Language is main theme, prof explains during lecture
by FRED YULLIN

Philosophy was not the most important aspect of philosopher Ludwig Wittgenstein's life. In fact, his goal was freedom from the metaphysics.

In a lecture here yesterday, English instructor Charles Buntin explained his own interpretations of the Austrian philosopher's view on language and philosophical thought.

Sounding more like a distraught Poly student in Intro to Philosophy than a guest, Buntin, who taught a seminar class in philosophy, said: 

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"These problems, according to Buntin, because they cannot be applied to the concept of life. One of the biggest faults of philosophy, claims Buntin, is its nature of language. Whether an object is solid or not is useless to define what if—of a definition of "solid" has not been agreed upon. How will it suit both authors and the thinker?

Any problems resulting from philosophy data are not as severe. One of the best solutions is the first, according to Buntin, when language takes a back seat to philosophy.

Reinventing the pointlessness of philosophy, Wittgenstein once wrote, "There is no value even. If it did, it wouldn't have any value."

The Hunterson, Cal Poly's creative writing magazine, is barely alive today, said Dr. David Kann, a Poly English instructor.

Kann, who has been the magazine's staff advisor for the past five years, said that the main problem encountered in producing the magazine is lack of support.

Cal Poly "calls itself a university and yet it can provide practically no support for anything that has anything to do with the arts, particularly the written arts," said Kann, who claims that a university must be active in the cultural as well as the scientific aspects of life.

"I think, perhaps, with some more support the Hunterson could be a magazine that the university could be proud of," Kann added.

The ASI requires that a publication be able to break even before it can go to press, Kann said, then added that the Hunterson staff has considered selling space in the University Union Plaza to generate support for the magazine and raise money for its publication.

"The Messaing Daily can support itself, but the Hunterson can't," Kann said, but merchants are reluctant to advertise in the Hunterson.

"Because it is an annual publication, it has no continuity from year to year," Kann said. The Hunterson staff holds no regular meetings, but that meeting will be held weekly when enough people get involved in the magazine's publication.

People seem to think that this is an English instructor," said Kann, but it isn't. It is a senior project for the editors, but "we do need to have volunteer support and it would be wonderful if we could have some work or training on the staff."

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The English instructor's review of Wittgenstein revealed the unique fact: the Austrian had undergone a mystical experience.

Strong explained Wittgenstein's feelings on the importance of his experience and further said philosophical problems would be seen in a new context, after having such an experience. It was the Austrian's goal, said Strong, "To bring back words from the ordinary language."

Before his death in 1951, Wittgenstein had taught at Oxford on no separate occasion and had given an encore before World War I. It was during this time of reflection that he had his mystical experience.

Strong has been a Poly student since 1972 and is author of "The Technical Writer's Handbook."

News at a glance

MOSCOW (UPI) - The mystery surrounding Soviet Communist party General Secretary Leonid I. Brezhnev deepened Thursday when he failed to appear at a planned meeting with Prime Minister Edward电视机.

Brezhnev had confronted with President Nicolai V. Podgorny and Premier Alexei N. Kosygin, but was not received by Brezhnev despite his publicized wish to see him. Brezhnev left Thursday for Bonn after a two-day visit to West Germany.

Brezhnev has not met with any foreign dignitaries or diplomats since an Egyptian delegation visited Moscow in late December. Last week he called off his schedule mid-January meeting with Egyptian President Anwar Sadat in Cairo. Arzat sources reported Jan. 18.

Brezhnev's decision to travel to Bonn is a sign of the premier's left time open on his last day in the Soviet capital for a meeting with Brezhnev. Nothing is known of it.

WASHINGTON (UPI) - Congressional leaders told President Ford Thursday they believe an income tax rebate can be enacted by April, but not necessarily in the exact form he requested.

White House press secretary Ron Nessen told reporters the Democratic leadership had predicted modifications in Ford's plan to remain in effect until at least 10 per-cent of their 1979 tax bill.

Assistant Senate Democratic leader Robert Byrd of West Virginia, one of those at the meeting with Ford, told reporters he and others thought Congress would aim to win the 1979 tax cuts more at low and middle income families than the President suggested.

Byrd also said Democrats were less enthusiastic about Ford's energy conservation plans, which are meant to reduce fuel consumption by raising prices through taxes that would bring in about $2 billion. Byrd said he and others felt Ford should have proposed a policy built on the "complete combustion" concept, which might move in passing legislation despite the President's opposition to it.

WASHINGTON (UPI) - The nation's economy dipped to a 18-year low at the end of last year while prices remained fairly in line, according to a Commerce Department report. Overall economic activity was lower in the fourth quarter than in the fourth quarter of 1977, the department reported Thursday.

The Commerce Department report showed that overall economic output for 1974 dropped 3.3 percent from the years earlier decline since 1975 and the largest since 1932. For the last quarter of last year, output fell at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 8.1 percent, the biggest drop since the first quarter of 1933.

WASHINGTON (UPI) - Former CIA Director Richard Helms said Thursday his aides had to appeal to American radicals because some of them had links to the agency, and he defended the CIA's record "without regret, without qualms, without apology."

Helms lashed at CIA critics in prepared testimony at a special Senate hearing, describing himself as "indignant at the irresponsible kind of news-mongering and warning they could seriously damage U.S. interests" if left to "perverse undermining."

Helms, now ambassador to Iran, was CIA director from 1966 to 1973. The hearing was the first of the 15 or more of the intelligence activities outlined Wednesday by the current director, William E. Colby. No data was made public.

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Songwriter debuts in phantom spoof

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When Paul Williams arrived in Hollywood a decade ago he had visions of becoming a swell-tongued leading man. But the five-foot tall blond impresario, failing to make it as a swash- buckler, turned to songwriting out of despair.

Eight gold records later, having proven himself as a songwriter, Paul Williams has returned to the big screen, this time as a star in "Phantom of the Opera" (Midaso Theatre). Although Williams still doesn't fit the Errol Flynn mold, the dashing actor, in role as the darkly romantic composer, impresses. When turned on an acting job, Paul Williams would have been proud.

Writer-director Brian DePalma's modern day version of a Pavilion "Phantom of the Opera" is an offset, satirical look at today's bizarre A-or-David Bowie rock music scene.

The film opens with a scene from a press conference: "Our composer, Winslow Leach is in the room. Despite all the auburn of his music, he is not nearly as established as the Juicy Fruits, rehashing an old song of despair.

During a break, a young composer, who looks like his father, William Swan, arrives in the room. 

Swan decides he must have the music. He steals the music from Leach, has him watched in Eng land and the Juicy Fruits make the recording.

Hearing an announcement on a press guard's radio that Swan will open The Paradise with the orchestra, Leach goes mad and breaks out of prison. He makes it to the record company and while attempting to destroy the record press, he is shot at by a guard and winds up with his head caught in the press.

"Phantom of the Paradise," devoted with all the subtlety of "Batman," doesn't fall into the laugh a minute put-on category of "Haunting Baddness." It is a sophisticated, slightly ambigious spoof of a segment of the rock music scene where violence and kinky sex is considered entertainment. It offers a paranoid possibility what the next phase of entertainment may be.

Van Marietta "Usedom Fleshe" (Warner Bros.), and Van Maria "Kermit Fleece" (Warner Bros.) are two writers who have seen.

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W.C. Fields will hold forth with his impish platitudes on Saturday evening, January 18, at 8:00 p.m. in Chumash Auditorium when A.I. Fields Arts Center presents W.C. FIELDS. The performance is a recreation of an evening with the man who drank double martinis every morning before breakfast and wrote The Bank Dick and My Little Chickadee on the backs of envelopes. Tickets for W.C. FIELDS are $1.00 Students, $2.00 General.

The musical 'JAN' will run Friday January 24 through Saturday January 25 at the Chumash Theater. Tickets are $1.00 Students, $1.50 General, $2.00 Reserved.

Merry Christmas to all.

John Wehle
Women hoopsters host two day invitational tournament

Hoping to make a comeback, the women's basketball team will host the Western Intercollegiate Conference Invitational this weekend. The Mustangs will attempt to better their third place finish out of two of three games in the Chico State Invitational last weekend.

The visiting teams for the tournament will be De Anza College, Hayward State and Stanislaus State. Cal Poly will play De Anza in the opening game at 5 p.m. in Crandall Gym Saturday.

Head Coach Mary Stallard is expecting tough competition from both teams. She said, "Hayward State is one of the stronger teams in California. De Anza is a good team, but a very good one. Stanislaus is also a young team, but it has a lot of height. Unfortunately, we lack in the areas in which we lack."

The Mustangs hoopsters also are a young squad, with three freshmen in the starting lineup. Junior Chris Rock, 5-9, will be starting at center, junior Kathy Berman, 5-4, and Kathy Berman, 5-9, will start at forward. "Dick" Furrish, 6-0, and Barbara Brown, 6-0, will complete the line-up as the guards. Senior Vicki Wilson, usually a starting guard, will be seeing little action because of a stretched shoulder ligament. Coach Stallard said the women's team will be playing by a different set of rules this season. Three changes have been made with the new rules:

1-20 minute halves.
2- No free throw until the 20th minute.
3- A player must shoot within 12 seconds after receiving possession of the ball.

Following the opening game between Cal Poly and De Anza, the Mustangs will meet Stanislaus State at 9 p.m. The Mustangs junior varsity will go against De Anza at 6:30 p.m. with the last game of the night between the Mustangs and Stanislaus at 10:45 p.m.

Monday, De Anza will meet Stanislaus at 10 a.m. followed by the Mustangs against Haywood State. At 2 p.m. the Mustangs junior varsity will go against De Anza at 8:30 p.m. with the last game of the night between the Mustangs and Stanislaus at 10:45 p.m.

For tickets, call the Cal Poly Ticket Office, 826-2828.

Swimmers host UCSB Saturday

Armed with a pair of 1974 NCAA Division II placers and a pair of 1975 Division II placers, the Cal Poly swimming team will open its 1975 campaign by hosting University of California-Santa Barbara Saturday at 11 a.m. in the Cal Poly outdoor pool.

From last year's team, which finished 12th in the NCAA Division II Championships, are Dick Priest, who placed eighth in the 100 and 200 freestyle and John Reynolds, who placed third in the 100 back. In addition, the 200 butterfly, Prier, a sophomore from Santa Clara, also holds school records in the 100 freestyle (53.3) and 200 freestyle (1:56.3), and was a member of all three relay teams (mediol, free style and medley) which posted new school marks last season.

Reynolds, a two-year letterman from West Covina, holds a high school mark in the butterfly (22.84) and 100 butterfly (1:46.8) and was a member of all three relay teams (mediol, free style and medley) which posted new school marks last season.

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Grapplers tackle Oregon Ducks

Winners of last weekend's invitational in Chico, the Mustangs will be met by a powerhouse in the UPC Invitational.

Oregon, with 1974 NCAA Division II chamionship in sight, will be led by Oregon State's Stanislaus and Oklahoma's Boons, who finished second to Washington in the 1974 NCAA meet.

When things are not going well for the Ducks, they have Tom Young, a two-year starter with 1974 NCAA championship form, to depend on.

The Ducks have won 11 of the last 12 duals, including last weekend's victory against Cal Poly.

Several Oregon wrestlers will have to improve on the upcoming meet at the UPC Invitational.

Stanislaus and Oklahoma will headline the UPC meet, which will be held at 9:45 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, February 2.

Stanislaus, seventh in last year's meet, will be led by two NCAA championship wrestlers.

The two-wrestlers from Oklahoma, which finished 10th in the final NCAA coaches' poll, are Butch Stutsman and Howard Stutsman.

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