Bella Montaña opens up options

Amanda Retzer
MUSTANG DAILY

New off-campus housing Bella Montaña is at the end of its first phase with two available units left and the second phase will start in mid-June.

While the other 19 homes have been signed off and sold, two more remain and the Cal Poly Housing Corp. has expanded the eligibility restrictions for prospective buyers. The two available condos have two bedrooms and one bath individually priced at $323,000 and $327,000.

“We have applications, (and prospective buyers) are currently undergoing loan prequalification,” said Jim Reinhardt, managing director of the Cal Poly Housing Corp. “Once they’re qualified, they can reserve a unit through our realtors, who are available to show the units by appointment.”

Priority was initially given to new faculty recruits, then extended to a retention group that consists of faculty hired in the past six years. Once Cal Poly knew that it had met the demand for those employees, it opened eligibility to all Cal Poly employees.

“We don’t have the waiting list that we expected when we broke ground in April 2005, but sales are progressing well in light of a soft real estate market,” Reinhardt said.

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7,000 MySpace profiles tied to sexual offenders

Geoff Johnson
THE CALIFORNIA AGGIE (UC-DAVIS)

DAVIS — State attorneys general nationwide are demanding that myspace.com, the popular networking Web site, provide information on some 7,000 profiles that have been linked to registered sex offenders. Previously, MySpace had planned to delete the profiles, news that prompted an executive committee to draft a letter to the company asking that MySpace share the information, along with a notice that the company preserve the information.

“Eight attorney generals signed the letter on May the 14th, but the letter was sent on behalf of attorney generals from all 50 states and the District of Columbia,” said Nils Frederiksen, spokesperson for Pennsylvania Attorney General Tom Corbett.

This was followed by a subsequent notice on May 18, wherein the committee asked MySpace to disclose the information contained on the profiles, Frederiksen said.

Bob Cooper, spokesperson for Idaho Attorney General Lawrence Wasden, said this was only the latest development in a protracted campaign on behalf of attorney generals calling for MySpace to adopt stricter parental controls.

“The attorney generals including Attorney General Wasden have had concern for two or three years about the potential for other sexual predators to try and use MySpace to identify and target victims,” Cooper said. “On one occasion he was speaking to a seventh-grade class and he asked, ‘How many of you have MySpace?’ And 90 percent of the kids put up their hands. ‘How many of you have been contacted by someone you don’t know on MySpace?’ And about 80 percent of the kids put up their hands.”

Some of the attorney general’s demands include random checks of child profiles and MySpace’s ability to notify law enforcement about potential sex-related crimes.

“People are becoming more aware of the potential for MySpace to benefit pedophiles, it’s really a matter of when not if, and we need to use it to prevent that,” Cooper said.

MySpace said it was disappointed the letter had been sent.

“This is not the outcome we wanted nor the one we had envisioned,” MySpace said. “We have been working with Attorney General Cooper and other attorneys general for several months to develop safeguards that ensure the privacy of children and MySpace members while also providing that the information be used appropriately to protect children.”

The letter was sent on behalf of attorney generals from all 50 states and the District of Columbia.

Individual states are making a concerted effort to get MySpace to change its policies.

In New York, District Attorney Andrew Cuomo and New York Attorney General Eliot Spitzer have asked MySpace to delete all profiles connected to sex offenders.

In California, State Attorney General Bill Lockyer has asked MySpace to provide information on registered sex offenders to the state’s Department of Justice.

Downtown art store makes way for surf shop

Giana Magnoli
MUSTANG DAILY

Law’s Hobby Center on Marsh Street downsized to less than half its size, a move completed in the beginning of May.

Local students, especially architecture and art students, give Law’s a lot of its business. However, the store didn’t always have what they needed, said co-owner Christine Ahern, who has worked there since she moved to San Luis Obispo 10 years ago.

“There would be frustration on their faces, and we don’t want that to happen again,” she said. “We want to fine tune more into what students need.”

It now specializes in supplies for fine art, project building, jewelry making and graphic designers. It still has the gallery and framing services, and has lines of paints, pastels and other things that aren’t available at the chain stores.

While the store’s inventory has lost most of its party supplies, models and general crafts, those things are available at other stores downtown, Ahern said.

She and other owners Bobbie Vasquez and Sharon Gove decided to move the store to make way for Central Coast Surfboards.
To buy or not to buy

As with any big purchase, there are many factors to consider.

Location, brand-new conditions, financial benefits, employer community and more fill the pros side of living in the new complex.

"The project is brand new. It's built to the highest standards and it is all owner-occupied, with the exception of the few college-owned units," Reinhardt said. "Many of the condominiums (in San Luis Obispo) are investor-owned and rented to students so it's a different environment when you have mostly student residents versus owners. For the faculty it's a nice environment where they can share the collegiality with their neighbors as they are all members of the Cal Poly community."

First-time buyers also receive financial breaks that include not having to pay any closing costs, substantial discounts on their mortgage interest rates, and paid Home Owners Association fees for the first year. When homeowners decide to sell, the costs can be much lower than the average 5- to 6-percent sales commission, Reinhardt said.

Additionally, the prices of the condominiums are substantially below those of comparable homes in San Luis Obispo.

"If you compare Bella Montana to other homes that don't have the same restrictions such as eligibility, this complex is 20 to 30 percent below those prices," Reinhardt said.

However, this lends a hand to the issue of investment value.

Purchasers own the condo, but the lease has restrictions that allow the condo to be affordable for the next round of buyers. This means that the resale prices will only be allowed to increase with the rate of inflation. The Bella Montana Web site defines this as a price cap on "the original price of the home increased by the fractional change in the Consumer Price Index (CPI)."

"That limits how quickly the home can appreciate to keep it affordable to faculty and staff in the resale market in the future," Reinhardt said. "However, it still allows the homeowners to build equity, and it should provide a much better financial return than renting over the long-term."

"The price cap is dramatic but in the long run it will help the university provide housing. The goal is to provide housing, not investments," said Adrienne Miller, Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities coordinator and new Bella Montana resident.

"Without some sort of price cap, the original buyers would have an unreasonable financial advantage."

However, this is a main concern for prospective buyers who would like their purchase to gain appreciation in excess of the CPI increase over the years. Other aspects to consider include the fact that many of the condos back up to California Highway 1 and while there is no concrete sound wall to block out the noise from traffic, a fence has been built to help reduce the noise. An actual concrete sound wall was not allowed due to particular easements from the utility companies that restrict the deep concrete footing that would be needed.

The condos that back up to California Highway 1 are 3-bedroom, 3-bath homes going for $378,000 to $399,300, based on square footage, garage, space and more.

"The location within the site, views, square footage, one or two-car garages, and number of bathrooms and bedrooms were taken into consideration," Reinhardt said. "We were guided by our real estate coordinator and new Bella Montana resident."

"The new space is slightly bigger, and Carlson hopes business won't be disrupted at all in the transition. Construction will begin as soon as the proper city permits are acquired, he said.

The shop's current neighbors are jealous of its move to a busier part of downtown, he said jokingly. "We want to close up one night and open the next (in the new location)," he said. "We don't want to miss a beat, or have customers miss us."

"Customers won't trip over because of the change. It'll still be us," Carlson said.

Chaney is on a surfing trip and could not be reached for comment.
State

SANTA CRUZ (AP) — A falcon chick hatched from an egg rescued from the Bay Bridge has been released into the wild, though the 42-day-old peregrine was initially reluctant to take flight.

Researchers with the University of California, Santa Cruz, hatched the chick, dubbed “Little G,” and raised her after snatching her egg from her par-ents’ precarious nest under the bridge.

... SANTA ANA (AP) — Prosecutors in Orange County have used a voter-approved law allowing juveniles to be tried in adult court more than any other county in California, according to a newspaper report published Sunday.

Since 2000, the law has been used on more than 261 youths, the Orange County Register said.

Orange County prosecuted teens as adults nine times more than Los Angeles County from 2003 to 2005, state data show, and it has the highest propor-tional use of the “direct file” law among the state’s 15 largest counties.

Briefs

NEW YORK (AP) — A convicted drug dealer who agreed to pose as a wannabe terrorist among a shadowy group now accused of plotting to blow up John F. Kennedy International Airport secretly fed information to federal investigators in exchange for a lighter sentence. His surveillance trips to the airport with the sus-pects, travels abroad to meet with supporters and assurances he wanted to die as a martyr in an attack on an underground jet fuel pipeline gave counterterrorism agents insight and evidence that experts say was otherwise unattainable.

AURORA, Ill. (AP) — A high school senior accused of starting a massive food fight that left a police officer injured was among three students arrested in the attack.

While at least 200 students were in West Aurora High School’s cafeteria when french fries, milk, sand-wiches and pizza slices were hurled in a free-for-all, authorities said.

The alleged instigator, Demetrias Oglesby, 18, faces a felony charge of resisting arrest after authorities said he ran from a police officer.

International

BERLIN (AP) — Just days before hosting a G8 summit that has already drawn violent protests, German Chancellor Angela Merkel on Sunday described President Bush’s new initiative on global warming as “very welcome,” but insisted it must fall within the framework of United Nations treaty negotia-tions. Bush on Thursday proposed the 15 biggest emitters of green-house gases hold meetings and set an emissions goal. But he would let each country — including the U.S., China, India and the major European countries — decide individually how to implement it.

BAGHDAD (AP) — The U.S. military announced Sunday that 14 American soldiers were killed over the past three days, including four in a single roadside bombing and another who was struck by a suicide bomber while on a foot patrol. The blast that killed the fourth U.S. soldiers occurred Sunday as the troops were conducting a cordon and search operation northwest of Baghdad, according to a state-ment. Two other soldiers were killed and five were wounded along with an Iraqi interpreter in two separate roadside bombings on Sunday, the military said.

Man beats world hot dog eating record

PHOENIX — A California man smashed the world record for hot dog eating Saturday, gobbling up more than 59 franks in 12 minutes.

Joey Chestnut, 23, of San Jose, shattered the record held by Takeru Kobayashi of Japan by downing 59 1/2 “HDBs” — hot dogs and buns — during the Southeast Regional Hot Dog Eating Championship at the Arizona Mills Mall in suburban Tempe.

Kobayashi’s old record of 53 3/4 was set last year at Nathan’s Famous Fourth of July Hot Dog Eating Contest, held at Coney Island in New York, said George Contos, who helps run the regional contests for Nathan’s. Chestnut placed second in last year’s world championships, consuming 52 hot dogs.

He won a free trip to New York, a year’s supply of hot dogs and a $250 gift card to the mall.

THE BIZARRE

Family finds time capsule in garden

MANTON, Mich. (AP) — It wasn’t buried treasure, but a boy working in his grandmother’s garden pulled from the ground a wooden box that con-tained a Chryslor emblem, a tractile candle and newspapers from 1952, among other items.

Cole Ordway, 13, discovered the box on Memorial Day at the home of his grandmother, Betty Dowell. Cole’s mother, his 17-year-old sister and a neigh-bor also were on hand for the discovery.

Inside, family members also found feathers, a pair of pliers, a jackknife with a colorful bear image on the handle and a cornerstone.

It wasn’t clear when the box was buried because although the newspapers were 55 years old, some of the other items appeared newer, Dowell said.

Dowell has lived at the home in Westford County for about two years. She plans to try and find who owned her property in 1952 for clues.

She said she will add items to the box, including a Beanie Baby, a DVD and grocery receipts, then rebury the box.

“I hope nobody finds it for another 50 years,” Dowell said.

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When going to watch the third movie in a trilogy it is inevitable that you would have preconceived expectations or prejudices regarding the film. That was definitely the case when I saw “Pirates of the Caribbean: At World’s End.”

I enjoyed the first movie in the trilogy. It’s not one of my all-time favorites or anything, but I was definitely entertained.

The problem arose with the second movie. It seemed like a forced sequel to me. I waited for hours and hours, but never got to see the conclusion I was fighting to stay awake for.

By the end of the movie, I was thrilled to see the lights in the theater turn back on so I could get the hell out of there.

So, with the memory of last year’s “Pirates” movie fresh in my mind, I wasn’t too excited to hear about the trilogy’s finale coming to theaters.

However, when I saw the previews during a commercial break last week, I convinced myself that it might actually exceed my expectations. Dumb idea.

The movie starts where the last one ended. Only problem was, I couldn’t remember how the last movie ended. I impatiently waited for a few lines of reminder dialogue like in most sequels, but it didn’t come.

I had to wait until after the movie to Google a synopsis of the last movie just to remember the origin of certain feuds. Honestly, if someone hadn’t seen the first two movies, I doubt that they’d have a clue as to what’s going on in this one.

I felt completely lost through the entire movie, like I wasn’t quite getting the whole picture. Turns out, I was indeed following the one clue as to what’s going on in this movie. Someone hadn’t seen the first two movies, I truly liked was the monkey that rides aboard the Black Pearl. The movie started at 10:45 p.m., and I was half expecting it to be light outside when I left. Amazingly, it turns out that it was only about three hours long.

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“Pirates of the Caribbean: At World’s End”

“You’ve heard the saying, ‘If you’ve seen one, you’ve seen them all.” Well, it’s definitely applicable to this trilogy. Captain Jack Sparrow is still seeking fortune and fame, and Orlando Bloom’s character is still after the girl.

The worst part was there wasn’t even a badass swashbuckling scene until the end of the movie! Sure, the special effects were amazing, but that was about it.

Once again, I found myself trapped in a never-ending movie full of men with bad teeth and eyeliner. The only character I truly liked was the monkey that rides aboard the Black Pearl.

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Captain Jack Sparrow (Johnny Depp, right), Will Turner (Orlando Bloom) and the rest of the motley crew are back in action with “Pirates of the Caribbean: At World’s End.” As its title suggests, the film scales several wonders of the world while following the captain and his crew in their quest for fortune and romance.

That monkey is like us, the audience — bruised, confused, and unsure what it did to deserve this punishment.” I couldn’t have expressed my feelings more perfectly.

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I fear upgrading to a ‘real person’

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The other day I went to see my major adviser, just to check in and make sure I'd signed up for the right classes for next fall. It all started benign enough, until she opened my file and said, "So you're a senior? Right?" No... I'm a third year," I replied.

"Well, technically you're a senior. You only need nine more units to graduate.

Nine units? Nine! There are only nine units standing between me and the vast uncharted width of the real world?

Luckily, the advisor told me that I had not to graduate after four units. If I was ready, I could put another year between me and the real world. And I plan to because, you know, the real world is scary.

In my mind, there are three categories of people. First, there are kids — those short, child-type people who run around being alternately cute and obnoxious, and somehow manage to be sticky most of the time. Second there are students. Well, specifically college students. I tend to lump high school students in with the "kids" group, because I don't know what I will be like as a real person. Will I still be allowed to think fart jokes are funny? Do I have to dress sensibly? Can I still headlock my little brother?

I don't know why I'm so worried about it. I see real people every day who defy these expectations I've invested. Well, except headlocking my little brother, because that would be inappropriate and probably illegal in California.

But I know I can't be done in fearing the transformation from student to real person. That's why graduating from high school is awesome, while graduating from college is scary. When you graduate from high school, not only do you get to see goodbye to all that crappy high school angst and stuff, but you still have college as a buffer zone between you and real person-dom. Even if you don't know what you want to study or do with your life, you have four whole years to figure it out.

But if you're graduating from college, well, you're run out of buffer zone (unless you're going to grad school, I guess). You've got to find a job and place to live, and when you do something stupid, people won't just shush and chalk it up to being a dumb college kid who will grow out of doing stupid things.

But I have a feeling that the real world is one of those places that really cool once you're there, even though the part just before it is scary. Kind of like how on a roller coaster it's really nerve wracking when you go up the big hill, but once you get over it, all the fun makes those suspicious clacking sounds and the vertigo worth it.

All of this has been weighing on me because of those nine stupid units. But I know when the time comes, it won't be too bad, because even though most of me is going, "Oh crap, I've only got one year left!" there's another part of me that thinks, "I have to wait to a whole year?"

So to those of you who don't have the nine-unit safety zone and are actually making the leap into the real world in a few weeks, I say congratulations and good luck, and thought I think you won't need it. After all, you'll be leaving with a degree, and maybe a memory or two that might be worth just as much.

Letters TO THE EDITOR

Pedestrians begging to be run over on campus

In response to Angel Pacheco's opinion piece ("What's with the need for speed?"
May 31), the problem is not that motorists want to run over pedestrians — it's that pedestrians are begging to be run over.

Pedestrians on this campus cross the road like f—king idiots, and that's the nicest way I can put it. They cross the street blabbing on their cell phones, or listening to their iPods, yet they don't look for traffic before they cross. Remember that thing your parent taught you? Look both ways before you cross the street!

Also, some students at Cal Poly with real majors do have to get to class on time. Being five minutes late to any of my classes means I missed a lot of valuable information.

Pedestrians cause an immensely huge amount of traffic build-up and cause motorists to become frustrated and drive inappropriately. During busy hours of the day, pedestrians cross one at a time following each other five to 10 feet apart, and rarely let cars pass.

Maybe if a pedestrian would yield for a few cars then "the need for speed" problem would be resolved as there would not be as much traffic congestion.

By the way, introducing students to control traffic on campus like by Campus Market in the morning, was an awesome idea since pedestrians can't seem to help solve the problem by just letting some cars pass by.

I'm lucky and get to pass all the traffic on my motorcycle. I feel sorry for anyone who drives during busy times of the day, because if I drive a car to campus, I would have "the need for speed" as well.

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“This one took a lot of thought,” Campbell said. “We had to examine the medical. We had to examine the play. It was an easy call. But there were some simple aspects to it. A blow to the head with the elbow that resulted in a concussion.”

In Campbell’s nine years on the job following an NHL coaching career, he has suspended three players in the finals. Procter is the third to be banished twice in one playoff year and the third to sit out a finals game for an act committed in the championship round. The four-foot-11, 225-pounder has been suspended seven times, including one-one-game ban for leaving the bench for an altercation.

This will be the 14th game Procter has missed because of suspension — two for elbows to the head, four for high-sticking, another four for slashing, three for cross-checking and one for kicking.

“I’ve been in front of them before and now I’m a repeat offender,” the 32-year-old Proctor said at a news conference, dressed in a warmup suit and wearing a baseball cap. “I’m sure that plays into it as it normally does in any situation.”

“They did the right thing here. It’s a situation where there was a head blow, it’s obviously something that the league’s trying to crack down on. I don’t blame them in any way.”

The Ducks lost Game 3 to Detroit, but starting with the contest in which Procter sat out they ran out of fight, said McAmmond. “It wasn’t incidental. It’s not like that couldn’t have been avoided.”

His stance for Game 4 is unchanged.

“I’m feeling pretty much the same,” he said. “A little bit headachy, not feeling quite right. I’m going to do everything I can, or as little as I can, to feel good today. I want to play but at this point in time, I’m not sure enough to beat him.”

Reid won by a mere three-hundredths of a second. He led the race from the gun and learned a valuable lesson about not letting up at the end of races.

“I’ll never make that mistake again,” Reid said. Conover said coaching Reid the last four years has been a joy because of his work ethic and leadership abilities.

“He never wavered through the injuries and used that time to understand how much he loves running,” Conover said. Up next for Reid will be the NSC Championships. From Wednesday through Saturday at Sacramento State, where he will chase another All-American award.

Reid has the potential to run after college professionally and has already earned as Olympic Trials "B" standard time in the 1,500.

“He’s really just starting out,” Conover said. “He’s got a lot to look forward to.”

WASHINGTON (AP) — Steve Johnson, a 23-year-old professional hockey player, was suspended by the National Hockey League disciplinarian Friday for an elbow that resulted in a concussion.

The suspensions were announced Friday in a conference call at Scotiabank Plaza, a few hours after meeting with Procter.

Johnson got his time, but Reid nearly had it.

“I could hear the crowd going nuts with 150 (meters) to go and it thought it was over there was a battle for second,” Reid said. “Then a guy pulled up with 5 and I got past him.”
Shown with the cross country team during the Mustangs' fourth straight Big West Conference title-winning race Oct. 28, 2006 at the Fairbanks Memorial Course, Cal Poly junior Phillip Reid (left) is one of three Mustangs heading to the NCAA Championships at Sacramento State from Wednesday through Saturday. He will compete in the 1,500-meter run.

Reid hopes for All-American showing at NCAA meet

Cal Poly Male Athlete of the Year Phillip Reid, a junior, has a chance to be an All-American in both cross country and track and field.

When Phillip Reid’s doctor told him he may never run competitively again, Reid took the diagnosis as a challenge.

He was faced with his second stress fracture in as many years. After being forced to redshirt his freshman year of track because of a stress fracture in his shin, the new injury appeared even worse.

But Reid never lost perspective.

“They were in the Lance Armstrong generation,” he said. “I thought, ‘This isn’t even that bad.’”

After traveling the long road to recovery, Reid has experienced a rebirth as he has established himself as one of the greatest distance runners ever to race for Cal Poly.

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His training regimen consists of a base that included 12 consecutive weeks of running 70 to 75 miles per week over the summer.

“Most runners will take a rest week for every three or four hard training weeks where mileage is greatly reduced to allow the body recovery time,” Reid said.

“I think rest is good, but as long as I’m feeling healthy, I don’t mind running hard (for) consecutive weeks,” Reid said.

The motivation to train with such dedication comes from within.

Get More

Reid looks at running as a metaphor for life. He relishes in the process of working toward a goal and achieving it. While he is honored to be acknowledged with awards, the only gratification he needs is intrinsic.

“An award is an award,” he said. “It’s not like you can take it off your wall and put it away. Being able to push yourself to see just how fast you can go is why I run.”

The highlight of his season to date came May 12 at the Big West Championships when he broke Reid’s record in the 1,500 by more than a second. Scott has run 3:54-4 minute miles in his career, more than any other athlete in the world.

The former UCIrvine runner also won the national championship in the 1,500 the year he set the conference record.

“My main goal for that race was just to win a point,” Reid said.

“I also wanted (Matt) Johnsrud to get a verbal commitment that day,” Reid said.

There’s no time limit for training as a metaphor for life, but you also have to be self-motivating,” Reid said.

Reid started running with the cross country team during the Mustangs’ fourth straight Big West Conference title-winning race Oct. 28, 2006 at the Fairbanks Memorial Course, Cal Poly junior Phillip Reid (left) is one of three Mustangs heading to the NCAA Championships at Sacramento State from Wednesday through Saturday. He will compete in the 1,500-meter run.

Poly Rugby Football club team 6th in nation

The Mustangs opened the season with 11 returning starters, but had only two by the end of a 12-6 campaign.

Despite losing several players to injuries early in the season, the Cal Poly Rugby Football club team ended the season 12-6 overall and sixth in the nation.

The team was first in the Southern California Rugby Football Union for the second year in a row. The Mustangs played nine league games with only one loss to San Diego State.

Last year we lost league and this year we lost to SB, so that was disappointing,” Cal Poly sophomore Ryan Kaft said.

It was only a small disappointment, though, as Cal Poly went on to win in playoff opener 34-10 over Minnesota at Cal. The win set the team to the round of eight, where it lost to BYU for the second year in a row.

Last year, the Mustangs’ loss to BYU ended their undefeated season. BYU won again this year by a score of 33-33 and went on to the national title game, where it lost to Cal.

“Next year we’re looking forward to winning another big championship and progressing farther in playoffs than we did,” Cal Poly senior Gabe Escalera said.

“We had a young group this year so it can only get progressively better,” Cal Poly junior Thomas Ramussen said.

Because of the injuries in the beginning of the season, freshmen had to fill in and work their way up,

The team began with 11 returning starters, but had only two by the end of the season.

“Everybody was put on the spot to perform,” he said. “We have high hopes for next year because we have a lot of young guys returning and that should help us put together a good team.”

One of the team’s favorite games was when they played at UC Santa Barbara and won 34-11 in front of a loud, excited home crowd.

“It’s such a big rivalry between the both of us and we were able to keep the crowd quiet by beating them,” Escalera said.

While the team had trouble playing on the same page early in the season as the roster changed, it stepped up to win the league championship against the University of San Diego by a score of 76-17.

“Last year we lost by far was when we beat USD and clinched the league championship,” Kauf said. “We really came together to play as a unit.”

Over spring break, the team toured in Wales to prepare for the playoff. They played against the Royal and Pontypidd. The Mustangs, playing at SLO U23, lost their first game against Ynysybwl and then beat Pontypidd.

While there, the team was also able to train with professional coaches and take a match between Newport Wales and Bride France.

The rugby team is divided into two sides, which are comparable to varsity and junior varsity squads. Each side plays the same amount of games during the regular season, but only the first side is eligible to reach the playoffs.

The season started in the middle of October and ended in April. At the end of the season, some of Cal Poly’s forwards were asked to join the league team, the SoCal Griffins.

Ducks’ Pronger iced for Game 4 of Stanley Cup Finals

Nonetheless, Anaheim will try to take a commanding 3-1 series lead when the Ducks and Senators face off at 5 tonight on NBC.

Ira Podell

OTTAWA — The Anaheim Ducks will have to play without Chris Pronger — again.

Pronger was suspended Sunday for Game 4 of the Stanley Cup Finals for his forearm to the head of Dean McAmmond that knocked out the Senators forward and made his status for tonight’s pivotal game questionable.

The loss of Pronger is nothing new to the Ducks. They beat Detroit in Game 4 of the Western Conference Finals when Pronger was suspended for a high hit to the head of Wings forward Brendan Holstom. He also missed 16 games during the regular season, his first in Anaheim, due to injuries, but this discipline pattern has become troublesome to the Norris Trophy finalists.

It was a reaction play, I stepped up to make the hit and got him with my forearm,” said Pronger, who practiced with the team Sunday. “Obviously you’ve got to suffer the consequences of what’s come down. I think we were in last series, and certainly teammates rallied around me and rallied around another. Certainly we’re looking for that again.

Pronger leveled McAmmond with his elbow Saturday in the Ducks’ 5-3 loss to the Senators. The Ducks are ahead in the series 2-1 and will get Pronger back upon returning home to Anaheim for Game 5 on Wednesday.

They will either be tied or a win away from the first Stanley Cup title in the Ducks’ 33 NHL seasons. Anaheim is 7-7-3 without him in the lineup.

“No body can replace a guy like Chris Pronger,” said forward Teemu Selanne, who starred with All-Star teammate Olli Jokinen in Pronger’s 4 playoff outings.

“It’s just another bump on the road. We have to put a whole new drive on and keep pushing for — see Game 4, page 7