To the surprise of some students, the parking lot adjacent to the library has been closed to make way for the new engineering IV building. Some parking spaces reserved for staff may be changed to general parking if staff members do not make use of them.

Students greeted with parking agony

Emily Wong
MUSTANG DAILY

Lisa Isola woke up early for her 11 a.m. class. Out of habit she left an hour early and drove to her favorite parking lot, the first one on the left up Via Carta. She passed several spots as she traveled through the bumpy, asphalt terrain but none were suitable — mostly because they were all marked "staff." "Those spots used to be general, so it's really annoying that teachers don't see parking, page 2

Cal Poly float a big hit at Rose Parade

Rainstorms and technical difficulties during the week prior to the event added last minute anxiety to the event

Brittany Peloquin
MUSTANG DAILY

PASADENA — A triumphant cheer rose from a crowd of students and alumni as the Cal Poly Rose Float cruised down Colorado Boulevard in the 116th Tournament of Roses Parade.

For weeks before the event, technical difficulties and inclement weather plagued the small crew of students from both the San Luis Obispo and Pomona campuses who worked day and night to prepare the float.

"When the float turns that corner, and you have just spent the last year toiling over it, it's astounding to see that it finally came to be," said Cal Poly Rose Float Committee technical adviser Chris Towers.

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Float continued from page 1
Next year's parade theme will be announced in a few weeks and stu-
dents are welcome to submit a float concept idea. The winner gets two
tickets to the Rose Bowl or the cash equivalent.

A paid student position is also available
to manage recruitment and retention
tos and committee members.
For further information, contact Liz (telephone) at

Parking
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the first new spots for students, the
university is working on adding a
lot on Mount Bishop Road. It is sched-
eld to open in April.

In the meantime, students are
couraged to walk, bike or take
the bus to campus. And, if you
have to drive, follow Isola's advice;
leave an hour early and blast
KJUG (98.1 FM) to keep you
gane.

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Events continued from page 1
the upcoming year, with important
information. Events Team members
must know. Lunch will be provided
and training ends at noon.
When: Thursday Jan. 20, 11 a.m.
Where: UU 220
More Info: Call ASI Events at 756-112 or visit the Web site at
ASIevents.getinvolved.php

What: Graphic Communications
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What: ASI Board of Directors,
ASI Student Government leaders
meet twice a month to discuss
important student and campus
issues. This meeting is open to the
public. All students, staff and faculty
members are welcome.
When: Wed. Jan. 12, 5 p.m.
Where: UU 220
More Info: Call Tracy Watson at
756-1291

What: The Pride Alliance Center
sponsors Denise Uyehara perform-
ing "Maps of City & Body"
When: Wed. Jan. 19, 7 p.m.
Where: Chumash Auditorium,
Cutting Wing
More Info: Call the Pride
Alliance Center at 756-7733
What: How Diversity Affects
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breakfast program. The presentation
is part of the university's Provocative
Perspectives series, which brings
educators, authors and other innov-
ative leaders to campus to stimulate
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Wal-Mart to pay $14.5 million for gun-sale violations

Jim Wasserman
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SACRAMENTO — Wal-Mart Stores agreed to pay $14.5 million in fines and other costs to settle a state lawsuit over thousands of gun sales violations at California stores between 2000 and 2003, Attorney General Bill Lockyer announced Wednesday.

Lockyer said the Arkansas retailer will pay $5 million in fines, $4 million for state compliance checks with gun laws and millions more to assure its stores meet state and federal firearms laws.

"We were fully cooperative with the attorney general in resolving this matter," said Sacramento attorney Donald Heller, who represented the retail chain.

Wal-Mart agreed in April 2003 to suspend gun sales at its sporting goods counters in 114 California stores after the state documented hundreds of violations at two stores in Sacramento and four other stores in Turlock, Merced, Los Banos and Madera.

A subsequent investigation by California Department of Justice officials uncovered 2,591 more violations between 2000 and 2003 at stores in Fresno, Folsom, Turlock, Ukiah and Sono Valley.

"Wal-Mart's failure to comply with gun safety laws put the lives of all Californians at risk by placing guns in the hands of criminals and other prohibited persons," Lockyer said in a statement Wednesday.

State agents said the stores sold guns to 23 people who weren't allowed to possess them and delivered 36 more to customers who bought them for people not allowed to own guns.

Other offenses included gun sales without background checks and failures to identify buyers through fingerprint and driver's license scans.

Stores also failed to document whether firearms safety devices such as trigger locks, were delivered with each purchase.

The retail chain hasn't yet decided whether it will resume gun sales in California, said company spokesman Gus Whitcomb. The settlement doesn't bar Wal-Mart from resuming sales, but requires it to submit to court-ordered compliance with gun laws.

"Our licenses are current so if we make that decision we could sell as soon as we wanted to," Whitcomb said.

He said Wal-Mart stores sell guns in every state but California, Hawaii and New Jersey.

The chain agreed to pay Lockyer's office $41.1 million to recoup its investigative costs, and $1.2 million to monitor Wal-Mart's compliance with state firearms laws during the next five years.
devastation in Indonesia

Powell tours tsunami devastation in Indonesia

Anne Gearan  Associated Press

BANDA ACEH, Indonesia — Not
even a marine combat could prepare
for the shock of the tsunami destruc-
tion. Secretary of State Colin Powell said after inspecting the
Indonesian island of Sumatra where giant
waves washed away whole
neighborhoods.

From a helicopter a few hundred
feet above the ground, Powell
could see a muddy brown moonscape
where blocks of houses
and rice paddies had been.

Blackened stumps of palm trees
stuck out of the
muddy brown waters.

"I cannot begin to
imagine the horror
that went through
the families and all of
the people who
heard these noises,
" said Powell. "The
towers were uprooted and
shattered, the houses
washed to bits or washed
away."

"I've been in war and I've
been through a number of
hurricanes, tornados and
other relief operations, but
I have never seen
anything like this."

— COLIN POWELL
Secretary of State

Recovery is slow. An estimated 80
percent of local officials were killed in
Banda Aceh and fighting
government forces and Aceh's sep-

ta rate militia left the main
supply road for several hours this
week, said Andrew Natsios, director of
the U.S. Agency for International
Development.

A collision between a relief plane
and a water buffalo closed the
airport for part of the day Tuesday.

The United States is helping bring
bodies and water purification
kits. Natsios said a long-time veteran
of disasters around the world,
Natsios said, was stunned by the
extent of dam-
ages:
"It almost looked like a
small nuclear bomb hit the
country," Natsios said.

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The toll of Americans killed by the
tsunami is now 36—20 announced as
presumed dead by the State
Department Wednesday in addition to
16 confirmed earlier — and the
number was expected to rise. The depart-
ment has a running list of thousands of
names of Americans who are unac-
counted for, "but that does not mean
that they are casualties or that they are
lost," Powell said.

Powell promised continued U.S. aid
and support to recover from the disas-
ter. Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, who along
with Powell is leading the U.S. delega-
tion, looked shaken Wednesday.

"It is such a heavy heart that we're
here," the governor said.

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Just about every advertisement for director Billy Condon's new film, a biography of controversial Indiana University biologist Alfred C. Kinsey, bears the same, simple mantra: "Let's talk about sex." Since any mention of sexuality today is greeted either with puritanical reproach or voyeuristic enthusiasm, such an overt suggestion would seem an invitation to chaos. But Kinsey is nothing more and nothing less than what its driving motto implies — an honest, unabashed discourse on human sexuality. For once, the movie industry has delivered a piece that not only avoids the extremes of smut and charity, but tackles the nature of sexual activity with academic impartiality.

Yet Kinsey is more than a tempered analysis of intercourse. In its own right, it is an elegant film, a rare near-narrative piece that both exhorts and criticizes its subject. There is plenty of information, complemented by a few likely myths, about the life of Alfred Kinsey (played by Liam Neeson). The mind behind two revolutionary scientific volumes, Alfred C. Kinsey, whose initial studies concerned the gall wasp, was the product of a strict, stifling upbringing. Fortunately, Condon's film dwells on these minor, though valuable notes. As "Kinsey" depicts it, Kinsey's aversion to absolute abstinence was a mode of rebellion against his uptight father (John Lithgow), a professor and minister who flaunted his family and railed against his son's sexuality. In all honesty, Neeson was an excellent intellectual statement of ambition. His life's work greeted with disgust, Mr. Neeson's Kinsey is angered by an America that rejects the knowledge he wants to spread.

When asked by a reporter if there are plans to make a film based on one of his books, Neeson's Kinsey completely disregards the idea. Indeed, this is one of the movie's most flagrant ironies, considering Condon has made both a coherent film and an excellent intellectual statement out of Alfred Kinsey's life. As we watch "Kinsey," we are drawn into a world where the power of inquiry and the value of human connection become evident in the most subtle, delicate ways.
Calendar of Events

JANUARY
Paul Anka (1.7.05)
The Chieftains (1.18.05)
Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra (1.24.05)
Taiwan Acrobats (1.28.05)
Ralph Stanley (1.29.05)

FEBRUARY
Ladysmith Black Mambazo (2.9.05)
Hubbard Street Dance Chicago (2.15.05)
The Full Monty (2.24.05)

MARCH
Different Dances Different Drums (3.8.05)
Los Angeles Guitar Quartet (3.11.05)
Twelfth Night (3.12.05)
Geno Delafose (3.15.05)
Dan Zanes and Friends (3.19.05)
Black Light Theatre of Prague (3.22.05)

APRIL
Defending the Caveman (4.6.05)
Beaux Arts Trio (4.7.05)
Jamie B. Jones (4.7.05)
Paul Taylor Dance (4.11.05)

Ralph Stanley (1.29.05)

A year of performances on campus

Starting this year, the Performing Arts Center will offer “student rush” ticket pricing. Student rush means all available seating for select Cal Poly Arts shows are sold for students one hour prior to curtain time at the Performing Arts Ticket Office. Students usually shy away from attending PAC events due to expensive prices. Events with this discount will be selected on a case by case basis by Cal Poly Arts. Notification will be posted three days in advance on the Cal Poly Arts Web site. All students (Cal Poly, Cuesta College, Hancock College, K-12) with valid identification are eligible for the special rate.

— Martin J. Mowbray

The Orchesis Dance performance runs January 28 and February 3-5. Winter brings with it the theatre department's production of "Macbeth." The play runs February 21-26 and March 3-5. "Sense of Place" portrays two visions of California by painter Sarah Arnold and photographer John Macias.
Director Oliver Stone, Angelina Jolie and Colin Farrell attend the London premiere of "Alexander." The film was a huge box-office disappointment in the United States. Stone, who made a name for himself with controversial films like "Natural Born Killers," let down even his die-hard fans with this overblown epic.

Download of the day
Kelly Clarkson
"Since You've Been Gone"

While she's no Clay Aiken, she is my second favorite "American Idol" alum. When I'm drinking a Jack Daniel's Down-Home Punch before heading to Mother's, nothing gets me pumped like this song (well, this and Ashlee Simpson's "La La").

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The new year holds many expectations — some new, some old and all held with the highest of hopes. 
Seeking to lose five pounds a day, stop procrastinat-
ing with school-work are "nice" goals for the year that lies ahead of us, but when it comes down to it, the best things in life are, well, larger than life.

World peace. Affordable health care. Finding parking. Seeing President Baker walking around campus. These, among others, are what matter to us: our unfilled Christmas wishes and New Year's resolutions...

**Tsunami victims in South Asia to find peace, health and relief.**

The war in Iraq is no end, goals to return home safely and the freedom of the Iraqi people to endure... 
**See President Warren Baker in the student section at a Cal Poly basketball game.**

Although this conflict to stabilize, without further cuts to the higher education system... 
**To see Arnold Schwarzenegger appear in yet another Terminator masterpiece.**

Enjoy and benefit from the completion of new parking lots and the engineering building on campus... 
**The Israeli-Palestinian conflict to improve with a newly-elected president in the Palestinian authority.**

Enjoy a musical performance by ASI President Blake Bolton during UIU Hour (with assistance by ASI Vice President Tyler Middletstadt).

**Gripping and understanding and tolerance in the issue of gay marriage, whether or not that is legalized.**

**Influencing Frog and Peach owners to return Pint Night to its original $1 special.**

**Justice served in the Michael Jackson trial, for the betterment of the neighboring community.**

**Accountability on the part of the Sudanese government regarding the genocide in Darfur.**

**Witness the investment records of the Cal Poly Foundation to inform students.**

**"For the last week, I've been considering commuting to school in a boat."**

Speech on Israeli-Palestinian conflict was fair, balanced, prof. Lian Pappe at Hata's University in Israel came to Cal Poly on Nov. 17 for a talk on the Israeli-Palestine conflict.

For those who did not attend, Pappe did not give a very clean-cut or balanced speech. As told to the entire audience, his speech was as biased as a speech on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict as they come. But when is life ever fair and balanced? (just look at Fox News)

Pappe can give us some sort of balanced outlook on world affairs, something that the American media cannot. My question is, how can a Jewish man who lives in Israel be subjective in any way? I think being an Israeli-Jewish intellectual who is not afraid to criticize Israeli policy makes him an impartial observer able to objectively pass judgment on this situation.

Although voluntarism is cute, it's not very effective when it comes to altering the course of how we deal with the world. For this we have to call on our elected representatives. However, a first step for all might be to recognize that world starvation exists and is an abnormal occurrence solely created by man, not by nature — and hence can only be rectified by man.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Peer Landa

Theyro is no matter where in this world people, countries, or nations, we all seem to look after ourselves — whether it's our family, our heritage or country — and we care more about our own needs than other people's... And it doesn't help much that our world is run by the most powerful nations, the egos and greed, that's when we lose our perspective on the world and in people — and that's when they, the other people, take notice.

Opposed to what some propagandists in our country want us to believe, it's not our "freedom" the other people, take notice.

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West Player of the Week honors thereafter. Besides Entzweiler, there are only three other seniors. Whiten’s one of two freshman starting, along with Andrew Haskin. It’s uncertain if Gray will be allowed to return next year, but if he is, Whiten could slide to his natural two-guard position.
It’s only a shame that the talent of this team has become more apparent in Gray’s absence. I bet the Mustangs would be a lot better than 5-7 if he were playing.
Thankfully, the success of the program lies on more than just this year.

Graham Woznick is a journalism student and a Mustang Daily editor.
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Whiten and Entzweiler, this season’s West Player of the Week honors afterward.
Besides Entzweiler, there are only
It's a Gray area for Mustang star

Kameron Gray is academically ineligible to play basketball for Cal Poly this season; his status for next year is uncertain

Graham Womiack
MUSTANU DAILY STAFF REPORT

Kameron Gray may never play for Cal Poly basketball again. The athletic department announced in mid-December that the standout point guard for the men’s basketball team is academically ineligible for the remainder of this season. Gray had already missed six games while originally ineligible for fall quarter.

"If he's constantly ineligible, then he's not helping our basketball team and then at that time, I gotta get someone on scholarship that can help this basketball team," Bromley said.

Multiple athletic departments are required to confirm if Gray, a speech communications junior, is now on academic probation with the university, expressing privacy concerns.

Gray said that his grade point average was above 2.0 in the spring and fall that he failed to make up an incomplete class from the spring and lacked enough units for NCAA eligibility.

Compliance coordinator Barbara Martinez said the NCAA requires, among other things, that students complete at least 36 degree-apply units a year and six per quarter.

Bromley said that Gray worked hard academically last quarter, but could have worked "a heck of a lot harder" in the spring and summer.

Gray said his commitment was more toward basketball than school and expressed sympathy for his teammates who have struggled in his absence.

"I tell them all the time I let them down," Gray said.

In Gray's absence, the Mustangs have been forced to start freshman Dawn Whiten, a converted shooting guard, who is leading the team in scoring and the Big West in three-point shooting.

Still, with Gray only allowed to practice, Cal Poly has struggled to a 3-7 record.

"I had really big plans for this year," Gray said. "It didn't go the way I planned it to go, but next year I'll definitely have the year that I wanted to have."

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