Don’t judge a book...

Kennedy Library’s “Banned Book Week” closes its final chapter

Jessica Tam

Cal Poly’s “learn by doing” motto was put into full effect by alumnus Paul R. Bonderson, Jr. when he donated $8 million to fund the Bonderson Project Center in the College of Engineering to provide a space for students to work together on projects.

The 1975 electrical engineer graduate announced that he will also be contributing $550,000 to support funding on student projects.

"(Bonderson) put up half a million endowment available (for roll of next year) to provide funds for any team or club trying to build a project," said Assistant Dean of the College of Engineering, Matthew Corde.

"It’s my understanding that this is the first major building on campus that is built entirely by a private funding. It is all Paul."

Bonderson’s financial support for students was a result of his own senior project 35 years ago.

"For his senior project, he designed and built an electronic scoreboard for collecting traffic information. It got him his first job at Intel, and the company paid him for the product that he designed. (From there), he went on to have a successful career," said Amy Hewes, director of publication and communications for the College of Engineering.

Bonderson said that with the Projects Center running, current students will have the opportunity to work together and experience training and close supervision with skilled technicians.

"He wants to make sure that there is a place for students to work together; it’s a place where a team of students can work on a whole variety of projects or whatever they want," Hewes said. "(Bonderson) was a strong advocate of the ‘hands-on’ learning theory."

And students have taken full advantage of the opportunity to use the Bonderson Project Center since its opening in November 2006. Located in the Project Center is the Mustang 90 Project Shop, a place for students to drill, bend and shape metal, wood, plastic and other material that is available with the help of high-tech machinery.

"I go to the Projects Center a lot for meetings and to use the 60 lab (because) it’s full of giant tools. It’s the best place to go because no one has giant machinery at their house that anyone can use. And it’s convenient since it’s on campus," electrical engineering junior and director of Team Tech Kelli DeVlugt said.

Not only is it beneficial for students at the university but more suitable when visitors come.

"We use the giant meeting room for engineering students council or Society of Women’s Engineering (SWE) meetings," DeVlugt said. "We’ve hosted companies there so they can give their presentations, and it’s nice to have a building (for them to go to) instead of being stuck in a stuffy classroom."

However, engineering students see Donation, page 2

Eight million donated from alumnus for College of Engineering building project

John McCullough

Some books that are repeatedly banned are Harper Ferrry’s "To Kill a Mockingbird" and the "Harry Potter" series by J.K. Rowling.

The Robert E. Kennedy Library reached the end of its "Banned Book Week" Oct. 1. The event gave students and faculty the opportunity to learn about the challenges controversial literature face and the effects censorship has on intellectual freedom.

Banned Books Week is the only national celebration of the freedom to read, according to BannedBookWeek.org. Banned Books Week was created out of a need to protect intellectual freedom, according to the American Library Association. Schools and libraries have been participating every year since 1982. Since Banned Books Week’s creation, there has been more than 100 books banned from schools, libraries and bookstores.

This year, for the first time, the Kennedy Library displayed many of the books that have been banned or challenged by members of the public on the basis of content. These titles have been banned for a number of reasons including sexuality, language and other issues deemed offensive by an individual or group.

The week has been very successful at engaging students and faculty to openly discuss the issue surrounding banned books. Many are taken aback by some titles that deem offensive by an individual or group.

"It’s so surprising," Miller said. "What do you mean Tom Sawyer was banned?"

But what is the purpose of bringing these banned and challenged books together for people to see? Librarian Jeannine Scarnozzi wants library patrons to know this is not a history lesson.

Many of these books are still be seen Banned, page 2

Weather around town: view from the top

Thunderstorms and lightning were spotted on Saturday, as local weather services warned about storms throughout San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara counties. Photo taken at 7:46 PM from the fourth floor of the architecture and design building. PHOTO COURTESY OF SHAWN MOSER
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Kurt Cobain’s biography was removed from all elementary and middle school libraries in a Minnesota town for including dark themes and references to the use of Ritalin as a recreational drug.
The Merriam-Webster Collegiate Dictionary was banned from the Menifee, Calif. Union School District after a complaint from a parent regarding the inclusion of "oral sex" in the dictionary. When a child had come across the term, the parents’ response was to complain to the district.

Another title to make the list is "And Tango Makes Three," a children's book by Peter Parnell and Justin Richardson. The book follows a couple of male penguins that adopt an egg and raise the chick together. It was written for children between ages 4 and 8 to explain same-sex couples to children, not promote homosexuality, the authors said.

Because of its homosexual themes, conservative groups across the country demanded it be kept out of school libraries. Published in 2005, the book was the most challenged every year from 2005 to 2009.

"There's no discrimination about what can be banned," Scaramozzino said. "What's challenged does not fall into a genre."

It was Harper Lee’s To "Kill A Mockingbird" that surprised economics junior Megan Smith the most. It was a shock to see that a book assigned to her in high school was banned at one point, she said.

"Books shouldn’t ever be banned," Smith said. "People don’t read enough anymore anyways, they just get the SparkNotes. I don’t think people can pick up the themes from these novels that get them banned in the first place from SparkNotes."

People need to be unrestricted in what they read, Smith said. She said that it’s not the banned books that create the controversial ideas, it's society.

"Violence, racism and the other controversial themes are a part of humanity. Banning these books just gives us less ideas to work from, if you come across any of these themes in life, you'll have less to draw from in order to better understand it," Smith said.

So if every idea from every different side of the table should be heard, how does one distinguish what’s right?

The debate is not about which ideas are wrong and which are right. It’s not even about which ideas are better. It is about people being able to think about ideas for themselves, Associate Dean for Public Services Anna Gold said.

"The appropriateness of censorship in a free society is very limited," Gold said. "The reasoning that certain people should not be exposed to certain ideas is not a good reason."

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are not the only ones who can benefit from the Project Center; the Mustang ’60 Project Shop is available to all students in any major.

"After doing a survey of the clubs, we have found students from 32 different majors in the Mustang ’60 Shop. This was Bonderson’s primary vision," Cottle said. "He wanted students from all majors participating. His first attention was towards club projects then class projects, all from multiple colleges."

Currently, the two-story building has a chemistry, computer and electronics lab as well as a wood, metal and robotics shop. Students must be a part of a formal project or student club for use of labs. Labs are scheduled through advisers or faculty members.
State budget negotiations made in Sacramento

Shane Goldmacher  
LOS ANGELES TIMES

Final passage of the budget pact struck Friday by California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and top lawmakers could be complicated by the looming elections, as anxious legislators, whose approval ratings have already sunk to record lows, prepare to face voters.

The search for a budget solution "is going to be complex, perhaps even trickier. But this year the budget vote drama arrives only weeks, rather than the customary few months, before Election Day on Nov. 4.

"It's hard enough to do the sausage-making in the best of times," said Democratic strategist Chris Lehane.

"It's incredibly difficult to do this negotiation with four weeks to go from an election," Schwarzenegger and top lawmakers have released no details on the budget accord.

However, sources close to the talks said the budget package includes - in addition to the health and human services reductions - a full overhaul of the state's school funding that would require a two-thirds vote in both chambers of the state legislature, whose approval was already uncertain months, before Election Day on Nov. 4.

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"I suppose you could go to sin city and disclose all details of his role in negotiations over the U.S. Senate seat," where the longtime political operative, Emanuel did not try to make a deal over the Senate seat, a spokes-

"I am more than willing to talk to him," Emanuel said of Blagojevich in the recording.

While Emanuel did not try to make a deal over the Senate seat, a spokesperson for the Blagojevich administration told the Tribune that Emanuel had rejected the initial list.

"We spent the weekend briefing lawmakers about the camera in the roughly two-minute video post on ChicagoForRahm.com, praising the retiring Daley, a longtime political ally, but citing the need to fix the city's crime problems, a budget deficit and unspecified "business as usual." Emanuel offered no specifics and said he would spend several weeks seeking the opinions of Chicagoans.

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"There will be things in this budget that will be very difficult for any of us to support," she said.

Other elements of the plan include the sale of state buildings ($1 billion-plus), more optimistic revenue projections ($1.4 billion and borrowing from other state funds ($3 billion-plus).

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State

Bakersfield (MCT) — Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger signed a foster care bill October 1st extending benefits for foster children to the age of 21. Assembly Bill 12 will use federal funding made available by the Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act of 2008, according to a news release from the office of Assemblywoman Karen Bass, D-Los Angeles, who co-authored the bill. The act makes available federal funds for California's kin caregiver support program, Kin-Gap, and also makes available federal funds to support youth who currently must leave foster care when they turn 18, the news release said.

Los Angeles (MCT) — California has already earned the distinction of being one of the hardest-hit states for home foreclosures.

But new statistics reveal that the Los Angeles area led the nation in mortgage fraud reports since 2008. The most common scheme is loan origination fraud. In that scam, a borrower's financial information is falsified, allowing them to qualify for a loan they otherwise would not be able to get.

Bank statements, W-2 forms and tax-return documents are often faked to the borrower's favor. In 2008, more than 3.9 million foreclosure filings were reported on about 2.8 million properties nationally, up 21 percent from 2007 and 120 percent from 2007.

National

Washington (MCT) — A detection system that was expanded following an Indian Ocean tsunami that killed 230,000 people has experienced significant outages and can no longer be relied on to detect the giant waves as they approach the U.S. coastline, a new report finds.

The system, known as DART or Deep-ocean Assessment and Reporting of Tsunamis, was expanded from six deep-ocean buoy stations to 39 in the months following the 2004 earthquake off Indonesia that spawned killer waves that washed ashore as far away as the east coast of Africa. Though there are DART buoys in the Atlantic and Caribbean, most are located around the Pacific Ocean's "Ring of Fire" to give advance warning to Washington, Oregon, California and Alaska.

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International

London (MCT) — Former Pakistani president Pervez Musharraf rallied supporters Saturday in the British city of Birmingham, saying he wants to end his London exile and begin efforts to return to power in Pakistan, the BBC reported.

Musharraf, who ruled the country for nine years, on Friday launched a new political party, the All Pakistan Muslim League, asking the nation to forgive him for past mistakes.

He said though it was unclear when elections would take place, he would return to Pakistan for them.

Hundreds of other Musharraf supporters gathered outside the rally to present Musharraf for his pro-America policies.

The 67-year-old army general has been living in self-exile since 2008, when he was forced to quit power following democratic elections.

Canada (MCT) — University professor David Johnston on Saturday took up his new role as the 28th governor general of Canada, Queen Elizabeth II's new representative in the country.

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News

Supreme Court addresses free speech in new term

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TRIBUNE WASHINGTON BUREAU

More than 500 mourners walked quietly through rows of flags and into a white chapel on a recent Saturday afternoon to honor a dead soldier.

Lt. Todd Weaver was remembered as a scholar, athlete and born leader. He served in Iraq after high school, graduated Phi Beta Kappa from the College of William and Mary two years ago and was killed by a roadside bomb in Afghanistan on Sept. 9. He left behind a wife and a 1-year-old daughter.

But before entering the church parking lot, the mourners drove past an unusual demonstration. Scores of flag-waving bikers and students stood near the corner, surrounding three women holding brightly colored signs. They read: "Thank God for Dead Soldiers," "God Hates Fags" and "Voter-Giving to Hell.

Shirley Phelps-Roper and her two daughters are determined to go where they are not wanted and to spread their message. That U.S. soldiers are fighting to promote tolerance of homosexuality. Their funeral processions have prompted new laws across the nation to keep them well away from grieving families.

When the Supreme Court opens its new term this week, the justices will be confronted with a potentially momentous question. Are vile and hateful words always protected as free speech, even when the target is a private person, not a public figure?

The case of Snyder v. Phelps, in which a jury in Maryland awarded the father of a dead Marine almost $11 million in damages against the Phelps family after a funeral incident two years ago, is one of two major First Amendment issues to be heard this fall.

The justices will also decide whether California and other states can limit the sale of violent video games to minors. So far, those laws have been struck down on free speech grounds. And the court will rule on other major issues, including whether employees can be forced to reveal their private lives to work on democratic elections.

The Phelps case poses a difficult issue. They have gone from just the Pentagon or the White House to protect the sending of soldiers to war. Instead, they have picketed grieving families and denigrated the parents for having raised their young men to "serve the devil."

"We are saying you must obey God," Phelps-Roper explained amidst the counter-protests last week. "He is punishing you for disobeying."

Her elderly father, Fred Phelps, founded the Westboro Baptist Church in Topeka, Kan., and in recent years, his daughters and granddaughters have traveled the country to spread his "fire and brimstone" message.

Albert Snyder, the father of the dead Marine, admitted he did not notice the Phelps signs on the day of his son's funeral, except in the television coverage. A few weeks later, however, he read a screen posted by Phelps-Roper on her website that denounced "satanic Catholicism" — the Simpsons are Catholics — and accused Snyder and his wife of raising their son Matt to "defy his creator." Snyder sued and alleged an intentional infliction of emotional distress. The trial judge upheld the jury's verdict, but reduced the $10.9 million damages to $5 million.

Last year, however, the U.S. 4th Circuit Court of Appeals threw out the entire verdict and said the Phelps' signs and messages were "constitutionally protected" speech.

To the surprise and dismay of First Amendment champions, the Supreme Court voted to hear the father's appeal and to decide whether a "private person" can sue if he is the target of "hateful speech.

"It would be a sweeping change" if the court erred on the side of free speech, said attorney Edward Blum, who argued the Phelps case in front of the court. He is a private person who was the target of a hateful protest.

"Where do you draw the line?" he asked, if protesters on a public street can be sued because their message is hateful.

A ruling in favor of the Marine's father also could have a big impact on a recent federal court case in which the government claims that a public figure posted a "prize in Bahamian waters to attack non-public figures by posting mean and hurtful comments.

Nevertheless, Stanford law professor Michael McConnell believes the court will say the Constitution does not shield the Phelps family. Snyder "is not a public figure. He is a private person" who was the target of a hateful, protest, McConnell said.

Stephan McAllister, former dean of the University of Kansas law school, says he too believes the high court will lean in favor of upholding the lawsuit. "This is not just about punishing an offensive message. It is about their methods and tactics. They chose a private funeral and a grieving family to publicize their message," he said. "It is targeted to cause severe emotional distress."

The case will be heard Wednesday.

Taylor Reveley, president of the College of William and Mary who spoke at the funeral service for Weaver, later described the funeral as "troubling but best left ignored."

"They had no impact. They were kept well away from the church," he said. He compared them to the Florida minister who gained worldwide attention for threatening to burn the Quran. "If those people didn't get any publicity, they would go away. But we are much better off as a society if we let people protest, even if their views are abhorrent."
Where do you like to hang out when you have down time between classes?

"The UU because it’s cool and a good place to concentrate."
- Jennifer Thompson, environmental engineering junior

"Dexter Lawn or the library, because it’s relaxing."
- Andrew Smith, political science freshman

"I go to the computer lab in the business building because it’s quiet and easier to concentrate."
- Jorge Huerta, architecture freshman

"I go back to my dorm because there’s lots of space and I can drop my books off."
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U.S. government warns of possible terrorist attack on Americans in Europe

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The State Department issued a travel alert Sunday for American citizens in Europe in light of increased U.S. and European intelligence that a large-scale al-Qaeda attack may be imminent.

Intelligence officials in the U.S. and Europe have said an increase in activity in recent weeks suggests that a small cell of potential terrorists hiding in North Waziristan, a Pakistani tribal region, are preparing an attack that could be as spectacular as the 2008 raids in Mumbai, India, that killed 166 people.

Plotters could be planning to use "a variety of means and target both official and private interests," the State Department said, adding that Americans abroad should be careful riding on railways, subways and other transportation systems, and visiting hotels, restaurants and tourist spots.

"U.S. citizens should take every precaution," the travel alert said. It is thought that al-Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden is behind the current plot, and if successful, it could become the largest terrorist action since the Sept. 11 attacks nine years ago.

Hundreds of thousands of Americans are traveling in Europe at any given time — as tourists, college students and business professionals.

But the State Department did not upgrade its alert to a warning, which could lead to widespread cancellations of airline and hotel bookings.

Nevertheless, many now in Europe found themselves quickly aware of the situation. With the Los Angeles Lakers and Minnesota Timberwolves in London preparing for a preseason game, the National Basketball Association promised to take "appropriate" measures to ensure their safety.

"The NBA is staying in contact with the U.S. Embassy, the CIA and Scotland Yard," said Lakers spokesman John Black. "They are keeping us informed of the situation."

European governments began warning of a possible attack last week.

In Britain, the threat of terrorism has been listed as "severe," meaning an attack is highly likely. Britain’s Foreign Office also warned its citizens to be careful traveling in France.

French Defense Minister Herve Morin told Le Parisien newspaper that "the terrorist threat exists and could hit us at any moment." But Morin said law enforcement officials were continuing to pursue would-be terrorists.

"Networks organizing themselves to prepare attacks are constantly being dismantled around the world," he said. "It is good for the French to know this."

The U.S. military in recent weeks has stepped up drone missile attacks on suspected hideouts in regions of Pakistan, and the United States is passing along its intelligence to its European counterparts.

According to intelligence sources, the current threat apparently arose after the arrest and interrogation of a German man of Pakistani origin who was being held at the U.S. air base in Bagram, Afghanistan.

He reportedly has provided information about the activities of half a dozen other men from Germany and England who were linked through al-Qaeda and allegedly talking to other operatives in several European cities about upcoming strikes.

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Another Type of Groove returns Wednesday Night

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Another Type of Groove (ATOG) is back and kicks off its 10th year Wednesday in Chumash Auditorium. Hosted by the Multicultural Center, the spoken word poetry forum features guest poets and welcomes open mic performers with the intent to create a space in which ideas are exchanged.

The once-a-month event begins with an open-mic session, in which students, faculty and community members sign up prior to the start of the program. Then, the featured poet performs half of their set. After a brief intermission, the cycle repeats itself.

ATOG has garnered quite a following of students, averaging 100 attendees per show. Student coordinator for ATOG and civil engineering junior Marielle Caison said she’s attended almost every ATOG event since her freshman year and has participated in the open mics.

“for me, when I first started going, I found that it’s a great place to express yourself,” Caison said. “It’s not a debate, it’s a big group of story telling — people telling their stories up there.”

Topics for both open mic performers and featured poets are all over the radar — from racism to sexuality to beauty, Caison said she likes that she can let her emotions reach every member of the audience.

“The feeling after — it feels so good — especially if your poem tries to send a message, and you feel, at least 100 people heard what I wanted people to hear,” Caison said. “It’s relieving.”

Caison, who started contacting potential guest poets during the summer, almost has the lineup set for the year. Poets range from slam poetry competitors to smaller, community-based performers, all of which, Caison said, she checked out on YouTube and heard about through conferences or word-of-mouth.

One change Caison is trying this year is featuring a lesser-known poet once a quarter, rather than specifically

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Another poet who is involved with youth and poetry in the community is Sacramento native Ike Torres. A spoken word poet since 2005, Torres is an active member in non-profits for youth. Torres said he thrives on interacting with youth through writing.

"Once you break through that first little layer, the kids start getting down and writing and away from the technology and actually pick up a pen and put something down on paper," Torres said.

A past performer at Cal Poly, Torres said he performs spoken word for the social interaction and the connections he makes with people he's never met before.

"I always tell people if I couldn't perform, I wouldn't be in the head," Torres said. "It's something I need."

"Cuison said she is happy to be welcoming both returning and new acts to ATOG.

"It's a mixture of old and new," Cuison said. "Some of the poets have been here before and some (people) have never heard of. So every time they go to ATOG, they're in for something different. No two poets are the same; it's all original."

Whether audience members come to spread their word at open mic or simply attend to listen, Cuison said ATOG will always be a place to share messages and points of view.

If they don't want to go in and do open mic, all they have to do is go in and listen ... with an open mind," Cuison said.

ATOG is every first Wednesday of the month in Chumash Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.
James Dean died 55 years ago Thursday, killed in a dramatic car wreck east of Paso Robles. He had become the stuff of legend. He was 24 when he died, and he inadvertently managed to take a lot of my generation with him. Creating a cultural template for the risks we should take with our own lives. Had he lived, he'd be 80 today.

I was 13 when I first saw him in the movies, and his films offered me an introductory course in how to be a teenage boy in the 1950s. I saw "Rebel Without a Cause" half a dozen times, mostly because I was studying James Dean — his moves, his posture, his way of speaking. I began likening the chiseling from my mother's purse, practicing how to flip the butt away when I'd smoked it down to a nub, a casually smooth gesture that was, for me and for legions of other aspiring punks, the essence of cool. So completely did I incorporate what I borrowed from Dean that even now, edging toward my own more natural rendezvous with death, I occasionally catch myself in a gesture of his repugnated more than half a century ago. Dean also taught me, and lots of guys like me, that death was cool. We were a fairly death-soaked generation from the get-go, war babies and Cold War children with an emblematic mushroom cloud clouding our futures. We were divining under our desks from first grade on, and we became consumers of the apocalypse, shrinking ourselves with tales of what might lie ahead in movies like "On the Beach," or those therapy flicks that populated our own dire monstrosities with monstrous futursists in the form of a blood-stained, air-nuclear testing. And there were books too, doomsday scenarios like "A Canticle for Leibowitz" or "Alas, Babylon," that posted post-apoc­

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altered alter. And there should soon be more, because not long after the Who sang "I hope I die before I get old," Jim Morrison, Janis Joplin, Mama Cass and Jimi Hendrix chalked themselves up on death's scoreboard, acolytes in Dean's ministry.

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James Dean: the man who made cool

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male who has made a woman achieve this only one time, I realize what a rare thing it is. She should have written about how effective it is to be a male who makes a woman do this … talk about ego booster!

The parade didn't stop there. The shadow of James Dean has fallen across all of the generations since the 1950s, with dozen rooms still adorned with his image and pop­ bands still extolling the virtues of death, banging the drum slowly across the genres. Springsteen sang "I wanna die with you Wendy on the streets tonight." Sid Vicious covered and left behind a note: "Please bury me next to my baby in my

leather jacket, jeans and motorcycle boots." Michael Jackson, the King of Pop, danced with the dead in his big­

get hit. The current crop of young people is obsessed with zombies and vampires in movies and books. And so he died. Bummer.

We learned that it was cool to shrug at death, and passed it along. And that may be why the image of James Dean, young and doomed, is everywhere, from the famous "chickie run" scene. Jim Stark, the character Dean plays, races toward a cliff, diving from the car just as it plunges to the rocks below. The kid was running against didn't get out of his car in time, and so he died. Bummer.

In response to "Big Sky reaction letter"

It makes sense to join the Big Sky as this will give them exposure in MWC and WAC territory, conferences they'll likely bond with. They'll benefit recruiting in this area and don't be surprised if they schedule "payday" games against teams in these conferences.

They'd love to move up right now — but no better time now that the WAC is desperate — but both teams known they're not ready. I give them 3-5 years in the Big Sky before they move up.

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know for sure I can do better," Broadous said. "I just got to get this out of my system and come back next week ready to play."

Broadous may have had his moments against the Bulldogs in the first half, but it was Fresno State's quarterback who stole the show in the second half. Cal Poly's defense couldn't keep up as Colburn led his team to 17 unanswered points through the remainder of the game. Missed tackles, blown coverages and big plays told the story. In the third quarter, Fresno State's Robbie Rouse ran in a nine-yard touchdown run and in the fourth Bulldog A.J. Johnson caught an 11-yard touchdown pass to cap the scoring.

After pulling within four, the Mustangs couldn't land the plays for the upset. Fatigue and the Bulldogs' physicality led to the collapse, head coach Tim Walsh said.

"The second half they just wore us out," Walsh said. "I give them a lot of credit for being physical and sticking to that game plan to wear us out."

Overall, the Mustangs surrendered 132 yards on the ground and 263 yards of total offense in the second half. Fresno State out-gained the Mustangs through the entire game, 459-221, while also out-rushing the Mustangs on the ground 253-203.

"As the quarterback of the offense I think we played pretty good in spurts," Broadous said. "I mean we didn't execute, we had a lot of good drives but we didn't finish on a lot of drives."

Credit Fresno State defensive tackler Logan Harrell — and the rest of the Bulldogs' defense — for that, as he led the Bulldogs with 10 tackles. Behind him, Phillip Thomas and Travis Brown racked up nine tackles.

On the other side of the ball, Colburn led the Bulldogs through the air with 209 yards and two touchdowns. Slocum and Rouse were the top Bulldogs on the ground, rushing for 71 yards and 70 yards respectively.

Against Fresno State, the Mustangs gave up their highest point total of the season. Despite the numbers on the scoreboard, Walsh said his players fought a tough battle.

"The No. 1 thing is that we asked our guys to play hard," Walsh said. "I think we wore out a little bit with their size and a little bit of their speed, but I think from an effort standpoint, I found out our team has a lot of courage. I thought we played hard." The Bulldogs were bigger and their defense was one of the fastest defenses players like Broadous had ever seen, he said; it was all too much for the Mustangs. While the Mustangs may have seemed overmatched, there is still a lot they can take from this game, Walsh said.

"What I learned (is) we're tough, we got a lot of resiliency and we'll come back and be a good football team against who we have to compete against," Walsh said.

Running back Mark Rodgers finished the game with 14 carries for 72 yards and a touchdown against Fresno State.

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WE ARE THE MUSTANGS
Andre Broadous shines in football's loss to Fresno State

Brian De Los Santos

Cal Poly quarterback Andre Broadous stood outside the visiting locker room at Bulldog Stadium after the Mustangs' loss. The taste of defeat sunk in as his back slouched up against the concrete wall. His eyes were fixed straight ahead of him, locked onto nothing in particular. The game was disheartening and he couldn't exactly pin what he had on his mind. There was only one thing that was for sure.

"I'm disappointed," Broadous said. "But like Coach said, we got to move on and come ready to play next week."

His team just lost 38-17 to the one opponent on the schedule they had been looking forward to all year. This was the game against Fresno State, the one everyone had been waiting for. But the Mustangs couldn't grab the win.

"It was a big loss for us," Broadous said. "I think we played hard but we didn't execute on all cylinders."

There was a small cut on the right side of his nose, a minor injury caused by the Bulldogs' defense during the game. These guys were bigger, faster and knocked Broadous and his teammates around multiple times. All game, the Mustangs took punch after punch from a Fresno State defense that held the Mustangs to just 203 yards on the ground.

At first, it was Cal Poly calling the shots. They smacked the Bulldogs in the mouth out of the gates when corner-back Asa Jackson intercepted a Ryan Colburn bomb and returned it 47 yards on Fresno State's second drive. The Mustangs fired another blow, with a 30-yard field goal from Jake West — putting the Mustangs ahead 3-0.

Then the underdog stumbled. Fresno State quarterback Ryan Colburn got time in the pocket and took his shots down field. "We did all that we could do," Jackson said. "(Colburn) had a good game, he was throwing the ball pretty effectively ... their offensive line was real big and they were blocking us well on the (defensive) line."

The Bulldogs came back with a 58-yard touchdown pass from Colburn in the first quarter. He then connected on another deep pass, a 44-yard strike to Matt Lindsay down the field, and Tracy Slocum punched it in on the next play from 14-yards out. To add on, Fresno State's special teams stepped in. They blocked a punt from Chris Pinto in the Mustang end zone, recovering it for a touchdown.

With Cal Poly staring at a 21-3 deficit, Broadous answered. He led the Mustangs on an 11-play, 73-yard drive, which he capped with a 10-yard touchdown throw to Dominique Johnson. The pass was Broadous' first completion of the game and his first-career touchdown pass. Overall, he finished the game with a team-high 82 yards on the ground and 18 yards through the air.

"I think I did pretty good, but I see Football, page 11