Creating the human form

Art and design major Meredith Nevard's sculpture of a man washing his clothes in a creek is being displayed in the Dexter building. The show is comprised of work from students from ART 248, Intermediate Sculpture, which focuses on creating human form and their environments. The display will be up until Monday.

By Chris Welke
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Racial and gender issues will be discussed at an upcoming workshop in the South Alaska and Conference Center. The workshop, for faculty and staff only, is sponsored by the Cultural Awareness Committee and presented by the Student Life and Leadership staff. It will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday. There will be two segments: "Introduction to Gender Diversity" and "Deconstructing Racism."

Gender roles and power issues will be discussed in the first segment. "The workshop is kind of open-ended," said Pat Harris, assistant director in Student Life and Leadership. "We'll probably talk about power and gender issues that we see here on campus."

Harris said if people look at the power structure of Cal Poly, they would see a lot of male faces, specifically white male faces. As far as faculty, there are far more tenured male professors than female. Many students go through their entire Cal Poly career having never had a female professor, she said.

Faculty members are also known to reserve female students to subservient jobs in their classes, particularly when group projects are involved, she said.

"I had a student tell me that when they broke into work groups, the women were expected to take the notes, in other words be kind of a recording secretary," Harris said. "We want to take a look at these kinds of issues and discuss ways to solve them."

The workshop's second segment will include discussions on race and diversity.

"Diversity and racism are subjects that are really hard for people to talk about," Harris said. "One of the first things we want to do is be able to have this conversation. We want to talk about how diversity can affect the university, how it affects faculty and staff. We want to be able to lead people through some exercises that will help them become more sensitive to diversity issues."

The lack of diversity at Cal Poly is a detriment to many minority students, she said.

"They often feel uncomfortable... they don't feel at home," Harris said. "If you're the only one in your race or gender in a group where every one else is different, it's not the most comfortable feeling in the world. So I think that contributes to a really big problem.

Bonne Knepp, deputy director of institutional planning and analysis at Cal Poly, agreed.

"I think it's big," she said. "I think also with the change and the growing diversity in a state like California, it's really important for students who leave here to know how to interact, how to respect other people and how to work with people of all genders and ethnicities."

By Olga Berdial
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The Week of Welcome (WOW) orientation program is currently looking for volunteers to participate in the yearly spring training for leaders.

Spring training involves devoting three hours every Tuesday night for 10 weeks to the program, said Eric James, an industrial engineering senior and WOW board member.

Every year, there are more than 500 volunteers who attend training. "It's a great opportunity to meet new people," James said, "And it's fun; every year we have tons of games."

This year the spring training theme is "Train hard, Play hard."

"We came up with the theme because we wanted something that exemplifies what WOW does," said Will Deviny, a fifth-year computer science and theatre double major who is also on the WOW board.

"They have 10 weeks of training, but they have all the fun that goes along with it, and then they have the week (of the event)," Deviny said.

Volunteers must also have a minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA, James said.

Students who successfully pass the program and graduate from training become WOW leaders for the upcoming fall.

WOW leaders are in charge of groups of students entering Cal Poly and show them around campus and the community for a week, said graphic communications senior Pam Gidwani, currently on the WOW board.

Leaders have the opportunity to be some of the first contacts that entering freshman make, James said.

Gidwani agreed that the program can help the university and surrounding community make a good first impression.

"It's an orientation program that reaches 85 to 95 percent of new students every year," Gidwani said. Becoming a WOW leader is not the only benefit of training, James said. Another benefit is meeting other volunteers.

For students interested in volunteering, WOW is implementing a new sign-up method. In the past, people would attend the first meeting and sign up simultaneously, said Andrene K. Kaiwi-Lenting, coordinator for orientation programs and assistant director of....
Anonymity will be expected.

If you are a student dealing with this illness, and ask for Andra LeRoy, director of Pacific programs for the office of international education. "We have no reason to cancel programs at this time.

The best way for a person to ensure his or her safety is to behave appropriately, LeRoy said. He added that wherever a person travels he or she should "learn as much as you can about the culture of the home country, learn about the customs and the norms."

"To get overly concerned is to worry about something that's out of your control," he said. "Other than that, it's having the infrastructure in place if something goes wrong." Rampsy preferred to consider the benefits of travelling to Thailand. He acknowledged there were risks, but no place in the world is completely safe, he said. "To get overly concerned is to worry about something that's out of your control," he said. "But I would say some of the parents were concerned."
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What does it mean to be Irish? For some third-and fourth-generation Irish-Americans, it means eating corned beef and cabbage on St. Patrick's Day. For others, it means wearing green and drinking lots of beer in honor of the Saint. But who was this man who keeps inspiring so much celebration?

Many people are surprised when they learn that St. Patrick wasn't Irish. He was born in Roman Britain and kidnapped by Irish marauders who brought him to Ireland at the age of 16. During this time, he prayed to the Christian God while captive in a pagan land. After six years he escaped to Britain, only to return to Ireland to convert the natives to Christianity.

St. Patrick was successful in spreading Christianity and driving the Celtic religion away. Hence, there is the story of St. Patrick supposedly using to explain the Holy Trinity - the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost.

The ale (the Black component) goes in first; fill the glass just slightly less than half full with your favorite chilled Irish ale. Pour the stout (the Black component) so that it floats on top of the ale rather than mixing with it. The easiest way to do this at home is to place a spoon over the glass, convex side up and slowly pour the stout over the back of the spoon so it drizzles into the glass as gently as possible. Now, just allow the stout to settle for a minute, and then make a toast and drink up!

Soda Bread

- 1 cup flour
- 1 cup buttermilk
- 1/4 tsp. cream of tartar
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 1/2 tsp. baking soda

Combine the flour, salt, cream of tartar, and baking soda first. Next, slowly add the buttermilk, stirring and kneading it until you have a workable dough. Pour a flat surface to roll it out into a circle, about 1/2" thick. Cut it into quarters. Pour a flat skillet and place the wedge-shaped scones on the skillet over a low, steady heat, and toast both sides and the edges until they are golden brown. Split open and serve with margarine. You never ate anything better. Serve with tea for best results. Recipe yields 4 servings and can be prepared in less than a half-hour.
As Americans as sodium nitrate and oat bran

By Ashlee Bodenhamer Multimedia Editor

Americans consume about 20 billion hot dogs each year, according to the National Hot Dog and Sausage Council. The frankfurter, like apple pie and hamburgers, is a cuisine anchored in American tradition. It also stands alongside Pop Tart and Top Ramen as a pillar in the diet of the thrifty college student on the go.

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How They're Made

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The hot dog, essentially, is a protein smoothie. Most or all of the ingredients, like by-products, the word "fillers" also carries a negative connotation, conjuring up images of unspecified meat or organs.

Our brain, milk, soy and yeast are examples of fillers. They add nutrition and help the product hold together, so that the hot dog is juicier when you bite into it, Vance said. The eyeball-raising "mechanically separated meat" ingredient, which is commonly listed in poultry dogs, is nothing more than meat that has been removed from the bone by machine.

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Convenience stores

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Molesters' sickness mental, not physical

B UT SERIOUSLY, The phrase either titillates your sexual appetite or sends quivers to every orifice of your body.

In today's sex-raped world, sodomy is somewhat taboo. It is only discussed between good friends during those drunken nights when everyone's past their sexual histories on the table in the hopeful naivety that all information given will be forgotten in the morning. While most people deny ever pertaining to sodomy, only a handful actually know it means to participate in such an event.

"Sodomy" does not just refer to butt sex. Technically, the term pertains to "unnatural" sexual intercourse that can not result in reproduction, both anal and oral penetration.

Did you hear that, everyone? Oral sex is classified as an act of sodomy.

Upon hearing of his castration, I thought to myself, "What an excellent idea. They should all have their livelihood cut off." Some may call it cruel and unusual punishment. I would call it justice.

California legislators are looking at two different options of castration, surgical and chemical. The surgical option is pretty self-explanatory, just use the imagination. Chemical castration simply uses a pill or an injection to take away the offenders sex drive. "As disturbing as this fantastic thought is," I thought. Then, after a little bit of research, I found my answer. Castration takes away sexual drive, but with child molesters the motive for their crime isn't sex.

Most child molesters have extreme psychological problems stemming back to childhood. A preferential molester, like DeVries, usually has an astounding number of victims. Preferential child molesters create fantasies and desires involving children, and then feel extremely compelled to turn them into a reality.

This specific type of molester develops a friendship with the child or uses an existing relationship with them to take advantage.

After these criminals strike, victims spend the rest of their lives dealing with the attack. Drugs, alcohol, strange sexual behavior, depression and low self-esteem become common problems. It seems incredibly unfair to me that while the victims are left to suffer forever, other offenders serve some time, a partial program and are released back onto the street.

The San Jose Police Department has put a tracking device on DeVries that he must wear on his ankle at all times. Police can tell exactly where he is, and if he comes close to a school, park or any other common child hangout, a silent alert will notify police and they will arrive within minutes.

This all sounds dandy, but last time I checked children are not physical. That is all it takes. You can imagine the rest.

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Editor,

Dear Future Criminal Sodomists of America,

The upper class, white, male, senior citizens representing your state have voted unanimously to outlaw the practice of sodomy (you know, those unconventional forms of sexual intercourse) within our state lines. Those citizens who can not represent their oral and anal fixations will either face a monetary fine or suffer through multiple years in jail — where they will get and receive all the sodomy they could ever desire. Just make sure you have a firm grip on your soap-on-a- rope.

With all the best intentions, Your Senator (R-Calif.) P.S. Similar anti-sodomy laws have already been successfully implemented in the following states: Alabama, Florida, Idaho, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Utah and Virginia.

These same-sex sodomy laws portray the idea that only heterosexuals should be permitted to express their love for one another. This blatant form of discrimination is appalling and unjust. The government has no right to prohibit couples in love from displaying their affection for each other in the privacy of their own home.

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Opinion

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Parents need to monitor chat room use

It is in chat rooms that young, naive children interact with older adults who are there to satisfy their perverted needs. To protect kids from these events, some type of chat room regulation seems necessary.

Letters to the editor

Dear Editor,

I am responding to "God is a she, not a he," (March 16).

Gender identity is not the same as sex. A person can be female in every way except biology. A perfect God, may be any female, but is a Christian who reads the Bible, I can honestly say that it is obviously not the case. I am actually writing in response to Ms. Pickelmann's response ("GLBU has already stood up, been strong," March 16). I know that she is, and possibly others, have missed the point of what I said. The real root of the egging had nothing to do with being gay, lesbian or anything that the GLBU stands for.

My opening statement I am going to use as a metaphor for an egg. I just lobbed it at anybody willing to take off my clothes can be in the GLBU. It was just an insult thrown out to provoke response. Perhaps some Christian will write back and say that I am an idiot, and will go to hell. Then I can tack that response on my wall because of the joy it brings me.

In reality, my statement had nothing to do with God. I had nothing to do with how I feel about Christians, the Bible or even Ms. Khan's letter. It was just me throwing an egg at a person's neck. If hornets weren't so responsive, then the egg would fly in vain, and I would quickly grow bored. GLBU has too many hornets for me.

Morgan Elam is a general engineering junior.

Racist attacks childish and foolish

Dear Editor,

I was so upset by John Hollow's "North Korea not a threat to United States," (March 4) that I had to respond.

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**Cal Poly Water Polo**

**Mustangs upset No. 7 Fightin' Irish**

By Michael Marquez

The Cal Poly water polo team upset the University of Notre Dame on Sunday afternoon at the Anaheim Convention Center.

The Cal Poly team, which defeated the Fighting Irish, was led by Jason Allen, who scored 17 points.

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Notre Dame's offensive efforts seemed tentative at the beginning of the game, which gave the Mustangs some breathing room. Cal Poly took advantage of the opportunity and jumped out to a early lead, denying the Fighting Irish any opportunity for a comeback.

In the second quarter, McCollam dominated and was taking passes mainly from the left side in front of the net, spinning and hooking shots into the goal. Her defensive pressure and offensive finesse helped the Mustangs tremendously.

Cal Poly turned up the heat in the third with an aggravating press defense that frustrated the Notre Dame players. Cal Poly goalie Liz Smith parried the ball with set passes.