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Study abroad a popular option for Cal Poly students

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"When I was a senior in college, I had the opportunity to travel to London and study there for a semester. It was an amazing experience and I would highly recommend it to anyone," said Michael Johnson, a junior at Cal Poly.

Johnson, along with several other students at Cal Poly, took advantage of the university's Study Abroad program, which allows students to earn credits while studying abroad in various countries.

"I chose to study in England because I wanted to experience a different culture and immerse myself in a new environment," Johnson said. "It was a great opportunity to learn about different ways of thinking and to gain a better understanding of the world.

The program offers a wide range of courses, including classes in literature, art, and history. Students also have the option to take classes at local universities and participate in internships.

"The classes were amazing and the professors were incredibly knowledgeable," Johnson said. "I learned so much about British history, culture, and politics.

In addition to the academic experience, Johnson enjoyed exploring the city and trying new things. He visited museums, went to plays and concerts, and even tried some British cuisine.

"I think the most important thing I gained from the experience was a newfound appreciation for different cultures and perspectives," Johnson said. "I now have a greater understanding and respect for the world around me.

The Study Abroad program at Cal Poly is highly recommended, and I would encourage anyone to take advantage of it if given the opportunity. It is a life-changing experience that I will never forget."
Latin American countries firsthand. In her travels through Guatemala, Mexico, Belize and other places, she has seen the sobering reality of military instability. She says she wants her students to realize the conditions in these places and that military force does not bring peace.

"I feel like here I can make an impact," she said. "People have to know and be outraged!"

Elliot's goal in flying to Georgia is clear. "I just want to cause a ruckus," she said.

Elliot and her fellow Cal Poly protestors will begin their protest with a six-hour vigil at the gate of the school. On Sunday, protestors will reconvene for a short memorial service to remember all the victims of SOA-trained soldiers. About half of the group will then move in a silent procession led by coffee beans onto the base. Each protestor will carry a white wooden cross, and many will wear masks and black clothes.

In previous years, those crossing onto Ft. Benning property were stopped by police, ordered onto buses and dropped off a mile or two from base. Some protestors were arrested for "high risk" activities, including placing barricades in trees on base, dressing body outlines in chalk, and pouring blood over themselves. Elliot said SOA Watch encourages protestors to express themselves, yet remain peaceful.

Elliot is practical about the impact of this weekend's protest.

"It's unrealistic to think the SOA will close this year," she admitted. "I just hope more people will become educated and aware."

The House of Representatives voted last May to close the current SOA, yet approved opening it under a different name at the same location. The SOA holds that it trains its soldiers to value human rights and that it has made positive changes recently. SOA Watch, however, reports that some SOA supporters have admitted these changes are only superficial.

EOE
Beach party of one

By Matt Smart

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Now that I am at school in San Luis Obispo I have found new places that remind me of the ones I grew up loving. Two of them are in Montana de Oro State Park. Spooner’s Cove and the Sandspit. When I have more time I drive up to San Simeon and go to the state beach across from Hearst Castle.

I have driven out to Montana de Oro and seen the weather in all of its Central Coast shades of glory. When it is overcast, I bring my sweatshirt. When it is sunny, I bring my sunglasses. When it rains, I bring my coat and tramp through the rain. I just need to get away and a little weather will not slow down my healing.

I need healing often. I was raised a beach kid and I have not gotten used to the thought of going to a nine to five job in the city. School brings up these possible realities and so I must retreat before the expectations get me in over my head.

The Sandspit is the first paved road to the right after entering Montana de Oro State Park. The small parking lot can hold 40 cars or so. I have never seen more than 10. However, I rarely make the drive out there on the weekend; too many tourists, travelers, families and students for my taste. I prefer to go to the Spit when the weather keeps everybody away.

From the parking lot, there is a short trail that leads across the scrub landscape to the beach. The trail is maintained and is as obvious as a sidewalk.

As soon as the ocean is visible I make my way across the bluff that parallels the beach to a comfortable place to sit. For enough away so that I do not overheat some surfer talk up the surf to his buddy.

Once I am seated, I begin to unwind. My spirits are up because the music I have been listening to has a jumpin’ beat. My mind begins to release the stream of garbage it has collected and I become entranced by the crashing breakers on the sand.

Spooner’s Cove is but a short drive further into Montana de Oro. Wind through the Eucalyptus trees and back into the sunlight to find the cove that stretches close to half a mile across. Here, very few waves break on the sand. There is only sand on the inside of the bay closest to the road and beach. On the north and south sides of the cove, there are rocks that rise pagodas from the ocean. The sides of the cliff are steep. They allow very little access from the cliff edge to the tide pools and outcroppings of the shoreline. The steep cliffs line the north and south edges of the bay with the entrance road and a small beach connecting the two.

At the main beach there are 50 yards of sandy beach running from the south to a large rock that stretches 40 feet into the sky. Numerous adventures can be seen climbing across the rock on busy days.

When I go to Spooner’s Cove, I leave my car alongside the road and jump on a rock that leads out to the southern cliff. Once I have reached this western point, I scramble to find a slightly hidden place to sit and contemplate

When the waves are big, I watch them crash on the coastal cliffs. Occasionally I observe surfers on those waves. Those individuals appear to be on the thin line between being brave or undulated. Big waves in my book begin with wave heights measured in feet, not feet. I know the wave is big when I paddlle for it and it gets darker as a shadow covers over me.

The beach at San Simeon State Park is a far cry from the crashing waves of Montana de Oro. Most of the beach, or the Cove as the locals call it, is protected by a redwood-covered headland from the winds and waves. The bay that is created by the headland has more boils than saucers. There is a pier that reaches out into the sea. The railings of the pier are made of wood and are covered with carvings from visitors. One lazy day I went out and took pictures of the artwork. Those people sure had a lot to say. When I go, I have little to see.

It’s a special treat when I make my way on the hard-packed sand out to a trailhead that leads up the bluff from the sand to the forest. I hike out to the headland, find a trail and then search for a meadow to sit in. With the sun across my face, I begin to slip into deep sleep.

This type of sleep refreshes the body and brings health back to the soul. The sunshine, the clean air and lack of tension revitalize me.

Every college student has his own way of escaping the pressures of school life and fleeing his own personal circle. I find mine along the coast. The smell of the ocean is distinct and cannot be replaced by anything else. After a week or two away from the water, I begin to dry up. My pulse quickens and patience disappears. So I drive my truck fast, with the music blaring to find solace.
Today's issue: Florida's infamous butterfly ballots

A line from a joke butterfly sample ballot making the rounds through e-mail says, "I'm a complete idiot and don't deserve to be able to exercise my right to vote and decide the fate of the now-knew kind of the planet." This pretty much sums up the Florida ballot fiasco that continues to fester out our nation.

The situation with the Florida ballot recount is reprehensible, and I'm finding it harder and harder to disagree with people who say that Floridians should not be allowed to vote anymore—sort of a time-out for the voters until they've learned from their mistakes.

In the wee hours of Nov. 8, America was told that George W. Bush had won the presidential election. A week later we still had no idea how the race would turn out. Why? Some Florida voters suddenly weren't sure if, by accident, they had voted for Pat Buchanan instead of Al Gore.

Give me a break. Their complaints about confusing, invalid and even illegal ballots make no sense at all. The way some people describe the ballots make them seem confusing, but one look at them all eliminate all confusion. They are simple.

Just look at the arrow sitting directly next to the candidate of choice, and poke out the bubble that's right next to it. You can't miss.

The excuses about elderly voters getting easily confused doesn't hold water, either. First, if they're not in a condition where they can accurately read a ballot, they should be staying home and answered by absentee ballots.

Second, in several television news reports, random elderly people as well as middle-aged people and elementary school children were asked to fill in the correct bubble for their candidates using a Florida-type ballot.

Although some still complained that the ballots were confusing, they also were capable of choosing the correct bubble.

That sounds a little fishy to me. The same people who can accurately fill in the bubbles are the ones whining the loudest about the unfairness of the design.

Because people's whining and plain old stupidity (if in fact they really couldn't figure out which bubble to fill in) the state of Florida has been a basket case of legal insanity over questions of such things as the legality of the ballots.

The butterfly ballots were not illegal. If they had been, someone would have pointed this out long before the election, because both Democrats and Republicans had approved them. Although the butterfly ballots are not very common, they were designed within the guidelines of the law. They were also printed in sample ballots and newspapers prior to the election. Why didn't anyone complain about the confusion then?

The ballots were similar to those in many Missouri counties, so why is no one in Missouri complaining about their ballots being confusing?

The sheer number of people who say they were confused by the ballot or punched the wrong hole is statistically out of this world. Why, did so many people in Palm Beach County alone claim to have mispunched their ballot, when other counties or states with the same kind of ballot did not?

Another reason to discount their complaints is that confused voters had the opportunity at the polls to make sure they were voting for the right person. They could have asked a precinct worker for clarification if there were questions. If they punched the wrong hole, they could have asked for a new ballot.

However idiotic the voters in Florida seem to me, it's the cronyistic politicians and blabbermouths on the losing side who are causing most of the trouble. They simply cannot gracefully concede a loss and they make a soap opera out of a simple ballot design.

Silly Democrats. Voting is for intelligent people.

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All eyes have been fixated on Florida 24 hours a day. Each poll that is hand-counted by workers is supposedly one step closer to justice. Bush is against a hand recount. He doesn't trust the hand recount as much as he trusts the machines. He is afraid of the outcome.

He should most definitely be worried. He should be worried about the recount that has begun in Broward County, where much of the population is Democrat. He should be worried about the possibility of a re-vote. He should be worried that even Pat Buchanan was surprised that he received so many votes in Florida, and that he agreed that the ballot in the Sunshine State was confusing. But most of all, Bush should be worried about THE CHAD.

The Chad is an obscure term that has gained household usage. For those unfamiliar with the term, I shall explain. The Chad is a partially punched hole through a piece of paper (in this case, a ballot) that doesn't quite become a hole. The hole may be attached at one, two or even three sides. It is obvious that someone attempted to punch that hole. It can be likened to a Scantron test. If the bubble just has a dot in it, the Scantron machine will probably count that question as unanswered. But if the teacher were to look at the Scantron, he or she would see that the student answered the question.

To continue this analogy, let's call George W. Bush "Professor Bush" and Al Gore, "The Chad." Professor Bush hands back the Scantron tests from the day before. One student has marked an answer that is correct, but has been marked wrong by the Scantron machine. This question could change the outcome of the test, thereby affecting the student's life for the next, let's say, four to eight years. The student approaches Professor Bush with the problem. Bush will not look at the Scantron because the machine, he believes, has done the work for him and does not fail. Even if it did fail, he says, "touch luck" to the student and continues about his day.

Professor Gore, when confronted with the same situation, looks over the test himself and sees that on the question in question, the student simply didn't fill in that bubble enough for the machine to read it. Gore gives the student credit for the answer. The student's intended answer was obvious, so Professor Gore decides to override the machine and change the grade by hand.

Which professor do you want running your classroom?

You can make that decision on your own. What if Bush is to down to is that the Florida ballots were confusing. In a largely senior-citizen community, the ballots should be made simple and easy to read. The ballots were obviously designed poorly. There were two holes to punch in Al Gore's row, one of which casted a vote for Pat Buchanan. If you have seen the ballot, it would be hard to argue that the ballot is fair to Gore.

It was clear that the hole to punch for George W. Bush was for George W. Bush. It seems to me that in a race as close as this one, with head-to-head competition between Gore and Bush, the ballot should be made simple as possible so that all voters can cast the vote they intend. Accidentally voting for Buchanan, or voting for both because of uncertainty, definitely taints the voting process.

But of all of the states for this to happen in, it happened in Florida—a state that is considered a fair-cross section of the United States, a state that is governed by Jeb Bush, George W. Bush's brother. If the ballot had been clear and concise in the Sunshine State, the election would be a completely different story right now. But for now, the conspiracy continues.

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TONIGHT
*Women's volleyball vs. UCSB — 7 pm in Mott Gym*

SATURDAY
*Football Game vs. Youngstown State*  
1 pm in Mustang Stadium  
*Women's Basketball vs. Eastern Washington*  
7 pm in Mott Gym

MONDAY
*Men's Basketball vs. UC San Diego — 7 pm in Mott Gym*

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The third most popular program is abroad The Golden Bear, a 500’texct ext Navy oceanographic vessel, used in the past to map the floor of the Pacific Ocean.

"It is the only study abroad program that’s geared toward the sciences," Leroy said.

In cooperation with California Maritime Academy, students get the opportunity to see the world on a ship. This spring, students will travel to Guam, the Philippine Islands, Hawaii, China, Japan, Midway and Yap. There are still spots that need to be filled. The deadline is Jan. 15 and students may apply in building 38, room 145.

If money is the problem, financial aid is readily available, said Dave Ciano, outreach program manager for Financial Aid.

"I wouldn’t want the lack of money to be a reason for anybody not going," Ciano said. "The very least you could end up borrowing is $5,500."

The Financial Aid Office is open for questions about study abroad from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. weekdays, except Wednesdays.

The Thai land trip is the least expensive and is comparable to spending one quarter at Cal Poly.

"It comes very close to being cheaper than one quarter at Cal Poly," Leroy said.

Work study and internships are also available. British Universities North America Club, is a work study program in cooperation with the British government.

Students interested in one of these programs should stop by the resource library located in building 38, room 106.

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"The goal is to challenge a very good team, to play efficiently, to make them work," he said. "If we can create problems maybe we can sneak past them."
Gregory's game plan against the Mustangs is simple.
"The concern is we need to pass the ball well and have a good offensive game to counteract their good blocking," she said.

The Mustangs rank No. 1 in blocking in the Big West due to the play of sophomores Worthy Lien and Ginger Bailey. Lien is ranked No. 6 nationally. As a team, Cal Poly ranks No. 3.

Tonight's game begins at 7 p.m. in Mott Gym.

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half, but not the whole game.
My Take: Raiders
Miami (8-2) at NY Jets (6-4):
Three weeks ago I said the Jets wouldn't be able to keep up their lucky fourth quarter comebacks and I was right. Since then, the Jets have lost their last three games. Their luck won't get any better this week as they face off against a great Miami team. Miami's defense has been good this whole year, but lately it's the offense that has been looking good. In Miami's last six games they have been averaging 26 points per game. Let's do the math here: Miami is scoring 26 points a game, only giving up 13 points, and factor in a lucky Jets team - that equals a Miami win.
My Take: Miami
Cincinnati (2-8) at New England (7-5):
The Patriots are my favorite team, and this is their last good game? The Patriots are my favorite team, and this is their last good game.
My Take: New England

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enjoying this Saturday's game as much as possible. He explained that the players have played only about 50 games in their college careers, and some have just played the games this season.
"The games should be for the players," Welsh said. "They've got to cherish every game."
The Mustang football players will undoubtedly play their hearts out this Saturday. After a disappointing season, the Mustangs want to end on a win and give Welsh a positive farewell.
"The players and the people I work with at Cal Poly have been very supportive," Welsh said. "Our kids are good people and good students. They have been gentlemen at all times, as well as tough football players."
This Saturday's game against Youngstown State starts at 1:05 p.m. at Mustang Stadium.
Sports

Mustangs prepare for season finale

By Jayson Rowley
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Even though Saturday will be Coach Larry Welsh's last game as head coach at Cal Poly, the Youngstown State Penguins will have no mercy when they face the Mustangs in its season finale.

Welsh will tell his contract will not be renewed on Monday.

The Mustang football team has a lot to think about, but in sports, winning the game is the most important thing.

"They're practicing well and their full attention is on Youngstown," Welsh said. "I want them to play hard. We've got them prepared."

Youngstown State, which was ranked as high as No. 2 in Division I-AA last weekend, lost to Southern Illinois, dropping their record to 8-2, and 4-2 in the

Mustangs vs. Penguins

when: Saturday, 1 pm

where: Mustang Stadium

key players:
QB Seth Burford
WR Kassim Osgood
FS Brett Baker

Records
Cal Poly (3-7)
Youngstown State (8-2)

Gateway Conference. The Mustangs are ranked No. 5 in the conference. The Penguins' offensive rushing has been led by PJ. Mays, who has 619 yards on 145 carries and eight touchdowns.

Youngstown opened the season with six wins in a row, losing only two of their last four games. After losing to Western Illinois on Oct. 21 for their first loss of the season, the Penguins came on strong to defeat Indiana State and beat Hofstra in overtime. Cal Poly lost to Hofstra on Oct. 28.

The Mustangs and Penguins have played once before at Youngstown. The Penguins beat Cal Poly 10-7.

The Mustangs fell to Nicholls State last weekend. Though the outcome left more to be desired, wide receiver Kassim Osgood had five catches for 114 yards and scored one touchdown to give him a school record of 12 this season.

Quarterback Seth Burford's touchdown pass to tailback Raj Thompson also gave Burford the school record for touchdown passes in a season with 23.

This Saturday's game is not only the final game at Cal Poly for Welsh, but for 10 seniors, as well. Vic Greco, Chris Jones, Dustin Krevet, Dan Leahy, Steve Pagan, Sal Rivas, Harrison Stewart, Travis Wheat and Eric Wicks will step onto the field in Mustang Stadium for the final time.

Welsh has coached nearly 400 games in his career and plans on putting up a good fight against the Penguins.

Quarterback Seth Burford will have a final game to add to his record-breaking season for the Mustangs.

Volleyball faces longtime rival

By Matt Smart
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Cal Poly women's volleyball team takes on the UC Santa Barbara Gauchos for the final match of Big West play tonight in Mott Gym.

The Mustangs enter the match 15-9, 9-6 in conference play. They are ranked No. 3 in the conference and will attempt to beat the Gauchos who defeated them on Nov. 8 in three sets. Last year, Cal Poly upset UCSB in five sets.

UCSB has not lost since Oct. 24 when they fell to No. 4 USC. The Gauchos are ranked No. 14 in the USA Today/AVCA poll and No. 3 in conference. They enter the match 16-2, 15-2 in conference.

Cal Poly head coach Steve Schlick speaks highly of UCSB's play.

"They are having a phenomenal season," he said. "Not really fancy, but real efficient. Their systems are not dramatically intricate but they have very solid skill execution and very few unforced errors." A win against UCSB this late in the season would add to the impressive win against Long Beach State at home earlier in the season. It would not guarantee entrance into the NCAA tournament, but it would give the team a big boost in direction. Santa Barbara has 12 wins against ranked teams this season.

Cal Poly senior outside hitter Melanie Hathaway is expected to play a key role in Friday's game. Schlick calls Hathaway a force for Cal Poly in both offense and defense. She will be a focus of UCSB's game plan.

USCB head coach Kathy Gregory is impressed by Hathaway.

"I think Melanie Hathaway is one of the best all-around players in the league," she said. "I compare her to Roberta Gehlke."

Gehlke was co-captain of the year last year in the Big West Conference. Schlick outlined his game plan for the game against UCSB.

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