Cal Poly loses heartbreaker on final play

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MADISON, Wis. — The words “Cal Poly” were about to enter sports fans’ collective consciousness right next to “Appalachian State.” Just like in the Mountaineers’ season-opening shocker over Michigan last season, the Mustangs’ attempt to stun Wisconsin on Saturday night came down to a kick.

Appalachian State, the household name of last season’s “C-1-A” shocker over Michigan, trailed the Wolverines 25-17 with 45 seconds remaining in regulation. The Mountaineers had the ball on the Michigan 1-yard line and had one more chance to make a game of it. A 2-yard touchdown pass to Ramses Barden, followed by a successful 2-point conversion, made it 25-23.

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Perhaps they needed just a few more kicks. Gardner missed two other extra points, and kickoff specialist Jake West’s 46-yard field-goal attempt to a 36-35 escape moments later, litting the Badgers to a 25-yard touchdown pass to Ramses Barden (7-5) up to their own 11-yard line, from which they rumbled 89 yards in nine plays requiring just 2:18.

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From a distance they appear as packs of ghosts walking the dry yellow hills and valleys of San Luis Obispo on a dim Saturday morning. But as the sun lit the horizon, the camou­flage on the Army combat uniform slowly became apparent.

The Fighting Mustang Battalion, represent­ing Cal Poly’s Army Reserve Officers’ Training Corps (ROTC) in the annual Ranger Challenge was hosted this year by the University of Santa Barbara and held at National Guard base, Camp San Luis Obispo.

“It feels good, it feels good... this ain’t hard,” echoed the chant of a Fighting Mustang cadet making his way up the hill with his team. “Keep your weapons at-the-ready,” shouted an officer from the sideline as the team marched up a hill.

Climbing the final finish line, the Fighting Mustang Battalion led by team captain and po­litical science junior Timothy Roberts, finished two places short of retaining the 2008 Ranger Challenge trophy, but came out with a ribbon in land navigation and third overall.

“Considering we have an extremely young team, I think we finished pretty good. We worked our butts off to get here,” Roberts said.

Last year’s challengers, UC Santa Barba­ra and UCLA, finished first and runner-up.

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Fresno State and California State University Northridge came in behind Cal Poly.

The Ranger Challenge is an annual competition between ROTC programs where cadet volunteers test their leadership skills and physical and mental capabilities.

“It’s a great team builder; there is a lot of bragging rights that go with it. All the effort, all the time that those kids have put into this challenge, pays off in a pretty good fashion,” said Master Sgt. Mark Byrd. “The drill stockout a little further. You can see the pride after the accomplishment of everything.”

Cal Poly’s Fighting Mustang Battalion have won the previous two Ranger Challenges.

The ROTC is a college-based program set up to commission officers into the Army, Army National Guard or the Army Reserve upon graduation. High-pressing developing leadership skills, the program sets to prepare cadets for leadership roles during their committed time to the Army.

Cadet and industrial technology junior Matt Kitahara said he joined the ROTC because of his familiarity with the military culture due to his father who recently retired from the Army. “It’s somewhere where I feel at home,” Kitahara said.

Kitahara was one of two cadets on the team this year that competed in previous Ranger Challenges. Cadet and construction management senior Matt Nichols was the other.

A cool Saturday morning quickly turned into an 81 degree day. The day would only get hotter with the sun at its peak, the Fighting Mustangs went to a land navigation course, an event they have dominated for years due to the proximity of Camp San Luis Obispo.

While waiting for their next event, they learned about a hill fire that happened during the marksmanship event. As a result of the fire, three teams could not compete, including UC Santa Barbara. This was a blow to the Fighting Mustangs who performed well at the marksmanship event and were counting on the remaining teams to perform poorly.

Throughout the challenge there were many volunteers from the Cal Poly ROTC program. Among them was cadet and mechanical engineering sophomore David Sherin.

“I was on the team until I injured my knee, so I couldn’t prepare for the road march. The least I can do is show up and help,” Sherin said.

Crossing the finish line was a huge relief for Kitahara said.

“How I don’t have to worry about it for at least a year, and I can get some sleep on weekdays,” Kitahara said.

Despite finishing in third, Byrd saw this as a lesson for the team to grow and improve for next year and for future leadership roles.

“Your soldiers are going to be in this boat. Guess who is going to be the ones to pick them up? Guess who is going to be the one to keep them moving?” Byrd said. “This is what it’s all about: leadership teamwork.”

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James Noble’s 2-yard run late in the fourth quarter put the Mustangs ahead 29-21, capping another 15-play, 76-yard drive taking 7:55.

“It was a surreal feeling,” Dally said of playing in a “hostile environment” that surprised the previously largest attendance in program history by 48,173.

“To come in here on a stage like this and put up points and score the ball, it was a good feeling while it lasted.”

The Mustangs ran on 14 consecutive plays on their second possession of the second half, going 58 yards before Gardner put them ahead 23-14 with a 35-yard field goal with 2:32 remaining in the third quarter.

But the Badgers struck right back in just 1:17, as Hill rushed up the middle for a 10-yard score with 1:11 left in the third period to finish a four-play, 89-yard drive and make matters 23-21.

Cal Poly (8-2) ended the first half ahead 20-14.

Although the Mustangs allowed Dustin Sherer to complete all seven of his first-half passes for 126 yards and a touchdown, they stifled drives with sacks by Sean Lawyer, Carlton Gallegos and Marty Mohammed, and held a 5-10 time-of-possession advantage.

Nick Toon pulled the Badgers within 20-14 when a 26-yard pass by Sherer was deflected by Xavier Gardner into hands with 42 seconds left in the first half.

Dally’s 2-yard keeper with 1:15 remaining in the second quarter put the Mustangs ahead 20-7.

“We had to find some way to make plays,” Ellerson said. “We were battling front up but were having to play everything very much on the edge.”

On the previous drive, Cal Poly forced Wisconsin into a second-and-13 at its own 33-yard line, but Sherer hit David Gilchrist for 39 yards down the right side-line. Four plays later, Clay ran 17 yards to the left to polish off a six-play, 64-yard drive that pulled the Badgers within 13-7.

Trickle Toliver gave the Mustangs a 13-0 lead when he broke a punt return up the middle and raced to the right corner of the end zone for a 40-yard score 6:18 into the second quarter.

“Our guys did a good job on the outside,” Toliver said. “The interior blocking was nice, so I just followed my blockers. In a game like this, I just figured someone would block for me.”

Wisconsin ran for 30 yards on the game’s first plays, but on the last of them, Au Jackson forced a fumble and after review, Fred Himes’ recovery at the Cal Poly 40-yard line was upheld. On the ensuing drive, Ryan Moe put Cal Poly ahead 7-0 by taking a pitch around right end for a 2-yard score.

In all, Cal Poly held the ball for 19:58 more than Wisconsin while running for 276 yards and 39 carries.

Noble finished with 81 yards and a touchdown on 15 attempts.

Barclay caught a game-high six passes for 83 yards and a touchdown. Sherer was 13-for-22 for 245 yards and a touchdowns with an interception.

Gilchrist had four receptions for a game-high 125 yards.

The loss was reminiscent of the Mustang’s only other defeat this season, 30-28 to Montana on Sept. 6, when Andrew Gardner missed a 27-yard field goal attempt with 36 seconds left. They went on to win seven straight.

“We’re going to fight forward and move on,” Dally said. “We’ve had some practice down south. So unfortunate, but that football. It happens.”

The sooner the change the better, in Ellerson’s world.

“Right now it’s so painful,” Ellerson said. “I just want to win and we’ll handle this the right way. We’ll use what we can and accelerate ourselves into this next opportunity. We’ll stay together,”

Ellerson said after the loss to Wisconsin. “We’ll swallow this bitter pill.”

Ellerson said he was unsure how the performance would reflect on Cal Poly’s program years from now.

“We expected to win,” he said. “We were not surprised (that it was close). They made one play more than we did.”

Editor’s note: This story originally appeared online Saturday night, Sunday, the FCS playoff selection committee announced the Mustangs would host Big Sky Conference co-champion Weber State (9-3) in the first round of the postseason at 6:05 pm. Saturday in Alex G. Spanos Stadium.

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President-elect Barack Obama wants the new Congress to approve massive spending and fresh tax cuts in January, "a big number" probably far distancing a $175 billion campaign proposal, so he can sign it after taking office, top aides said Sunday.

Obama over the weekend outlined the framework of a plan to save or create 2.5 million jobs by the end of 2010 and prepared to introduce leaders of his economic team Monday. Aides said they soon would fill in the details and Democratic lawmakers, already working with transition officials, pledged to act quickly when Congress convenes Jan. 6, two weeks before the inauguration.

"We don't have time to waste here," Obama senior adviser David Axelrod said. "We want to hit the ground running on January 20th." Echoing that, the second-ranking House Democrat, Rep. Steny Hoyer of Maryland, said, "We expect to have a package for the president's consideration taxpayers can do to help them."

Advisers would not discuss a specific size of the new plan, though some economists endorsed spending up to $600 billion to revive the economy. Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., suggested $500 billion to $700 billion. "I don't know what the number is going to be, but it's going to be a big number," Obama economic adviser Austan Goolsbee said. "It has to be. The point is to kind of get people off track and start the thing into submission." While Obama in the weekend Demo­ cratic radio address said his plan "will mean 2.5 million more jobs by January of 2011," aides said the figure was a net sum of jobs that would otherwise disappear without government help.

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But aides said the plan would not offer an immediate tax increase on wealthy tax­ payers. During the campaign, Obama said he would pay for increased tax relief by raising taxes on people making more than $250,000.

"There won't be any tax increases in the January package," said one Obama aide, who spoke on condition of anonymity because the details of the Obama package have not been fleshed out. Obama could delay any tax increase to 2011, when current Bush administration tax cuts expire.

House Republican leader John Boehner of Ohio urged Obama to make that explicit. "Why wouldn't we have the president-elect say, 'I am not going to raise taxes on any American in my first two years in office?'" Aides would not discuss a specific size of the new plan, though some economists endorsed spending up to $600 billion to revive the economy. Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., suggested $500 billion to $700 billion. "I don't know what the number is going to be, but it's going to be a big number," Obama economic adviser Austan Goolsbee said. "It has to be. The point is to kind of get people off track and start the thing into submission." While Obama in the weekend Demo­ cratic radio address said his plan "will mean 2.5 million more jobs by January of 2011," aides said the figure was a net sum of jobs that would otherwise disappear without government help.

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Six Princeton University students play chess with 46 inmates in the gymnasium of New Jersey State Prison Wednesday in Trenton, N.J. as part of a cultural exchange program.

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David Wang is a young man who's clearly going places. The Princeton University sophomore is gifted with a brilliant mind, a movie-star smile and an understated self-confidence.

Kelvin Washington is a middle-aged man who's not going anywhere for the next 44 years. He's a career criminal who has spent 29 years behind bars for a string of robberies and burglaries.

An unlikely pairing, the two men went head to head Wednesday at the New Jersey State Prison, a maximum-security lockup. Their battlefield: a chess board.

In an unusual cultural exchange program that began six years ago, Princeton students travel to the prison in Trenton, 16 miles from their Ivy League campus, to play chess with the inmates.

"When I heard about this opportunity, I jumped at it," said Wang, who has competed three times in worldwide chess tournaments, placing as high as 30th.

Prisons across the nation have thriving chess clubs. Some invite outsiders for matches behind bars. The chess club at the New Jersey State Prison has 75 members, including inmates serving life sentences for murder, robbery and other heinous crimes.

Washington, 52, is six years into a 50-year term for a gas station stickup. Chess offers him an escape from prison — short of actually breaking out.

"It eases my mind off the burden of fighting for my life," he said. "It relaxes me and transports me to another place momentarily. As soon as it's over, it's back to business as usual."

That involves being awakened by corrections officers at 6 a.m., filing into a dining hall for breakfast and checking a log book to see whether he has been granted a pass to go to the law library or the exercise room. If not, it's back into the cell.

The numbing routine may help explain the popularity of prison chess.

"For one short, sweet moment, I get to be in charge and make my own decisions," he said. "I get to decide where to move or what not to do."

Washington and other inmates see parallels in chess and their daily lives.

"It gives me patience," he said. "Sometimes you see something on the board and you want to jump on it, but when maybe it's best to hold off for a minute and see what's developing around you before you just jump out and take it."

Each year, one or two inmates defeat a Princeton visitor. But on Wednesday, 12 of the 46 inmates prevailed — more winners than in the five previous years combined.

"I feel great, baby!" exulted Alonzo Hill, breaking into dance worthy of an NFL touchdown celebration after defeating Atanas Petkov, a Princeton student from Bulgaria. "He got the Princeton shirt on: He the Princeton dude, and I beat him! I did good!"

Hill, 39, is serving five consecutive life terms for his role in a carjacking murder in which a woman who owned a clothing store was shot in the back of the head.

"I just defended, just defended," Hill said. "He wanted me to make a mistake, but I defended it to the end, baby."

The inmates were seated at long folding tables covered by new plastic tablecloths inside the prison's spacious gym. The games were played on cardboard chess boards with plastic pieces.

"One of the students played as many as nine inmates simultaneously, quickly moving down the line, making moves at each board, leaving the inmates several minutes to plot their next moves," Michael McCall, seven years into a 45-year sentence for murder, held off Wang for nearly two hours before succumbing to a checkmate.

"I like strategizing; it's like life situations," McCall said. "You have to think about what you do. Everything you do should be calculated. We all make mistakes, but we still need to be thinking."

When the three-hour session was over, Wang returned to campus to pursue his dream of a medical career.

"My goal is to maybe conquer a disease that's creating havoc and suffering in the world," he said.
**State**

**Los Angeles, Calif.** — A security guard shot and killed a man wielding two Samurai swords Sunday on the grounds of a Scientology building in Hollywood, police said.

The unidentified man approached three guards around noon in the parking lot of the Scientology Celebrity Centre, Los Angeles Police Deputy Chief Terry S. Haru said. Detectives were questioning the guard to figure out the swordsman's motive and determine whether the shooting was justified. Surveillance tape showed the man arriving at the Celebrity Centre's parking lot in a red convertible, then approaching the guards with a sword in each hand, Haru said.

"The evidence itself; it's very, very clear," Haru said. "The security officers were defending their safety." Detectives Wendi Berndt told the Los Angeles Times the man was involved with the church a long time ago.

**Stockton, Calif.** — Armed with federal anti-gang grant money, Stockton police are hiring a gang violence prevention coordinator who will work in the city's schools.

The department will use money from a two-year, $397,000 federal grant.

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**Briefs**

**National**

**Clifton, N.J.** — A gunman drove across the country to confront his estranged wife, then killed her in a church vestibule as Sunday services let out, authorities said. Two other people were injured in the attack, which sent churchgoers scrambling for safety.

The gunman fled, and authorities were searching for him and warned people that he was believed to be armed.

About 200 people were attending services inside St. Thomas Syrian Orthodox Knanaya Church in Clifton when the gunman opened fire before noon.

Police Detective Capt. Robert Roman identified the slain woman as 24-year-old Rehama James and the gunman as 27-year-old Joseph M. Pallipurath of Sacramento, Calif.

**Platteville, Colo.** (AP) — A farm couple got a huge surprise when they opened their fields to anyone who wanted to pick up free vegetables left over after the harvest — 40,000 people showed up.

Joe and Chris Miller's fields were picked so clean Saturday that the ancient practice of picking up leftover food in farm fields was canceled Sunday. "Overwhelmed is putting it mildly," Chris Miller said. "People obviously need food."

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**International**

**Bissau, Guinea-Bissau** (AP) — Armed men attacked the residence of Guinea-Bissau's president and engaged in a three-hour gun battle with security forces on Sunday.

As of press time, there was no information on where President Joao Bernardo "Nino" Vieira was and whether he has been hurt. The government has not yet made a statement.

**Bangkok, Thailand** (AP) — Thousands of anti-government protesters surrounded Thailand's Parliament on Monday as riot police barred the building to prevent violence at a rally that demonstrators have billed their final bid to oust the administration.

Protesters calling themselves the People's Alliance for Democracy blocked the gates to the Parliament, trying to prevent lawmakers from entering.

The demonstrators were flanked by their own guards, who were armed with poles, clubs and metal rods. Many protesters carried masks and swimming goggles to protect against tear gas, which police have said they would use to maintain order.

The demonstrators initially called the protest to block Parliament from debating a bill to rewrite the constitution. That contentious issue was dropped at the last minute and lawmakers will instead debate legislation related to an upcoming regional summit.
Big Apple art scene comes to University Art Gallery

New York-based installation artist Amanda Browder is the newest featured artist in the University Art Gallery. Her new site-specific exhibit has been on display since Nov. 7.

Browder, who currently resides in Brooklyn, New York and has taught at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, met Cal Poly art gallery coordinator Jeff Van Kleek, while a graduate student at the University of Wisconsin at Madison.

“We were looking for a sculptor that challenged ideas of how sculpture should look,” Van Kleek said of the decision to display Browder’s art at the gallery. “I always thought her work was fun and clever, two things I think are hard to do.”

On display since Nov. 7, “The Edenic Fault” is a site-specific exhibit. Browder researched the gallery space her art would be displayed in and then decided what art would fit best. Much of her art is constructed this way, making for down-to-the-wire finishes. The final construction of the art is routinely completed during the week prior to the show’s opening.

As an installation artist, Browder’s ultimate goal is to ensure that audience members are able to interact with her work beyond merely looking at it. In order to include more senses in the experience, installation art transcends traditional two-dimensional paintings to include the sculptural aspects of three-dimensional works. The physical space between the pieces is also utilized in order to add to the effect.

“When you walk into the space and you are incorporated into the space as part of the piece, that is what I was trying to achieve,” Browder said.

“(Installation art) needs to be collective to give that full perspective. Maybe in the future I’ll show one of these objects singularly, but the full meaning of that specific space are those pieces (shown) as one big piece.”

“The Edenic Fault” connects several seemingly disparate objects, including a self-portrait of the artist in a mustache, boulders, a rainbow with arrows in it, an axe connected to a link chain and a crack running up a wall into a larger, collective experience.

Student volunteers helped Browder put together the exhibit and she enjoyed the opportunity to connect with the volunteers on a personal level. With their help, Browder constructed the exhibit in only one week.

Since the exhibit opened, many students, artists and non-artists alike, have visited the exhibit to view Browder’s work, something Van Kleek is happy about.

“Students are the change agents for the future,” Van Kleek said. “They need to look at things with new eyes, contemplate things from fresh perspectives and challenge themselves to understand the complex world we live in.”

“The Edenic Fault” will run in the art gallery located inside the Dexter building through Dec. 5. Art gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Be open to different experiences, get to know your own body and its reactions and don't put so much emphasis on orgasm or let the stress of trying to reach it get to you.

Also, not every orgasm is ready-made for a porn movie. Some are subtler than the g-spot, ejaculation-induced organs, often questioned if it were even an orgasm at all. And while it is not very comforting to one partner in these occasions that you just don't know whether or not you've experienced an orgasm, it brings up the point that it is just important to know your own body.

Looking at the statistics, we see that males are capable of achieving orgasm almost 100 percent of the time. However, the same does not hold true for women. In his article "Sex Stats," Al Link states that at least 30 percent of women do not reach orgasm through intercourse alone. So let's think about this... 100 percent of the time versus a possible 30 percent of the time. Doesn't that seem fair now does it? Because of this thought, we could learn not to solely focus on penetration, but also on foreplay.

What's wrong with just pleasure every so often? Personally, I say nothing. I don't think that orgasm should always be an ultimate goal during sex. If you do reach it, there won't be much complaining, but sometimes it's important to focus on being in the moment and enjoying yourself, whatever that moment might lead to.

To be open to different experiences, get to know your own body and its reactions and don't put so much emphasis on orgasm or let the stress of trying to reach it get to you. Then, if you reach the "I'll have what she's having" moment, it will be that much more enjoyable. Have fun and stay safe! Have a happy Thanksgiving and remember that when you're feeling perky you should wrap your turkey!

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Free music recitals offer sampling of Poly talent

Samantha MacConnell

Toward the end of each quarter, Cal Poly music students put their studying and preparation to work by offering free recitals for the Cal Poly community.

In an effort to bring in more audiences, the music department notifies different departments prior to the recitals. However, most people learn about them through word of mouth rather than official notice.

"We have pretty good attendance, but we'd like it to be more well-known," said Jaclyn Kreitzer, Cal Poly music department lecturer and producer and director of Opera Workshop.

Typically, four recitals are held at the end of each quarter, many of them see Recitals, page 8
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during Cal Poly’s weekly 11 a.m. hour. They include both vocal and instrumental recitals, which include performances from various musicians and singers from the music department.

Besides supporting their fellow students, Kreitzer said the recitals allow students to witness different kinds of music that they may not have the chance to if they weren’t free.

“I firmly believe that mankind does not do well without being exposed to the humanities, the arts, and music and that it’s good for the soul and good for the mind,” Kreitzer said.

“It’s great for students to go out and hear all these new types of music.”

Some music students study and prepare pieces for these recitals as part of their final exams. Some classes require the recitals, which provide music students the ability to share what they have been working on all quarter.

“There is a real camaraderie within the department just because you are in the same classes with people all year long,” said music senior Patrick Little. “You’re also getting to sing with them in things like choir and play with them in different ensembles, so you get a lot of interaction and you really form bonds with them.”

Little performed in his senior recital last Saturday, which featured a program that included an accumulation of classical pieces he had been working on during his time at Cal Poly. Little is new to the recital scene. As a vocalist, he has sung in the vocal recitals every quarter for the past four years.

“Coming in as a freshman, I was really intimidated by classical music, but now I actually enjoy it. I’ve really grown to love it,” Little said. “I’m singing about things in these songs that are a couple of hundred years old, but they are still relevant today.”

His next recital will be held Thursday, Dec. 4 at 11 a.m. at the Davidson Music Center in room 218.

Cassie Okenka, who plays Dorothy in the stage production of “The Wizard of Oz,” stands after a two-year, $18.5 million renovation.

WASHINGTON (AP) — George and Martha Washington, Dorothy from “The Wizard of Oz,” and other costumed characters greeted thousands of visitors Friday as the National Museum of American History reopened after a two-year, $85 million renovation.

Colin Powell, the former Secretary of State and retired Army general, read President Abraham Lincoln’s Gettysburg Address to a crowd of at least 200 people on the museum’s steps before the doors opened.

“It is the 19th of November, 1863,” Powell said after the bell of horns announced the start of the famous speech. “Four score and seven years ago, our fathers brought forth on this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.”

Powell, Army uniform hangs in the museum’s gallery on military history. Smithsonian Secretary Wayne Clough said Lincoln would have been pleased that Powell was chosen to read the speech. He said the museum’s opening is a renewal of the Smithsonians’ effort to educate young people.

“We aspire to tell the story of America and of Americans to ourselves and to the world,” Clough said.

The Children’s Chorus of Washington sang the national anthem, the crowd waved small American flags, and many wore red, white and blue top hats.

The museum opened a three-day festival with the ringing of a cannon from the era when “The Star-Spangled Banner” was penned in 1814. On Friday and Saturday nights, historical images will be projected onto the building’s facade.

Inside, visitors found favorite exhibits such as a Kentuck the Fring and a gallery dedicated to the American presidency, where President-elect Barack Obama’s picture had already taken its place on a timeline of presidents. Several people gathered around the small photo to take pictures with their cell phone cameras.

“It’s already on here! It’s exciting,” said Amelia Castelli, 26, who was visiting from Miami and spent several minutes getting the right snapshot of Obama’s picture.

But her goal for the day lay elsewhere.

“What I wanted to see were Dorothy’s ruby red slippers,” Castelli said. “That’s the only thing I really remember from being here years ago.”

An actress portraying Dorothy in a national tour of “The Wizard of Oz” musical playing Dec. 2-7 in Washington’s Warner Theatre posed for photos with guests near the slippers exhibit. She sang “Some­­where Over the Rainbow” in the museum lobby.

Museum officials plan to have costumed historic characters on hand everyday and during the busy summer months. George Washington greeted many children on the opening day, teaching them to bow “as we do in Virginia,” he said, rather than shake hands.

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Scott and Maurlo Parker, who live on Capitol Hill, brought their two young children to see the Star-Spangled Banner in a new dimly lit gallery that will help preserve the tattered flag.

“We’ve got to do the patriotic stuff since we live here,” Maurlo Parker said.

In fact, they named their 8-week-old son after one of the presidents James Madison Parker and their 16-month-old daughter is Ellen Virginia Parker.

“He’s very patriotic,” Maurlo Parker said of her husband, who works in a congressional office. She said the flag exhibit was “beautiful.”

“IT’s amazing,” she said. “We kind of watched them do the reconstruction, so it was neat to see how it’s all come together.”

"I firmly believe that mankind does not do well without being exposed to the humanities, the arts, and music and that it’s good for the soul and good for the mind," Kreitzer said.

The next recital will be held Thursday, Dec. 4 at 11 a.m. at the Davidson Music Center in room 218.
LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Can't call sexuality a choice

Aaron Baldwin, it's too bad that engineers don't take ENG 145. Gal Meekley's letter is a vigorous expression of optimism, not an invitation to debate — unlike your rebuttal.

Your analysis of Meekley's letter was confusing and off-base. She never attacks the intelligence of Prop 8 proponents, and there is obviously "opposition to her opinions" or there would not be as much attention to her letter.

Secondly, you claim that because the cited protestors, Meekley thinks that Prop 8 is opposed by the majority. Meekley knows that the majority voted for Prop 8, so it passed — her words were meant to encourage one side, not attack another.

Propositions passed Prop 8. Her point was that, instead of affirming the generalized belief that minority groups are against gay marriage, the protestors she saw included a mixed ream of people, suggesting that there is representation for everyone as the fighting for justice.

Meekley's "dogy" ("We are all equal") may not be an argument, but it is hardly "trite." It alludes to the Declaration of Independence, which states: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal..."

Lastly, I disagree with you on this point: "sexuality is a choice." Sexuality is a more fluid than many believe, and the jury is still out on whether homosexuality is a "nature or nurture" result. No licensed psychologist, scientist, or doctor right mind would flat out say that "sexuality is a choice" — because no one knows yet.

Inness Pryor
English junior

'Liberal' economic views falsely based

Your "perspective on the liberal views of economics" is one of fact and fiction. Do you really think that "the wealthy do not pay their share of taxes?" Did you get this information from Mr. Obama, Barney Frank or another socialist politician?

The top 10 percent of earners in the United States pay 68 percent of the income taxes: the bottom 50 percent, earning 13 percent of the income, pay merely 3 percent of the taxes.

Still believe that the rich are getting richer? Here's another fact: In 1980, the top 10 percent earned 32 percent of the income, and paid 44 percent of the taxes. In 2004, the top 10 percent of income earners paid 68 percent of the taxes. Do you believe that raising taxes on the rich generates more revenue for the government? Since the 2003 tax cuts on the wealthy, federal revenues have shrunk by $745 billion dollars, the largest rate of increase in history over such a short period of time.

Another absurd point you made was that Obama plans to "create" jobs through investing in a green economy. You claim this will "help" the job market. Let me make it clear that the government is not a business. If it were time for "green jobs" to emerge, private investors would invest in this industry. Obama's quote: "I believe when you spread the wealth around, it's good for everyone" is socialist in nature. You should move to a country where the government knows what's best for your money.

Jason Carian
industrial engineering junior

Ignoring socioeconomic factors is naive

In his recent letter to the editor, Michael Berry explained to us that "The two reasons we are a predominantly white campus are few minorities apply, and it just so happens that many minorities are less qualified academically than other applicants."

I really like that idea a lot. Evidently, we neither consider socioeconomic factors, or the process by which we determine an applicant to be "qualified academically," because it "just so happens" that minority enrollment in universities works out the way it does.

Michael Berry graduated high school last year, and he states...

Ryan Moriarty
Physics senior
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Pop Culture Shock Therapy by Doug Bratton

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ference — a development Fresno State head coach Pat Hill recently told reporters he envisions happening in coming years.

In terms of the Western Athletic Conference, our program right now is competitive in football with its lower half, Cal Poly president Warren Baker said at a press, indoor tailgate party for about 200 Cal Poly alumni.

But in order to accept Cal Poly, the WAC would likely have to do so on an associate-member basis, which most conferences don't prefer, Baker said.

Cal Poly plays 17 of its 20 sports in the Big West Conference, which dropped football in 2001.

In 1993, the California State University system mandated that when assigning athletic funds, schools would have to be within 10 percent of demographically reflecting gender.

Since 1992, 10 California schools the Mustangs used to regularly play dropped football. Consequently, Cal Poly, one of just two of 23 CSUs to be primarily male, is one of just three scholarship programs in the most populous state in the nation, and because of six defections each year, the chance for a "critical mass" of routine opponents was lost, Baker said.

In the wake, Cal Poly's precarious status as a sustainable FCS California-stared endangered.

This week, Madison Capital Times entered an article detailing the history of Cal Poly football, "The story of a survivor." One of the strongest examples is Al Moriarty, a Long Island native, who played for Cal Poly's 5-0 team in 1953 and is now a devout booster.

He was a guest Saturday morning at Baker's table, which also included athletic director Alison Cone.

"You've got to show people that you've grown," said Moriarty, an advocate of the arrangement with Wisconsin. "You've got to think big."

He said he could soon see Cal Poly playing at the FBS level in a 40,000-seat stadium.

"We've got such a future ahead of us, I'll knock your head off," he added.

Moriarty certainly knows the past. He almost traveled with the team on Oct. 29, 1960 when its plane crashed in Toledo, Ohio, killing 16 players and six others.

"You build on that as a positive," he said. "Those kids, if they were alive, would never want Cal Poly to drop football."

Indeed, the 1960 team would be proud of the 2008 version.

Regardless of the future, it showed the Lon Baldwins of the world what we Al Moriartys already knew. Cal Poly football isn't merely surviving. It's more alive than it's ever been.

Donovan Aird is a Mustang Daily sports editor and a journalism senior.
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