Cal Poly professors publish for professional development

By April Charlton
Mustang Daily

O utside the classroom, Cal Poly faculty members are encouraged to further their professional development. In the College of Liberal Arts this development takes the shape of poetry, short stories, literary essays and fiction novels.

Robert Gish, a professor and director of the ethnic studies department, started writing critical, analytical articles about other authors in the late 1960s. Some of these include "William Carlos Williams: The Short Fiction," "Beautiful Swift: Etna Ferretti and the Southwest" and "Hamlit Garland: The Far West."

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Cal Poly professor and adviser for Cal Poly's Jewish club Hillel, Stuart Goldenberg said, "... (Most other universitites) have avoided this problem, by giving a day off. Cal Poly was behind the times."

According to Freberg, a University of California, Los Angeles alumna observing Jewish holidays for most schools— including UCLA and University of California, Santa Barbara— is not even a question.

The issue of changing the academic calendar was brought to the Senate's Instructional Committee, in charge of dealing with academic calendar issues, by California State University Chancellor Charles Reed.

"We got to the attention of the Anti-Defamation League of San Francisco, helped to lobby Reed by writing a controversial article that concluded anti-Semitism is alive and well at Cal Poly."

Reed contacted Cal Poly President Warren Baker to express his concerns, and he believed that a hearing was needed to discuss the conflict.

"We got to the attention of the Anti-Defamation League, because (Cal Poly) was different. Most Cal State Universities start school in August, because they are on semesters; they did not really have to address this issue," Freberg said.

Hillel and Cal Poly professor Mike Blum, president of the Congregation Beth David supported the hearing and contacted Freberg.

Many students, faculty, members of the community and Rabbi Norman T. Mendel of Congregation Beth David were present at the hearing. Additional supporters, mostly students and parents, wrote Baker expressing their concerns, which were read at the hearing.

According to Freberg, one Cal Poly student who works at an area temple spoke to the Senate about the hardship of observing the holiday while worrying about being dropped from classes.

"I knew a committee would be looking at this issue, and it was our committee," Freberg said. "We tried to assess the issue in a way that would benefit the most and hurt the least. It is always a tricky issue when dealing with the academic calendar and number of school days.

The committee came to the conclusion that one less day in the fall quarter would not have a significant effect, since it's the longest quarter of the school year by three days.

After the hearing, the Senate voted to pass the resolution.

However, the number of instruc- tional days is not the only concern people have for the resolution.

"I have consulted a number of faculty who have strong feelings against the resolution," Freberg said. "They came down hard on the issue of separation between church and state, and they expressed their concerns on other groups wanting to do the same."

Senate chair Myron Hood is wary about the effect this resolution will have on other organizations.

"I personally have some reservations, I think about what will happen if other organizations want to do the same," Hood said.

According to Freberg, there was discussion in the Senate whether or not the resolution would create a domino effect.

"We have not seen the concerns of other groups," Freberg said. "If we do, we will deal with that, but the likelihood is low of another religious group's holiday starting on the first day of school."

Goldenberg also has mixed feelings about the resolution, but remains glad the academic calendar has been changed.

"The first day of class is generally an important day for students, and I am glad that it is not in conflict with the two most religious holidays of the Jewish religion, but I have to see something special set up for any particular group," Goldenberg said.

Many Hillel students are also glad that the resolution has been passed.

"I think it is something they should do," said electrical engineering senior Jonathan Becher. "I have heard the argument that they can't do this for every religious holiday, but they would never think of starting school on Christmas."

Former Cal Poly student Randy Finger agrees the resolution will be much more convenient for Jewish students. Last year, Finger took off two days of school to observe the holidays.

"It is difficult to cater to every- one's needs, but I can tell you that the Jews at Cal Poly really appreciate it," Finger said.

Although the committee did pass the resolution, it will only affect Jewish students for one year because Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur fall on a lunar calendar, and after Fall 1999 they will not affect the start of school until 2012.
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Many of the stories and characters in Gish's collections of short stories, like "Bad Boys and Black Sheep: Fateful Tales from the West" and "First Horses: Stories of the New West," are for the most part set in the land of painted hills, cowboys and Indians — New Mexico. "I write about the ethnicity of the American West," Gish said. "I'm considering a New Mexico writer."
The ethnic studies director's newest book, "Dreams of Quivira: Stories In Search Of The Golden West," is a collection of seven short stories. Since Gish writes about the American West, one wouldn't expect the second story in this book, "Apple Core, Baltimore," to be set at an agricultural university on the Central Coast of California, however, it is.

Gish said since he has been in California for many years and away from the land of enchantment (New Mexico), he can't help but bring the Golden State into his stories. "Dreams of Quivira" is available at El Corral in the campus authors section.

Another author whose works are available in this section is English lecturer Paula Huston.

Huston, who has been writing for about 20 years, wrote her first book at age 7. She sees herself as a fiction writer, but she is still evolving. "I took a trip last year that took me to seven different countries and around the world," Huston said. "I'm writing an essay about my experiences on the trip; that's why I say my writing is changing."
The English lecturer is also putting the finishing touches on a collection of short stories she has been working on for the last 12 years. She said she travels a lot, so many of the short stories are set in different countries and are reflections of her experiences.

She has written her first novel, "Daughters of Song," in 1995, which takes place in the classical piano world of a Baltimore conservatory. The story focuses on the life of Sylvia, a young piano prodigy who struggles to understand Beethoven and her life.

Currently, Huston is working on a personal essay that will appear with the works of seven other authors in an anthology due out in April of next year. According to Huston, "Sacraments," will feature personal essays from each author, based on some aspect of Catholicism.

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Velaquez said these outages usually happen when few people are on their computers. "Usually they do it at about five in the morning," said the computer science professor. "It probably lasts for about half an hour to an hour."

During a main network outage, computers on campus will not be able to connect to the Internet. This means no e-mail for students and no access to online student services.

While on-campus systems are down, students also cannot reach the system from off-campus computers.
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and the pushers of the Cal Poly Plan are spewing at us. For instance, if you are a sophomore (four years plus and you're still here) have hopes of finishing off those last general education courses this fall with the Poly Plan money, think again. The majority, if not all, of the funds are planned for upper division courses, computers, and other technologies "necessary" in maintaining Cal Poly's academic excellence. In a 1994 SNAPS survey only 19.4 percent of students felt GE class availability satisfied their needs. Today I would wager that percentage is cut in half. Does Cal Poly Plan address this all too important issue? Does the new Poly Plan? We know the answer now, straight from the horse's mouth.

Second, the university is better off than it would have been if you believe. When we transformed Cal Poly into Cal Peps, the university was endowed with almost $2 million, and we have some of the highest alumni support in the system. What did we do with all that cash? Address the "academic excellence" needs that have become the cornerstone of the administration's argument for the Cal Poly Plan. Upgrade dilapidated labs! Hire more faculty! Sorry ladies, the Sports Complex took most of the cake. A project that is over budget, unneeded, and stretching the resources of a California State University institution.

Lastly, there is a piece of legislation in the works in Sacramento, a frightening piece of legislation. SB-22 is a bill that would lower nation 12 percent from what we pay now in the CSU and U of California systems. Ten percent, roughly $34,700, of our tuition costs will be eliminated in the fiscal year 1999-2000 if the bill passes. Here is the interesting and yet frightening part. In fiscal year '98-'99 the state increased five percent and the lost state revenue was back funded from other sources to maintain financial balance in the education budget. This time around, no back fill is planned to make up the hole left by a fee reduction. The proposed Cal Poly Plan fee increase is $135 per student. Now is in order for the university to "break even." $34,700 in the fee increase must immediately go toward the gap, leaving even less per student toward the new and improved Poly Plan. The bottom line is the administration is seeking up for the political minuses of a few cynical state senators hundreds of miles away, and not giving us all the facts.

So why hasn't the administration been honest with us? Please don't tell me they couldn't have known about it. If a political science sophomore could do a little digging, I am sure the combined education of our administrative council could have found out as well. This leads to my theory of administrative thinking when orchestrating the new Poly Plan: 1) make up the gap; 2) hope the Poly Plan, as our cover, 3) get donors for break time; and 4) informit at students, without a referendum. Doesn't it make a little more sense now? Hundred backs outs President Baker will make a compromise, and say "Well, tell you what, we'll just raise it $54." Pleasing dissenting students and accomplishing the ultimate mission, close the possible gap. Makes you think, doesn't it?

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Cal Poly conversations

Editor:

The following conversation took place a few months ago, between a Cal Poly student and a representative of our fine campus. In a community shower, they began to converse.

Cal Greedy: We'd like $150 more per quarter, to improve our fine educational system. Joe Student: Last time I checked, I'm pretty happy with my education, and I just had class an hour ago. I picked this school because of its value and fine education. So, no, Cal Greedy. But if you vote it down this year, in 1998, we'll just force it upon you next year, in 1999. Besides, you'll just spend it frivolously on alcohol and dates. Your money is better off with us.

Joe Student: Um, isn't it my right to spend my money the way I choose?

Cal Greedy: Rights?! You're a student at Cal Poly, for crying out loud. We want, we take. This isn't a democracy!

Joe Student: That would explain the Pepsi machines everywhere. But what about tood. I use that money to eat.

Cal Greedy: We'll give everyone two free gourmet meals at the Lighthouse for every $150 more they spend.

Joe Student: That would explain the Pepsi machines again.

Cal Creedy: We'd like $150 more per quarter, to help our products comply with instrument regulations. You will also conduct inspections and audits, work closely with regulatory agencies, and document and report findings in a timely manner.

Joe Student: I guess I don't really have a choice, do I?

Cal Greedy: No, we'll have it done in the Health Center for $75. You'll have to wait a few hours. Make sure you park outside, in that new parking meter that doesn't work, so we can give you a $20 parking ticket, too.

Joe Student: Well, I take the bus.

Cal Greedy: Oh, darn. The bus isn't going to be free for students much longer.

Joe Student: Oh, that's great.

Cal Greedy: Hey, I dropped my soap. Could you pick it up for me?

Joe Student: I guess I don't really have a choice, do I?

Cal Greedy: Nope.

Brian Ramsay and Jason Hart are graphic communication sophomores.

Aquittal for wrong reasons

Editor:

It is about time for a writer to speak the truth on what really happened and the effect it will have on this country's future. As someone who must abide by the laws, I feel it is necessary to look at which laws were broken and the penalties for those laws.

Bill Clinton broke laws that would have landed the average citizen in prison and without a job, but he walks away unaccountable! This is me as a ship$†n$ the face by our judicial system! Until the decision to acquit our President, I felt the government's checks and balances system was an efficient way to keep them in line, but now it seems

Letters to the editor

that it was just one more place. Stick Willie could squirm through as long as he told one more lie.

Though it worked with the average American, so I guess I shouldn't be surprised. It's too bad the House and Senate were too weak-willed to stand up and finally do something that needed to be done for the good of the country, whether the country felt it should be done or not. I guess re-election was more important than leadership. Now, I feel the people should lead by saying this is wrong and not re-elect any politician who stood in defense of the行政部门 acts of Clinton.

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Americans should be indicted

Editor:

I agree with Jamie Rudolph's column "You're under arrest," February 22, concerning the double standards and hypocrisy of the American people. They have lost their marbles, to say the least. However, I feel they don't deserve to be indicted (accused, arrested, convicted) for not throwing Clinton and his clique (clown, factotum, cronie) out of office! Where is a good feminist when you need one?

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FOOTBALL
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The start of this offseason was anything but commonplace, as senior football players lashed out at Welsh for his handling of the team. Nevertheless, it has all simmered down for now.

Senior football players lashed out at Welsh

After the season ended in November, a group of senior football players contacted Mustang Daily to express their concerns of Welsh. Five players (James Lombardi, Harry Hadley, Kevin Balestri, Ben Winter and Keith Hatter) interviewed with Mustang Daily.

Players' grievances of Welsh included such issues as organization, academic support, discipline, communication and lack of support and recruiting.

An advisory board, set up by Welsh, composed of four seniors-to-be and some underclassmen, will now address any communication concerns players have in the future. According to the players who came forth with their concerns about Welsh, facts they presented were gathered during the 1997 (10-1) season and the 1998 (3-8) season. Lombardi, a fifth-year senior, said in December the players went public, because he and others didn't want to keep something this serious to themselves.

While the football players talked to Mustang Daily during the first week of December, only five of the 16 seniors on the team met with Athletic Director John McCutcheon to go over a four-page outline pinpointing their concerns.

In a January interview, McCutcheon reiterated that some of the players' concerns were legit and others didn't deserve such merit.

After talking with players, McCutcheon dismissed the players' worries with Welsh. Despite the level of criticism, McCutcheon said Welsh's job was never in jeopardy.

One of the players Welsh expects big things out of is Linebacker Dustin Kroeker, a transfer from Bakersfield College. Kroeker should battle for a starting position, since veterans Scott Herring and Pat Behr will graduate.

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New recruits bring smiles

Like a puzzle, the pieces seem to be coming into place for Welsh with 16 new student-athletes for next season.

Welsh didn't single out any player in particular who might come in to make an immediate impact, but said he hopes every new player can step up from the outset to contribute.

The only out-of-state player who signed recently with the Mustangs is Speedo Sandus, a kicker/coach out of Houston, Texas. He will compete with junior Sal Rivas for the kicking duties. Sandus holds all the kicking records from Longhurn Creek High School.

Mike O'Gorman, a wide receiver from Santa Margarita, also recently gave an oral commitment to Cal Poly. His 61 receptions ranked him third among Orange County receivers last year.

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Williams will officially step down at the end of the week.

Dave Baldwin, head San Jose State coach, recently contacted Williams to see if he could serve in the same capacity.

"It's a better position for me," Williams said. "It's a chance to coach at a higher level (Division I-A) if someone decided to want me."

Baldwin also expressed concern at such a great place like Cal Poly, but I also want to continue concentrating on my future goals. What really want to accomplish is to become a general manager for an NFL franchise. I want to thank the people at Cal Poly for my (coaching) starting point."

During his brief stint with Cal Poly, he made a great impression amongst players and coaches. With his background, it's no wonder.

Williams became the Buffalo Bills first round selection in 1990 (16th overall). During his three years playing cornerback at Buffalo, he reached the Super Bowl three times. He also garnered All-Rookie team honors in 1990.

"It was a pleasure to work with coach Williams," said Mustang senior cornerback Kiko Griffin, who credits Williams with helping develop Poly's America Reads program to ensure all SLO city first graders can read at grade level. FT 1 YR, BA Req. $75/Mo + health ins. +$4700 ed award Start April 756-5839

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Yes, there is an art to verbally abusing an opposing player and, at its best, Cal Poly fans desperately need to learn.

New head coach Larry Webb has been in an isolation cell since Friday, when he tossed a television set against jail bars in an inmate recreation area. He reportedly became agitated after leaving a guard hanging up a telephone he was using.

"Officials have three working days to have a hearing to consider all the facts relevant to the incident," Selmon said. "At this point, we are not considering criminal charges." Tyson could lose "good time" — credit based on an inmate's behavior in jail — and privileges.

Jail officials Monday assessed Tyson's medical care, said a low enforcement source, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The 32-year-old boxer is serving a one-year sentence for assaulting two men after a minor traffic accident in August in suburban Washington. His jail term occurred two days after jail officials began withholding his daily dose of Zoloft, an antidepressant medication prescribed to manage what doctors have described as mood swings, a young source who requested anonymity told The Associated Press.

NEW YORK (AP) — Baseball is promising to crack down on differing interpretations of the strike zone, telling umpires the official definition will be "more strictly enforced" by umpires this year.

The move was immediately attacked as "deplorable" by the head of the umpires' union.

In one of the first moves of the newly formed commissioner's office under Bud Selig — and one that could provoke anger among umpires — the decision was made by Sandy Alderson, the new executive director of baseball operations.

"We have a firm belief that the strike zone must be clearly defined," said Joe Nolan, the No. 2 official of the National Association of Baseball Umpires, which is also part of Major League Baseball.

"The move appears designed to get umpires to call 'high strikes.' "In recent years, umpires rarely call any pitch above the belt a strike.

"I don't see how anyone could say we're going to more strictly enforce a rule," Phillips said. "The umpires enforce all of the rules. That's been their job for more than 100 years. It is deplorable for the commissioner's office to indicate that the umpires have not strictly enforced all of the rules."

In a rarity, the players' association backed owners.

"There has never been a good reason for why players should have to adjust to 32 different strike zones, the same effort to make the strike zone more uniform is to be welcomed," said Gene Orza, the No. 2 official of the players union.

The existence of the memo, which was sent to teams Friday, was first reported Monday by the Los Angeles Times, and a copy of the memo was obtained by The Associated Press.

"This is to inform you that, at the direction of commissioner Selig, and after consultation with the league presidents, the strike zone as defined in the official playing rules will be more strictly enforced in 1999 umpires in both leagues," Alderson wrote to teams.

According to the rules, the strike zone is defined as "a horizontal line at the midpoint between the top of the shoulder and the top of the uniform pants" to a line "a full inch below the knee pad."