Cal Poly’s curriculum is due for a massive overhaul — but not this year

The “Year of the Curriculum” will be going into over-time as committees wrangle over the university’s future.

This was to be the year of the curriculum. But according to those in charge of leading the discussion to change it, little will be done until next year.

Last year, the administration wanted to change the Cal Poly calendar from quarters to semesters. But students voted overwhelmingly on a referendum last spring to keep the quarter system and the Academic Senate later concurred.

The senate also decided the university’s curriculum needed some changes — changes which were supposed to come this year.

And according to the Academic Senate Chair Jack Wilson, the Academic Senate has been discussing implementing curriculum changes for awhile.

Wildflower
Wildflower attracted athletes and fans, including agribusiness senior Todd Mounier and mechanical engineering seniors Loraine Mongoson and Manuel Martinez (right). The 13th annual triathlon also had participants like #38 (below) running for time. Daily photos by L. Scott Robinson

Mustang Village owners contest harassment suit

By Karen E. Spoden

The owners of Mustang Village have denied they knew of any alleged sexual harassment at the student apartments.

In documents filed in San Luis Obispo Superior Court April 10, attorneys for Mustang Village Apartment’s Limited Partnership and Investec, Inc. said any alleged harassment by former Mustang Village Marketing Director Robert Grant “was not unwelcome.”

The plaintiffs, Cal Poly graduates Roger Aboud and Todd Shafer and architecture senior Tracy Stoggers, said in the past it was difficult for departments to implement changes — they sometimes meant financial or faculty reductions.

Wilson said until three years ago, funding was directly linked to the number of faculty and this was linked to the curriculum. This factor would make departments fearful of making changes, he said.

“If they changed curriculum, there would be fewer faculty, and the department would get

Election for fees will dictate fate of Poly’s Children’s Center

The future of Cal Poly’s Children’s Center will rest in the hands of student voters on May 10.

This special election will decide if a referendum will increase student fees by $4 to allow the center to continue operation. If the referendum should fail, the Children’s Center may close their operation in June.

Neither ASI representatives nor Children’s Center representatives could be reached for comment.

According to a press release from the Children’s Center, the center employs up to 90 students each quarter and provides care for approximately 120 children each hour of operation. The center is only available for Cal Poly students, staff and faculty.

It is also the only care center in the area that provides infant and toddler care. In addition, the center requires teachers to hold a bachelor’s degree and have teaching or child care experience.

According to the same press release, over half of the children enrolled in the center are fully or partially subsidized by the State Department of Education. This means parents pay little or nothing to have their children attend.

The press release also said that ASI would be responsible for the loan payments on the building.

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Famous poet puts 'Beat' into his works

Dale Myers

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“I saw the best minds of my generation bored to death by poetry readings,” Beat Generation poet Lawrence Ferlinghetti joked, in a parody of Allen Ginsberg’s “Howl.” “Howl” actually reads, “I saw the best minds of my generation destroyed by madness.”

Ferlinghetti read from his new book of poetry, “These Are My Rivers,” on Friday, to a full audience at Chumash Auditorium.

“Poetry is used to shore up what today is perhaps a declining civilization,” Ferlinghetti said. “We are less bookish today than we were at the end of World War II.”

The event was part of a speakers’ series sponsored by the Cal Poly Lyceum. Past speakers have included Vietnam author Tim O’Brien and Nobel Prize winning poet Czeslaw Milosz.

“We have been very fortunate with speakers and audiences this year,” said English professor John Hampsey, director of the Lyceum. “Ferlinghetti’s poetry is witty, irreverent and boldly aims at the heart of things.”

Ferlinghetti — a poet, publisher, artist and activist — was born in 1919 in Yonkers, New York. He served in the Navy in World War II as a lieutenant commander. After the war he studied at Columbia University and then earned his doctorate at the Sorbonne in Paris.

Ferlinghetti moved to San Francisco in 1953 and opened City Lights Bookstore in North Beach, the first paperback bookstore in America. He became a publisher and influential member of the Beat Movement which included Allen Ginsberg, William Burroughs, Jack Kerouac, Kenneth Rexroth, Gary Snyder, Michael McClure and a host of others.

Ferlinghetti’s career in publishing led him to fame, but it also caused him to get arrested.

The poet was once arrested for publishing Ginsberg’s “Howl” as l sad material. He won a landmark court case with the help of the American Civil Liberties Union. Ferlinghetti said people were not really aware of what went on in the ’50s and only knew about the ’60s.

“The seeds for everything that happened in the ’60s were planted in the ’50s,” Ferlinghetti said.

The Beat Movement itself was a post-World War II literary movement. The Beat writers selected such unlikely role models as jazz musicians and hustlers as a way to get from the baby boom years and set out, down on your luck or poor. In 1944, the term was brought to light by publisher and influential member Lawrence Ferlinghetti.

Ferlinghetti was so impressed by “Howl” that he published it in the Pocket Poets Series. A few months later, the book was seized by San Francisco Customs officers and Ferlinghetti was charged with publishing and selling an obscene book.

Ferlinghetti defended the poet saying that, “It is not the poet, but what he observes which is revealed as obscene.”

The trial was a widely publicized event that brought national attention to Ginsberg and Ferlinghetti. The Beats, represented by Ginsberg, had joined forces with the San Francisco poets, represented by Ferlinghetti, and the Beat Generation literary cluster was launched. The term “Beatnik” was later coined by San Francisco Chronicle columnist Herb Caen.

Ferlinghetti still lives in North Beach and City Lights Bookstore is still operating at 261 Columbus Avenue. Ferlinghetti even has a day honoring him in San Francisco.

“The Beat Generation and the Beat Movement are still alive,” he told the audience.
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CURRICULUM: Plans moving ahead, but slowly

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less money," Wilson said. "This
doesn't mean we're going to cut
faculty. But it is a good time for
students to graduate. And plus,
we can get more students into a
program so the curriculum can
change more rapidly."

"We can get rid of courses that
are not needed," Wilson said.
"If we need to cut, we'll cut.
But we can get more students
to graduate."

Wilson said there are changes
in the curriculum.

"We are implementing changes.
We have already decided to
reduce the number of classes
teaching.

"And we are going to reduce
the number of faculty needed
to teach for this semester," Wilson
said. "But we have to be careful.
We can't just fire people. We
can't just lay people off."

Wilson said one of the reasons
for the change was the increase
in teaching loads and the need
to increase the number of
students per professor.

According to Wilson, the
university also recognizes
problems with the quarter
system.

"We recognize that the quarter
system is a problem," Wilson
said. "It is too long. It's three
weeks too long."

Wilson said the university is
now considering a move to an
annual system.

"We are looking at an annual
system," Wilson said. "We are
looking at a new system that
will be better."

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Children's Center is an investment

As an undergraduate student, I can understand the anxiety related to fee increases. Since 1988, when I began at Cal Poly, we've been hit with huge fee increases year after year. These increases have been paired with budget cuts resulting in less actual services and available classes.

Often, students argue that certain services they pay for don't benefit them. Examples are the Disabled Student Services, the Multicultural Center, the Rec Center, the University Intercollegiate Athletics and various clubs on campus which receive subsidies from ASI. Despite budget cuts and statewide fee increases, students still pay additional fees each quarter to continue intercollegiate athletics through a fee increase of $1 to $5, to offset the loss of university funds.

To have to scramble around finding reliable, quality assistance is an added source of stress and anxiety related to fee increases. Since 1988, when I first began at Cal Poly, we've been hit with huge fee increases year after year. These increases have been paired with budget cuts resulting in less actual services and available classes.

In a recent commentary in the Mustang Daily and the New Times, Kim Weber made a public statement about an incident in which she was involved. She said: "I honestly felt the situation I observed was an act of racism and needed to be brought to the attention of anyone who can relate." Ms. Weber expressed her belief that police officers had treated people involved in the incident differently based on race.

Ms. Weber said she and other friends had been out for an evening of dancing and drinking. Shortly after midnight, she and her group were leaving a bar when they became embroiled in a verbal altercation with members of another group. Just as the altercation was about to become physical, a police officer arrived on the scene. According to Ms. Weber, the officer ordered her two African-American friends to sit on the curb and then allowed the other people to leave the scene. Shortly after the second officer arrived, one officer went after the group that had left and brought back one of the people who had been with Ms. Weber.

Ms. Weber said she pointed out members of the other group who were driving by in a vehicle. She stated that none of the officers did anything. Because of these facts, as she perceived them, she felt the officers' actions and inactions, were based on racism.

To my knowledge, Ms. Weber made no attempt to bring her concerns to the attention of the police department before the time of the incident to the time of the writing of the article. However, based on the serious allegations made by Ms. Weber, I asked that a full investigation of the incident be conducted. The results of the investigation revealed the following:

The actual time of the incident was 1:56 a.m. The first officer was on patrol and observed a group of approximately 20 people. In the midst of the group was a woman who moved into the street and appeared to be ready to begin a fight. It also appeared the remainder of the group might get involved. The officer decided to try to make contact to prevent any violence. The officer activated all of the emergency lighting on his vehicle, called for backup officers, and drove to the scene.

At the time, the officer exited his car and ordered all of the participants to sit on the curb. Two started to leave and two started to approach the officer. Other members of the large group also started to depart. When the two people approaching the officer stated that the people leaving "had started it," he told them to sit on the curb as he (the officer) could get them. The officer also issued several verbal commands to the persons leaving to stop, but they continued to walk away. This took place in the first five seconds of the officers' contact. Either there was no immediate backup, the officer went after the closest person and brought him back to the scene. As it turned out, he was part of Ms. Weber's group.

Shortly thereafter, the first backup officer arrived on the scene. The first backup officer was the same one who had been speaking to the participants who were sitting on the curb. He told the participants to stay with the subjects and he immediately went off foot after the others who had walked away. Contemporaneously, a number of the females in the group began yelling at the officers, saying "let the white guys go" and, "You're just doing this because they're black." It was only at this time that any question of the race of the involved persons was raised. The officers reported that, because of the subjects' very light skin coloration, they were not even aware that two of the people sitting on the curb were African-American.

In the meantime, the first officer had run down one of the persons who had left the scene. He was obviously drunk, was placed under arrest, and put into another officer's car. The first officer then returned to the initial scene. The backup officer was having a conversation with the people at the scene and that scene had not determined that one person wanted to press charges. At this point, a woman in the crowd yelled that two people had been involved in the incident and that were in a vehicle passing by. The first officer overtook the vehicle several blocks away. Since the other people at the scene did not want any further action, the officer verified these subjects were not intoxicated and let them leave. Once it was determined that all other parties were not intoxicated to the point of not being able to care for themselves, all others involved left the area.

During the entire contact with the group, the only people bringing up issues of race were several of the females. Indeed, the people sitting on the curb told the females to "be quiet." Of note, the only person arrested in the incident was Caucasian.

Ms. Weber apparently did nothing to try to get the facts from the officers or their supervisors. Her blanket assertion is that this is another incident of racism demonstrated by police officers.

Police officers involved was both professionally and personally hurt by this allegations. While they know they acted with the highest professional standards, it is demoralizing to be attacked based on partial information and questionable judgment.

Anyone who believes they have observed or been the victim of police misconduct has a duty to get the facts before making these kinds of serious allegations. Clearly, after a review of all the facts surrounding this incident, I believe Ms. Weber has unjustly maligned the members of the San Luis Obispo Police Department. Even more importantly, she has unfairly called to question the trust this community has for the law enforcement profession.

James Gardiner is the San Luis Obispo police chief.
SUIT: Response charges plaintiffs welcomed manager's alleged advances

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while Georgia Ingram will represent Capstone. According to the complaint filed March 3, Investec and Capstone allowed "Grant and other agents and employees of (the defendants') to engage in . . . acts of harassment."

However, Umoff said Mustang Village LP and Investec could not have known of any alleged harassment. Investec didn't buy the property from Capstone until December, 1994, he said, after the alleged harassment occurred. "Prior to that time (Investec) had no involvement," Umoff said, and "Mustang Village LP is not on the property."

Umoff said the accusers are merely trying to "drag in anybody they can" to support their claim. "We don' t know if (Capstone and Grant) did anything or not. Capstone says, 'We don't think we did anything wrong,' but clearly, Investec and Mustang Village LP didn't do anything."

Peter Umoff Defense attorney

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Thomas Coleman, the plaintiffs’ attorney, agreed that he did not know whether Investec and Mustang Village LP knew of any alleged harassment. But his investigation, he said, will determine if they were at fault. Coleman first contacted Capstone last September and informed them of the charges after the plaintiffs had consulted with him. "Before September, I don’t have any reason to believe Investec or any of their companies had any knowledge of what was going on," Coleman said.

He added, however, that he also will investigate the months prior to last September. Because Investec bought the property from Capstone last December, Coleman said, it seems likely that Capstone would have informed Investec of the charges. "It almost defies belief — to turn over management and not even inform (Investec) about the claims," Coleman said. "I would have problems (withholding that information) if I had claims pending against me. There is certainly reason enough to take legal action at this point. Certainly (Capstone) had an obligation to tell (Investec) ... about these claims."

Umoff’s response in court documents outlines 28 separate defenses for his clients, including:

• His defendants "had no knowledge of the alleged misconduct until after its occurrence had ceased. Capstone took immediate and appropriate action."
• The plaintiffs failed to exhaust the internal remedies available to them.
• The complaint is barred because any alleged damage to plaintiffs was the result of their failure to use ordinary care and diligence in the performance of their employment.
• There are insufficient facts to bring a case against his clients or to award damages "because the injuries and damages alleged to have been sustained by plaintiffs were not the result of any acts, omissions or other conduct of his clients."

The plaintiffs are seeking payment based on lost income and benefits, emotional distress, attorney's fees and other relief the court may award.

Peter Umoff Defense attorney
Clinton befriends Russia, despite pending nuclear deal with Iran

On the eve of his four-day trip to Russia and the Ukraine, Clinton again denounced "the tragic war" in the republic of Chechnya and warned that Moscow's plans to sell Iran nuclear technology and equipment could give atomic weapons to an unstable neighbor.

"If this goes forward, Russian nuclear technology can only be weakened in the long run," Clinton said in remarks prepared for delivery to the American Israel Public Affairs Committee, a pro-Israeli lobby.

Still, the president said the U.S.-Russian relationship is mature enough to withstand differences. "The interests of the American people are best served by supporting Russia's transition to a more free and open society," Clinton said.

"We must not hold our relationship hostage to any one issue," he said.

Gingrich and Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole of Kansas said failure by Moscow to drop the pending nuclear deal could prompt Congress to cut foreign aid to Russia.

"I think it would be almost immediate," Dole told CBS's "Face the Nation." If the president can't persuade Yeltsin to scuttle the nuclear deal, "then we've got a real problem," Dole said. "I think it's going to cool relations with Yeltsin.'

Appearing on NBC's "Meet the Press," Gingrich stopped short of predicting Russian aid cuts, but said, "I think it would have catastrophic consequences in Congress" if the sales goes through without safeguards to ensure Iran cannot make a nuclear bomb.

Secretary of State Warren Christopher suggested Saturday that Russian aid was imperative, regardless of what Moscow does on the Iran-nuclear issue. "Every bit of aid we give them is in our interest," Christopher told CNN.

Gingrich replied bluntly, "The secretary of state doesn't cut off or grant aid. The Congress does.

The administration and Congress view Iran as a terrorist nation that cannot be trusted with nuclear arsenals. Officials expect Clinton to share with Yeltsin classified information about Iran's nuclear weapons effort.

Gingrich called the pending sale "totally intolerable." White House chief of staff Leon Panetta, appearing on CNN's "Late Edition," said, "We cannot in any way tolerate the sale of technology that would give Iran a nuclear capacity.

ELECTION

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ing even if the center closes. This means that students could be paying at least $3 per quarter for an empty building.

An ASI press release confirmed that there would be a $1.90 increase in fees regardless of election results. This money would be used to cover the financial responsibilities of the closed center.

For the past three years, the Children's Center's expenses has exceeded their income by approximately $150,000 each year. Currently, funding for the center comes from student fees. But because ASI underestimated the center's expenses, these fees were not substantial to keep it running.

If the new referendum passes, the increase in fees should cover the center's current expenses and allow for the center to continue operation.

Hey, on college campuses those "in the know" are the ones who rule. There are lots of tricky things for you to learn at college, but here's something that's easy: KNOW THE CODE, and save the person on the other end some serious money. You'll be glad you did.

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SPORTS

Cal Poly hurls turn back San Diego State

The move up in the standings began with last weekend's series against Sacramento State when Cal Poly's pitching staff turned its performance around. Cal Poly's pitching staff held Sacramento State to five runs — the lowest amount of runs allowed by the pitching staff in a three-game series — and earned its first shutout. Their winning ways continued into this weekend's series.

After winning the first two games on Friday and Saturday, Cal Poly squeezed out a 6-5 win over San Diego State Sunday to get its fifth win in the last six games.

Senior left fielder Bret Murray and sophomore third baseman each had home-runs and Mustangs' relievers Tony Coats and Jason Nett held off a late rally by San Diego State to preserve the win.

Senior starter Rob Crossley (5-0) allowed eight hits and three runs over 5 1/3 innings to get the win. Nett came on to pitch the ninth inning earned his second save as he shut down the Aztecs after they pulled within a run in the eighth inning.

Saturday, R.J. Simone (1-2) pitched the Mustangs' best games of the season as he earned his first victory since April 1, leading Cal Poly to a 10-3 win. He struck out 12 Aztec batters and held them to just three runs on five hits as his teammates provided him with the offensive support.

The Mustangs chased San Diego State starter Daniel Murray (1-3) for seven runs before he was lifted for reliever Justin Raymond in the fifth inning.

With the score tied at 2-2 after both teams got their runs in the second inning, sophomore designated hitter Jim Maidment got a base hit with the bases loaded in the fourth inning, driving in two runs to put Cal Poly up 4-2.

After the Aztecs got a hit in the half of the fourth inning to cut Cal Poly's lead in half, 4-3, the Mustangs struck for three runs in the fifth inning.

A two-out single by sophomore catcher Matt Pries off Raymond drove in two runs. Then after Aztecs' coach Jim Dietz went to his bullpen again, bringing in reliever Adam Vinch, sophomore Boyd Dodds smashed a double to drive in another run and extend the lead to 7-3.

With the score tied at 1-1, the Mustangs chased San Diego State starter Dan Logan (1-3) for three runs in the seventh inning.

Cal Poly took the first game of the series Friday, winning 5-3 behind an impressive performance by sophomore pitcher Shanton Stephens (6-6) who won his second-straight game.

Fourth-ranked Cal State Fullerton rode the arm of pitching ace Jen Mortensen to take both ends of a double-header at Cal Poly Friday.

In its final home series of the season, 23rd-ranked Cal Poly failed to help themselves come any closer to one of the 32 playoff berths in the NCAA postseason tournament to begin later this month.

The Mustangs sent its best pitcher in the mound in both games. But freshman Davey Baker, who entered the season second in the nation with a 0.34 ERA — was unable to get Cal Poly a split in the series which would have significantly improved its chances of qualifying for postseason play.

Mortensen, who had relieved Titans' starter Gabby Guerrero after the first inning, shut the Mustangs down in back-to-back at the beginning of each inning.

In the eighth inning, they went to the International 'Tie-Breaking' rule in the tenth inning whereby a runner is placed at second base at the beginning of each inning.

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