

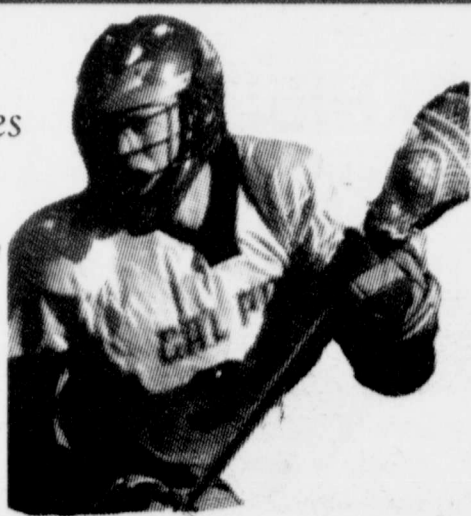
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Student voices heard at town meetings

► 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 understand the root of culture clashes. And all Cal Poly students have a voice.

► 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.

To provide 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. It has

worked 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 roots of terrorism.

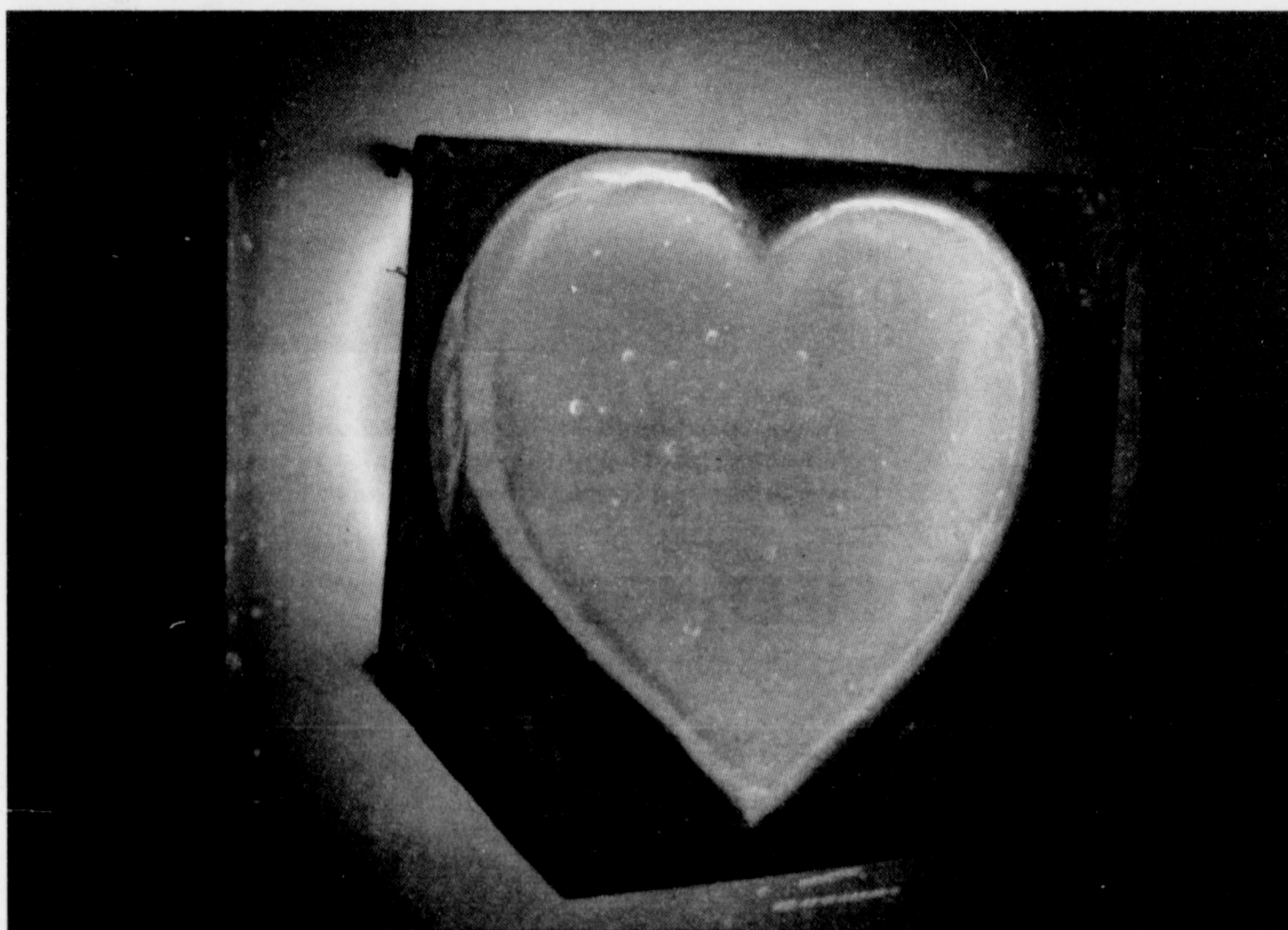
Those in attendance appeared to share an underlying viewpoint: Anti-war sentiments. Through this common perspective, participants discussed the validity and justification for their opinions.

"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 to die and kill for the oil companies."

Construction management freshman Sean Brown even went so far as to question on what guidelines the government based their decision to declare war. Brown said if they are going by St. Augustine's

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Arch profs get their 'turn'



ERIC HENDERSON/MUSTANG DAILY

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

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

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 from 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

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Coalition airstrikes bombard Iraq, push Saddam's government to the edge

By Chris Tomlinson and David Espo

ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITERS

BAGHDAD, Iraq — American forces bore down on Baghdad with unstoppable force Monday, seizing two of Saddam Hussein's opulent 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 airstrikes came as American

forces moved through the capital with near impunity.

Some Iraqi soldiers jumped into the Tigris River to flee the advancing column of more than 100 armored vehicles. A dozen others were captured and placed inside a hastily erected POW pen on the grounds of the bombed-out, blue-and-gold-domed New Presidential Palace.

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

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U.S. strikes Baghdad complex on word that Saddam might be there

By Matt Kelley

ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

WASHINGTON — An American bomber struck a residential complex in Baghdad on Monday after U.S. intelligence received information that Saddam Hussein, his sons and other top Iraqi leaders might be meeting there, U.S. officials said.

There was no immediate word on who might have been killed,

but U.S. officials said they had evidence the target had been destroyed. "There is a big hole where that target used to be," one U.S. official said, speaking only on condition of anonymity.

The attack was carried out by a single B-1B bomber which dropped fewer than five 2,000-pound bunker-penetrating bombs on the residential building, the officials

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San Luis Obispo prepares for 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."

The West Nile Virus is a seasonal recurring disease. Four years ago, the first outbreak of the virus in the United States occurred in New York. While researching the virus, scientists took aerial pictures of New York and found a high concentration of

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Ann McDowell
epidemiologist

mosquitoes in residential backyards.

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

"The most important thing that we can do in our county 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 swim-

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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 wrest 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 Iraqi intelligence officials and, possibly, Saddam and his two sons, Qusai and Odai.

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

Getting the job done



MATT WECHTER/MUSTANG DAILY

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 activist 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 classroom, room 124 at 7 p.m. For more information, use the Iraq War information link on the Cal Poly homepage.

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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.

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piece to display in the exhibit.

Stubblefield said that the gallery is a great opportunity to see professors' interests and passions.

"Luckily, we had a great response," she said. "No one was timid about showing off their work."

Architecture professors Laura Joines-Novotny and Tom DiSanto are displaying the plans, model and watercolor depictions of an energy-efficient, sustainable-living home.

The house was designed for a Central Coast climate, although the plans can be altered to suit any region. The house does not use resources, so there are no utility bills.

"We want people to be aware of how architecture affects the world around them," Joines-Novotny said.

After seeing plans for the house in the March/April issue of Dwell magazine, a Sea Canyon resident is planning to build the house.

City and regional planning professor D. Gregg Doyle said the exhibit is a perfect way to show the good work produced at Cal Poly to students' and colleagues.

Doyle will present a poster of his dissertation findings in question and answer format. The poster also includes graphics and statistics.

Doyle's dissertation was to find out why people don't use walking as a popular form of transportation. He collected data on how people commute in cities daily. For example, most people think that females are not likely to walk at night due to

safety reasons. However, Doyle found that males did not walk at night any more than females.

"The conclusions are complicated and based on a number of factors," Doyle said. "Why people walk less has to do with time constraints and longer commutes."

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Laura Joines-Novotny
architecture professor

Architecture professor Brook Muller's pieces are related to his own interests as well as topics covered in ARCH 253. In the class, second-year students look at the

relation between buildings and the sites on which they are built. Muller's "The Lightness of Building" is a series of photographs and sketches of projects and landscapes.

"The works speak of a relationship between people and their surroundings," he said.

Architecture professor Sandra Davis Lakeman said in her 22 years at Cal Poly, she has only seen two other faculty exhibits.

"It would be nice to see this become an annual event," Lakeman said. "Students need to see what faculty are interested in outside of school."

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D. Gregg Doyle
city and regional planning professor

Lakeman is presenting photographs from her worldwide travels to places such as Sinai and Sardinia. In 1992, she took a group of students to Mt. Amiata in

Arcidosso for architectural projects. Some of the photographs from this trip will be displayed, and Lakeman said she prefers to display her work in pairs for viewers to compare and contrast.

She is also displaying afghans she knitted based on her travel experiences, such as "Fields of Tuscany" and "Colors of Sardinia."

A reception to celebrate the exhibit will be held Friday at 5 p.m.

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National Briefs

Police open fire at anti-war protest; longshoremen injured

OAKLAND — Police opened fire Monday morning with wooden dowels, "sting balls" and other non-lethal weapons at anti-war protesters 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 McAnany, 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 Haw. "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 Ku Klux Klansmen 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," she 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 notes, research

AUSTIN, 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 is a great institution," Bernstein said.

The vast majority of the documents will be available to the public within a year, said Thomas Staley, director of the Ransom center.

But documents protecting the identity of secret source "Deep Throat" and up to several dozen other previously unidentified sources will be kept confidential until the deaths of the sources.

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 gunmen made a satellite telephone call to their superior for instructions: Kill him?

Kill him, the order came back, and Ricardo Munguia, whose body was found with 20 bullet wounds last month, became the first foreign aid worker to die in Afghanistan since the Taliban's ouster 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 reorganizing 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 see is thieving warlords, murder on the roads, and a resurgence of Taliban vigilantism.

"It's like I am seeing the same 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 more widespread than previously reported.

In the country's south, international experts were researching whether the mystery disease might have come from animals on farms or in the wild.

The country's death toll was 53, state television reported, citing the Health Ministry. That included 43 deaths in the southern province of Guangdong, where experts suspect severe acute respiratory syndrome, 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 cancellation is a setback for South Korean efforts to ease tensions between Washington and Pyongyang.

The cancellation came ahead of a meeting Wednesday of the U.N. Security Council to discuss North Korea's nuclear program.

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 Malia Spencer.

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On the Road

Italy's 'Five Lands' provide sights, memories

By Carly Haselhuhn

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 dreamlike land plainly, saying that the coastal path linking all five villages "affords fine views."

I can get fine views looking at Bishop's Peak through my classroom window, but the Cinque Terre and the breathtaking hike it offers is 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.

En 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 upright, with pale pinks, greens, golds, all along hillsides with crops overflowing.

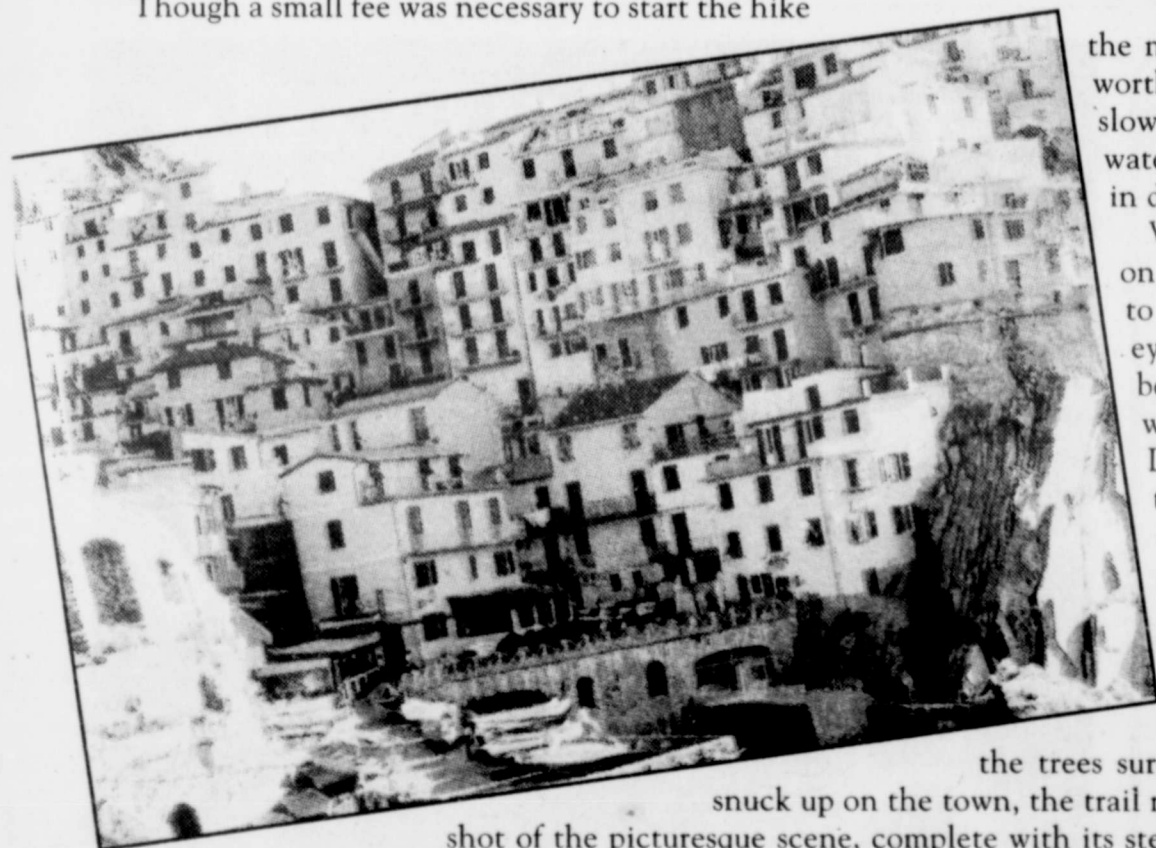
Since Liguria, the region housing the Cinque Terre, was where pesto was first created, we had to indulge at a local restaurant at the base of Manarola. The bright basil green that coated the handmade pasta was tasty enough to warrant the purchase of our own jars of Cinque Terre pesto sauce. The smell of fresh fish poured from the kitchen, which was understandable, since all of the Cinque Terre was originally fishing villages. Multi-colored boats dotted the paved walkway along the coast.

Though a small fee was necessary to start the hike



CARLY HASELHUHN/COURTESY PHOTOS

The Italian village of Cinque Terre (above) sits on the edge of the Mediterranean Sea. On a hike through the gorgeous coastal setting, fresh pesto, pastel painted buildings (below left), the aroma of fresh fish and numerous boats outlining the water's edge (bottom) accentuate the scenery.



the next day, we felt it would be well worth the price. The hike started out slowly, taking you right along the water's edge, then gradually escalated in difficulty.

We couldn't stop taking pictures on the hike; the coast was right next to us, the hills rolled as far as the eye could see and the trail stretched between each town we walked. It went from a paved walkway, Via Dell'Amore, to a dirt road, to steps through streams and olive trees, to doggy, narrow trails through mud, up and down.

On the longer stretch, which drives through rockier terrain toward Vernazza, the sun started to go down, making it seem as if

the trees surrounding us were on fire. As we

snuck up on the town, the trail rising high above it, I took a snap-

shot of the picturesque scene, complete with its steeple pointing toward heaven and its harbor marked with glowing red lamps. We needed to refuel.

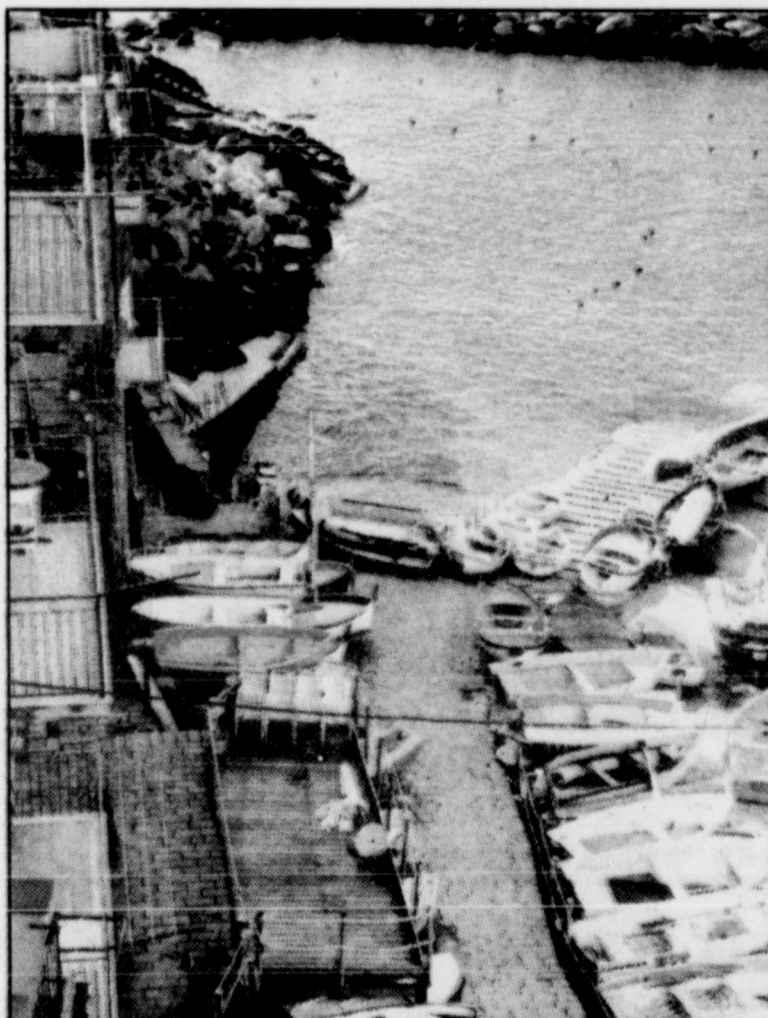
Always forgetting that most places in Italy close around 2 p.m. and reopen at around 6 p.m., we hopelessly searched for a restaurant, but only found a bar. The bartender and customers, all of which were old men dancing to top-40 music and laughing while sipping on their drinks, were the kindest people 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.



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The Human Form

Nude modeling: More than sitting pretty

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."

Coale did feel a little over-

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Jason Coale

Bradley University nude art model

whelmed when he first posed for the class, though.

"The first time you are really nervous," he said. "It's really cold. Your whole body is not ready. It's exciting to see the works that they do. You're in them."

He admits that not everyone

would enjoy the modeling process.

"You have to have a certain level of self-confidence. I didn't like taking my shirt off at the beach, now I don't care. Some of my friends thought it was weird, but it's exciting," Coale said.

Anyone can model, no matter the body type. Coale admitted that he doesn't have a firm, structured body at the moment.

But not everyone else is thrilled at the prospect.

Sophomore social studies education major Jim Judd says he would be a bit leery about posing.

"For \$10 an hour, I wouldn't do it unless I was really strapped for cash," he said. "I don't feel comfortable personally doing it. I have no problems with other people who do it, though."

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."

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CNN is not the only company to dis-
courage the use of blogs in reporting the
news. AOL Time Warner, Tribune Media
Company, Gannett and The New York
Times do not embrace blogs as a useful
form or journalism, according to the USC
online journalism review.

Yet several other warblogs are still avail-
able online. MSNBC, Fox News, Knight-
Ridder and Advance Publications have
said they believe blogs are a new and excit-
ing form of journalism. But MSNBC
claims to edit their blogs before posting
them online.

"Our editors scrutinize our weblogs for
accuracy, fairness and balance, just as they
would any news story," said Joan Connell,
MSNBC.com executive producer for
Opinions and Communities.

This may be key. If blogs are to become
a new media form they should be spon-
sored by the news organization and edited
for content. However, this is the essence of
news organization Web sites.

If journalists expect to post personal
blogs, it is important for them to make it
clear that their site is a recreational venue,
rather than a form of journalism. Of the
countless blogs created online, most are, in
fact, about John Doe's love life. Whether
or not John Doe is a professional journalist
doesn't matter, because real news will
always be on the front page and not lost in
the blogosphere.

Emily Wong is a journalism sophomore
and Mustang Daily staff writer.

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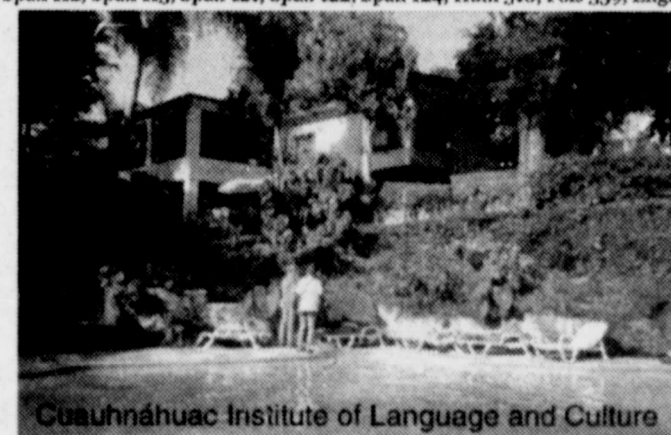
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News

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ground.

Birds, which spread the disease
after being bit by mosquitoes are nat-
ural hosts of the virus are birds. Birds
such as crows, magpies, jays and
finches are especially susceptible to
the virus. People and horses are con-
sidered only incidentally infected
victims.

McDowell said less than 1 percent
of mosquitoes carry the West Nile
Virus. Although the likelihood of
contracting the disease from an
infectious mosquito is low, one in
150 virus cases result in a severe neu-
rological disease.

Young children and adults over 55
years old are at the highest risk for
contracting the virus and suffer the
worst cases. Some people may con-
tract the virus and not know it.
Aches and a fever can signify a mild
case, McDowell said.

Public health officials recommend
avoiding outdoor activities at dawn
and dusk, when mosquitoes are most
likely to bite. If outdoors, apply

insect repellent containing DEET.

If a mosquito carrying West Nile
Virus bites a horse, the virus multi-
plies in the horse's blood system and
reaches the brain. The likelihood of
a horse contracting the virus
depends on a number of factors,
including the concentration of mos-
quitoes, birds and horses in the area.

Cal Poly veterinarian Jaymie
Noland said in states where the virus
is widespread, research shows there
is a 33 percent chance that an
infected horse will die.

"The statistics are not as high in
California yet, but we are preparing,"
she said.

A horse vaccine can now be
administered by veterinarians and
should be given every spring. All Cal
Poly horses that are used for riding
classes, halter fitting and breeding
are in the process of being vaccinat-
ed.

At the Large Animal Practice in
Los Osos, the first shot costs \$20. A
second booster shot is then required
three to six weeks later for another
\$20. McDowell said all horses should
be vaccinated.

"Although the true efficacy of the
vaccine is not known, it may have

some effect," she said.

Biology senior Mario Dinucci,
who works at the Cal Poly vet clinic,
said horse owners who are in contact
with a veterinarian should already be
familiar with the vaccine.

"It is not a required vaccine, but it
is definitely recommended," he said.

Horse owners should stable horses
at dawn and dusk when mosquitoes
are prevalent, he added.

Dinucci said the best way to avoid
the virus is to eliminate water
sources where mosquitoes can repro-
duce. Replace trough water fre-
quently and drill holes in the bottom
of outdoor containers.

"There is a lot of stagnate water in
places that people don't think of,
like in an old tire on a ranch," he
said.

The county is working on a mos-
quito abatement program, which
must be approved by the board of
supervisors. McDowell said the
county will be prepared for the
onslaught this spring.

"We know that the mosquitoes
will arrive in force, but we have sur-
veillance in place," she said.

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Cal Poly Men's Tennis

Mustangs encouraged 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
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

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 4-3 overall. Cal Poly is now 12-9 overall and 1-2 in Big West.

At No. 2 singles, Nick Tracy earned a 6-3, 7-5 win over LMU's Leo Graebig. Davey Jones defeated Anthony Evrard 6-2, 6-4 at No. 3 singles and Greg Levy beat out Rob Kennedy at No. 6 singles for the 4-6, 7-6 (10-6) victory.

"(Cal Poly) could have won there," said Jones, who was defeated with Brett Van Linge in their doubles match vs. LMU's Tigran Martirosyan and Leo Graebig, 8-5.

"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 time the Mustangs played LMU they were 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 Stacy Meronoff was defeated by Martirosyan 6-2, 6-2 in a heated match full of debate over points.

"He's a good player," Meronoff said of Martirosyan. "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 feistiness ... we fought hard."

With a Big West Conference match at 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're 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



Cal Poly's Matt Ryan, a city and regional planning sophomore, looks for a teammate during the Mustangs' 11-6 victory against Stanford Sunday. The Cardinal were ranked 19th in the nation entering the match.

EMILY LAUBACHER/
MUSTANG DAILY

By Michael Marquez
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

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

The parents were in full force Saturday for "parents weekend," as the Cal Poly lacrosse team hosted a weekend dedicated to them and their tremendous support and love for the game.

Coming off two huge wins against Southern Methodist University and Texas Christian University, the Longhorns looked confident going into Saturday's game.

Texas' confidence was quickly lost as the Mustangs punished them on the offensive and defensive sides of the field. The Mustangs also exposed the weaknesses of the team, thus allowing the Cal Poly fans to irritate and disrupt the focus of the Longhorns.

In the first quarter, the Mustangs were always on the move and made the best out of each possession and opportunity the defense made for the offense. Attacker Tim Casey and midfielder Sean Whitacre not only picked up the first two goals of the quarter, but also rallied for six consecutive goals between the trio. The tough and energized defense only allowed one goal in the quarter.

The Mustangs got off to a great start and set the pace of the game, but unfortunately senior defender Vinnie Consolo suffered a separated shoulder in a nasty collision midway through the quarter.

"We have been faced with injuries all year, and it's tough to see one of your teammates not being able to compete," said junior defender Aaron Myers. "The only positives that come out of a bad situation is other players on the team get opportunities to step it up for the team."

Joe Saltzman and Andrew Hoerner took full advantage of the unfortunate situation by stepping it up in the absence of Consolo.

Winning most of the face-offs and setting the pace of the game once again in the second quarter, Casey and Whitacre added four of their six goals in the second.

"Casey and Whitacre put on a clinic for the Longhorns in the first half and showed total domination on offense," said senior midfielder Andy Parr.

The Longhorns battled for the next 30 minutes, but in the end Texas just could not crack the Mustang defense and stop the onslaught of goals.

"All the guys are playing well, and as a team we are competing at an extremely high level," Myers said. "Our goal is nationals; the next two games against Stanford and Chico play a vital role in the success of our team and home field advantage in the playoffs."

The second half was filled with penalties on both sides of the field, with nine-and-a-half penalty minutes for Cal Poly and over 10 minutes for Texas.

"When opponents come to Poly, they get frustrated because they are dealing with so many factors such as wild fans, wind, thick grass and the smell," Parr said.

By Stacey Dorning
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Mustang lacrosse finished their successful weekend, started with Saturday's 13-5 victory over Texas, with Sunday's win against Stanford.

The No. 19 Cardinal were no match for the unstoppable Mustangs, with Cal Poly taking an 11-6 victory.

"The best part was our cooperative play between the defense and offense," freshman longstick midfielder Ari Elden said. "We stepped up in the face of adversity."

The Mustangs finished the crucial weekend with two wins, preparing them for division playoffs at the end of April.

"We are on the track to a national title," said junior defenseman Aaron Myers.

Sunday's win came despite numerous team injuries that have plagued the Mustangs this season.

"We did well, even though we were missing two of our key players, Zack Dostart and Vinnie Consolo," Elden said.

This weekend also marked the return of Cal Poly's starting goalkeeper, Ryan Parr. Parr had been out for five 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 begun with even play 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 USLIA National Championships in May. The Mustangs finished last year's 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.

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