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Slide Show To Describe Situation in Balkans, Recount Student Trip

SAN LUIS OBISPO - Slides giving one view of the current situation in the Balkans and describing a Cal Poly student's trip to Bosnia, Croatia and Hungary this past summer will be shown at 7 p.m. Nov. 18 at Cal Poly.

"Hunger for Truth" is the title of industrial engineering senior Kate Dahmen's presentation, which will be held in the Rotunda (Room 213) of the Business Building. The public is invited to the free program.

The slide presentation, which has a music soundtrack, includes photographs Dahmen took and - the primary focus of the show - photos she obtained elsewhere. Some of the slides graphically depict the area's recent violence, although Dahmen saw none of that violence firsthand.

Dahmen traveled to the region with a small group sponsored by the non-denominational Christian group Youth With a Mission. The trip involved primarily dance, Dahmen said, and community service as well. It included an International Reconciliation Festival in Baja, Hungary, which she said was attended by several thousand people of all ages, largely from the new nations that once made up Yugoslavia.

Dahmen said she wanted to present the program to inform the local community and to provide a Bosnian perspective on recent events.

"I wanted to share the emotional experience of my trip," she said, "and give a general perspective on the situation."

The presentation is sponsored by the Industrial and Manufacturing Engineering Department.