that. It's strange, but understandable,
especially in the fast-paced quarter
system. As cheesy as it sounds, you
have to know your real friends aren't
going to bail after a week, and things
will just pick up where they left off
after a lapse of dinner without them.

I wish I'd known RAs mean it
when they say "If we have to tell
you again, we're going to document
you." They mean business. If they say
you're being too loud, they definitely
mean it. Then you get a nice little
confidential letter detailing how loud
you were that night and you have to
write a paper and it's not fun. I am
not a fan of documentation.

I wish I had found my perfect
study places. Now, I know where to
study. I know that when I'm stressed
I need to get away from my lovely
redbrick home. But I reached that
conclusion with trial and error. A lot
of error. So when you move in, study
in places that feel right for you. If
you need to get off campus, get off
campus because it's not worth it to
struggle through studying in your
room if your grades are suffering.

I wish I'd known how fast the
year flies by. Here I go getting all
cheesy again but the fact is I'm more
than halfway finished with my time
in the dorms. I don't know what it
is about this place, but I don't want
to leave. I like the people, I like that
I can hear laughter erupting from
the common room. I like that when
I come home on a Saturday night
my roommate makes me a peanut
butter and jelly sandwich. I've built
a life here, and just as quickly as I
established myself as part of my hall,
I will have to say goodbye.

I know not everyone loves dorm
life. But I do, and I feel pretty lucky.
I hope everyone and anyone who lives
in the dorms can have as amazing of an
experience as I have had.

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**Freshman 15**

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over from 19 Metro Station the night before.

One key to healthy eating is knowing just what it is you are eating. If you make your own food, you know what goes into it and have the ability to keep certain health goals in mind. The trouble in college is many students do not think they will have the time or possess the skills to prepare their own snacks and meals, so they tend to purchase already prepared food. Don’t shy away from cooking—only because you think you don’t have the means. Look to the new college tool for cooking —the microwave—it is quick, easy and conveniently found right in the dorms.

There are cookbooks dedicated just to cooking with microwaves, which can serve as a thoughtful and useful housewarming gift for your new roommate. Sweet potatoes, baked potatoes, artichokes and many other veggies can be quickly prepared by being placed in the microwave. Oatmeal, millet and couscous are all grains that can also be quickly cooked with ease in the microwave.

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Although there are many other tips with keeping health in mind and striving for satisfying food on campus, I'll present just one more.

College is about stepping out and learning to live on your own. It is nice to get some guidance and help, but if I give you all the answers to what and where to eat on campus it becomes more like rules, and let’s face it, rules just tempt us to break them. So, explore and own your healthy eating habits here at Cal Poly, and remember this last piece of advice.

When looking at all the food options here on campus, look at them as if they were puzzle pieces, not already set in stone. If you look at each food individually you can mix and match the pieces each day to create a plethora of variety and flavor. The steamed veggies at Vista Grande do not have to be just baked potatoes, baked potatoes, artichokes and many other veggies can be quickly prepared by being placed in the microwave. Oatmeal, millet and couscous are all grains that can also be quickly cooked with ease in the microwave.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Don’t let someone else’s bad decision affect what you do with your own money. You know what’s best for you right now.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — You can learn a great deal from someone much younger and far more inexperienced — and learning it will seem to come naturally.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — A change in schedule may affect your priorities. A certain piece of hidden information cannot be shared just yet.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — You may not feel fully plugged in, but if there were ever a time to be disconnected, it’s now. Pay attention to trends, however.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Before too much time passes, you’ll want to make your mark in a way that is not easily forgotten by those claiming to be your rivals.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — What happens by accident is something you may very well want to make happen intentionally.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — The look of a thing is likely to be just as important as the substance you are trying to dress up. Your sense of style pays off.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — You may want to call an end to something that has been in decline for some time, and that has begun to cost you more than money.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — You are doing something that others think is worth doing, but they may try to change the way you are doing it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — You are dedicated to doing things that have your own unique stamp, but you’ll have a good reason to work hard for another.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — You may not fully understand your mother, but they are driving you to accomplish something that may be fondly remembered.

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Giants aiming for back-to-back titles

Daniel Brown
San Jose Mercury News

More than 30 years later, nobody has put a dent in the Big Red Machine. The 1975-76 Cincinnati Reds remain the last National League team to repeat as World Series champions.

In short, they did what the Giants are aiming to do.

Pete Rose, the gas pedal for the Big Red Machine, sees the Giants as capable of joining the list of back-to-back champs.

"They have pitching," he said on the phone from Los Angeles. "And when you have pitching, you're always going to be competitive. That's just the nature of the beast."

First, a look back: Unlike the plucky Giants, the powerhouse Reds were never characterized as misfits or castoffs. The '75 team won 108 games, took the division by 20 games and outscored opponents by 254 runs. Cincinnati beat the Boston Red Sox in a classic seven-game World Series, with Rose being named MVP.

As an encore, the Reds won 102 games in '76, took the division by 10 games, outscored opponents by 224 runs and swept the New York Yankees in four.

Asked to explain the Reds' sustained success, Rose clears up any lingering mystery.

"We had pretty damn good players," he said.

Now, back to the Giants. Rose said two factors open the door for a repeat in 2011 — a dominant pitching staff and a vulnerable NL West.

He cautioned, however, that the Giants face the same major hurdle as the other one-and-done champions since the Big Red Machine. The emergence of free agency makes it harder to keep a team intact, and even small changes can have a big effect.

Only four of the previous 13 NL teams to win the World Series since '76 even returned to the playoffs the following season. The Yankees (1977-78, 1998-2000) and Toronto Blue Jays (1992-93) are the only teams to repeat since.

Rose noted that the Giants have already lost two contributors, utility man Juan Uribe and shortstop Edgar Renteria. Last year's champs were hardly built around those two, but their contributions meant plenty.

Uribe cashed in by taking a three-year, $21 million deal with the Los Angeles Dodgers. Renteria, insulted by the Giants' original offer, left for a $2.1 million deal with Cincinnati.

"I think that's the problem with repeating."

The Reds had no such disruptions during their back-to-back titles. They had the same regulars in 1975 and '76: catcher Johnny Bench, first baseman Tony Perez, second baseman Joe Morgan, shortstop Dave Concepcion, third baseman Rose, left fielder George Foster, center fielder Cesar Geronimo and right fielder Ken Griffey.

As Rose said, pretty damn good players.

A retrospective on Rose's playing days, "4,192 — The Owning of the Hit King," was released on DVD last week. The movie culminates with his pursuit of Ty Cobb's all-time hit record — and focuses on his playing career rather than the gambling scandal that has kept Rose out of the Hall of Fame.
Looking back at a winter quarter of sports: men’s basketball

Mustang Daily Staff Report

When the Cal Poly men’s basketball team started the season without Kyle Olds and Amaury Fermin, it was almost certain the Mustangs would feel the loss on the court. But through the regular season, they haven’t.

The team has wrapped up one of the best seasons in program history. They reeled off eight straight wins in their conference schedule to boast only the second No. 2 seed of all time.

And senior guard Shawn Lewis was one of the main reasons why. Lewis became Cal Poly’s No. 7 leading scorer with 17 points in the Mustangs’ victory against Northern Arizona Feb. 20.

He helped second-year head coach Joe Callero lead the Mustangs to his best season with the Mustangs, despite losing Fermin, Olds and three other seniors from last year’s squad.

But despite a record-setting finish, the Mustangs struggled on the court through their nonconference schedule.

After defeating Seattle 76-60 in the season-opener, the Mustangs dropped two straight games to Cal Slate Monterey Bay and Montana State. Then, after going 2-1 in their next three games, the Mustangs set their sights on one of the toughest road trips in program history.

Cal Poly was set to play Loyola Marymount, UCLA, No. 10 San Diego State and California. Despite losing to the Aztecs by just six points — and nine points to the Bruins — the Mustangs ended the trip with a 0-5 record.

But with their record in conference play, it seems the harsh competition has paid off. Cal Poly is poised to make a similar run next season. The Mustangs will lose only one player to graduation — Lewis — and will get back Fermin, Olds and a couple of new faces who may be immediate contributors on the court.

Forward Chris Eversley, a transfer from Rice, will help the Mustangs in terms of size, and heralded recruit Reese Morgan will give Cal Poly a sharpshooter from behind the 3-point line. Morgan averaged 27 points per game in his final season at Palos Verdes Peninsula High School and, according to ESPN’s scouting profile, “may be the most prolific shooter in the west.”

Combine that with experienced freshmen Malik Love and Jamal Johnson, who filled in for injured players this season, and the Mustangs could be contenders for the top of the Big West for the next couple of seasons.

It is certainly a step some didn’t expect after losing two guards at the beginning of the season.
Looking back at a winter quarter of sports: women's basketball

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The Cal Poly women's basketball team won its way into history this year by securing a share of the Big West regular season title for the first time in program history. After losing senior forward Kristina Santiago minutes into the season, few thought Cal Poly could rebound and be in a position for an NCAA tournament bid.

Led by senior Rachel Clancy, the Mustangs have compiled a 12-3 conference record including wins over UC Davis and UC Santa Barbara.

The women started conference play on an 8-0 tear, beating every team in the Big West including conference favorite UC Davis at home by nine points, using only six players.

Clancy took control of the squad during their stretch with a short bench. She scored a career-high 31 points in the Mustangs' victory over the Aggies.

The very same Aggies ended the win streak with a dominating performance in Davis, beating the Mustangs 82-61.

The team dropped two more games on the road to Cal State Northridge and UC Riverside, putting its conference lead in jeopardy when it came back to Mott Gym Feb. 24 to face Cal State Fullerton.

However, the Mustangs regrouped with new Cal Poly president Jeffrey Armstrong in attendance, putting up 47 points in the final 20 minutes to deliver head coach Faith Mimnaugh her 100th Big West victory. She is only the fifth head coach in conference history to reach that mark.

Mimnaugh has been an instrumental part in Cal Poly's recent success on the hardwood.

Over the last three seasons, she has led the Mustangs to a 53-30 combined record — after starting her career 123-186.

With Santiago, last season's Big West Player of the Year, returning next year, and just three seniors leaving, the Mustangs may be able to repeat Mimnaugh's recent success next year.
You thought you were friends but turned out to be an enemy. Or for some, they couldn't shut up. Or for others, they had a thing for always eating the food just out of the refrigerator. Or, the time you came back after a three-hour visit from a roommate's fling. Everyone has them — the stories about roommates nobody is bragging about, but everyone wants to hear (and then offer up their own in an attempt to prove how much worse their roommate was). From disrespectful to down right repulsive, roommates somehow find a way to annoy anyone, or anything.

Here are some types of roommates that will make you grateful your roommate's only vice is that they can't shut up. Or for some, you'll be relieved to hear you're not alone.

A common type of roommate is the one you thought was your friend but turned out to be just plain frustrating. This is what happened to biological sciences senior Coleen Sabatini during his freshman year. He and a friend from high school decided to be roommates in the dorms, despite advice from others who said it was a bad idea. Fast forward a few months, and this decision proved to be a bad one.

"Since we knew each other so long, we knew the things each other hated," Sabatini said. "We knew how to piss each other off.

Sometimes, Sabatini's roommate would have friends over who would eat Sabatini's food while playing video games into the wee hours of the morning — even after Sabatini had spent a late night in the library and needed sleep. Or, the roommate wouldn't grant Sabatini the privacy he requested when his girlfriend visited, he said.

"I think there were three or four times during the year when we couldn't take it anymore, and it would get physical," Sabatini said. "I'd be mad at him for behaving stupid, and he'd get mad at me for saying so much.

By the time the move-out date came around, Sabatini was happy to go home. The way he saw it, their personalities clashed living in such close proximity.

"At the end of freshman year, I didn't talk to him for the entire summer because I was so angry with him and fed up with his antics," Sabatini said. "After that, I cooled off, and we became friends again.

Frustrating roommates can be a lot to deal with, but the roommate who lacks hygiene can be just as bad. Kinesiology senior Jesse Madera said during his freshman year he lived in a quad (a space converted into a room for four people, usually on the first floor of a residence hall) with two average guys and one who turned out to be not so average.

"He was a hygiene disaster," Madera said. "He would frequently go to the gym, come back all sweaty and just go to bed. It was gross.

Daily routines such as showering and shaving were not a part of this roommate's to-do list. Instead, he became the roommate who hindered the others from bringing friends home.

"I was embarrassed to be his roommate," Madera said. "I'd usually go other places, and I wouldn't want to bring people back.

Even though Madera went into the living situation voluntarily, he said he regretted the decision after encountering this roommate.

"He once borrowed my sleeping bag for a trip," he said. "When he returned it, it was full of dirt and smelled like death. I took four days outside (hanging) up in the sun to get the smell away.

One year was up. Madera said he felt liberated when he finally moved out.

Then, there is the infamous roommate who thinks it's OK to "sexile" their roommate.

Business administration junior Meghan Dean said she once had to deal with a week-long visit from a roommate's fiancé. While Dean's roommate and the guest were in the room doing their thing, she would try to kill time with other people, but that would only last so long, she said.

"There were times when I had been out of the room for three hours either in class or with friends, so I'd try to go back," Dean said. "One of the times, a friend and I were walking toward my room and heard the bed, so I was like, 'Oh no!' and we left again.

During the week, Dean said the roommate resorted to sleeping in friends' rooms but still couldn't get a good night's sleep or keep up with schoolwork because of the noise.

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Remember that time your food just happened to get mixed in the refrigerator? Or the time you were locked out of your own room until an ungodly hour?

Everyone has them — the stories about roommates nobody is bragging about, but everyone wants to hear (and then offer up their own in an attempt to prove how much worse their roommate was). From disrespectful to down right repulsive, roommates somehow find a way to annoy anyone, or anything.

Here are some types of roommates that will make you grateful your roommate's only vice is that they can't shut up. Or for some, you'll be relieved to hear you're not alone.

A common type of roommate is the one you thought was your friend but turned out to be just plain frustrating. This is what happened to biological sciences senior Coleen Sabatini during his freshman year. He and a friend from high school decided to be roommates in the dorms, despite advice from others who said it was a bad idea. Fast forward a few months, and this decision proved to be a bad one.

"Since we knew each other so long, we knew the things each other hated," Sabatini said. "We knew how to piss each other off.

Sometimes, Sabatini's roommate would have friends over who would eat Sabatini's food while playing video games into the wee hours of the morning — even after Sabatini had spent a late night in the library and needed sleep. Or, the roommate wouldn't grant Sabatini the privacy he requested when his girlfriend visited, he said.

"I think there were three or four times during the year when we couldn't take it anymore, and it would get physical," Sabatini said. "I'd be mad at him for behaving stupid, and he'd get mad at me for saying so much.

By the time the move-out date came around, Sabatini was happy to go home. The way he saw it, their personalities clashed living in such close proximity.

"At the end of freshman year, I didn't talk to him for the entire summer because I was so angry with him and fed up with his antics," Sabatini said. "After that, I cooled off, and we became friends again.

Frustrating roommates can be a lot to deal with, but the roommate who lacks hygiene can be just as bad. Kinesiology senior Jesse Madera said during his freshman year he lived in a quad (a space converted into a room for four people, usually on the first floor of a residence hall) with two average guys and one who turned out to be not so average.

"He was a hygiene disaster," Madera said. "He would frequently go to the gym, come back all sweaty and just go to bed. It was gross.

Daily routines such as showering and shaving were not a part of this roommate's to-do list. Instead, he became the roommate who hindered the others from bringing friends home.

"I was embarrassed to be his roommate," Madera said. "I'd usually go other places, and I wouldn't want to bring people back.

Even though Madera went into the living situation voluntarily, he said he regretted the decision after encountering this roommate.

"He once borrowed my sleeping bag for a trip," he said. "When he returned it, it was full of dirt and smelled like death. I took four days outside (hanging) up in the sun to get the smell away.

One year was up. Madera said he felt liberated when he finally moved out.

Then, there is the infamous roommate who thinks it's OK to "sexile" their roommate.

Business administration junior Meghan Dean said she once had to deal with a week-long visit from a roommate's fiancé. While Dean's roommate and the guest were in the room doing their thing, she would try to kill time with other people, but that would only last so long, she said.

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Looking back at a quarter of winter sports: wrestling

The wrestling team entered the season with high hopes in a year of transition. Last year’s head coach John Azevedo promoted Mark Perry to co-head coach for the Mustangs, beginning the Perry era.

Coming off of a seventh-place finish at the 2010 NCAA Championships, Boris Novachkov has continued to dominate his opponents on his way to a 27-1 record going into the NCAA Championships. The junior 141-pounder won the Pac-10 Championship, his second in a row, allowing only one point against him over three matches. His triumph solidified his position at nationals and he will be one of the favorites to take home the title.

UC Davis transfer Barrett Abel continued his season of solid work by earning third place and an automatic bid in the NCAA tournament. Abel overcame the challenges associated with transferring schools in his final season to earn a 27-8 regular season record.

Ryan DesRoches surpassed the 30-win mark for the second consecutive year on his way to a top seed in the Pac-10 tournament. DesRoches faltered at the conference tournament, losing to Adam Hall of Boise State, but managed to recover for a third place finish.

The highlight of the team’s season came on Jan. 14 in its victory over the Wyoming Cowboys. In a back-and-forth match, the dual hung in the balance when 197-pounder Ryan Smith took the mat in the final matchup.

The junior captain took on L.J. Helbig in a rematch and Smith battled out to an early lead holding on for a 10-8 win.

The team then headed up North to take on Oregon State and snapped a 0-18 streak against the Beavers on the back of Filip Novachkov. The senior scored two points on a take-down in the waning seconds against Garrett Drucker to give the Mustangs back-to-back upsets.

Filip Novachkov had an up-and-down year, but has finally hit a groove after jumping two weight classes and 25 pounds to compete at 149 pounds. Going into the Pac-10 Championships he remained undefeated over eight matches at his new weight class. Only losing once in the conference championships, earning third place, has put him in position to return to nationals.

The final verdict comes down March 9.

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PHOENIX — Chris Carter and Michael Taylor have lockers next to each other inside the Phoenix Municipal Stadium clubhouse.

It’s difficult to forecast when they’ll be side-by-side in the Oakland Athletics’ batting order.

The team’s two most talked-about prospects, Carter and Taylor, were pegged as future cornerstones of the offense at the time they were acquired in separate trades. But neither outfielder is forcing his way into Oakland’s plans as quickly as anticipated.

Carter, 24, was obtained from Arizona in the Dan Haren trade of December 2007 and showed flashes of his potential during his brief big league exposure last season. But he also struggled enough to convince the A’s he needs more seasoning at Triple-A Sacramento.

Taylor, who came over from Toronto in December 2009 for infielder Brett Wallace, hit just .272 for Sacramento and showed little power. By all indications, Taylor, 25, is behind Carter in terms of big league readiness.

General manager Billy Beane was asked if he expected both prospects to be further along in their development by this point.

“No, necessarily,” Beane said. “I think, quite frankly, Chris has moved very quickly, given where he was when we acquired him and where it is now. In Michael’s case, he finished (the 2009 season) in Triple-A and did quite well. So we know he’s capable of playing at that level.

“The fact of the matter is, they’re both right there, and they’re really just a phone call away.”

The A’s are preaching patience with both, but there will be holes to fill beyond 2011. None of this year’s projected starting outfielders — Coco Crisp, David DeJesus and Josh Willingham — are signed beyond this season.

Designated hitter Hideki Matsui is on a one-year contract. Unless the A’s re-sign all of them, they’ll be in need of offensive reinforcements, and they’d prefer those come from within the organization.

“As far as their age is concerned, (2011) is an important year,” said a major league scout who requested anonymity. “I wouldn’t say it’s make or break, but they have to prove it out on the field.”

Carter endured an Oakland record 0-for-33 streak to begin his big league career in August. He was sent back to Sacramento, but after being recalled Sept. 14, he went 13 for 38 (.342) with three home runs and seven RBIs with three home runs and seven RBIs.
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over his final 13 games.
The As point to that trend through Carter's career — he's struggled initially at each level before making the adjustment.
Carter hit .337 with 24 homers and 101 RBIs for Double-A Midland in 2009, but that high average might have been deceptive. Scouts consider him a pure power hitter who will always rack up high strikeout totals.
Carter said he tries to take cues from hitters such as Albert Pujols and Alex Rodriguez.
"Watching Pujols and A-Rod hit, it looks like they have a plan," Carter said. "They have a zone, and they're not waiting for anything else."
Taylor had just six homers and 78 RBIs for Sacramento in 127 games, missing a good chunk of time with a calf injury.
"It really felt like a long year," Taylor said. "But in some ways it's kind of the season I'm most proud of because I didn't crack."
Despite Taylor's 6-foot-5, 256-pound frame, the above-mentioned scout said Taylor is suited to be a line-drive hitter rather than a home run machine.
He received swing advice from all directions last season.
"We all had ideas about how to do things," As director of player development Keith Lieppman said. "In fact, he probably took on too many ideas."
Taylor also worked with Dodgers manager Don Mattingly, his manager during the Arizona Fall League, who helped him identify one area to focus on.
"I had a stop in my swing," he said. "Some of it came about from working on mechanics so much that you lose your rhythm. Right now I'm trying to be real rhythmic."
The As appear set with five outfielders — Willingham, DeJesus, Crisp, Conor Jackson and Ryan Sweeney. But manager Bob Geren pointed out that Carter or Taylor could have his number called at any time.
"It's a crowded outfield situation," Geren said. "Then again, not one of those five guys (stayed healthy) last season. Anything can happen, and everybody's got to be ready."

Chris Carter came up and hit .186 with seven RBIs in 24 games last season.

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