Faculty face the finances of Poly lifestyle

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Poly offered me a good job in my field — academic jobs are relatively hard to get," said Matthew Moore, a political science professor, in an e-mail interview. "I lived in Vermont before coming to Cal Poly. As a ballpark estimate, I'd say that housing prices are 50 to 60 percent higher here than in Vermont."

For others — like Kennelly, who figured that his job as a modern languages and literature department chair would be a challenge — current life circumstances made the decision to move here a relatively easy one. "I came to San Luis Obispo with the knowledge that I would not be able to afford to buy a house here. Period. That's OK with me, because my wife and I are empty nesters — our boys are out on their own," journalism professor Doug Swanson said in an e-mail.

"If I was in a life situation where I had small children at home and needed to buy a house again, I would not have taken the job here, because buying a house here is prohibitive for someone on my salary who's coming from a part of the country where real estate prices are reasonable.

The cost of living makes it hard for faculty who are just beginning their families. Though Moore and his wife eventually bought a house in Atascadero, because "petty much everything south of the Galeta Grade or near the water was out of our price range," payments on the house will make saving for parenthood difficult, he said.

"We're very happy with it, but our mortgage payment is a very large chunk of our monthly income, and that makes things less flexible," he said. "For example, it will make it harder to take time off when we have kids, and it makes it harder to use for long-term expenses like home repairs, sending kids to college and retirement."

Other drawbacks related to housing and living costs fac­ulty listed included San Luis Obispo's lack of discount stores, such as Wal-Mart and K-Mart; the county's shortage of entry-level jobs for college graduates; the city's focus on tourism, rather than its residences and high gas prices.

But then there are the beaches, outdoor recreation opportunities and year-round nice weather. In the end, the pros and cons must be weighed and taken together. It's a balancing act all potential faculty members must make.

As Bill Dungan, who came here from Massachusetts last fall to fill the position of provost and vice president for academic affairs said, "I think the Central Coast is a beautiful and expensive area in which to live."

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Obama calls for universal health care coverage, paid for by government, business, consumers

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IOWA CITY, Iowa — Democrat Barack Obama is offering a sweeping plan that would provide every citizen a means to have health coverage and calls on government, businesses and consumers to share the costs of the program.

Obama said his plan could save the average consumer $2,500 a year and bring health care to all.

"The time has come for universal, affordable health care in America," Obama said in remarks prepared for delivery Tuesday in Iowa City.

A copy of his remarks and documents describing the program were obtained by The Associated Press.

Obama's plan retains the private insurance system but injects additional money into the system to pay for expanding coverage. It would also create a National Health Insurance Exchange to monitor insurance companies in offering the coverage.

Those who can't afford coverage would get a subsidy on a sliding scale depending on their income, and virtually all businesses would have to share in the cost of coverage for their workers. The plan that would be offered would be similar to the one covering members of Congress.

His package would prohibit insurance companies from refusing coverage because of pre-existing conditions.

Obama's plan doesn't have the mandate that his rival John Edwards included in his health-care plan. Some also see him as offering more style than substance, and he's clearly hoping that spelling out a detailed plan to offer health care for all will deflect those criticisms.

Bolls also have shown that voters are rank health care among their top concerns.

"I've been wondering why I'm not a member of the antiwar movement with her enthusiasm," she said of her own personal experience.

"My plan begins by covering every American. If you already have health insurance, the only thing that will change for you under this plan is that the amount of money you will spend on premiums will be less," Obama said. "If you are one of 45 million Americans who don't have health insurance, you will after this plan becomes law have a way to get it."

Obama also called for a series of steps to overhaul the current health care system. He would spend more money boosting technology in the health industry such as electronic medical records and keep, put in place better management for chronic diseases and create a reinsurance pool for catastrophic illnesses to take the burden of their costs off of other premium payers.

His plan also envisions savings from ending the expensive care for the uninsured when they get sick. Such care now is often provided at emergency rooms. The plan also would put a heavy focus on preventing disease through lifestyle changes.

In all, Obama said, the typical consumer would save $2,500 a year.

Obama conceded that the overall cost of the program would be high, while not providing a specific number.

"To help pay for this, we will ask all businesses, big and small, that don't make a meaningful contribution to the health coverage of their workers to do so to support this plan," said Obama. "And we also will repeal the temporary Bush tax cut for the wealthiest taxpayers."

Unveiling the proposal marks a crucial step for Obama. Serving in his first term as a senator, Obama often is criticized as not having the experience to be a serious candidate for the party's nomination.

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Do we still think bronze is beautiful?

The perception that tanned skin is desirable might be changing, according to two new surveys that asked whether bronze skin is still considered beautiful.

A poll of 1,004 people by The Skin Cancer Foundation and iVillage, found that 53 percent said they didn’t think they looked better with a tan, and 63 percent said they are not more attracted to someone who is tan.

"These findings are encouraging. Once people stop linking their self-esteem to tanned skin, we will really begin making headway in the fight against skin cancer," Dr. Ferry Robbins, president of The Skin Cancer Foundation, said in a statement.

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—Sixty-nine percent do not think a tan makes them look thinner.

From the American Academy of Dermatology:

—Association Press

Health officials say man with tuberculosis could have infected airline passengers

Mike Stobbe

ATLANTA — A man with a rare and exceptionally dangerous form of tuberculosis has been placed in quarantine by the U.S. government after possibly exposing airline passengers and crew on two trans-Atlantic flights earlier this month.

The infected man flew from Atlanta to Paris on May 12 aboard Air France Flight 385. He returned to North America on May 24 aboard Czech Air Flight 104 from Prague to Montreal. The man then drove into the United States.

He cooperated with authorities after learning he had an unusually dangerous form of TB. He voluntarily went to a hospital and is not facing prosecution, officials said.

The man is hospitalized in Atlanta in respiratory isolation, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The CDC urged people on the same flights to get checked for tuberculosis.

The network identified the donor only as "Lisa" and gave no other information about her. During the show, she will hear interviews with the three candidates, their families and friends before choosing who will get her kidney.

Viewers will be able to vote for a candidate via SMS text message, but the final determination will be Lisa’s, BNN said.

Though she intends to donate the kidney while still alive, she would be free to donate other organs after her death under the normal organ allotment system, said BNN spokesman Marieke Saly. But there's no guarantee that Lisa's choice will actually receive the organ.

Paterak said that as with any transplant, the tissues of the donor and the recipient must be compatible. "The doctors in this program can't make any concessions on that front," he said during a lively parliament debate.

"So it's very possible that in practical terms, we're not talking about anything here, because it's possible this transplant can't take place," he said.

Paul Beerkers, director of Kidney Association, welcomed the sudden attention to the problem of organ donations, but called on BNN to cancel the show now that it has gained publicity.

"There are about 1,500 people waiting on the list for more than four years, so something has to be done," Beerkers told AP Television News. "But let's be clear: This is not the way.

Dutch TV producers have tested the limits of public good taste before.

Two years ago, a private station showing a "Big Brother" series followed the pregnancy of one of the contestants, then aired the birth. Though the mother hoped to win the $540,000 top prize, she quit before the end of the show.

Around the same time, BNN showed footage of their reporter snorting cocaine and then being interrogated about the experience in a talk show format.

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Bush tries to blunt criticism of immigration deal

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GLYNCO, Ga. — President Bush attacked opponents of an immigration deal Tuesday, suggesting they "don't want to do what's right for America."

"The fundamental question is, will elected officials have the courage necessary to put a comprehensive immigration plan in place," Bush said against a backdrop of a huge American flag.

He described his proposal as one that "makes it more likely we can enforce our border — and at the same time uphold the great immigration tradition of the United States of America."

Bush spoke at the nation's largest training center for law enforcement.

He chose the get-tough setting as conservative critics blast a Senate proposal as being too lenient on people who break the law. Hoping to blunt that message, Bush emphasized that any new options for immigrants and foreign workers would not start until tougher security is in place.

The presidential stop came during a congressional recess, with senators back home and facing pressure from the left and right on the immigration plan. Bush's aim is to build momentum for the legislation, perhaps his best chance for a signature victory in his second term. The Senate expects to resume debate on it next week.

"A lot of Americans are skeptical about immigration reform, primarily because they don't think the government can fix the problems," Bush said.

"And my answer to the skeptics is: give us a chance to fix the problem in a comprehensive way that enforces our border and treats people with decency and respect. Give us a chance to fix this problem. Don't try to kill this bill before it even gets moving," Bush told students and instructors at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center.

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"Those determined to find fault with this bill will always be able to look at a narrow slice of it and find something they don't like," the president said. "If you want to kill the bill, if you don't want to do what's right for America, you can pick one little aspect out of it.

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Hey good looking, what's cooking?

Here are some great places in SLO County to take cooking classes

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Want an experience that will leave you exclaiming, “Yum-o!” and “BAM! That was good”? To fulfill your inner food-loving connoisseur (or just learn more about the joy that is cooking and have fun), check out some of these cooking classes offered locally.

Dining with André:
Owner and head chef André Averseng, who is originally from Avignon in Southern France, is passionate about cooking. And this is something he wants to impart to his students, teaching them not just recipies, but straightforward techniques to work with.

“Have you to follow your heart. You can’t just learn from a book — you have to be above that. And that’s what I want people to learn,” he said. Though their classes may vary in focus, “they are all oriented toward the consumer.” Dining with André co-owner Christina Averseng said. “And what the consumer has asked for (in actual surveys, no less), the consumer gets.”

The focus of these small, hands-on classes ranges from cooking appetizers to creating international feasts. This spring, the business is also offering wine and cheese pairing classes, which take place every Friday from 5 to 8 p.m. The cost, which includes complementary fondue, is $20.

Dining with André is located at 1032 Pine St. in Paso Robles. For more information, including a schedule of upcoming classes, call 227-4100 or go to www.diningwithandre.com.

Central Coast Culinary:
Created by Cal Poly graduate Debbie Dugan — who will also star in a soon-to-come channel 10 cooking show, “Dinner with Debbie” — Central Coast Culinary provides a relaxing environment in which students can learn the art of cooking, or simply enjoy its results.

“We’re very unique for the area because we use all fresh-grown ingredients, we cook in front of (our customers) and they eat for three hours,” Central Coast Culinary manager Jerry Holare said. “It beats going out to a restaurant.”

Located at 2078 Parker St., suite 110, in San Luis Obispo, each cooking session lasts three hours. The price, which varies according to class, includes a recipe booklet, a meal and a choice of either participating in or observing the small preparation. Class size is limited.

For more information or to reserve a spot in a class, call manager Jerry Holta at 440-9190 or go to www.centralcoastculinaryandcatering.com.

Cas Winery:

Though no classes are scheduled as of now, Cas Winery does offer cooking classes on a regular basis. Recently, the winery — which is located at 7359 Linne Road in Paso Robles — opened a café. They are now trying to figure out how to structure their cooking classes around this addition.

For more information, call Erin at 227-2888 or go to www.caswine.com.

Cal Poly Food Science and Nutrition Departments:
Food science and nutrition majors, and Cal Poly students have a variety of on-campus cooking classes to choose from.

The main focus of these classes is to give students scientific background on foods’ composition and nutritional value, and to teach students practical ways in which to apply these concepts, food science and nutrition professor Arlene Grant-Holcomb said. “When you’re comfortable with cooking, then you’re more likely to cook,” she said. “When you are intimidated by it, then you’re more likely to eat out.”

We try to make students more comfortable with eating food and preparing food to meet these needs,” Grant-Holcomb explained. This class is offered every quarter.

FSN 304: Advanced Culinary Practices and Principles (Prerequisite: FSN 121, CHRM 111, or consent of instructor) As an advanced class, concepts are taken further than before. According to its course description, there is an emphasis on the “chemistry of starch, fat and proteins and their impact on taste, texture, flavor and appearance of food (and) effects of microorganisms on changes of food during preparation and storage.”

Baking technology is also a focus of this class, which is taught one quarter per academic year.

FSN 321: Culinary Management:

Principles and Practice (Prerequisite: FSN 121, FSN 210) Factoring in the elements of basic nutrition, FSN 321 teaches students how to select, purchase and prepare foods in a variety of settings.

“It looks at all the different ways (someone) may need to modify a diet. Students learn how to create menus and prepare food to meet these needs (needs),” Grant-Holcomb explained. This class is offered every quarter.

FSN 322: French Food in French

(Also listed as FR 322 in the course catalog. Prerequisite: FSN 121, or consent of instructor) A blending of French language, culture and food preparation, this class teaches the basics of French cooking — in French. Since the class is taught in French, students are expected to interact with others in French, a mastery of the language is required to enroll. For details on these courses, call the food science and nutrition department at 756-2660.

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Book pays homage to childhood dream

Paulo Coelho’s classic novel ‘The Alchemist’ is short and (extra) sweet

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tINGLE, short and beautifully written, "The Alchemist" is a book about following your dreams. Through the eyes of a young child, author Paulo Coelho shows his readers the importance, difficulty and possibility of achieving lifelong goals.

The protagonist, a young boy named Santiago, has spent the latter part of his childhood as a shepherd wandering throughout the land of Andalusia.

Wanting to travel the world, he has gone against the wishes of his parents, who have spent their lives saving money for him to go to a seminary. Still, the boy holds on to his desire throughout his adolescence.

When Santiago is troubled by a recurring dream, he goes to a Gypsy to find its meaning. The Gypsy interprets the dream's meaning, telling Santiago that he, too, is meant to find a treasure, and that he must begin his journey. The message from the Gypsy, along with the wise encouragement of an old king that he meets, pushes Santiago in his quest to reach his goal.

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Throughout the novel, some characters try to dissuade Santiago from finding his treasure, known as his "Personal Legend," and distract him from his mission. Still, he continues on his path.

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We learn the basis of the title after Santiago's encounters with the Gypsy and the king. At this point in the story, he decides to join a caravan headed toward an oasis in the desert of Andalusia.

With the caravan, he meets an Englishman who has spent two decades in search of a true alchemist. Santiago realizes that part of his personal mission is to meet a true alchemist.

During the long journey, Santiago reads some of the Englishman's seemingly endless stack of alchemy books, learning about the intricacies of the trade. Finally, the caravan reaches the oasis, the supposed home of the alchemist. However, before he is finally found, Santiago and his companions face more difficulties.

The book is similar to other recent (and not-so-recent) books in its focus on an individual's quest to realize a dream. Where it differs is in its simplicity. "The Alchemist" is told as a fable, with minimal characters that take on roles representative of larger issues. What it lacks in length, it makes up for in depth.

The book's mythic storyline is intriguing and uplifting, making it an inviting and encouraging read for people of all ages. It is enjoyable from start to finish, never focusing on the negative for very long.

Because of its brevity and overall simplicity, the book is a great option for the hectic last few weeks of school, when you really should be studying, but want to take a little break for some reading.

There's nothing new about the content; the story is timeless, but the setting and characters are new. "The Alchemist" presents the time-old concept of pursuing dreams in a new way, while keeping things simple and enjoyable.
Organic and Fair Trade Coffee at Julian's

Melissa Montecuollo
CAMPUS DINING STAFF WRITER

On Friday May 11, Julian's celebrated International Migratory Bird Day. The purpose of this day was to give attention to the 350 species of migratory birds that travel between nesting places in North, South, and Central America, Mexico, and the Caribbean. But what does this have to do with coffee?

Many of these migratory birds travel to nesting habitats where shade grown coffee beans are grown. The trees reduce the amount of fertilizer needed, allowing the coffee beans to be organically grown. This type of organic coffee is featured at Julian's along with Fair Trade Coffee. According to Julian's manager, Patti Reaves, a third of the coffee served at Julian's is organically grown so customers can have options. They have been serving organic coffee for over ten years.

"[Fair Trade Coffee] guarantees a minimum price and brings stability. We, producers, are not totally subjected to the law of supply and demand. We know that we will be paid at least US$ 869 the quintal. This guarantee makes it possible to plan long term, to invest, to develop technical support, in one word, to develop our business," said El Ceibo Cooperative producer, Felipe Cancani.

Fair trade offers a fair price for both farmers and workers, provides environmental sustainability, and creates quality products. According to the 2002 Annual Report more than 300 college campuses serve Fair Trade Coffee including Cal Poly, Harvard, Yale, Georgetown, University of Texas, Oklahoma State, and UCLA.

Other healthy options offered at Julian's include trans fat free muffins and croissants, sugar free Torani syrups, sugar free ice cream, and low fat yogurt.

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Film ratings to factor in cigarettes, smoking

Elyssa Thorne
THE CALIFORNIA AGEE (UC-Davis)

With smoking restrictions in bars and restaurants as well as increased tobacco taxes, smoking cigarettes has become nearly illegal, especially in states such as California and New York. Now, the anti-smoking lobby has taken on Hollywood as well.

Recently, health advocates and anti-smoking groups requested the Motion Picture Association of America include cigarette smoking in the movie-rating system. In response, the MPAA announced May 10 that it will consider non-historical gratuitous or glamorized smoking as grounds for an "R" rating.

"Clearly, smoking is increasingly an unacceptable behavior in our society," said Dan Glickman, MPAA chair and CEO in a press release. "There is a broad awareness of smoking as a unique public-health concern due to nicotine's highly addictive nature, and no parent wants their child to take up the habit. The appropriate response of the rating system is to give more information to parents on this issue."

Underage smoking had been considered in ratings previously, as well as other parental concerns such as sex, violence and adult language. The MPAA will now include pervasive smoking and situations that make smoking appealing to a young audience when rating films.

This response is less severe than the original request, which called for any smoking in movies to warrant an "R" rating. Matthew L. Myers, president of Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids, released a statement condemning the MPAA's announcement.

"We are deeply disappointed that the movie-rating policy announced today by the Motion Picture Association of America (MPAA) falls short of the real change needed to reduce youth exposure to smoking in the movies," Myers said. "This policy fail to implement the recommendations by numerous public-health organizations that any new movie with non-historical smoking be rated "R."" Brice Leistikow, adjunct associate professor of public-health sciences at the University of California-Davis, said he shared Myers' disappointment.

"I think the MPAA has made a public-relations gesture," Leistikow said. "I mean they are willing to keep taking money to hook kids but this gives them some cover." The MPAA justified the moderate action in the May 10 statement. Providing parents with information, not restricting content, fits with the goal of the rating system, it said. The MPAA also said overall depictions of smoking in non-"R"-rated movies have already decreased without action from the organizations.

"In our regular dialogue with parents, they frequently note that depictions of smoking in films have significantly declined in recent years," said Glickman in the statement. "Moreover, parents are very clear in so that they — not the industry and certainly not the government — should determine what is appropriate viewing for their kids. What they want is information, and that is the action we are now taking."

Some advocates for the stricter system do not think the MPAA has done enough. Leistikow emphasized the problems associated with teen smoking, as well as other dangers caused by smoking such as secondhand smoke and fires caused by discarded butts.

"A lot of pressure was put on the MPAA to make a difference," Leistikow said. "We would hope for much more considering the deadliness of the addiction they are fostering." Myers emphasized the effectiveness of Big Tobacco marketing in film in his criticism of the MPAA's response. "Studies have found that smoking is far more prevalent in movies than in real life and is presented in a considerably more positive way," Myers said. "The depiction of smoking in the movies reinforces tobacco-industry marketing and contributes in a significant way to youth tobacco-use. It is disappointing that the MPAA's action falls far short of the seriousness of the problem."

As it stands, smoking will not require an "R" rating in movies, but moviegoers can look forward to "glamorized smoking" and "pervasive smoking" listed next to "sexual content" and "adult themes" in the rating box before the feature presentation.
Democrats turn their backs on American people

Last week, House and Senate Democrats voted against the American people.

They gave one of the most unpopular presidents in history a blank check to continue one of the most unpopular wars in history. In doing so, they kicked dirt in the face of every American that voted to de­feat the war last November. It was one of the clearest man­dates in history. The American people wanted out of Iraq, and they thought Democrats were the ones to do it. What they got was noth­ing but lies and grandstanding.

What may be even worse than the fact that this Capitulation Bill was sent to the president is the abandoned hopeful­ness of Democratic leadership to obscure the vote on this bill. Every bill debated in Congress is accompanied by a rule dictating the terms of that debate. By locking the core terms of the Capitulation Bill in the rule itself and only allowing blank check amend­ments during actual debate, Democratic leadership gave their rank-and-file members a chance to vote against the actual bill — while actually supporting it in a complex procedural vote. As such, 216 congressional Democrats voted for the rule that allows for this blank check — 216 Democrats that kicked in the teeth of every American who voted against President Bush’s war in the 2006 elections.

In the meantime, Democratic leaders like Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid have the nerve to insist that the Senate is somehow an improvement. The bill contains benchmarks for success in Iraq, Reid claims, that are a vast improvement over the incentive-laden Reid bill that was defeated in the Senate recently called for a fully funded withdrawal of all U.S. troops by March 31st, 2008. To see Democratic legislators adopt the inaccurate right-wing frame of “defunding” when they explained why they voted against the Capitulation Bill, and then justify their vote on the blank check submitted last week was sicken­ing.

American voters will not forget the events of the last week for a long time. If anything, this was the biggest moment in Congress regarding the war since it was first authorized in 2003. It was the day when Congressional Democrats took the mandate that gave them the majority in both houses of Congress and ran it through a paper shredder. It was the day when Democrats con­cluded the war they promised they would end, and in doing so ignored the will of the American people.

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Cleveland shot 27 for 33 from the free-throw line in its 91-87 Game 2 win.

Tom Withers
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CLEVELAND — LeBron James pushed the Cleveland Cavaliers as close as they’ve ever been to an NBA title Tuesday night. James scored 25 points as the Cavaliers evened the Eastern Conference Finals with a 91-87 victory over the Detroit Pistons.

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was runner-up in 1976, 1983 and 1984, but couldn’t nail down a championship.

A crowd of onlookers grew throughout the day as word of the unlikely title run spread. Just two games away from the Coppa Italian title game, it was standing room only. We roared Roma and aced AC Milan. And, in the end, we met Juventus in the final leg of our journey. This match would be the ultimate David versus Goliath scenario. We’re taking a one-star team against a 4.5 star team, one of the worst teams in FIFA 2005 against one of the best. It was a miracle that Hellas survived to the championship game.

We knew what was necessary — a killer training montage. On went the Rocky theme song and we trained. We worked on our eye-to-finger coordination, stretched out the eyes and did laps up our stair-case. We stepped it off with a Rocky-like pose on our balconies — game time.

Juventus kept Lunco quiet and put one past Pelugo to win the first game. However, in most soccer play-offs, there are two games and the aggregate score is taken between those two games to decide the victor. We still had a chance.

We fell back quickly in game No. 2 as Juventus scored in the fifth minute and took a 1-0 lead into halftime. Downtron, we held our heads low as the players headed to the locker room.

“What the hell are you guys doing?” our roommate yelled at us. “You need to pick your heads up and play! It’s not over!”

A slow clap emerged from the back of the room, Dinah and I looked at each other, shook our heads and clasped our hands as a sign of unity.

We scored in the opening minutes of the second half. Then came another just minutes later. However, Juventus stepped up the defense. In the 90th minute, the aggregate score knotted at two and the game destined for overtime, Lunco took a long ball in the middle of the field, dribbled past two Juventus defenders and stroked one for the upper back of the net.

GOCXTOOAAAAALLLLL!!!

Cue the “Chariots of Fire” theme song. The next moments unfolded in slow motion. I leapt from my chair and whooped my arm around in a circular motion while yelling, “Wooooo!!” My roommate and I embraced as the crowd went wild.

It all started with a flock of chirping birds. One wanted Saturday later, my roommate and I had conquered all of Italy with the most unlikely of teams.

Note: This story is loosely based on Saturday’s actual events.

The Stanley Cup Finals represent the best of sport that hockey has to offer — speed, finesse, physicality, excitement and the realization of a dream for every athlete on the ice.

While San Jose’s Sharks are no hockey mecca, there is no reason the series should be ignored. When a sport bar is featuring early-season baseball between the Reds and Pirates, ask them to change the channel to the action on the frozen pond.

When sports talk radio is discussing who is or isn’t going to show up to NFL minicamps, request that they focus on the more important issues, like who will win Lord Stanley’s towering goblet.

The Stanley Cup Finals is the most exciting sporting event in the world, and it deserves some respect.
The New York Times

Crossword

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1 Playground robot
6 Pre-bedtime ritual
10 People (plur.)
12 Passes over
14 Made an overthrust say
16 Mine baby
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21 Multivolume sets
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**Desme joins exclusive club of Big West Players of Year**

Janelle Eastridge

After placing fifth nationally last year, the Cal Poly women's water polo club team bounced back this season to clinch a second-place finish nationally and first regionally.

The team held after a somewhat difficult start, which led to a decision mid-season to fire head coach, after a school officials were out to keep the Cal Poly blood, to find someone who knew how the team could be. We were lucky to find someone who had been on the men's water polo team. Andrews was named Coach of the Year in the Pacific Coast region. League MVP honors went to president Amanda Calhoun. Four players — Calhoun, Jenkins, Colbres Scheitrum and Elisa Hooper — were named to the national collegiate club championships. Two Mustangs, Laura Kurska and Trista Aird, were named to the second team.

The team held two tournaments at Cal Poly and one at Cuesta College. It also traveled to Ohio State and Vermont, where they played in the national championships May 9. The team placed second, losing only to Fresno State.

"They've always been our rivals, so it was hard to lose to them," Calhoun said.

As a club team, the players manage everything from finances to team traveling arrangements themselves. They also have to pay $400 to play, "Calhoun said.

About 30 players were on this year's team, with only 12 traveling to games.

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**COMMENTARY**

Justin Fassino

**Have people forgotten the Stanley Cup Finals?**

Nearly 15 years ago, the Ottawa Senators, one of the NHL's original six teams, returned to the league. A year later, riding the wave of its popular movie franchise, Disney brought hockey to Orange County in the form of the Mighty Ducks. Now both of these teams are looking to win their first Stanley Cup of the modern NHL era.

Although neither Giambi (Long Beach State), Overbay (Nebraska) nor Turowski (Long Beach State) won the award, they were all close, being named first-team all-conference twice each.

The last Cal Poly player to win the award was catcher Kyle Blumenhal in 2005.

In addition to Desme, Cal Poly see Sports, page 11

Every minute of every game will feature athletes giving every ounce of energy and effort to get their hands and names on the silver chalice. The Ducks could've chosen to attack that mountain of laundry in my closet or to clean my room, but that wasn't my destiny.

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**SPORTS**

**Wednesday, May 30, 2007**

**Frankly Speaking**

Prepare yourselves for the greatest sports story — ever. By the time you've finished reading this column, I promise you a laugh and maybe even a tear. If you don't laugh, let me know and I'll ghost ride my Dodge until you do.

"What are people supposed to do at 6 a.m. on a Saturday morning?" I asked a friend.

"I could've chosen to attack that mountain of laundry in my closet or to clean my room, but that wasn't my destiny."

"I've already made my mind up," he said. "I'm going to watch the Stanley Cup Finals." And now it's time to get back to work. But not just any work. We have to work on our relationship about six months prior.

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