



Photo courtesy of Raymond Pinter

Boni Beach, one of the most popular beaches in the Sydney area.

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interest," Gore said.

This presented the opportunity for Gore to explore the political side of environmental conservation and compare it with what she experienced in the United States over the past few years under the presidency of Obama.

"My classes are interesting, the professors are all really enthusiastic and although Australia is similar to the United States compared to other countries in the world, there are subtle differences that make gaining an international education really rewarding," Gore said.

When Gore is not in class, she takes advantage of the Queen Victoria Market, held daily in Melbourne, and travels.

"There are vendors with food and beer from around the world and a ton of fresh, local produce," Gore said,

describing the market.

As for her travels, Gore recently ventured to Phillips Island in Australia, where she saw the world's smallest species of penguins swim in from the ocean and travel to their burrows on the island.

"There were hundreds of them. It was really amazing to watch," Gore said.

Gore decided to visit the Flemington Race Track in Melbourne since horse racing remains a big part of the Australian culture.

"They have the famous Melbourne Cup, a race with one of the largest purses in the world," Gore said.

Gore also spends a lot of her time at St. Kilda beach in Melbourne, learning how to wakeboard and surf.

Melanie Cusi, a sophomore, said she looks forward to studying abroad in Australia next fall.

"I don't know why I chose Australia. It just seemed like a cool place to go and they offered a lot of courses for my biology major and neuroscience minor," Cusi said.

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