Construction management team takes first place again

Holly Burke
MUSTANG DAILY
Cal Poly construction management students have, for the second year in a row, earned first place in the National Association of Homebuilders (NAHB) Student Competition in Orlando, Fla.

The Polytex team developed a proposal for a 10-acre, 175-unit condominium in Addison, Texas. The students spent more than 300 hours on the project. The NAHB has held the student competition for 16 years, and the Cal Poly teams have participated in the past six. Cal Poly students topped the 34 other universities in the competition. Nearly 105,000 builders and associates attended the international competitions.

“All (students) on the team had prior internship experience with other homebuilders,” said Jeremy Johnson, a civil engineering senior, the only non-construction management major on the team.

“We were able to apply our knowledge not only from the classroom, but from our previous experience. That really helped,” Johnson said.

“This is the strongest team we’ve fielded for this competition,” Barbara Jackson, a Cal Poly construction management professor and Polytex team coach, said in a press release.

“The team’s commitment to excellence and their prep work were extraordinary. I am proud to see Bill, page 2

College environment can worsen eating disorders

Erica Blair
COLUMBIA DAILY SPIRITUS (COLUMBIA, S.C.)

NEW YORK — With as many as one in four American college students suffering from an eating-related disorder and 86 percent of such afflictions beginning by age 20, college campuses are quickly becoming a battleground for the fatal psychiatric illness that contribute to nearly 5,000 deaths annually, according to the National Center for Health Statistics.

Existing insecurities are often deepened by the feelings of loneliness, worthlessness, and imperfection that accompany a student’s transition to the college lifestyle.

Those insecurities are what spurred Guerra’s relapse. “I was the new kid here, so I wanted to build friendships and possibly start a relationship right away,” she explained. Believing that such goals might be easier to achieve with a slimmer figure, Guerra began to change her eating behaviors. She said she paid more attention to the weights and eating habits of her friends and started to evaluate herself accordingly.

“I felt like there was some kind of competition amongst the girl in my hall to look their best,” Guerra said.

Though she refrained from discussing her own issues in public, “I was going back to my old ways.”

“Eating disorders are a symptom of something in one’s past that is reactivated by stress,” says Julia Sheby, associate director of the Rosemary Furman Counseling Center and coordinator of the eating disorder team at Barnard. “College is an at-risk time because it is a time of transition, where basic things in a student’s life become very different. That stress is increased in a very competitive school.”

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Award

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tically increased that this
team earned first-place scores
from all six judges. That's highly
unusual.

The students submitted 341
pages of architecture elevations,
stair layout, market analysis,
demographics, construction cost
estimates, building plans and a
management approach.

"We were able to fly a couple
of team members out to
(Addison, Texas) to talk to city
planners and local architecture. We
left the current building had a
claustrophobic feel, so we split
the long buildings in half and
created a walkway," Johnson
said.

Johnson believes that change
helped the team win the com-
petition.

The award included $2,000, a
plaque and a traveling legacy
trophy. The team was sponsored
by the local Homebuilders
Association of the Central Coast
and national sponsors: Palme
Homes, Century Homes,
Standard Pacific Homes, Shea
Homes and Syncon Homes.

"These students represent the
future of Southern California's
construction industry," Ram
Fullen, division manager for
Standard Pacific Homes
Cochella Valley Division, said in
a press release.

Disorders

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Adjusting to a new environment
and a new city "made me feel like I
was lost and sinking," she explained.
I used food and exercise to feel like
I had control over my life. The nor-
tual fear of the freshman fifteen
became an irrational fear of gaining
weight.

The social pressures to attain the
perfect body are often intensified
once students move away from
home and into university residences.
Because college students dye, deep
work and play with the same group
of people, the living situation
serves as a constant reminder of how
their peers look, eat and exercise.
For some students, it is just another
indica­tion of how they aren't measuring
up.

"Eating with people ... gave me a
hyper-consciousness of what I put in
my mouth, even though my friends
hadn't cared less what I ate," Duke
said. "Just knowing that there
were people who knew my schedule
on any given day, I felt lazy if I
skipped the gym. I sometimes felt
that everyone around me was more
put together than me and thinner."

"Some of my friends are dancers,
so they try to eat as healthily as pos­
able," Guevara added. "I made it
feel guilty about my own choices
and I would sometimes not eat some
of the stuff on my plate because I
was scared of a comment or quip
they might make. Some other
friends of mine are extremely thin
and active and eat whatever they
want. Sometimes I'd think, 'Well, so-
and-so is having the burger and the
frozen yogurt, so I guess I'm OK for
me.'"

Both Duke and Guevara found
that this pressure was amplified by
their new location in New York
City.

"New York feels like a city filled
with beautiful people, so even as I
just walk to Duane Reade or sit on
the subway, I constantly compar-
ing myself to other people... that
constant awareness of my body
obviously affects my eating choices," Duke
said.

"You have to look your best to go
out to all the trendy and chic restau-
ранs and clubs," Guevara added.

Bill

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tical year.
The bill passed 61-3 and was
returned to the Senate for a vote on
Assembly amendments. It will be
heard in committee before coming
up for a floor vote in about two
weeks, Kreider said.

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The Face of
Cal Poly

Name: Kendhal Stein • Year: freshman
Hometown: Danville • Major: business

Favorites
Muppet: Kermit the Frog
State: California
Color: Red
Movie: "Memento"
Would you rather...
— be a bird or fish? Bird.
— attend Mardi Gras or the Tour of California? Mardi Gras.

Other
Which weather do you prefer, sun or rain? Sun.

Editor's note: We are running yesterday's Face of Cal Poly of Kendhal Stein due to color issues with the printed picture.

State
LAGUNA BEACH (AP) — After decades of lawsuits, months of delays and lots of tears, the final residents of a the beachside community of El Morro must leave by Wednesday to make room for public campgrounds.

The mobile homes that offered million dollar views for as little as $400 per month will be replaced by 60 campgrounds after a two-year renovation.

SANTA MARIA (AP) — A Santa Maria cemetery will soon throw out 900 vases left at grave sites every three months instead of once a year after families complained about trash and dead flowers littering the grounds, officials said.

Cemetery visitors are also receiving strict guidelines limiting what they can leave at grave sites.

National
NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Tourists and locals stood side-by-side — in some spots 6 to 8 feet deep — a two of the Carnival season's biggest and glitziest parades rolled through a city struggling to reclaim some of its fateful fun.

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) — A state employee and his girlfriend had been drinking in the hours before he allegedly dropped her Off, a 23-story apartment window, killing her, police said Monday.

Kevin Eckensdorfe told police the couple was having an argument when he dangled her out the apartment window Saturday night and lost his grip on her arms. Harrisburg Mayor Stephen R. Reed said.

International
VIENNA, Austria (AP) — The U.N. atomic watchdog agency said Monday that Iran appears determined to expand its uranium enrichment program — a key international concern because of fears it could use the activity to make nuclear weapons. The International Atomic Energy Agency, in a confidential report made available to The Associated Press, also suggested that unless Iran drastically increased its cooperation with an agency probe, the agency would not be able to establish whether past clandestine activities were focused on making nuclear arms.

PARIS (AP) — Niger has become the second African country with confirmed cases of the deadly H5N1 bird flu strain, a lab official said Monday.

WHO SAID THAT?
You find yourself refreshed by the presence of cheerful people. Why not make an honest effort to confer that pleasure on others? Half the battle is gained if you never allow yourself to say anything gloomy.
— Lydia M. Child

If you want to know what God thinks of money, just look at the people he gave it to.
— Dorothy Parker

Wordly Wise
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Sunni, 'on the way' to ending boycott of coalition talks; hopes high for Carroll release

Qassim Abdul-Zahra
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Sunnis Arabs are ready to end their boycott of talks to form a new Iraqi government if real Shites return mosques seized in last week's sectarian attacks and meet other unspecified demands, a top Sunni figure said Monday. Meanwhile, Iraq's interior minister told ABC News that he believes American journalist Jill Carroll is alive and will be released, even though the Sunday deadline set by her kidnappers had passed.

Interior Minister Bayan Jabr also said he knew who abducted the 36-year-old journalist last month. "We know his name and address, and we are following up on him as well as the Americans," he said. "I think she is still alive."

U.S. Ambassador Zalmay Khalilzad told Fox News Channel's "Fox and Friends" Monday that he spoke with Carroll's plight. "We are doing all that we can to help bring about a release and will pursue it," Khalilzad said.

Carroll, a freelancer working for the Christian Science Monitor, was abducted Jan. 7 in Baghdad and last seen on a videotape broadcast Feb. 10 by a Kuwaiti television station, Al-Rai. The station said the kidnappers threatened to kill her unless the United States met unspecified demands by Sunday.

In Germany, the government denied a New York Times report that its intelligence service had passed information about Saddam Hussein's plans for defending Baghdad to the United States a month before the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq in 2003.

Khalilzad said a German intelligence officer supplied the information to the U.S. Defense Intelligence Agency in February 2003.

"This account is wrong," German government spokesman Ulrich Wilhelm said. "The Federal Intelligence Service and, therefore, also the government, had until now no knowledge of such a plan."

In continuing violence, four mortar rounds exploded Monday in a Shiite neighborhood, killing four and wounding 16, police Maj. Moussas Abdul Karim said. U.S. helicopters fired on three houses in Baquba, killing eight and arresting 10 people, Iraq police said.

It was unclear whether the raid was linked to Wednesday's bombing of a Shiite shrine in Samarra, triggering the wave of reprisal attacks that shook the nation last week.

The Sunnis boycotted the talks Thursday after the Askariya shrine bombing sparked attacks against Sunni mosques in Baghdad, Baquba and elsewhere. The withdrawal and Sunni-Shiite clashes threatened U.S. plans to establish a unity government capable of halting Sunni)

away from the insurgency and raised doubts about U.S. plans to begin withdrawing some of its 130,000 soldiers this year.

Adnan al-Dulaimi, whose Iraqi Accordance Front spearheaded the Sunni boycott, said the Sunnis have not decided to return to the talks but are "intent on participating" in a new government.

"The situation is tense and within the next two days, we expect the situation to improve and then we will have talks," he told The Associated Press. "We haven't ended our suspension completely but we are on the way to end it."

He said there were "some conditions that must be met first, chief among them the return of mosques still occupied by Shiite militants in Baghdad and Salman Pak. Al-Dulaimi did not mention the other demands, but some Sunni politicians have insisted on replacing Shiite police with Sunni soldiers in heavily Sunni areas.

Four people were killed Monday when several shells exploded near the Nasir Market in the mostly Shiite Shula area of western Baghdad, police said.

Otherwise, the city was generally peaceful Monday — the first day without extended curfews or a ban on private vehicles since the crisis erupted, pushing the nation to the brink of civil war.

Republican governors: Bush administration missteps taking toll back home

Robert Tanner
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republican governors are openly worrying that the Bush administration's latest stumbles — from the natural disaster of Hurricane Katrina to its own making on prescription drugs and ports security — are taking an election-year toll on the president back home.

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Stage four of the Amgen "Tour of California" bicycle race was in and out of town quicker than the city realized its anti-Mardi Gras tones were a waste of money.

In San Luis Obispo Thursday, the 130-mile stage ended on the sand-packed streets of Chorro and Monterey. The energy was radiant; as some fans climbed trees, others dove for Cliff bars and cycling accessories that were flying through the air.

What was most interesting to me was the amount of digital cameras that were present.

Everywhere I looked eager fans were hanging over guard rails and photographing from all over the state pushed their way into position to capture the finish with their cameras. At one point, I counted at least 30 people shoulder-to-shoulder all looking through a viewfinder.

From the day I picked up a camera and decided to take photojournalism seriously, I have been determined to always pursue a different vision.

Do we need to see another tight-cropped photo of a guy on a bike to get the story across? I say "No."

Too many times today all I see are the same images, just different days, leaving me with a feeling of déjà vu. In an ever-growing field boasted by digital technology, finding images that are just a cliché cropped and framed is getting much harder to do.

What I witnessed as the riders flew by wasn't static. It was movement and fluidity as flashes of color raced by in a blur.

My image tells the story of "Tour of California," but gives the viewer the chance to enjoy a different perspective, my perspective.

What is great about this image is that it was shot with a wide-angle lens and it's cropped into the action not because I have a 2-foot, $2,000 telephoto lens...
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Abortion will not pull a disappearing act

COMMENTARY

Or ganized religion and the bigger picture

Organized religion in America has a negative reputation. I know many of you are religious people, but I bet a lot of you are put off a little by how religion is played out in America. I bet many of you would chuckle if I told you that in Kansas some of our science books come with stickers that read “Evolution is a theory not a fact,” or that Harry Potter books were condemned by certain religious folk in my hometown. In today’s world, it’s easy to make fun of religion, just watch an episode of “South Park.”

Besides being funny, organized religion can be annoying too. Take for example, those guys in white button-down shirts and khaki pants (you know who I’m talking about) who come to your door (ruining your afternoon nap) asking you to join their religion; or those at Cal Poly, when people offering free balloons deliberately slow your progress as you rush to class. I know these are some absurd annoyances, but they add up.

On a serious note, organized religion in America has very serious problems. Being a Catholic, I was disturbed by the entire abusive scandal within our church. Likewise, being a Republican, I was disturbed by some (OK, a lot) of the remarks television host Pat Robertson made. His televised claim that former Israel Prime Minister Ariel Sharon’s stroke was a result of God punishing Israel for supporting pro-Israeli prime minister Andero PM. Krach. In Venezuela, Hugo Chavez and others have rejected the idea that God should interfere in politics.

I think we often forget the good that organized religion does for America and the world. Religious charities feed, clothe and shelter the homeless in many of our cities across the country. In other countries, where Western government agencies cannot and probably will not, religious organizations are providing health care and education.

Likewise, religious leaders don’t control our government and mandate that we follow religious law. In America, women aren’t prevented from driving cars, wearing clothing that they choose, or pursuing their careers of choice.

In America, religious leaders try to create a “scientific theory” (with intelligent design) that people will fail to make the distinction. While abortion is not a pleasant reality, it is a reality nonetheless. But for conservatives, the solution to abortion isn’t effective or real solutions at all. I once thought that abortion was a “scientific theory” (with intelligent design) that people will fail to make the distinction. While abortion is not a pleasant reality, it is a reality nonetheless. But for conservatives, the solution to abortion isn’t effective or real solutions at all. I once thought that abortion was a “scientific theory” (with intelligent design) that people will fail to make the distinction. While abortion is not a pleasant reality, it is a reality nonetheless. But for conservatives, the solution to abortion isn’t effective or real solutions at all. I once thought that abortion was a “scientific theory” (with intelligent design) that people will fail to make the distinction. While abortion is not a pleasant reality, it is a reality nonetheless. But for conservatives, the solution to abortion isn’t effective or real solutions at all. I once thought that abortion was a “scientific theory” (with intelligent design) that people will fail to make the distinction. While abortion is not a pleasant reality, it is a reality nonetheless. But for conservatives, the solution to abortion isn’t effective or real solutions at all. I once thought that abortion was a “scientific theory” (with intelligent design) that people will fail to make the distinction. While abortion is not a pleasant reality, it is a reality nonetheless. But for conservatives, the solution to abortion isn’t effective or real solutions at all. I once thought that abortion was a “scientific theory” (with intelligent design)
Scholarships

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Michelson finished third with a time of 2:21:27. "It feels really great," said Michelson of being the first swimmer for a scholarship. "It shows there are a lot of people out there who care about our program. It's been a long time coming and it means a lot for our entire team and in the future."

"It's quite an honor to be the first one to get a scholarship," Linsmeier said. "I think we'll get more and more one to get (a scholarship)," Linsmeier added almost full scholarships and we can't even touch them now. So this is going to be big for us. Being able to add scholarships and bring people in is going to allow us to be competitive again."

Finally being able to offer scholarships to prospective athletes has made Cal Poly's swimming program more enticing to recruits. "Next year we get a little bit more money, and we've already signed a high school All-American in the early signing for the girls," Firman said. "The effects are already here. If I didn't have the scholarship money to offer that girl in the early signing period, she would have signed elsewhere. Since I was able to put together a package for her that made Cal Poly academically and financially viable."

Adding high-caliber swimmers to the program will only strengthen the program and Cal Poly can only wait and see what follows from there. "I think if we produce some results, that's going to make all of our teams that produce results that will be handed to out homes and send people to nationals."

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ACROSS
1. Found after the quarters (6)
2. Sweetheart (5)
3. Music staff symbol (5)
4. Frank who directed "It's a Wonderful Life" (6)
5. Fortysomethings (9)
6. Come-on (6)
7. Stranded motorist's need (6)
8. Bump off (8)
9. Shakedown (6)
10. #1 Oak Ridge Boys hit (7)
11. Swelling (4)
12. Flower fanciers (6)
13. Star's part (5)
14. Naa-Dah (5)

DOWN
1. "Noon" suit (6)
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**Winter Games come to a close**

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It was a spectacle at the closing ceremonies for the 2006 Winter Olympics in Turin, Italy on Sunday. The 2006 Games were marred by disappointment for the United States; Bode Miller and a pair of hockey upsets highlighting U.S. misfortunes.

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**First Poly swim scholarships awarded**

James Mellor

The swim season may be over and the results were not lackluster, but with a boost in funding, the team could be on its way to better seasons. Scholarships were granted this season to a pair of Cal Poly swimmers for the first time ever.

Thanks to money earned through the Dick Anderson Endowment Fund, John Michelmore and Kira Linsmeier both received athletic scholarships.

"(They're) our senior captains who basically had the talent and the time to get scholarship money at other schools," swim coach Rich Ferriar said. "Finally, as they were seniors, they got some scholarship money here."

Sophomore Stacey Sorensen and junior Erin Grimm also received scholarship money as a result of increased funding for the program.

Michelmore was one of Cal Poly's top finishers at the Big West Championships this season. In his top event, the 200-meter breaststroke, see Scholarships, page 7

Cal Poly swimmers (from left to right) John Michelmore, Stacey Sorensen, Erin Grimm and Kira Linsmeier were the recipients of the first swim scholarships in school history.

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**MUSTANGS SPLIT IN PALM SPRINGS**

Cal Poly won its final game of the Oregon State Tournament at Palm Springs on Sunday. The 9-4 win against the No. 25-ranked Fresno State Bulldogs improves Cal Poly's overall record to 4-11 while the Bulldogs fall to 9-7. The Mustangs finished the tournament 2-2 with wins over the Bulldogs and Oklahoma State and losses to Long Island and Oklahoma.

Cal Poly earned the win thanks to a home run by Lisa Modglin, a triple by Jackie Gehlke-Jones and numerous Fresno State errors.

The Bulldogs took the early lead in the first inning where Haley Perkins led the inning off with a homerun. The fourth inning saw another Bulldog run with Karin Jacques reaching home on a double by Robin Mackin.

Fresno seemed to take control of the game, adding another run in the fifth when infielder Shannan Garvin was driven home on a double from Chris Clark.

The Mustangs answered back in the fifth, scoring three runs to tie the Bulldogs. Kristin Pocock and Stephanie Tan were walked and, with Josie Rogers to pinch run for Pocock, a triple from shortstop Jackie Gehlke-Jones sent the two Mustangs home. Gehlke-Jones scored the third run on a single to the right side by Lisa Modglin. Modglin was left on base when Kelly Constant scored in the sixth out to the short stop to end the inning.

In the sixth, Cal Poly added six runs. Chelsea Green, who reached on a fielder's choice, touched home on a double to right center by Pocock. A single by Gehlke-Jones and a throwing error by Fresno State sent Pocock in for the run. Melissa Pita hit a single and scored a run when Kristen Lee reached first on an error. Lee and Gehlke-Jones were sent home when Modglin recorded her fourth home run of the season.

Jenna Maiden earned the win for Cal Poly, entering the game in the top of the sixth, walking none and allowing just two hits and one run. Robin Mackin pitched the first five innings, striking out eight batters while allowing two walks, five hits and five runs. Laura Ferreira entered the game to pitch in the sixth and recorded no strikeouts or walks while allowing three hits and four runs.

In the circle for Fresno State, Robin Mackin took the loss recording eight strikeouts while allowing two walks, five hits and five runs. Laura Ferrera entered the game to pitch in the sixth and recorded no strikeouts or walks while allowing three hits and four runs.

The Mustangs return to action March 5 to 7 at the UCLA Tournament in Los Angeles. "Sport Information Report"