1996 out like a bad bump

No, the news doesn’t stop when you leave. Here’s what you missed

FALL GRADUATION
Some 700 students waved goodbye to Cal Poly as they graduated on Saturday Dec. 14 1996. At a more personal ceremony in the Recreation Center than the June commencement, where there were 1,300 students at the morning ceremony and 1,300 in the afternoon ceremonies, each student who walked up the had his and her name read.

Tru.stees Jim Considine was the keynote speaker at the morning ceremony, where there were 1,300 students at the morning ceremony. Joining Considine in the afternoon ceremony were President Warren Baker, English professor and Vice President of Academic Affairs John Hampsey, and ASI president Steve McShane.

Opinion
The gender debate heats up today, and oh boy… well, it’s getting hot.

Other people who delivered commencements to graduates included President Warren Baker, English professor and Vice President of Academic Affairs John Hampsey, and ASI president Steve McShane.

The roads are still ripped apart by the Utildor project, which has been slowed down due to excessive rain during the break. Doby Ryan stated that every effort is being made to restore vehicular and pedestrian access on inner Perimeter Road, Via Carta and Klamath Road. Most of the pipeline has been installed so there won’t be a need to reopen those areas.

The mail kiosk at Via Carta and inner Perimeter Road is accessible, but the U.S. Postal Service suggests using the other locations, such as across from the Administration building and on Grand Avenue in front of Vista Grande Restaurant.

 Californians face more than 1,000 new laws with beginning of New Year

By Maria T. Garda

With the new year came new laws, ranging from limits on campaign contributions to required castration of repeat child molesters.

Most of these new 1,171 bills took effect Jan. 1. Several could impact Cal Poly students.

One such law will toughen drunk driving penalties. “Courtney’s Law” was named after a Roseville teenager killed by a man with a history of drunk driving convictions.

This law increases the prison term to a minimum of 15 years to life for gross vehicular manslaughter while intoxicated. It also adds a further sentence of five years for fleeing the scene of a vehicular manslaughter.

Another law likely to have an effect on the student population is one that makes it a felony to possess, sell or transport the drug Rohypnol, also known as the “date rape” drug.

It’s good. I think the rate of date rape will go down,” said civil engineering sophomore Natasha Copeland, who along with other female friends said she is concerned about date rape.

New driving law means motorists must be able to show proof of liability insurance

By Shane Pruitt

California drivers beware. New Year’s and new laws go hand in hand especially for those without insurance.

Drivers are required to carry liability insurance on their vehicles. But as of Jan. 1, 1997 they are required to show proof of insurance.

This is not the first time proof of insurance has been required, as a prior law was in effect until 1991. Motorists then had to show proof of insurance in the event of an accident. Under the new law a driver can be pulled over for any moving violation and asked to show proof of insurance.

Heavy fines, loss of driving privileges and vehicle impoundment are some of the conse-
**Capps busy learning the ropes in Washington, D.C.**

**By Amy Conley**  
Daily Staff Writer

While students were busy trimming the tree, visiting the folks and taking a much needed break from academia, Congressman Walter Capps left the world of academia for his career as a politician.

**NATION**

Capps was sworn in Jan. 7 as the 22nd District Congressman. But he’s already started making decisions, learning the ropes and signing petitions.

His first political act in Washington, D.C. was to sign a letter to Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich and Minority Leader Richard Gephardt. The letter, signed by 92 Congressional representatives, urged the leaders to make real campaign reform in the first 100 days. It stated that campaign reform is often talked about but never actually put into legislation.

“The conspiracy of delay that typically brings campaign finance reform to the floor too late to make it into law can no longer be tolerated,” wrote the representatives.

One of the planks of Capps’ campaign was political reform. According to his web site, Capps is in favor of shorter campaign seasons and lower spending caps.

On Nov. 22, Capps announced he was named to two of the five committees he found most interesting. Capps will sit on the International Relations and Science Committees which he said will complement his knowledge and experience. Before the committee appointments were announced, Capps told Mustang Daily his top two choices were Higher Education and Veterans’ Affairs.

The International Relations Committee handles relations with other countries, international trade and diplomatic service. The Science Committee deals with energy, science and environmental research and oversees NASA and various scientific agencies.

Capps also took part in the orientation for congressional freshmen. The orientation consists of meetings with experienced members of Congress and introduction to congressional offices and procedures.

Capps’ newly appointed staff is helping him learn the ropes. On Dec. 20, Capps announced six members of his staff at his three offices. He can employ up to 22 aides, but doesn’t know if he will hire someone for every spot.

Cal Poly graduate Blake Selzer was appointed as Capps’ legislative aide. Selzer has worked for Greenpeace, the Endangered Species Coalition and the National Wildlife Federation.

Capps will have an office in Washington, D.C., Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo. Until last Friday, Capps and five staff members in Washington, D.C. were sharing an office with another congressperson. Neither California offices are up and running. Jacqueline Wheeler will serve as the district representative at the San Luis Obispo office.

**Lott says Senate ready to lead with GOP’s 10 bills**

By Dave Skidmore  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Trent Lott, portraying his Senate as a can-do “island of tranquility” in a stormy capital, says Republicans are readying a 10-bill package for the new Congress that includes $150 billion in tax cuts and a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution.

**NATION**

With House Republicans focused on defending embattled Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., Lott, the Senate majority leader, is marshaling GOP senators to take an early lead in setting the new agenda of the new Congress.

He’s scheduled to flesh out the 10-bill package, to be introduced the day after President Clinton’s Jan. 20 inauguration, in meetings Thursday with Senate committee chairmen and Friday with the entire GOP caucus.

Lott repeated Republicans’ intention to allow Clinton to make the first step on such politically unpopular measures as wringing savings from Medicare and trimming cost-of-living adjustments to Social Security benefits.

But, in the 105th Congress, Republicans will revive some of the measures that scored well with voters in the 104th, when they pushed their much more sweeping “Contract With America.”

“I want the president to lead. He is the president. The people elected him. He has a responsibility,” Lott said Wednesday. “But we have an obligation to lead also. We will not always wait. We will not always react. We will have an agenda.”

In a preview offered in a speech to the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, he said the balanced budget amendment will probably be first on the list.

During the last Congress, the Senate fell one vote short of sending Clinton’s crime bill providing the death penalty for so-called drug kingpins, a ban on certain late-term abortion and permission for companies to offer compensated time off in lieu of paid overtime, Lott said.

And tax cuts will be incorporated into the package, probably including relief for families with children, reduction of capital gains and estate taxes, he said.

Clinton made a good start by proposing to eliminate capital gains taxes on most home sales but “knows he’s going to have to do better than that,” Lott said. During budget talks early last year, Clinton indicated a willingness to approve a broader-based capital gains cut as part of an overall budget deal.

Lott said that expanded Individual Retirement Accounts — a priority of Finance Committee Chairman Bill Roth, R-Del. — would be desirable but that it’s not clear there will be enough money to pay for them.

See SENATE page 6
Both Cal Poly campuses blossom at Rose Parade, win Founder's Trophy

By Emily Brodley
Daily Staff Writer

The Cal Poly float was the only float out of the 56 entries done entirely by students, which makes the committee addition­ally proud of the award.

This year's parade theme was "Life's Shining Moments." Cal Poly's 55-foot float, "Catch of the Day," showed an excited fishermen reeling in a rainbow­striped bass, completely unaware of a huge fish behind him coming through the pior to claim its own catch of the day.

The boat swayed and crabs snapped their claws, as unback­seagulls and dogs squawked and barked to warn the fisher­man.

McNabb said expertise from a variety of Cal Poly students made the life-like details possi­ble. "Diversity is one of our strong points," he said. Engineers constructed the frame and hydraulic systems, while hort­iculture students selected the thousands of flowers needed, and still others designed the decoration.

The committee's construction chair, Dustin Crumb, a mechani­cal engineering senior, rode inside the float to keep the hydraulic systems in check dur­ing the parade. "One of the most exciting things was passing the Cal Poly crowd," he said. "They see FLOAT page 6

Data show '97 flood far from record breaking in Reno area

By Sandra Chereb
Associated Press

RENO, Nev. — Northern Nevadans still shoveling mud and digging out from last week's flood­ing would find little comfort in knowing that, with some excep­tion, the flood was not a record­breaker. In fact, authorities say it wasn't even a 1996 flood.

"If it's not the 1990-year flood, I don't want to be around here when it does come," said David Stanton, chief criminal deputy in the Washoe County District Attorney's Office whose Hidden Valley home was ruined by flood­waters.

Preliminary statistics released Wednesday by the U.S. Geological Society showed the flooding that began on New Year's Day neared what is considered a once-in-a­100-year event in Carson City, but fell short of that mark in Reno.

"I think when you get situa­tions like this and see it as dra­matic as it is, it looks like the flood of record," said Steve Hammond, a hydrologist with the USGS in Carson City.

According to river gauges, the flood that closed some downtown casinos and sent a torrent of water through Reno and Sparks failed to surpass the water flows seen in flooding that struck in 1959 and 1985.

But for people who watched their homes and businesses flood and returned to layers of mud and goop, the less-than-record distinc­tion was of little consequence. Stanton said he considered himself fortunate because he had flood insurance.

"I met today with my adjuster for the first time and was told that my house, the drywall, the floors, were going to have to be ripped out," Stanton said. "All the appliances, the furnace, the furni­ture, it's a total loss."

He estimated insured losses to his home could amount to $150,000, not including uncleav­ed losses such as landscaping, vehicles and other personal prop­erty.

In Reno, the preliminary peak flow of the Truckee River was esti­mated at 18,000 cubic feet per sec­ond, or 8.1 million gallons. The highest flows on the Truckee were recorded in 1955, when the river reached Reno at 20,800 cfs.

When river levels are com­pared, however, the Truckee last week exceeded its previous record high of 13.8 feet reached in 1955, by nearly a foot.

Hammond said an improved system of reservoirs built since then in the Sierra Nevada helped stem water flows and wider destruction along the Truckee.

Across northern Nevada, five counties were declared disaster areas and Gov. Bob Miller esti­mated total damage from flooding could reach $500 million.

Along the Carson River, pre­liminary peak flows were estimat­ed at 27,500 cfs, near the record 30,000 reached in 1955 and just below what would constitute a 100-year flood, Hammond said.

Preliminary data show the river level in Carson City meas­ured 18.4 feet, more than 2 feet above the previous high set in 1955.

The Carson River exceeded record flows in Markleeville, Calif., and Gardnerville near the heavily damaged Riverview Dive Drive Bridge.

Along the Walker River, the highest flow recorded by the USGS was 3,200 cfs in 1906 at Wabuska north of Yerington, where about 400 homes were flooded. The preliminary peak from the latest flooding there reg­istered about 2,600.

"If you were to ... keep that water in the channel, the peak would have been different," Hammond said.

Farther upstream at the Ora­no Bridge in Wellington, preliminary flows were pegged at 5,800 — more than twice the discharge record set last year. The level of the river exceeded its previous record by about 4 feet.

The statistics may engross sci­entists and engineers, but Hammond conceded they matter little to the people who saw their homes and property damaged.
Visions of the new year

The Daily's new opinion editor shares her goals for the section.

Please allow me to introduce myself. I'm Josie Miller and I'm lucky enough to be the newest addition to the Mustang Daily's editorial staff. As opinion editor, I have daily management of this page of the paper.

My friends say this will be the perfect job for me since they think I'm entirely too opinionated. They're right—it's an extent. I am opinionated. My hope for this page, however, is to keep my opinion off of it whenever possible.

There are nearly 15,000 students on this campus, and I'd like to hear from every single one of you. You see, major things happen on this campus every day, and no one seemed to care. Mustang Daily wasn't inundated with letters protesting the decision. The great thinkers of the past are impassioned about things that they are liable to be sued. This can result in a great loss to Cal Poly's already limited resources since it is a public university waiting for the bus. Along comes Joe Skateboarding then they are likely to be brought into a costly lawsuit.

The believers in the Big Lie get to live in a world of the day. All those things that women are inept at are buildings and thinkers. For all the great thinkers of the past there is not evidence. Men invented the skateboard, birth control pills, safety weren't turned down as customs official. He had been turned down as "not a promising student" by the Swiss Polytechnic Institute. Who allowed him? Albert Einstein scribbled formulae on papers as he worked as a customs official. He had been turned down as "not a promising student" by the Swiss Polytechnic Institute. Who allowed him? Ane is, I understand. It's a little scary to throw your words and letters into Susie Student who gets a broken leg. Who do you think is going to pay for Susie's hospital bills? Right, Cal Poly with its deep pockets will have to come to save the day.

But the idea that women are loving and sensitive parents prevents society from protecting us from their hands. The nation beloved Susan Smith who, after drowning her two male children, carried on her charade of tearful innocence for days in front of the camera until a detective broke the case. So much for "maternal shifts." Nearly 60 percent of prisoners report ed heterosexual victimization before the age of 16, according to "Speaking Out, Fighting Back." The gentle, loving lives were much less about their effort at all! No one has taken my challenge yet. The stock response to man's overwhelming production is not gratitude, but degradation of men who oppressed women! The purpose is to blame men for inventions. The standard line is, "Women were not allowed to..." and then fill in the blank. Martin Luther was under penalty of death for posting 95 Theses on the door of a church. Who allowed him? Albert Einstein scribbled formulae on papers as he worked as a custom officer. He had been turned down as "not a promising student" by the Swiss Polytechnic Institute. Who allowed him? In the home, women are incompetent. The right, Cal Poly with its deep pockets will have to come to save the day.

The idea that Cal Poly building a skateboarding park is great, but you also need to think about the run­ners who want an established cross country course, and the hockey players who want an ice rink. The universi­ty's primary focus is on education and from there they designate the remaining resources to fund activi­ties creating the good for the greatest number of students. Until the majority of Cal Poly students declare skateboarding as their "sport," skaters need to find a place off campus to play and get a bicycle for transportation.

Candice Byrd, Speech Communication Senior

LETT E R S T O T H E D I T O R

I am writing in response to the article "Skateboarding is not a crime" in the December 2 issue of the Mustang Daily. I was amused by the arguments as to why skateboarding should be permitted on campus and I think the situation needs to be examined more logically. First of all, the reason why injuries in sports, such as football, do not result in being banned from Cal Poly is because of a thing called a waiver.

Skateboarding on campus is a huge liability for Cal Poly due to the community standard of expected care. If Cal Poly doesn't take steps to protect public safety then they are liable to be sued. This can result in a great loss to Cal Poly's already limited resources since it is a public entity with a high level of responsibility.

In order for Cal Poly to continue your and my educa­tion, citations written to skateboarders are necessary. If Cal Poly does not show that they did everything in their ability to protect the public from injuries due to skate­boarding then they are likely to be brought into a costly lawsuit.

Think about a likely situation where a group of stu­dents are standing on the sidewalk near the University Union waiting for the bus. Along comes Joe Skateboarding on campus a liability issue

Kristen Nogues, City Editor

The word of the day is "manger.":

Friday, January 9, 1997

Mustang Daily welcomes letters and commentaries from students, staff and other community mem­bers. Please e-mail to: jimiller@calpoly.edu; or entries can be typed and double spaced. Commentaries should be between 500 and 1,000 words and letters less than 250. All entries must include your name and phone number for verifica­tion. Students should include major and class rank. Mustang Daily reserves the right to edit for clarity, grammar and length.
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saw us and went wild." Next year will be the 50th anniversary of Cal Poly's participation in the parade. The committee hopes its recent success will encourage even more student participation as they start next year's design.

"One of our challenges, since it's all volunteer, is to keep a strong group together to complete the float," Crumb said.

As they catch up on sleep and start the new quarter, the committee is looking forward to next year.

"We are already working on the concept for the next float and submitting their ideas," McNabb said. "The more people involved, the better."
Poly artists show 'Parallel Myths'

By Louis Cherdevan
Art Weekly Staff Writer

A new exhibit grades the University Union Galerie Saturday, featuring the work of two Cal Poly art professors. The exhibit entitled "Parallel Myths" features art and design professors Crissa Hewitt and Chuck Jennings' personal explorations of unique two- and three-dimensional art mediums.

The show runs from Saturday, Jan. 11, through Sunday, Feb. 2. The public is invited to an artists' reception at the unveiling on Jan. 11, from 4 to 6 p.m.

Galerie Curator Jeanne LaBarbera explained her excitement in having Hewitt and Jennings in a show together. "They are not two artists brought together for a specific theme," LaBarbera explained. "These are two artists, colleagues and friends coming together to share with us some of their work and expressions.

The exhibit's title, "Parallel Myths," conveys two distinct feelings from the artists. Hewitt recognized one myth that "everything must be brand new at an art show."

"It was an interesting struggle to get past this," Hewitt admits. "I redefined my creativity."

In doing so, Hewitt's pieces emerged as a mix of new and past works, concentrating on abstract marble and metal sculpture, jewelry and wooden boxes. "It's a play on convex and concave forms," Hewitt explained.

Hewitt said her art reflects her interest in "three-dimensional art mediums."

The new album "Aztlan Rock En Vida" was recorded live in Los Angeles last summer. The album was produced by Ernesto Ramirez and Eddie Caipero.

The album features six bands, each covering a distinct musical genre within this musical movement. The album features Maria Fatila, Pastilla, Ley de Hielo and Motita from Southern California and Orrix and Lodo Y Asfalto, based in San Francisco.

The best work on this album comes from Ley De Hielo, a metal power trio from Southern California. They are also one of the pioneer bands in the Rock En Espanol movement.

The two live tracks on this album are by far their best professional work to date. Not only is the band providing a solid and cohesive sound, but the vocal work of Jon's Montes De Oca, the band's bass player and vocalist is the best in the album. Ley De Hielo's vocal and instrumental maturity is evident in songs like "Bajo La Lluvia," the album's opening cut.

Another of the highlights of the live album is Motita which make their professional debut on this recording. Motita's music is a hybrid of jazz, blues, rock and Caribbean rhythms, which Motita utilizes to create an innovative sound. Motita's line up includes Marco Sandoval, one of Southern California's up-and-coming guitarists. His guitar work with Motita is impressive and has been finally captured in this live recording in a powerful and raw form. Recommended tracks are "Rotina" and "Frustracion."

Lastly, Lodo Y Asfalto, a grunge, punk quartet from the Bay Area. Like Motita, they make their professional debut as well. Lodo Y Asfalto work has been strongly influenced by the San Francisco punk scene but they juxtapose Punk with Latin American themes and ideas. Their best work on this album is a track called "Sangre."

Although the compilation includes veteran bands in the Rock En Espanol scene, the most impressive work on this album comes from the younger and least known bands like Motita and Lodo Y Asfalto.

Despite the difficulties that often accompany the recording of a live album Aztlan Records debut is impressive. The recording still maintains much of its originality and the album shows few signs of over-production.

The Aztlan Rock En Vivo compilation will hopefully serve as a audio documentary of the quality of music that is being made by a bilingual youth in the United States at a grass roots level. It compilation will also provide a forum for lesser known bands that would other wise be ignored.

In these two roles the work on this compilation is extremely valuable.

Pedro Arroyo is the host of Aztlan, Babylon, Rhythm and Blues KCPW's Rock & Spanish Program. The program airs Monday nights from 11:00-1:00 AM.
Week offers funky grooves, straight ahead jazz and bluegrass

By Shoresha Mehdi
Art Weekly Staff Writer

It's not often that San Luis Obispo gets to taste the funky groovy beats of soul and the down-to-earth tunes of bluegrass, blues, jazz and rock all in the same week. During the upcoming weekend and early week, three bands will feed the hearts of music-lovers and touch unfamiliar ears with these great sounds.

On Friday, Jan. 10, SLO Jazz Company will host What It Is, a San Francisco Bay Area based quartet originally from Ginnieville, Fla. The band's talented groove-soul sound will blow away any soul-music junkie. Its incredible bass lines and beats combined with funk, acid jazz and soul recreates the funky soul sound of the 1970s. The incorporation of a vinyl-spinning DJ and a two-piece horn section on stage is enough to get anyone's foot tapping.

What It Is released its first CD, "When Groove Was King," in 1995 which produced rave reviews from many regional papers and magazines such as "Music Connection" which said the band's "distinct sound based sound perfectly meshes groove tracks with early Stevie Wonder-ish vocals," and "On the One" that describes their music as "uncomplicated good-time music." Their mixture of sounds sets a great mood that makes the listener want to get up and boogie — retro style. And if only listening to a recording is tempting you to get up and dance, just imagine how much excitement hearing this band live will generate.

What It Is tours and gigs constantly and has opened for "Dee-Lite" and the "P-Funk Allstars.

Their live performance should not be missed if great music, excitement and dancing is the mood.

Also on Friday, Jan. 10, SLO Jazz Fed presents Jazz at the Forum on Marsh Street featuring Jeff Lorber, an award-winning Contemporary jazz keyboardist and his group. Lorber has set the tone for jazz keyboards since 1979, introducing contemporary jazz, and has worked as a solo artist and as a producer to saxophonist Art Porter Jr. and trumpeter Herb Alpert among others.

This show is guaranteed to give the audience some seriously smooth jazz — nothing to miss.

Tickets are $15 (SLO Jazz Fed members) and $18 (non-members). Advance tickets can be purchased at Boo Boo Records on Monterey Street in San Luis Obispo.

Then on Tuesday evening, get ready for some serious blues as K-Otter 94.9 FM and KCIX FM present "An Evening with the Del McCoury Band." Del McCoury and his band have received six International bluegrass Music Awards this past year and McCoury himself holds the IBMA Male Vocalist and Entertainer of the Year title as well as the most powerful tenor voice in bluegrass music today.

The band always encourages audience participation and get ready to call out your favorite request because that's what they'll play.

The band recently released the album "The Cold Hard Facts" that completes a great diversity of songs from blues to Grand Ole Opry star Jimmy C. Newman's "Blue Darlin'" and rock from Tom Petty.

The Washington Post said that the band has "Unstoppable momentum and terrific voices that blend the best qualities of hillbilly honky-tonk, and blues singing." The New York Times agreed that "Del McCoury is a great tenor so high, so blue, so lonesome that it seems he, or the audience could swoon for lack of oxygen."

During the week offers funk music, straight ahead jazz and bluegrass at Cal Poly, Pol. Arts Weekly reports, "It's anything to do with piano, I'll be teaching it," Spiller said. The subjects he teaches range from beginning piano to history of piano performance and literature.

The music department scholarship fund gives, as Spiller put it, "a pretty good chunk of money," to help music students through Cal Poly. Most faculty recitals or concerts benefit the fund. "We know students need a lot of help, especially in such a time-consuming study as music," Spiller said.

The recital starts at 8 p.m. at the Cal Poly Theatre. Tickets can be bought at the Performing Arts Center Office or by phone by calling SLO-ARTS.

America's music featured at benefit for scholarship

Cal Poly music professor William Spiller is performing his annual solo piano recital Jan. 11 to benefit the Cal Poly music department scholarship fund.

Spiller, who is in his sixth year at Cal Poly, will play eight pieces by American composers. "The composers are going to be new to a lot of the audience members," Spiller said. "I want the audience to realize that American music has been here and vital for a long time, not just the 20th century." Two pieces by Louis Moreau Gottschalk were written around the 1850s. The latest piece was written in 1972 by Aaron Copland.

"In my business, people just play things by Europeans," Spiller said. "I think it's nice to play things written by Americans.

Spiller has performed across the country in recitals, and as a soloist, chamber musician and accompanist. He's performed several solo recitals and duets as well as organizing the faculty recitals.

Hopefully this spring, Spiller will perform in Oxford, England where he will be teaching with the London Study Program. He will be teaching either two sections of music theater or one section of music theater and another of music appreciation.

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Guitar trio jams to a packed house

By Matt Berger
Art Weekly Editor

The guitar trio TJ Kirk had a good reason for playing so well Tuesday night. Hours before it played the packed house at SLO Brew it heard of its Grammy nomination for playing so well Tuesday night.

The group took its image literally and compared to a packed house. On Tuesday nights, anyone under 21 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Dogs are allowed.

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Against the all-powerful guitars, drummer Scan Amendola tied all the noise together. Among the bizarreness of the guitar rhythms he created a beat similar to the contemporary grooves he carries with Hunter in his quartet. His drum set was small but he managed to pound out space.

The crowd's positive response to the performance gave proof that the prolific band and style of music is a success. As the young jazzers continue to take the roots music to new levels, and gain praise as it has with the recent Grammy nomination, TJ Kirk earns its role as a frontrunner in the alternative jazz scene.

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The Zebra Cafe kicked off the new year with a typical party featuring a buffet, complimentary champagne, free T-shirts with admission and VIP passes allowing pass holders and a guest free entry to all January events.

He said the Zebra Cafe plans to have theme nights in which particular types of music are played. On Tuesday nights, anyone with a college ID can enter the club for free. Along with music and a bar, the Zebra Cafe will cater to healthy eating habits. "We do not have a fryer here, but we do have colorful, tasteful food," he explained. Camacho said prices will be low without the background of the two other talented musicians. Hunter's eight-string hybrid guitar produced the same patented sound that we are used to hearing from the young Berkeley native, imitating the Hammond B-3 organ. His fingers moved all over the neck stretching from the low-end of his bass strings to the stelier regions of his guitar strings.

Guitarist William Bernard was responsible for the psycho-rockabilly riffs and the stonemint slide sounds. Bernard, whose side project includes a recent recording with his other band Potish, also gave the young uninhabited crowd a taste of straight-ahead blues and jazz riffs.

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what's your sign? by I.C. Stars

**Gemini**
May 21-June 21

Who are you? Why are you always asking questions? This is the summer to ask those questions; it is also the summer to act on the answers you receive. As for the secrets of the world, you have access to them now. As for the answers you receive, they will come to you if you ask for them. As for the secrets of the world, you have access to them now. As for the answers you receive, they will come to you if you ask for them. As for the secrets of the world, you have access to them now. As for the answers you receive, they will come to you if you ask for them. As for the secrets of the world, you have access to them now. As for the answers you receive, they will come to you if you ask for them.

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June 22-July 22

You know that Shelly Crow song that goes "If it makes you happy, then why the hell are you here?" Cut the crap, Cancer. It's time to let go of your anxieties and live your life to the fullest. As long as you keep your heart on your sleeve, you can look forward to a successful week. Stay home. Drink some tea. Read a book. Don't worry. Nobody will notice if you're not there.

**Leo**
July 23-August 22

Just when all your hard work is about to pay off, you have a bit of a setback. Relax. You have it all under control, really. Nobody knows when it comes to Leo. All you need to do is relax and enjoy your success. As long as you keep your heart on your sleeve, you can look forward to a successful week. Stay home. Drink some tea. Read a book. Don't worry. Nobody will notice if you're not there.

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Dear Prospective Member:

Liberia should have a special place in the conscience of the United States of America. Its impetus to become a nation came from the United States. For 149 years, it was a stalwart ally of the United States. Yet for the past years, as a civil war has taken almost 200,000 lives, displaced more than two-thirds of the population and destroyed its infrastructure, the United States has treated this great tragedy as a regional problem.

Liberia has a unique historical and cultural link to the United States. Settled by African Americans, many of them former slaves, in the early decades of the 19th century, Liberia reflected the African nation's constitution, the star and stripes of its red, white and blue flag, the structure of its government, the names of its states, schools curriculum, its cultural language, and the same kind of pride of good will its citizens factions fought first America. Throughout all the major conflicts of the 20th century, Liberians been among the most dependable allies of the United States. In both World Wars, Liberia declared war on the enemies of the United States and offered vital aid, ports, and natural resources to support the United States military. During the Cold War, Liberia voted with the United Nations on every significant resolution at the United Nations, it hosted facilities for electronic monitoring, and became the electronic monitoring center for the United Nations on the African continent.

Yet when Liberia's security was most at risk because of civil conflict the United States government deferred to ECOWAS, an under-funded regional organization comprised of some of the world's poorest nations. Half of the $10 million earmarked by the United States to support a peacekeeping force had not been committed by April 1998. Meanwhile, the cost to the United States of responding to the humanitarian crisis since 1998 has been emergency relief valued at over $60 billion, more than $30 million provided in the past year alone, more than eight times the amount committed to peacekeeping.

In the absence of a viable security plan, the torrent of refugees continues to undermine Liberia's relations with its immediate neighbors. Though the United States has implored those nations to admit Liberian refugees, its own record of Liberian admissions decries the long relationship with that nation.

The approach to achieving peace in Liberia has revolved around the ECOWAS process for six years. This process has, in turn, been dependent on a core group of ECOWAS nations with the will and very limited resources to engage in diplomacy or to commit forces for peacekeeping. Fortyone peace agreements have been largely brokered without the United States and other international parties, such as the United Nations or OAU, present with ECOWAS as working partners at the negotiating table. The result of this agreements and the resources, and leverage, necessary for successful implementation, This failure to produce a concerted approach to all aspects of the peace process, from mediation to negotiation and implementation, suggests that we have witnessed.

On August 17 the Economic Community of West African States(ECOWAS) concluded meetings that provide a new timetable for the peace process. Starting August 20, the warring factions are to observe a cease-fire, dismantle checkpoints and withdraw from zones of combat. The peacekeeping force, expanding from 8500 to 18000 troops, is to deploy throughout Liberia in November. Demobilization is to be completed by January 31. Elections are to be held on May 31 with a turnover to an elected government on June 15. The revised plans call for sanctions against members of the warring factions that obstruct the peace process. Sanctions include restrictions on travel, freeze on economic activities, exclusion from electoral process, and war crime charges.

Now the United States has another opportunity to assert its international leadership at a critical juncture to ensure that the success of the new peace process. This leadership will not lead to an involvement of United States troops. It does mean that the United States must heighten its diplomatic efforts to help coordinate the process of peace and gather the funding that is necessary to effectively peacekeeping and demobilization in Liberia.

The United States should take the necessary steps to ensure that its commitment of $30 million to support the ECOMOG peacekeeping force is obligated before the end of the fiscal year 1998. While the United States pledge of $30 million is a step in the right direction it will not alone enable a doubling of ECOMOG to the 18,000 troops necessary for deployment by November. It is vital that the United States provide additional funds to make up this shortfall or take the lead to obtain significant pledges from other donor countries.

A top priority of the United States should be the implementation of a serious program for demobilizing Liberia's combatants. Regrettably, no additional funding has been pledged by the United States to improve what was an inadequately funded and designed demobilization plan. In fact, some of the funds allocated in early 1996 for reintegration of Liberia's 60,000 combatants were not obligated. This should take the lead in designing a comprehensive demobilization program. This program will not involve United States troops, but should include the resources for every stage of demobilization from encampment to training and counseling of combatants. A contribution of $20 million (non-food related) from the United States would provide the funds to implement the most important steps that would enhance the success of demobilization from other existing programs.

President Clinton and the United States Congress must make Liberia a priority on our foreign relations agenda in Africa. United States leadership is critical if the key elements are to be achieved on schedule under the new peace plan. This leadership will not lead to an involvement of United States troops. It does mean that the United States through its Special Envoy, must facilitate the diplomatic efforts to coordinate the new implementation phase of the peace process which would generate the additional resources necessary for effective peacekeeping and demobilization.

The United States should strengthen the response of the international community to the needs of the peace process. The foundation for a new international approach to the peace process already exists with the International Contact Group of the United Nations, the group of donor countries that have pledged support to the peace process. The concept behind the ICG should be expanded to include other African nations and the United Nations. This high level of cooperation will ensure that scarce resources are effectively utilized.

The outbreak of fighting in Monrovia in April-May of 1998 was the latest in a series of clashes in Liberia's intractable war. During the past nearly seven years, the war has produced shocking human rights violations and humanitarian conditions for Liberians civilians. The most recent fighting exacerbated even further these conditions. Humanitarian assistance organizations have been unable to deliver food and other emergency services because of the fighting in Liberia. Their resources hooted by gangs of combatants and the safety of their relief workers threatened. These organizations are stretched thin and limited resources to engage in diplomacy or to commit forces for peacekeeping. Fourteen peace agreements have been largely brokered without the United States and other international parties, such as the United Nations or OAU, present with ECOWAS as working partners at the negotiating table. The result of this agreements and the resources, and leverage, necessary for successful implementation, This failure to produce a concerted approach to all aspects of the peace process, from mediation to negotiation and implementation, suggests that we have witnessed.

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As a result of the civil war in Liberia, an estimated 800,000 Liberians are internally displaced; another 800,000 are refugees in neighboring countries that are among the poorest in the world. Approximately 50% of the population in Monrovia, upwards of 350,000 persons, were forced to flee their homes due to the April-May fighting and another 3,000 died. During June–July some 3,300 new cases of cholera were reported in Monrovia and a July survey found malnutrition rates for children in displaced shelters have increased up to 25%.

Now that the dust of the Civil War in Liberia is settling down, an era of a NEW LIBERIA is at hand. Whether anyone likes it or not, an leadership is bound to emerge, supposedly to shoulder the serious and difficult business. In Liberia, bombed-out homes and shops are painful reminders of what happens when leaders are chosen unwisely. We cannot allow this to happen again. This is why the Liberian Social Justice Foundation is campaigning for PEACE, SECURITY, SOCIAL, ECONOMIC, EDUCATIONAL AND POLITICAL JUSTICE IN LIBERIA.

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I am writing to introduce you to the Liberian Social Justice Foundation, Inc., a broad-based social nonprofit organization. The mission of the LJSF is two-fold: we are dedicated to restoring a just and stable society in Liberia, and to improving the quality of life for all Liberians, both at home and abroad.

On behalf of our members, I appeal to you for financial assistance in support of LJSF activities. An application for membership is included which contains a breakdown of membership fees. Please know that any amount you can contribute will be put to good use. Your support of the Foundation, and your awareness of its concerns is deeply appreciated. Should you have any questions of suggestions, please feel free to write us or call. Thank you for your time, your contribution, and your generosity. Checks and money orders should be made payable to the Liberian Social Justice Foundation, Inc.

Best regards,

Edwin G.K. Zoedua
Executive Director/Chairman

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DEATH ROW From page 11

Times have changed, and so has the culture. Who do we have to look toward for new direction? As Snoop Doggy Dogg and Shakur released their newest albums and captured the highest spots on the pop charts, in the shadows stands a five-year-old label called Death Row and a notorious CEO named Marion "Suge" Knight.

While the company continues to control the charts, the scandals keep unraveling.

First Time Warner, under pressure by several legislators and anti-gangsta rap activists, sold its partial ownership of Interscope Records to MCA Music Entertainment because it was denied creative control over lyrics and album art of several of the company's artists including several involved with Death Row.

In 1995 former Death Row President and co-founder Dr. Dre went to jail on earlier assault charges and began, what he described in a Vibe magazine interview as his secession from the company. When he got out of jail he finalized a deal with Interscope Records, the parent company of Death Row, and began his own company, Aftermath Entertainment.

Also in the news at that time was a murder trial involving Calvin Broadus, also known as Snoop Doggy Dogg. Broadus, who found his fame through early recordings with Dr. Dre on "The Chronic," Death Row's first pop chart hit, was acquitted on all charges.

Then former Digital Underground dancer Tupac Shakur, who joined the Death Row family in 1995 after producing three solo albums on the Interscope label was gunned down in Las Vegas after a brawl at the MGM Grand Hotel. In the wake of his death, Shakur's album has been honored with several Billboard awards and has earned Shakur a Grammy nomination.

Then Knight, who was driving the car at the time of the shooting, was recently jailed for violating his parole after failing several drug tests and participating in a beating the night of Shakur's death. In February Knight will return to court for sentencing and could face up to nine years in jail.

Lost in the shuffle of these complications remains a controversy involving singer Gina Longo.

Longo is the daughter of Deputy District Attorney Lawrence W. Longo, the attorney once assigned to supervise Knight's probation but later pulled off due to possible conflicts of interest. Longo became the first white artist to join Death Row and signed a $50,000 contract with the label that has yet to materialize, according to a November, 1996 Associated Press article.

But the hits keep rolling in for the label plagued with both success and setbacks. "The Dogfather," only the second album produced by the award-winning artist has stayed in the pop charts since its November release, although it has not attracted the following of the first Snoop album, "Doggystyle."

With the Dr. Dre-produced album come a Grammy nomination for Best Rap Performance for "Gin and Juice" and won Billboard's Male Artist of the Year.

Then came the 1996 holiday season, a busy one for Death Row. First came a two-disc greatest hits album featuring all of the top hits from Dr. Dre, Snoop Doggy Dogg and Shakur.

Then to celebrate the Yuletide season, the tight-knit family of rappers released a compilation of season's greetings. "Christmas on Death Row" featured rhymes by Snoop, up-and-coming member Danny Boy, who is expected to release his first solo album early this year, Nate Dogg, Tha Dogg Pound and several other artists.

But to the company's dismay, both albums entered the charts at disappointing positions.

Although Rolling Stone recently reported that rap has been in a slump since its 1991 peak, Death Row Records has managed to sell over 26 million records and gross more than $170 million, and hits from the company's top artists dominated radio stations and cable music video channels.

The vitality of Death Row is hard to predict as it continues to bounce back from several controversies, but rap music is alive and kicking none the less.

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MUSTANG DAILY
LAW FROM PAGE 1

Pat Harris, coordinator of the Women's Center, said she is happy the law passed but she isn’t sure that it will be a significant deterrent.

"It's a pretty scary drug," Harris said. "It's so hard to bring people to court," she said referring to those who may use the drug against others.

One of the more controversial laws requires child molesters to undergo castration — either chemical or surgical.

"I think they should cut it off," said Copeland, referring to the offender's penis. "It needs to be cut off."

Other laws that also came into effect on Jan. 1 include:

- Cable: Penalties were increased for making and selling devices designed to steal cable and television signals.
- Pollution: The process to prosecute people or companies discharging pollutants into waters, through either criminal or civil suits, was toughened. For example, firms that clean up accidents quickly or report such incidents that affect state waters cannot be prosecuted.
- Domestic violence: Anyone arrested for domestic violence is now required to be taken before a judge instead of being cited and released.
- Smoking: The new law extends the temporary exemption given to bars and game rooms from the state's workplace smoking ban. This will not affect San Luis Obispo because the city prohibits smoking in public areas.
- Drugs: People can now sue drug dealers for damages they might have suffered directly or indirectly from drugs.
- Scavenging: The penalties for "unauthorized scavenging" or curb-side recyclables were increased.

INSURANCE FROM PAGE 1

Traffic Sgt. Bernard Silva of the San Luis Obispo Police Department said, "Uninsured motorists are subject to a $207 fine in almost all circumstances and will get their license suspended.

If uninsured drivers are involved in an accident, Silva said, their driver's license could be suspended for one year. Judges will also be able to order impoundment of vehicles for drivers without insurance.

Karen Biederman, an agribusiness sophomore, said she has friends who have been in accidents and had to come up with money because the other driver didn't have insurance. She said requiring California drivers to show proof of insurance is good.

"It's the law and makes more people aware that insurance is the law," she said.

Silva said more tickets will be issued in San Luis Obispo, especially to uninsured motorists. "They will be cited dramatically more often, because we can ask for proof at the time of the citation," he said. "The prior law said we couldn't do that if there was a collision."

The police department doesn't have an exact number of tickets issued to uninsured motorists since the beginning of the year but officials estimated 12 to 15 citations to drivers who couldn't provide an insurance company name and policy number.

Police officers will not be the only ones requesting proof of insurance. Under the new law the DMV will require proof of insurance with registration renewals in March. Fred Garcia, San Luis Obispo DMV office manager, said California has over 20 million licensed drivers and approximately 25.5 million registered vehicles on the road.

"Stickers will handle the majority of the renewal notices and they are developing a software program to verify insurance policies with the proper drivers," Garcia said.

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Height: 6'1"
Weight: 145 lbs.
Hair: Blond (possibly dyed brown)
Eyes: Brown
Address: Stockton, CA

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Kristin Smart was last seen walking to her dormitory residence on the Cal Poly campus on Saturday, May 25, 1996 at approximately 2:00 a.m. Kristin is a Cal Poly student who uses the nickname of "Roxy." If anyone has information regarding Kristin Smart, please contact the San Luis Obispo County Sheriff's Office.

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WRESTLING

The relay teams finished strong in the 16 team invitational. In the 400 and 800 freestyle relay and 400 medley relay, the women placed third. They also placed fifth in the 200 medley relay.

Kelly Quinn, women's team captain, thought the invitational gave everyone a chance to compete. There were three days full of events that everyone had been training for.

"It was a training meet, and people had the chance to perform," Quinn said.

The men placed second on Friday, third on Saturday and second on Sunday.

The 200 freestyle relay team brought the men's team a sixth place finish with a time of 1:27.40. Another top ten finish was by the 400 medley relay team that finished ninth with a time of 3:36.51.

"It was a very good meet for us, it allows us to do a lot of events in a very short time," Coach Rich Firman said.

Men's team captain Blake Seely thought the team did very well even though there were a lot of people out sick.

"Everyone did well, even after the intense training sessions," Seely said.

Cal Poly takes on Northridge on Friday at 1 p.m. in Mott Pool.

SWIMMING

"We had a diminution of numbers of African-American student athletes when we went from Prop 48 to Prop 49," said Ursula Walsh, NCAA director of research.

Under Prop 48, which went into effect in 1986, freshman athletes had to meet minimum academic standards to play, practice or even accept financial aid in their first year. The standardized ACT and SAT tests have since become the most controversial components of the rule, criticized by many educators as racially and culturally biased.

The NCAA compiles reports each year on student-athletes' graduation and enrollment rates. The new study put side-by-side six years' data - the freshman classes of 1983 through 1989 - to analyze standards rule's impact.

The NCAA also said graduation rates for all student-athletes at each Division I schools continue to exceed those of the general student populations.

The NCAA said blacks made up 27.3 percent of all student-athletes entering the schools in 1985, falling to 23.6 percent in 1986. By 1989, it had recovered somewhat, to 25 percent.

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said. "I have been really impressed with the way Sharyl Fraser, Tracie Oaks and Taryn Sperry (both walk-on starters) have really stepped up.

"Everybody on the team is playing better," she said. "With 10 new players and only two returnees I expected it would take time to get." Book er also said that the team has made a lot of progress during its preseason games.

"We've had a tough preseason schedule and we've improved on some of our earlier weaknesses.

We struggled with our rebounding in the beginning but we've really come around in that area," Book er said. Col Poly out-rebounded Santa Clara 38-20 last Friday. Sperry currently leads the team with 26. Also in the Santa Clara game, junior guard Jackie Maristela, made her Cal Poly debut. Maristela was completing units at Football Community College and became eligible to play over the winter break.

"Jackie adds a whole new dimension to our team. She's fast and brings a lot more maturity to the point guard position," Book er said. "She played really well against Santa Clara for just starting with us a couple days earlier."

Maristela, from Milpitas, near Santa Clara, was excited about playing in front of a hometown crowd.

"I was really fired up playing against Santa Clara, just going with the flow and having fun," Maristela said. "I like the team and we have the potential to be really solid.

The Mustangs will play U.C. Santa Barbara Jan. 13, U.C. Irvine on Jan. 17 and C.B. Fullerton on Jan. 19. U.C Santa Barbara (7-4) was picked to finish first in the Big West and leads the conference in scoring, with an average of 84.6 points per game. They are the only team in the Big West that has won its preseason games.

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good, we just have to continue to get better and continue to improve."

But, the team's youth may prove to be a double-edged sword when facing the New Mexico State Aggies Thursday night. As rich in experience and deep in talent as New Mexico State is, Schneider knows his Mustangs have their work cut out for them in the conference opener at home.

"New Mexico is a terrific team," he said. "It has won the Big West Conference four out of the past seven years and is the 14th win- ningest team in the country."

Ranged among the Top 40 in the country, New Mexico State, with a 6-4 record, has five players who are averaging double figures, and the team is shooting an impressive 49.6 percent from the floor. If this isn't enough to scare the Mustangs, the Aggies are also hitting 65 percent from the three-point line, sinking 60 percent from the free-throw line and outrebounding its opponents, 38-35.

It is a tremendous team," Schneider said. "I think they have the best team in the Western divi-

ion. It will take a tremendous effort for us to win."

"New Mexico is obviously going to be hard to guard, they are very skilled and athletic," he added. "It's going to be an exciting game between two of the highest scoring teams in the league. We'll have our work cut out for us."

"They are a pretty tough team," Book er said. "We've played a lot of other big names and big schools." he said. "Maybe 'cause it is our first game in the Big West we'll be a little bit nervous, but I think after the ball has been tipped up we will be fine."

Despite New Mexico State's prowess, Cal Poly has a few records to hold over its head. Currently the Mustangs lead the league in scoring offense at 84.1 points per game (ppg) while the Aggies are second with 83.6 ppg. Cal Poly also leads the league in forced turnovers with 271, steals and three-pointers made per game.

Nonetheless, Schneider said New Mexico State is still not a team to be taken lightly.

"They are always good with their matchup zone," he said. "We have made great improvements but we just aren't up to that type of level yet. New Mexico is the best team that has been to Mott Gym."

The Big West action begins Thursday night in Mott Gym at 7 p.m.

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Ringing in the New Year in Sports

While most students were vacationing, Cal Poly athletes were busy competing across the country. Here's a look at what you missed over the break.

Mustangs start Big West play with New Mexico St.

By Melissa M. Geisler
DAILY ASST. NEWS EDITOR

No one ever said the Cal Poly men's basketball team was like other teams.

**Men's Basketball**

Last season, the Mustangs took pride in being the great turn-around team in the NCAA Division I. While this season has taken off as many would have expected it to, the team has still found a way to stand out — being one of the youngest teams to enter into the Big West Conference.

"The teams we have played, like UAB (Univ. of Alabama-Birmingham) and Cal, all of their top players are seniors," said Head Coach Jeff Schneider. "Six of our top players are freshman and sophomores."

So far, Schneider said, Cal Poly has only played against one team that has played a freshman, LaSalle University. This is a difference from the Mustang's own starting lineup, which currently has three out of five starters at either freshman or sophomore standing. Cal Poly can't hide from its youth, not with only three seniors on the team (one of whom, guard Colin Bryant, has been sidelined indefinitely after sustaining a broken jaw in last Friday's practice.)

"So, rather than use it as a crutch and a reason why the team is 8-6 overall, Schneider is instead relying heavily on his team's youthful players to get them back on their feet.

And why not, especially with the type of numbers the Cal Poly youngsters are collecting.

The leading scorer in the Mustangs' last three games is a freshman (guard Mike Wozniak with 57), and a sophomore leads the team in both steals and assists (guard Ben Larson with 29 and 59, respectively).

"We are considerably getting better and better," Schneider said. "We are even better than last year, though it doesn't show in the wins and losses column. We have lost to some teams who are very good."

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Cal Poly sets sights on Big West competition

By Leilah Mosi
DAILY STAFF WRITER

According to the women's basketball team schedule, the Mustangs enter their third month of the 1996-97 season.

**Women's Basketball**

But head coach Karen Booker prefers to see tomorrow night's Big West conference opener against New Mexico State University as the beginning of a new season.

Friday's game will be the third of a six-game road trip for Cal Poly. The Mustangs lost to University of Santa Clara last Friday 67-52 and were defeated handily by the University of San Francisco 101-42, dropping their overall record to 1-10.

"In the Mustangs' last home game against Fresno Pacific, freshman guard Stephanie Osorio scored a career-high 31 points. Osorio went nine for 13 from three-point range, setting a school and conference record. Osorio leads the team with 34 three-pointers this year and has reached double figures in her last six games. Booker is pleased with Osorio's play and looks for her to continue her strong play.

"Every time I turn around, another freshman catches my eye, Booker added."

Women place third in Irvine

Jennifer Bark
DAILY STAFF WRITER

Coming off of two very rigorous training weeks, the men's and women's swimming and diving teams competed in the Irvine Invitational on January 3, 4, and 5.

**Swimming & Diving**

The meet was split into three different categories with distance events on Friday, individual events on Saturday and relay events on Sunday.

The women placed third on all three days. Krista Kiedrowski was a top finisher at the invitational with first place finishes in the 100 and 200 backstroke with times of 1:00.48 and 2:10.52. Kim Jackson also had strong finishes placing second in the 100 freestyle and third in the 200 freestyle with times of 54.99 and 1.57.95.

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Mustangs wrestle with top teams in the nation

By Kimberly Kossy
DAILY STAFF WRITER

The Cal Poly wrestling team stayed strong through six matches, trailing second ranked Oklahoma State by just 12 points.

**Wrestling**

But the Mustangs lost the final four matches to the Cowboys to fall 30-10 Tuesday night in Mott Gym.

The Mustangs now have an 0-3 record on the season, while Oklahoma, who put up a hard fight with four All-Americans returning to their team, moved up to 10-0.

Leading the way for Cal Poly was sophomore David Wells, who pinned his opponent in the third period of the 155-pound division. Wells was ranked 11th in the NCAA standings going into Tuesday night's match.

Also winning for Cal Poly was senior Tyson Rondeau in an 11-3 decision in the 118-pound weight class. "I thought we did good as a team," Rondeau said. "I thought we had a chance to win."

During quarter break, Cal Poly started its season placing 14 out of 45 in the Las Vegas Tournament. Cal Poly lost its first PAC-10 conference match to Oregon State University, ranked 19 at the time, 27-10. Scoring for the Mustangs were sophomores Wells and Mike French, as well as freshman Gian McGee.

Cal Poly also fell 25-15 to 19th ranked Purdue University. Seniors Jeremiah Miller and Bobby Bellamy led the scoring for the Mustangs along with French.

"We are wrestling a young team," Miller said.

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Cal Poly snubbed for Big West Tournament

Cal Poly Athletic Director John McCutcheon announced Thursday that the men's basketball team will not be allowed to compete in the 1997 Big West Conference Tournament scheduled for March 7-9 in Reno, Nevada.

Cal Poly will not be eligible for tournament play even if the Mustangs finish in the top four in the Western Division of the Big West Conference. Currently, an NCAA school must be a member of Division I for eight years before being eligible for a conference automatic bid.

The decision comes following an appeal made by Cal Poly and the Big West in favor of the Mustangs appearing in the tournament. Also announced Thursday was the addition of Cal State Hayward to the men's basketball schedule. The Mustangs will face Hayward on Monday, January 27 at 7 p.m. in Mott Gym.

Schedule

**TODAY'S GAMES**

• Men's basketball vs. New Mexico State @ Mott Gym, 7 p.m.

**TOMORROW'S GAMES**

• Wrestling vs. Univ. of Oklahoma @ Mott Gym, 7 p.m.