Poly grads design

"White House of the future"

Jennifer Titecomb
MUSTANG DAILY

Four Cal Poly architecture alumni competed in an international design competition where they were asked to redesign a modernized White House, called White House Redux, and they answered in a big way. The team of Jeff Frost, David Iseri, Justin Kruse and Laura Sperry, all of whom have left San Luis Obispo for the busy New York City life, won second place. Over 500 designs were entered from 42 different countries. The winners were selected by a jury composed of six prominent people in the architecture industry.

Second place came with the perks of a $3,000 prize, the chance to attend the opening of Storefront for Art and Architecture's contest exhibition and their work featured in the company’s "White House Redux: The Book."

"I think having our work displayed at Storefront (for Art and Architecture) for a month was the most significant reward," Frost said.

The context prompt was launched on Jan. 15 and the applicants had until April 27 to create the project. "(It took) several brainstorm lunch and dinner sessions at the beginning, and then we all waited until the last two weekends before it was due before doing any real work," Kruse said.

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Colin Powell endorses Barack Obama for president

Stephen Ohlemacher
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WASHINGTON — Colin Powell, a Republican and retired general who was President Bush's first secretary of state, broke with the party Sunday and endorsed Democrat Barack Obama for president, calling him a "transformational figure" while criticizing the tone of John McCain's campaign.

The former Joint Chiefs of Staff chairman said either senator is qualified to be commander in chief. But after studying both, he concluded that Obama is better suited than McCain, the standard-bearer of Powell's own party, to handle the nation's economic problems and help improve its world standing.

"It isn't easy for me to disappoint Sen. McCain in the way that I have this morning, and I regret that," Powell said on NBC's "Meet the Press," where he announced the endorsement and delivered a serious blow to the aspirations of his long-time friend, Arizona Sen. McCain.

But, Powell added: "I think we need a transformational figure. I think we need a president who is a generational change and that's why I'm supporting Barack Obama, not out of any lack of respect or admiration for Sen. John McCain."

The endorsement by Powell amounted to a stunning rejection of McCain, a 26-year veteran of Congress and a former Vietnam prisoner of war who has campaigned as the experienced, tested candidate who knows how to keep the country safe.

Powell's endorsement has been much anticipated because of his impressive foreign policy credentials, a subject on which Obama, a first-term senator from Illinois, is weak. Powell is a Republican centrist pop-

Students battle to raise money for breast cancer

Cal Poly students played volleyball at the Rec Center lawn on Saturday to raise money for breast cancer. Recreation senior Mike Smith and civil engineering junior Mike Delach started the tournament.

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Bush looks forward to hosting summit

Deb Riechmann

CAMP DAVID, Md. — President Bush, looking for answers to on-going economic emergency with just three months left in office, will host an international summit to discuss ways to fix the world financial system but warned on Saturday against reforms that threaten capitalism.

"We will work to strengthen and modernize our nations’ financial systems so we can help ensure that this crisis doesn’t happen again," Bush said at the Camp David presidential retreat.

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Grocery bill still high? Blame ‘sticky’ prices

Christopher Leonard

Worries over a global recession have pushed the price of oil to its lowest in over a year. Don’t expect the same for a bottle of beer, a tube of toothpaste, or a box of cereal.

You can blame “sticky” prices.

That’s what analysts call it when companies slap higher prices on products and keep them there even though the rationale for the price hikes — such as soaring oil prices — is gone.

The falling cost of oil could help companies pad their profit margins as they pay less to make and transport goods. But it won’t mean a break on the average grocery bill.

The price of consumer goods typically lags behind the price of key inputs like oil and wheat, said Chris Lafakis, an economist with Moody’s Economy.com.

“Consumer prices don’t change near as fast, because they are set by companies,” Lafakis said. “Commodity prices are set every day on an open market.”

The opposite is also true: Companies hesitate to hike prices because it might push consumers to into the arms of a competitor, or to cheaper alternatives.

Meat companies like Tyson Foods Inc., for example, will see

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Stevens judged by 2 juries, trials and election

ONTARIO, Calif. (AP) — State authorities have arrested the owner of a signature-gathering firm on charges of committing voter registration fraud.

Secretary of State Debra Bowen says the Election Fraud Investigation Unit arrested Mark Anthony Jacobs, who owns the firm Young Political Majors, late Saturday near an Ontario hotel. Jacob is accused of registering himself to vote twice—in 2006 and in 2007—using the address of a childhood home in Los Angeles where he no longer lived.

SEA RANCH, Calif. (AP) — A group of abalone divers who had their prized catch confiscated by a sheriff's deputy is suing to get their shellfish back because it would mean a mandatory five-day jail sentence.

Newport Beach resident William Buckley, a group's organizer, says he was mugged, struggling to read aloud a note he had written a friend. "I can't read my own writing," Stevens said.

Brennan Sullivan, second from left, top, at the U.S. District Court in Washington Monday Oct. 6, 2008. Stevens testified by video in the trial of Sen. Ted Stevens, left, as he listens to witness Bill Allen, right, being questioned by his Attorney Brendan Sullivan, second from left top, at the U.S. District Court in Washington Monday Oct. 6, 2008. Stevens judged by 2 juries, trials and election

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MOTT GYM

Saturday Oct. 25 in the suburbs out­side Washington, leading to revela­tions he had fathered a child from an extramarital affair. After the scandal, he decided not to seek re­election.

A Chinese diplomat in Khartoum says a dormant Saudi plan offering a comprehensive peace deal for the region because individual negotiations with Syria and the Palestini­ans have made little progress.

Barak said it may be time to pursue an overall peace deal for the re­gion because individual negotiations with Syria and the Palestini­ans have made little progress.

Barak said he has discussed the Saudi plan with Prime Minister-designate Tariq al-Hashimi, who is in the process of forming a new govern­ment, and that Israel is considering a response.
**Army**

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Fort Carson, sad commanders two months ago ordered squad leaders and team leaders to recalibrate soldiers to see if they need additional help following concerns raised after another soldier from the unit was linked to a double slaying.

PT. Jantar Donoro-Eula-Vino, 24, and Spe. Rodolfo Torres-Gar­
darria, 20, face attempted murder charges in the May 20 shooting of Capt. Zachary Zsody, who was shot twice while standing at an intersection. An arrest affidavit released in August said an AK-47 used in the Zsody case was found in Eula-Vino's apartment and it also used in the June 6 deaths of two people ganged down on the street while putting up signs for a garage sale.

Killed were Cesar Ramirez Banez, 21, and Anatamuy Cer­vanas, 28. Prosecutors filed mur­der charges against Eula-Vino on Sept. 15.

Three other members of the unit were accused in the slayings of two soldiers. Bruce Barton Jr. was sentenced last month to 60 years in prison. He pleaded guilty to acces­sory to murder in the December shooting death of Kevin Sheldrake, and conspiracy to commit murder in the August 2007 death of Rob­ert James.

**Prices**

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have swallowed losses this year as in­
gredient costs rose because execu­tives were fearful consumers would aban­
don their products if prices jumped too fast. Tyson's profit plunged 92 percent in the third quarter and the company said it didn't expect a re­bound soon.

But once a price hike is in place, it virtually never goes away, Laskis said.

The core Consumer Price Index, which eliminates food and energy prices, rose 0.1 percent, according to U.S. Labor Department figures. That was only about half the jump econom­ists had expected, but it still lagged far behind the drop in oil prices.

Crude oil has plunged more than 53 percent from its record high of $147.27 between July and October.

Companies also tend to price their products based on what their competitors are charging and not necessarily on what costs to make them, said Lars Fenna, assistant pro­fessor of marketing at the University of Southern California's Marshall School of Business.

Coca-Cola is more interested in what Pepsi is charging for a six-pack than the cost of its ingredients, said a high fructose corn syrup, he said. Neither Coca-Cola Co. nor PepsiCo Inc. would comment on possible price cuts in the future.

That means consumers are in a fix these days. Prices have been going up broadly across whole categories of products, meaning competitors have been hiking prices in unison. For example, both Anheuser-Busch Cos., Inc. and SABMiller's U.S. unit have been raising the price for beer, with neither one too worried that the price hikes will push customers to their competitor.

"They may be upset about it, but you really have fairly limited options as a consumer," Perrier said.

For prices to drop, consumers have to hope that companies' competitive juices start flowing again. The drop in oil and ingredient prices is creating a high-stakes game of chicken in the shopping aisle, Perrier said.

If companies keep their prices at current levels, they can reap higher profit margins. But if one company starts cutting prices to lure customers away from competition, it could start a price war.

"As soon as the first (company) in a category reduces prices, the others will follow suit. But they're all hop­ing the other one doesn't cut prices," Perrier said.

**Trial**

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The polls close and Stevens stuck in the courtroom, his Demo­cratic opponent, Mark Begich, has taunted him from afar. The Anchorage mayor has repeatedly attacked the incumbent, and uses his legal penchant against him. Democratic ads depict the Alaska congressman as a politician more interested in a sauna and wine cellar, while on the stand briefly Thurs­day, the senator said his wife, Alth­ena, kept the couple in the dark about the extent of the work and its cost.

"My opponent is trying to con­vince Alaskans that I am no longer ef­fective," the senator said in the release. "Most loyal Alaskans, he added, "would disagree."

While on the stand briefly Thurs­day, Stevens offered autobiographical snippets that amounted to a 20-minute campaign ad. He described his child­hood in the Great Depression, military service in World War II, cru­sade for Alaska statehood, the tragic loss of his first wife in a plane crash and four decades in the Senate.

On Friday during hours of testimo­ny, he was faced with the more tricky task of convincing jurors that a legis­lature known for clarity and ten­acity was legsy about a project that turns his tiny A-frame cabin in Girdwood, Alaska, into a spacious two­story home with a sauna and wine cellar.

Stevens said he relied on Allen to oversee the project and, despite repet­it­ed confrontations, his friend refused to stop giving him gifts.

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-Patrick Sparks, graphic communications freshman

"Yes, because I was raised Catholic, but even if I wasn't, I would still believe in a higher power."

-Gabriella Vetere, nutrition junior

"I do; something had to make all of this (the world)."

-Sean Connors, microbiology freshman

"Yes, because I have expe­rienced his miracles first­hand."

-Luke Gocke, agricultural communications freshman

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Shakespeare Press Museum: a hidden treasure of Cal Poly community

Alisha Sorvetti

On the ground floor of the Graphic Arts building lies a little-known secret that takes you back to the 19th century, to a time when printing was done by hand, not computers as an art. Cal Poly’s Shakespeare Press Museum looks just like a printing office from the 1800s and is open to students.

We like to think of it as a way we’re trying to keep what a 19th century working printing office would have been like—said history graduate student Laura Sorvetti, museum curator for the museum. “What we do is we offer students and the public a large chance to see what it was like to print (on the 1800s).”

The Shakespeare Press Museum was started by a former newspaper man named Charles Palml in 1946. He was a Shakespeare enthusiast, and collected and restored printing equipment which he was found—mostly at Cal Poly. His collection was donation to museum in 1966 and opened to the public in 1969.

As museum curator, graphic communication senior Alisha Sorvetti is trying to increase visibility to the campus and the public.

“I think this year we especially want to focus on awareness, getting the word out there is a museum,” she said. “We’re trying to get more involved with other departments that we think could benefit from the museum.”

With over 12 printing presses and 450 fonts to choose from, the museum is thought to be one of the largest west of the Mississippi River. Sorvetti said it is one of only two working press museums in the state of the Rockies.

Most of the working presses in the museum are used to print small postcards and cards. Currently, the club is printing Halloween and holiday cards to sell near the end of the quarter.

The Campbell County Grindern Press (above left) is the “crown jewel” of the Shakespeare Press Museum and is used to make posters. The smaller presses are used to produce cards and postcards. The museum is one of only two working press museums in the west.

“We like to mostly work on things here, whether it’s print, design, or letterpress,” Sorvetti said. “It’s an art that I think is becoming more visible in the artistic community and just everywhere.”

In the museum, nearly everything is done by hand. There is no electricity, except for lights and an Internet connection. The letters of each font are individual, so the printer has to set them out by hand, exactly how he or she wants them.

“It’s a more intense process,” Sorvetti said. “You can’t just center something by pushing a button or have Photoshop decide which one you want.”

“It’s pretty amazing to have something you produced from beginning to end,” she said.

The club handles a variety of projects, from the holiday cards to graduation announcements and even the occasional wedding invitations. Guyot said those projects come mostly from Graphic Communications majors who know about the museum.

“Once in a while the dean of the College of Liberal Arts comes down and has us (work on projects),” Guyot said. “She’s a big supporter of the museum.”

While Graphic Communications majors look to the museum for the variety of the people using the presses, Guyot and Sorvetti work to encourage all students and faculty to visit the museum and take a look at the equipment.

“It’s hard to get people to know about it, to see a reason to come down here,” Sorvetti said. “We like to have what we know shared with the community.”

“People should definitely come down here if they don’t know what Graphic Communications is,” Guyot said. “The club is working on digitizing the fonts they have so that other can use them on computers as well as with the presses. Some of those digitized fonts should be available in the next few months.”

Sorvetti said they are also trying to work with Kennedy Library when it has a Book Arts exhibit in the spring. The club would like to get people who are familiar with letterpress to speak at the event and showcase their work as well as the works of the students in the Shakespeare Press Museum.

“If you’re interested in learning more about how it is,” Guyot said. “Just stop by during letterpress lab time. There’s no skill level required.”

“We’re more than willing to explain the process.”

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The Shakespeare Press Museum is open daily, Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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Palin smiles as ‘SNL’ mocks her anew

The appearance was anticipated since September, when Fey began portraying Palin just after GOP presidential nominee John McCain selected the then-little-known governor as his running mate. The two look alike, and Palin remarked that people had often told her she resembled the actress.

In the show’s opening, Fey’s Palin told a news conference: “First off, I just want to say how excited I am to be in front of both the liberal elite media as well as the liberal regular media. I am looking forward to a portion of your questions.”

Moments later, the camera cut away to the real Palin watching a television monitor alongside the show’s executive producer, Lorne Michaels.

“You know, Lorne, I just don’t think it’s a realistic depiction of the way my press conferences would have gone,” Palin said. She said she wished he would let her do a sketch about “30 Rock,” the NBC program in which Fey now stars. That prompted Michaels to deadpan: “Honestly not enough people know that show.”

Palin then stood mute as Fey’s “30 Rock” co-star, Alec Baldwin came by, mistook Palin for Fey and pleaded with Michaels not to let the actor go onstage with the governor.

“This is the most important election in our nation’s history and you want her, our Tina, to go out there and stand with that horrible woman?” Baldwin said.

When Michaels broke down and introduced him to Palin, Baldwin signed an arm and replied: “I see. Forgive me. I feel I must say this. You are way hotter as person.”

Palin got even, saying: “Thank you, and I must say, your brother Stephen is my favorite Baldwin brother!”

The camera soon cut back to Fey who answered a question about the polls.

“I don’t worry about the polls. Polls are just a fancy way of systematically predicting what’s going to happen. The only poll I care about is the North Pole, and that is melting. It’s not great.”

The real Palin then walked onto the news conference set, and Fey fled.

“Thank you, thank you,” the governor said to applause from the studio audience. “No, I’m not going to take any of your questions, but I do want to take this opportunity to say, ‘Live from New York, it’s Saturday Night.’”

McCain, who spent Saturday night in Ohio, watched clips of the broadcast on Sunday. He told a crowd in Woodbridge, Va., on Saturday that he thought Fey and Palin were “separated at birth.”
Poets and singers bring Flory y Canto to San Luis Obispo

Emilie Egger  
SENIOR EDITOR

The smell of incense filled the room as the doorknob turned and turned to face the four walls of the building. Saturday night during "RAZA Speaks Flory y Canto," an open mic night sponsored by Cal Poly Multicultural Center, the audience was protesting in a traditional Native American ceremony standing in the four directions, which kicked off a night of Native American poetry and music at the Sycamore Gallery in downtown San Luis Obispo.

The event is part of the university-wide Latino Heritage Month, which was hosted by the Multicultural Club and professor Gloria mezcua marked the first time that the university's frequent "Raza Speaks" event ever held in San Luis Obispo.

Velazquez hosts "Raza Speaks" events each quarter, most of which also serve as open mic nights. However, she had never put on an open mic night in San Luis Obispo. Last year, several Velazquez students approached her with the idea of bringing an open mic night to the area.

Devy Gonzalez, one of Velazquez's teachers and Multicultural Center volunteer, said that she and the student member of the center "just thought it would be a good idea and we started out. It was something students here would like," she said, "I wanted to symbolize different peaceful cultures and the same side of our heritage.

"Flory y Canto symbolizes ties to the earth, harmony and the importance of love," said Velazquez, who presented the event, which was designed to give well-known Latin and Native American poets a chance to recite their poems as well as ideas for audience members to share their own work.

The evening's performances began with a presentation by local America (Natives, including Cal Poly student Rady Gonzalez and Cal Poly Galindo, who was adorned in traditional Native dress.

Accompanied by indigenus instruments the performers portrayed the way the Native peoples have traditionally used music to interpret the ideas of their oppressors, Gonzalez said.

After the dancers, the two performing a series of traditional bird songs. The songs symbolized the close relationship that indigenous people have with the land, Galindo said. They were written by the indigenous peoples of the area.

"She felt," singer songwriter Holly Maynard was the last performer of the evening.

The event was co-sponsored by Galindo and Velazquez, who decided to participate in the event.

"I wrote a poem for the class and I just put it to music because that's what is easiest for me," Maynard said.

Maynard's song, "Two Arrows," inspired Velazquez so much that she invited her to be a part of the "Raza Speaks" event.

"I want to bring new ideas to the multicultural community," Maynard said. The proceeds will be donated to the Surfrider Foundation, which focuses on ocean protection.
Does patriotism have a political party? Some might say so.

Last Thursday night at a fundraiser in Greensboro, N.C., Republican Vice Presidential candidate Sarah Palin was quoted as saying that "we believe that the best of America is in these small towns that we get to visit, and in these wonderful little pockets of what I call the real America, being here with all of you hard-working, very patriotic, pro-America areas of this great nation." She went on to add that this is where we find "those who are protecting the values of freedom." 

Palin was no doubt referring to the small, conservative towns that will provide much of the Republican support in the upcoming general election. These comments left me wondering: does that mean that those who question the need for the military or foreign aid or those who want to change the health care system are simply exercising their patriotism. These individuals who may realistically never serve a day in the military or those working tirelessly to promote third-party candidates who may realistically never serve a day in any capacity to all Americans by establishing a universal system, to all Americans by establishing a universal system, to all Americans by establishing a universal system, to all Americans by establishing a universal system, to...
Drink, debate and vote for whoever you want

In commemoration of the death of voter registration 2008 and Cal Poly's "Democracy Week," there is an idea. An idea that I believe will shake our political system to its core. It is a plan that I think students at Cal Poly can get behind and embrace. It is based on what I have seen on-campus, what I have seen off-campus, and most importantly what I feel in my heart.

Last week, several of my friends were participating in some very American Cal Poly student activities. They were drinking on the back of a truck, scavenging all of the cardboard rules of college life: never drink and debate. One declaration pulled me in: one indigent vote for Ralph Nader. I know that it may go against my college roots, but, despite my respect for Nader, I think he is an arrogant man who would rather prove a selfish point than serve a greater good. I began debating with some of those who had been drinking, and despite all odds, the same politics I have stood by as long as I can remember vaporized. What he said shattered my worldview.

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Let us once and for all do away with the two-party system. It is flawed and of course does not support the ongoing trend surfacing in America: choosing "Joe Six-Pack" with an IQ of 42 to run the free- world. But back to the drunk defender of our freedom and voice, this nameless man opened my eyes and gave me a voice. He taught me that filling in line with the two-party system, even if that is where your true loyalty lies, is conforming to the "man." He taught me that anyone who votes for Obama or McCain cannot be voting for who they are because neither candidate has the ability to represent all of the views of every single member of society.

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**Blundergrads**

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Twenty minutes later...

**The New York Times Crossword**

Edited by Will Shortz  No. 0922

Across
1. Wild-eyed and unruly
2. Mutual of (insurance giant)
3. With 6-Across, where this puzzle's creator (comedian) once worked
4. Guy (W.W. II bomber)
5. Religious doctrine
7. Sacred song
8. Boxes into
9. ... pro notes (gimmick for us)
10. "Cat... Hot Tin Roof"
11. Ordered effortlessly
12. African desert
13. Rescued that one deserves, in slang

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

67. "I'm sorry, I thought we were playing "Cooties""
68. "Why are these pegs on our car?"
69. "Check Engine Light!!!"
70. "Where are we, Mom?"

DOWN
1. Office note
2. Soon, poetically
3. Less competent
4. In France
5. Multipurpose
6. Go down to the swamp
7. "Just met a girl named "Wendy"" ("West Side Story" lyric)
8. Sandy (drum)
9. The Titanic's last call
10. Southampton
11. Michael Jordan's TV show
12. Mixing wheels
13. Online pal
14. Oral history
15. "You're So Beautiful"
16. "I'll be there for you"
17. "Is he a horse?"
18. "I'm a little girl"
19. "I'm a little girl"
20. "I'm a little girl"

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Cal Poly eliminated at Northwest Championships

The Cal Poly women's doubles team of juniors Brittany Blalock and Beth Wong eliminated Demi Berdette and Skye Sliker of the USC in the opening round by third seed Claire Bajanca and Marina Coconis of Cal State.

Blalock and Wong also competed in the singles draw at Stanford. Wong fell to top-seeded Hayley Barbiere of Stanford on Saturday, May 1.

Senior Shannon Brady was eliminated in the third round by 11th seed Brittney Bogosh of Cal State.

Cal Poly's senior forward Emily Hein (8) battles with UC Santa Barbara freshman defender Alyssa Oltham Sunday evening at Alex G. Spanos Stadium during the Mustangs' 4-2 loss. Hein took one of Cal Poly's 11 shots on goal.

The Mustang Daily is always accepting guest commentaries. Send your commentary about 200 words (and on an original topic) with your year and major to mustangdailyeditor@gmail.com.
SPRING BREAK | UC SANTA BARBARA 1, CAL POLY 0 (2 OT)

Top, Cal Poly’s David Zamora (10) gets ahead of the Gauchos defense during the Mustangs’ 1-0 loss Friday night in Alex G. Spanos Stadium. Bottom, Cal Poly fans enjoy the match, which was nationally televised by Fox Soccer and attended by a sell-out crowd of 11,075 — the third-largest regular-season college men’s soccer audience ever.

women’s volleyball | CAL POLY 3, UC IRVINE 1

Left: Cal Poly’s Kylie Atherstone (5) had a team-high 17 kills during the Mustangs’ 25-21, 20-25, 25-23, 25-15 victory Saturday night at Mott Gym. Right: Cal Poly’s Hailey Fishman (17), who distributed 43 assists, teams with others trying to block the Anteaters.

football | CAL POLY 42, SOUTH DAKOTA STATE 28

Cal Poly running back Jono Grayson (9) rushed for 124 yards and two touchdowns on eight carries at South Dakota State on Saturday evening in Coughlin-Alumni Stadium in Brookings, S.D.

cross country

Cal Poly’s Bridie McCue won the women’s 5K at the VS Athletics/Cal Poly Invitational at Fairbanks Memorial Cross Country Course on Saturday morning with a time of 17 minutes, 44.7 seconds. Meanwhile, in Terre Haute, Ind., Cal Poly’s men took seventh at the Pre-National Invitational.