

Students, professors combine talents to create 'Cafeteria II'

An innovative group of San Diego State students and professors recently put together a second collection of their own poetry and art into a book.

The book, *Cafeteria II*, is unique in its purpose and origin. According to co-editors Gordon Preston and Patrick Hickey, the purpose of the book is two-fold.

"Our main purpose is to present art and poetry to the community by members of the community itself. We also wanted to make a book that people could enjoy without spending a lot of money," they said.

The book is already making in-roads into the college community. It is currently required reading for three creative writing classes at San Diego State and two more at Grossmont Junior College.

Fred Boe, comparative literature instructor at San Diego State, says the making of the book shows there is some kind of cultural life on campus.

"There are people with enough sense of creativity and independence to put together this kind of book,"

Boe said. "The poetry, while un-even, shows an exciting variety of poetic voices and themes with occasional flashes of genuine poetic excellence," he added.

The book is innovative because there are five college professors, four from San Diego State, who contributed their poetry and time in making the book. The four professors from SDSC are Rick Demarinis, Karl Keller, Fred Moramarco and Peter Olafioye. Lloyd Norwood, instructor at Grossmont Junior College, was the fifth professor who contributed."

Cafeteria II was initiated by a group of students, six of whom attend San Diego State.

The staff of *Cafeteria II* is in the planning stages of making another book and it is open to anyone who is genuinely interested in its promotion.

Cafeteria II is currently available at Middle Earth Books, 6367 El Cajon Blvd., San Diego.