Vania Holt, art bursary winner, had been working on this terracotta bust for about 15 minutes.

Off to Italy

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VANIA Holt, who has been sculpting for only seven months, has won an art bursary to the Academia de Belle Arte in Perugia, Italy.

A student at CAP (Community Arts Project) at Woodstock, 21-year-old Vania left for Rome on Friday.

He started at CAP in February after leaving the trade of textile printing.

Cecil Skotnes, the well-known South African artist who teaches at CAP in his spare time, watched Vania’s life-drawing progress and after three months advised him to do sculpture.

In June artists from CAP exhibited at the Gowlett Gallery and Vania sold all his work. He has since exhibited twice — at the University of the Western Cape and at Worcester.

Anyone wishing to apply for an art bursary to Italy should telephone Mr Solinas at the Italian Consulate (21 1990 or 21 1375).