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Student voices heard at town meetings

† University provides opportunity for the Cal Poly community to express war sentiments
By Emily Wong
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Aeronautical engineers have insight on military aircraft. History majors can discuss the relation of this pre-emptive war to the Spanish American attack. Ethnic studies students share the root of culture clashes. And all members of the Cal Poly community are given a chance to express their opinions.

† The next town meeting is scheduled for today at 11 a.m. in UU220.

† Wednesday's town meeting will be in room 124 of the PAC at 7 p.m.

Cal Poly students, faculty and staff with an outlet to express war sentiments, Academic Affairs and Student Affairs are co-sponsoring town meetings on Iraq.

"I thought this would provide people with an opportunity to come in, voice their opinions and hear what other people have to say," said David Conn, vice provost for academic programs and undergraduate education. "This is supposed to be an open forum for people to express themselves in a non-intimidating atmosphere.

To provide Cal Poly students, faculty and staff with an opportunity to express war sentiments, academic programs and undergraduate education is working at other campuses. Four town meetings have been scheduled for the first two weeks of the quarter. Tentative arrangements to continue the series will be announced based on interest. The opportunity will be available as long as students are interested, Conn said.

At the town meetings last week, attendance was low but opinions were strong. Topics of discussion included the support of our troops, the definition of a just war, what "winning" the war will accomplish and root of terrorism.

Those in attendance appeared to share an underlying viewpoint: Anti-war sentiments. Through this common perspective, participants discussed the validity and justification of the war.

"I would just like to say that I think that anybody that calls anti-war activists unpatriotic and claims that we're not supporting our troops is completely wrong," said art and design junior Sabiha Basrai. "We support our troops more than those who want to send them to war and kill for the companies."

Construction management freshman Brian Brown said if the government based their decision to declare war, Brown said if they are going by St. Augustine's experience the target had been destroyed.

Those in attendance appeared to share an underlying viewpoint: Anti-war sentiments. Through this common perspective, participants discussed the validity and justification of the war. By Matt Kelley

The tables are turning on teachers in the College of Architecture and Environmental Design.

Instead of students presenting their work for critique, 21 faculty members will put their designs on display from Wednesday through April 15. The exhibit will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays in the College of Architecture and Environmental Design Gallery, building 5 room 105.

Titled "Our Turn," the exhibit features items such as books, travel sketchbooks, watercolor paintings, photography, embroidery, sculptures, furniture and refurbished vintage bicycles contributed by faculty members.

"Showing this diverse display to students and visitors is a great chance for our faculty to shine," said assistant director of advancement Ray Ladd.

Architecture seniors Nicole Stubblefield and Raphael Vasquez organized the exhibit. They sent an e-mail to all architecture faculty asking if they had a collection of works that they wanted to display. The exhibit is free and open to the public.

The "Our Turn" exhibit will display work from numerous Cal Poly professors. Books, paintings, sketches, photographs, sculptures and more will be presented in the CAED Gallery in building 5.

By Sarah Stephan
WEBSITES DIRECTOR

The coalition airstrike bombard Iraq, push Saddam's government to the edge

By Chris Tomlinson and David Espo
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITERS

BAGHDAD, Iraq — American forces born down on Baghdad with unstoppable force Monday, seizing two of Saddam Hussein's palaces and bombing a building where the Iraqi leader and other regime officials were believed to be staying.

A lone B-1B bomber carried out the strike on what U.S. officials described as a "leadership target" — Saddam, himself, and unspecified top Iraqi leaders. It was not immediately clear whether any of them were killed or wounded.

Earlier Monday, U.S. and British officials said they believed Saddam's top commander in southern Iraq had been killed in a U.S. airstrike. The airstrike was the third for American forces moved through the capital with near impunity. Some Iraqi soldiers jumped into the Tigris River to flee the advancing Coalition airstrikes bombarded Iraq, push Saddam's government to the edge.

An estimated 600 to 1,000 Iraqi troops were killed during the operation, said Col. David Perkins. "We had a lot of suicide attackers today," he said. "These guys are going to die in droves... They keep trying to ram the tanks with car bombs."

U.S. troops toppled a 40-foot statue of Saddam and seized another of the possibly fatal West Nile Virus.

By Sarah Stephan
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Mosquitoes can cause more than just the itchy bites after a summer camping trip. They can also carry the possibly fatal West Nile Virus.

After spending the winter months underground, mosquitoes become active in the spring and summer. San Luis Obispo County Public Health Department officials are attempting to raise awareness about the West Nile Virus before it becomes a local problem.

San Luis Obispo Public Health Department epidemiologist Ann McDowell explained the virus is steadily moving westward every year. "We are right on the verge of this virus," she said. "Although it is not in California yet, we are absolutely certain it will arrive this year."

Mosquitoes commonly lay their eggs in standing water. To decrease the mosquito population and therefore the spread of the disease, San Luis Obispo County Public Health Department officials recommend eliminating standing water sources around houses.

"The most important thing that we can do in our country is clear out standing water," McDowell said. Every three to four days, residents should empty water from places where it becomes stagnant, such as decorative ponds, bird baths, fountains, flower pots and pet bowls.

Chlorination standards make swimming in ponds and bowls safe for people. Although it is not in California yet, we are absolutely certain it will arrive this year.
Getting the job done

Students gathered in Chumash Auditorium Monday for a job fair. Participants had the opportunity to meet with potential employers and speak with professionals currently in the field.

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"Just War theory," then "this war is not very just at all." Opposition to the war is not necessarily indicative of the campus majority, but from the turnout at these meetings and the history of Cal Poly, this is not an active campus.

"Students seem to have other things on the minds," Conn said. "That's not to say that there aren't any active students. There is a portion of the student body that is quite active, but you certainly couldn't characterize the campus as a whole as being active." This may help explain the low turnout, but numbers are not the goal of these town meetings. Conn said Academic Affairs and Student Affairs would be "quite content if few people came and quite content if a lot of people came." The opportunity itself is more important for the school, said Valene Matthews, an administrative assistant for Conn.

"We wanted something timely, in terms of people feeling really strongly about it coming back to school," she said. "From day to day we don't know what is going to happen, and we wanted to have something set up." Upcoming town meetings are scheduled for today, in the University Union, room 220 at 11 a.m. and Wednesday, in the Performing Arts Center class room 124 at 7 p.m. For more information, use the Iraq War information link on the Cal Poly homepage.

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said. It came on a day when U.S. forces also occupied two of Saddam's palaces and knocked down a statue of the Iraqi leader as they tried to west control of Baghdad from his regime.

U.S. officials, speaking on the condition of anonymity, said American intelligence learned Monday morning of a high-level meeting in Baghdad between senior American intelligence officials and, possibly, Saddam and his two sons, Qassim and Odai.

The intelligence was passed to U.S. Central Command, which sent aircraft to drop bunker-busting bombs on the target.

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his many palaces, the Sojoud. Tank- killing A-10 Warthog planes and pilotless drones provided air cover as Americans briefly surrounded another prominent symbol of Saddam's power, the Information Ministry, as well as the Al-Rashid hotel.

It's that time again...

The Mustang Daily Editor in-chief is leaving for greener pastures (even if that means unemployment)

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**National Briefs**

Police open fire at anti-war protest; longshoremen injured
**OAKLAND** — Police opened fire Monday morning with wooden dowels, "ring balls" and other non-lethal weapons at an anti-war protest outside the Port of Oakland, injuring at least six demonstrators and six longshoremen standing nearby.

Most of the 500 demonstrators at the port were dispersed peacefully, but police opened fire at two gates when protesters refused to move. The longshoremen, pinned against a fence, were caught in the crossfire.

Demonstrators said they targeted the port because at least one company there is handling war supplies. They said it was the first time they had been fired upon since anti-war protests started in the San Francisco Bay area more than two weeks ago.

"Oakland police are being the most aggressive of any department I've seen in the Bay Area since the war began," said protester Damien McNamara, a database manager.

Oakland Police said at least 24 people were arrested.

"Some people were blocking port property and the port authorities asked us to move them off," said Deputy Police Chief Patrick Hau. "Police moved aggressively against crowds because some people threw rocks and big iron bolts at officers."

Supreme Court upholds ban on cross burning, rejects free speech claim

**WASHINGTON** — The Supreme Court upheld a state ban on cross burning, ruling Monday the history of racial intimidation attached to it outweighs the free speech protection of Erich Klarakam or others who might use it.

A burning cross is a particularly powerful instrument of terror, and government should have the power to stamp out or punish its use as a weapon of intimidation, Justice Sandra Day O'Connor wrote.

The protections afforded by the First Amendment "are not absolute," the wrote.

The court split 5-4 to rule that the ban does not violate the constitutional guarantee of free speech, but the vote was 6-3 to uphold the ban overall.

Justice Clarence Thomas, the court's only black member, agreed that cross burning is abhorrent but said the court didn't even have to consider the First Amendment implications because the state had a right to bar conduct it considered "particularly vicious."

**University of Texas gets Woodward-Bernstein's Watergate papers, research ALUSTIN, Texas — The University of Texas at Austin announced Monday it is paying $5 million for the Watergate papers of Washington Post reporters Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein.

Woodward and Bernstein have worked out an agreement with the university to archive the documents, including reporters notebooks and assorted pieces of paper, at the Harry Ransom Humanities Research Center. The center will preserve the papers and make them available for study.

"We're pleased, we're honored. This has been a long time coming," Woodward said.

Woodward and Bernstein said a trustee will be chosen to eventually help release the sources' identities. Details of how that will be done have not yet been worked out.

**International Briefs**

Resurgent Taliban revives command structure, creates insecurity in southern Afghan region

**KANDAHAR, Afghanistan** — Before executing the International Red Cross worker, the Taliban gunman made a satellite telephone call to their superior for instructions. Kill him! Kill him, the order came back, and Ricardo Mungasia, whose body was found with 20 bullet wounds last month, became the first foreign aid worker to die in Afghanistan since the Taliban's route from power 18 months ago.

The manner of his death suggests the Taliban is not only determined to remain a force in this country, but is recognizing and reviving its command structure.

There is little to stop them. The soldiers and police who were supposed to be the bedrock of a stable postwar Afghanistan have gone unpaid for months and are drifting away. At a time when the United States is promising a reconstructed democratic postwar Iraq, many Afghans are remembering hearing similar promises not long ago.

Instead, what they are seeing is a movie twice and no one is trying to fix the problem," said Ahmed Wali Karzai, the brother of Afghanistan's president and his representative in southern Kandahar. "What was promised to Afghans with the collapse of the Taliban was a new life of hope and change. But what was delivered? Nothing."

China raises SARS death toll as WHO experts study possible animal link to disease

**GUANGZHOU, China** — China reported another death from severe acute respiratory syndrome and revealed Monday that fatalities in recent weeks have been much widespread than previously reported.

In the country's south, international experts were researching whether the mysterious disease might have come from animals and might have spread from people to animals or in the wild. The country's death toll was 53, state television reported, citing the Health Ministry. That included 53 deaths in the southern province of Guangdong, where experts suspect severe acute respiratory syndromes, or SARS, originated, it said. More than 2,300 people have been sickened worldwide.

China's government has faced mounting criticism at home and abroad that it has released information about SARS too slowly.

"It would have been much better if the Chinese government had been more open in the early stages," World Health Organization director-general Gro Harlem Brundt.

**Talks between North and South Korea canceled**

**SEOUL, South Korea** — Cabinet-level talks aimed at reconciliation between North Korea and South Korea were canceled Monday after Pyongyang failed to confirm that the meetings would take place, South Korea's Unification Ministry said.

Seoul had hoped to use the meetings to persuade its communist neighbor to scrap its suspected nuclear weapons program. The cancellations come a week after Kim Jong Il's executions of two officials, a possible sign that the talks had fallen through.

The council could eventually discuss imposing sanctions against North Korea, if a political solution is not found. China and Russia have said they oppose sanctions.

North Korea has warned that it would regard international sanctions against its isolated regime as a declaration of war.

Briefs compiled from The Associated Press wire service by Mustang Daily managing editor Mala Spencer.
Italy’s ‘Five Lands’ provide sights, memories

By Carly Haseluhn
MUSTANG DAILY CONTRIBUTOR

I was warned about the anti-American sentiment. I was informed about the catcalls. I heard horror stories about lost or stolen passports and wallets. I was told the hot spots and where not to go.

I knew the language barrier wouldn’t be bridged with the small amount of French I could speak. I was told how beautiful the sights were. But nothing could have prepared me for the beauty I encountered upon my trip to Italy over winter break, specifically my excursion to the Cinque Terre, or “Five Lands.”

In my pre-traveling fervor, I looked up the Cinque Terre (which had received such rave ratings from friends) in my telltale tourist handbook, “The Green Guide to Italy.” This helpful, though obviously understated, book described the Cinque Terre as “affords fine views.”

I can get fine views looking at Bishop’s Peak through my classroom window, but the Cinque Terre and the breathtaking views, the beauty I encountered upon my trip to Italy over winter break, were something altogether magical. Maybe it can’t be put into words, but I’ll try, as I did for the journal I kept while traveling with two of my favorite accomplices.

In route to our hostel in Manarola, the second in the string going from Riomaggiore to Manarola, then to Corniglia Vernazza and Monterosso, we took the train, since few or no cars go through the towns.

As the train cruised through Riomaggiore and landed in Manarola, we were all astounded at how beautiful the scene was. Little villages, built up tight, with pale pinks, greens, golds, all along hilltops with crops overflowing.

Since Liguria, the region housing the Cinque Terre, was where pesto was first created, we had to indulge at a local restaurant at the base of Manarola. The bright basil green that coated the handmade pasta was tasty enough to warrant the purchase of our own jars of Cinque Terre pesto. Afterward we went to the beach. Though the water was too cold to simply dive in, we spent our time searching for a restaurant, but only found a bar. The bartender and customers, all of which were old men dancing to top-40 music and laughing while sipping on their drinks, were the kindest people we encountered the entire trip. We feasted on bruschetta and chocolates and downed three bottles of their finest house red wine.

Continuing our journey to Monterosso, the most populated of the hill towns, we meandered through the open-air market and found ourselves lounging on the beach. Though the water was too cold to simply dive in, we spent our time searching for driftwood and sea tile and creating beach art (aka sticks with random objects such as banana peels and sponges stuck on the ends of them).

Stretching out across the water behind us was a huge stone structure with a statue sitting upon it that resembled “The Thinker.” Time to take yet another picture ... I wanted to freeze it all in my brain forever.

Though my stay in the Cinque Terre was much too short to really soak up the calm and magical atmosphere of a place nearly devoid of tourists at that time, anyone hoping to expand his or her idea of beauty should venture to this coastal part of Italy.

The images are still there, in my head. They will always be there.
By John Burkholder
The Bradley Scout (Bradley U.)

(U-WIRE) PEORIA, Ill. — Many students are nervous before giving a speech in class. Imagine having to pose in front of your peers without any clothing.

Bradley’s Department of Art offers a life drawing course each semester, in which art students create depictions of models who have chosen to pose nude.

Senior theatre major Symphony Sanders said she had no problem posing before a live audience.

"I was more nervous about not being able to hold a pose," she said. "It's a little nerve-wracking. The people in the class are not there to ogle you, they are there to work — not to date."

The pay is $10 an hour and a session can last up to three hours. Also, if you are under 21, you would need parental consent, Sanders said.

"It's usually a series of 15-minute poses, it depends on what they want," she said. "There's usually a five- to 10-minute break. Sometimes models might have to hold a pose for an hour."

Sanders said the artwork that students create of her can also be inspiring.

"It's flattering to see what other people draw you as. It's interesting to see the perspectives and angles," she said.

Sophomore theatre education major Jason Coale posed for the class and said he thinks there is always a market for nude male models. He has also modeled for classes at Illinois Central College.

"It's an easy job," he said. "It's a form of art. artwork that has nudity in it is often ridiculed. The human body can be looked upon as beautiful."

Jason Coale
Bradley University nude art model

Sophomore art/graphic design major Kevin Paxson is a student in the Life Drawing class, and said the class made him consider modeling.

Paxson says he has a body that might make for good drawings. He admits that some of the models haven't always sported the best figures.

"I like the way I look and I don't mind showing it off," he said. "I could use the $10 an hour to sit on my butt!"

Paxson said people may snicker at the class content, but the art class is taken seriously by those enrolled in it.

"When I look at someone, I have to look at them (with the mindset) of drawing them. It's only our culture that makes it perverted. Americans are prudes," he said.

"Everyone thinks life drawing is about drawing hot naked women."
Dear Editor: May 10, 2003

I am active in the Mustang Daily staff and am concerned about an accusation that I was being unfair and unprofessional.

During the last few months, I have worked diligently to prepare for my future studies. I have made sacrifices in order to complete my work on time and to maintain a high level of academic performance.

I am confident that my actions and decisions are consistent with the values and principles of the Mustang Daily. I believe that my work and dedication to my role as an editor have contributed to the success and growth of the newspaper.

I am committed to maintaining a high standard of professionalism and integrity in all aspects of my work. I am proud to be a member of the Mustang Daily staff and look forward to continuing my involvement in the future.

Sincerely,

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Cal Poly Men's Tennis
Mustangs enouraged by close loss to LMU

Nick Tracy, Davey Jones and Greg Levy all win in singles play; Tracy and Jones cruise to two-set victories

By Samantha Yale

Men’s tennis was in top form, but Loyola Marymount proved up to the challenge Sunday at a non-conference dual match at the Cal Poly tennis courts. Though LMU swept all three doubles matches, the Mustangs tied 3-3 in singles, losing overall. Cal Poly is now 12-9 overall and 12-2 in Big West.

At No. 2 singles, Nick Tracy earned a 6-3, 7-5 win over LMU’s Leo Groshaus. Davey Jones defeated Anthony Berard 6-2, 6-4 at No. 3 singles and Greg Levy beat out Rob Kennedy at No. 4 singles for the 4-6, 7-6 (10-6) victory. “(Cal Poly) could have won there,” said Jones, who was defeated with Ben Van Linge in their doubles match vs. LMU’s Tigran Mattianov and Leo Groshaus. “Everyone was close but they (LMU) just came through in doubles.”

Jones came back to win his singles match, however. “I just played aggressive, played the guy’s backhand a lot,” he said. “His backhand was a little weak.”

The last match that the Mustangs played LMU they defeated 7-0, and Jones thinks Cal Poly has made progress. “We could have definitely won this match,” he said. “It was a big turnaround.”

No. 1 singles player Stanley Meronoff was defeated by Mattianov 6-2, 6-2 in a heated match full of debate over points. “He’s a good player,” Meronoff said of Mattianov. “I struggled a little bit to catch up to his ball. I played him last year, and he’s playing much better.”

Head coach Trevor Kronemann agrees LMU is a tough team to beat, but thought the Mustangs gave them a challenge.

“LMU has a really good team; we knew it was going to be a good match,” Kronemann said. “We knew there was going to be a little fineness...we fought hard.”

With a Big West Conference match against UC Santa Barbara on Wednesday, Kronemann has been taking steps to get his team ready. “We’ve been working with a sports psychologist,” he said. “We’ve definitely starting to understand the definition of getting out there and fighting until it’s over. (Just) because we take a loss, we’re not going to change anything.”

Cal Poly Lacrosse
Poly sweeps Texas, Stanford

By Michael Marquez

The Cal Poly men’s lacrosse team hosted the University of Texas on Saturday in a hard-fought game with, numerous fans, windy conditions, and players, and eventually, a 13-5 win over the Longhorns.

“Some needs to be fixed,” said the Mustangs’ head coach Trevor Kronemann. “Everything is on the field. We made mistakes, but overall, we were quicker and faster; they couldn’t catch us.”

The game’s first half was filled with play versus both Mustang and Cardinal teams. The half ended with the Mustangs up by one, 3-2. “Today’s win was payback for last year,” Elden said. “We did well, even though we were missing two of our key players, Zack Dostart and Vinne Comodo,” Elden said.

This weekend also marked the return of Cal Poly’s starting goalkeeper, Ryan Parr. Parr had been out for the past two weeks with a broken hand, and was triumphant his first time back in front of the goal. “Ryan was key to our win today,” Elden said. “He led our defense through a great game.”

The game’s first half began with play even between both Mustang and Cardinal teams. The half ended with the Mustangs up by one, 3-2. “We are always hesitant in the first half,” senior midfielder Andy Parr said. “(But) once we gain confidence, we do really well.”

The game’s pace quickly changed in the second half, with the Mustangs dominating all over the field, Parr said. A Cardinal goalie change late in the fourth quarter was not enough to stop the Mustangs. “We were quicker and faster; they couldn’t catch us,” Parr said.

The victory over Stanford was long overdue for some players. “Today’s win was payback for last year,” Elden said. “Last season, the Cardinal lost to Cal Poly during the regular season, then came back to beat them in a crucial playoff game.”

After the weekend’s set of wins, Cal Poly is prime position for the USILA National Championships in May. The Mustangs finished last season with a top-10 national ranking and their first ever invitation to the National Championship tournament in St. Louis, Mo.

“We did great last year and we know we are going to do even better this year,” Parr said. “We have been preparing for St. Louis all season long. The team’s mix of fast offense and solid defense is what makes the Mustangs so successful,” Parr said.

We’ve beat these team before, and now we have the confidence to know that we can do it again,” he said.

Next weekend the Mustangs are on the road, playing rivals Chico State and Santa Clara.