Former senator promotes educational growth

By Joe Brooks Daily Staff Writer

Finding new ways to meet the needs of a changing educational system was the focus of the Central Coast Education Commission at a meeting Thursday in Chumash Auditorium.

Keynote speaker Gary Hart, former state senator and director of the California State University Institute for Education Reform, challenged the commission to review the current schooling conditions.

The Central Coast Education Commission, established in January 1994, is a collaboration between the Office of the San Luis Obispo County Superintendent of Schools and The University Center for Teacher Education at Cal Poly.

Its purpose is to create consensus on educational trends, provide planning and develop recommendations for programs and services in San Luis Obispo.

State Sen. Jack O'Connell (D-BL0) and the members of the commission's task force listened intently as Hart described the issues the commission was facing in educational reform.

"Moving on to a commitment to improve schools and meet the challenges of a changing world," Hart said.

Hart, who spent 20 years on the state legislature, outlined several primary challenges for educational reform: poverty, limited English proficiency and a point of living, educational systems.

With many students facing poverty, limited English proficiency and a point of living, educational systems have been forced to devise new ways to deal with these problems.

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UPCOMING

The Surfrider Foundation, San Luis Bay Chapter is offering two beach clean ups on Sept. 23 at the following locations and times:

1. Avila Beach Pier (park west of the pier) at 9 a.m.
2. Big Sur San Dollar Beach (Plasket Creek Campground Day-use area) 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

For more information, contact the Surfrider Foundation, San Luis Bay Chapter at 773-1489.

The San Luis Obispo Association for the Education of Young Children (SLOAEYC) will be having a membership drive Sept. 27, 70s/40s. Clear skies, coastal morning clouds.

The League of Woman Voters will be on campus Sept. 28, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. to give students and faculty an opportunity to sign petitions regarding campaign finance reform. RSVP and get directions from Cynde Felch at 549-9482.

The Physics Colloquium will be meeting Sept. 28, 11:10 a.m. in the Science 52 E-45 building. The topics to be discussed are close coupling approximation and R-matrix approximation of electron-hydrogen scattering.

Agenda items: c/o Natosha Collins, Graphic Arts 226, Cal Poly 93407

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MARSH: End to Marsh street construction promised before the holidays

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"It makes no sense to repave the road, then go back and tear it up later when the water and sewer lines are (already) quite old," Settle said.

Earlier this year, age-worn water and sewer mains on various sections of the street were either replaced or constructed, costing $750,000 and completed last July. Now it appears the second construction project will be done by November both for sewer lines are (already) quite old," Settle said.

"Sometimes people driving down the street see construction going on and wonder if the businesses are closed," Settle said. "The advertising and promotion helps get the word out."

Pierce said there were fewer complaints from business owners than expected. "Some complained about the noise and lack of parking, but it's hard to have them both," he said. "It's inconvenient, but we do the best we can to facilitate parking and keep the noise level down."

A 24-hour complaint hotline was set up to take callers' concerns at 543-0300. As an incentive, Madonna Construction could be awarded $2,500 per day for each day it is ahead of schedule, Settle said.

Construction crews are working 12-to 14-hour days plus nights and weekends to get the job done, Settle said. For its size, the project is taking half the time to complete because of the extended work hours, he said. As an incentive, Madonna Construction could be awarded $2,500 per day for each day it is ahead of schedule, Settle said.

Drivers on Marsh Street in downtown San Luis Obispo will not have to deal with traffic hassles like this one for much longer / Daily photo by Juan Martinez
Another August, Please
Matt Mongas

Ask any student to identify the worst day of the year, and he or she will probably respond, "The first day of school; I hate the first day of school!"

Who can blame them? Call it a case of Summer Withdrawal. But privately, I think most people mourn the loss of summer like a child mourns the loss of a beloved toy. After all, people wish they could extend summer for a few more weeks, or months, or, preferably, years.

But we can enjoy no such luck. September 18 arrived on time this year.

Prepared for another round of fashionable learning at the Ivory Tower, you navigate your way toward school like a reluctant preschooler. A jittery, apprehensive feeling—that same feeling you experienced on the first day of kindergarten—takes hold.

You wake up at a time you would rather be elsewhere, anywhere. Somehow relaxing in the deck of a 52-foot yacht anchored in the Caribbean, sipping margaritas with members of the Swedish bikini team.

But, as luck would have it, you're not sipping margaritas on the deck of your 52-foot yacht. Hell, you don't even own a yacht, and even if you did, the closest relationship you have with that bikini- clad blonde is a poster of a Bud girl hugging from the ceiling of your bedroom.

So you keep walking toward the Ivory Tower, subconsciously wishing you weren't hovering for a better way to make the back-to-school transition. You're experiencing a severe case of Summer Withdrawal.

You've so buoyed out about the arrival of school that you wish, for the benefit of people worldwide, you could regulate the speed of time. Because if you could, it sure as hell wouldn't be September 18, 1995. If you had your way, you'd eliminate September and October altogether.

And so, you continue to ponder this crazy weekday as you wander toward your first class. And then it hits you—a severe case of Summer Withdrawal.

Most people think astrology is silly. And they're right.

Can you really believe that big, swirling masses of dirt and gas can have any affect on our lives? Ridiculous! Everyone knows Senate members stay in Washington where there are plenty of underearning astrologers.

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No one in our enlightened age takes such nonsense seriously. Everyone knows that no newspaper in America (except the Wall Street Journal, which focuses on even more esoteric means of fortune telling) carries a horoscope for dearth of sales. No one in their right mind would make such an irrational purchase.

Yeah, and there aren't dream catchers hanging from rearview mirrors like fuzzy dice in an earlier age. Bookstores never have displays of Tarot cards.

So, in a journalistic endeavor that the Washington Post could envy, I've done exhaustive research on astrology to enlighten you, gentle reader. Be assured that you will receive nothing but the highest-quality information, as I have perused a whole book and poked into several astrology stores. You're in good hands.

Your chart depends on what house your planets were in when you were born. I suppose this is based on the assumption that birth was your worst trauma. But if you ever tried to buy a present for your mom on Christmas Eve, you know real trauma.

All right, houses are, as far as I can tell, the zodiac signs, such as Taurus and Chrysler. As the Earth spins around (or, for hard-core Bible junkies, the heavens spin around the Earth) the planets rest in the different constellations.

This must drive serious astronomers nuts. These guys spend millions on observatories, but for important things, like big rocks that will hit the earth and bring an ultimate end to the Clinton administration. They take themselves pretty seriously, and while a bunch of hippies started to co-opt their gig, they must have been pretty chagrined.

Anyway, the main function of astrology in the sixties was to get everyone to learn their signs, so when they got off LSD and started going to multi-level bars, guys with chains and open shirts could have easy pickup lines. "Hey babe, what's your tertiary ascendant mode?"

The first thing to find out is your sun sign. That's what house the sun was in when you were born. My question about this is: What if it was nighttime when you were born? While labor pains may begin during day, actual birth can only be born in the dead of night when your obstetrician is on vacation.

Anyway, that's how you figure out your planets. The planets stand for different things. Venus governs your love life, Mars, your aggressiveness, and Saturn, your ability to market a new brand of cars by having extremely multicultural people in your commercials.

To make things even more difficult, the planets "rule" the signs. So if Jupiter rules Pieces and your Pieces is in Jupiter, then you become a fish and help the U.S. Navy blow up Nazi submarines. Wait, that's only if you're Don Knotts. My mistake.

But once you get into astrology much further than that, you lose me. When I started to read about angles and ascendants and complements and node, my brain switched over to "math class" mode and it took hours to clean the drool off my desk.

So I really can't say how one should go about figuring out such things, except to say that Sydney Omar and Linda Goodman write pretty darn good books on the subject. As far as I can tell...

Dawn Pillsbury is the Daily Opinion editor and expectant mother in training.

**Your Daily Horoscope**

In keeping with the theme of today's commentary, we are furnishing our readers with astrological predictions based on the most exact, scientific methods possible.

Namely, we are making it up. Remember, this is for entertainment only, and even if it says that if you get out of bed today you'll be possessed by demonic spirits and you use it and miss a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to invest in Hillary Clinton's special cattle futures, you can't sue me. Nyah, nyah, nyah.

Aries: Don't you feel sheepish? (Get it? Aries is a sheep?) Watch out for falling objects, such as stockbrokers.

Taurus: Watch out for agriculture majors! Stalin, Lenin, Hitler, and Saddam Hussein were all Taurus. May the odds be ever in the rebel's favor.

Gemini: This is one of those signs that nobody really knows what it means, but if you say anything about it, everybody in the room turns out to be one. Forgetwork.

Cancer: Be careful of being too demanding in your relationships. Love that seafood. Your lucky numbers are 6, 34, 986 and 223547375147.529047672.

Leo: Yummy Christians, eh? Your power colors are pace and peon-green. Wear them together for extra go. Chuck Aquarius message for Clue.

Virgo: I'll refrain from any adolescent, snobbish comments here. Stay out of the way of dragons.

Libra: see "Gemini."

Scorpio: Try to be kind, for your "venom" can hurt the "insects" you lord it over. Your lucky numbers are 5.6 and pi to the eighth decimal.

Sagittarius: Don't let people push you around. Guns can help. Blue will best enhance your powers of perception today.

Capricorn: Make time for fun. The accounting homework can wait. Wear subdued colors, and for heaven's sake, stop wearing those awful shirts.

Aquarius: Don't be intimidated by the endless mound of work ahead of you. Sure, you may fall tim and time again, but in 5 billion years, the sun will go nova and destroy all your copy anyway. The butler did it.

Pisces: Try not to be so moody. Stop slouching. Do your homework. What would your mother think? I'm not even going to tell you what to wear, you'll just wear those rags anyway.
No 'Canterbury Tales' as school decides whether it's too racy

By Christopher Wills
Anchored Post

**EUREKA, Ill. (AP) —** "The Canterbury Tales" is a classic that sometimes bawdy staple of English literature, is of concern to high school seniors during a debate over whether it's too raunchy for their grade level.

Parents and students in this central Illinois community have quietly complained that portions of the 14th Century classic are too racy, school officials said Thursday.

In a 7-0 vote, the Eureka School Board told Nancy Quinn to stop distributing copies of "The Canterbury Tales" with the 45 students in her college-preparatory English class because it reviews the textbook.

"I don't like anything by not teaching Chaucer, but I think my students do," Quinn said.

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The Federal Emergency Management Agency on Thursday increased its estimates of the scope of damage on both St. Thomas and St. John islands, as were tom open by the storm, but its reports have varied so greatly from day to day that they are not considered reliable.

The latest report from Washington headquarters said some 20-30 percent of all the businesses on St. Thomas were destroyed, as were 60 percent of the homes, with the rest of the homes uninhabitable. Thirty percent of the homes on St. John were destroyed and 60 percent were roofless. St. Croix suffered much less damage.

Coordinating military, charitable and commercial aircraft, as well as boats and barges, FEMA has succeeded in six days in bringing 1,500 emergency personnel and 1.3 million tons of goods to the Virgin Islands, the agency said.

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Clinton proposes computers in all schools

By Tom Koenig
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — President Clinton, going on line and propounding a听着 like the one mounted to build the nation's rail and highway systems.

Clinton also asserted that his presidency wouldn't be diverted by the attention given to a possible presidential bid by retired Army Gen. Colin Powell. But in a live radio interview with Larry King, Clinton said Powell would make a formidable candidate who had "a very compelling life story."

He wished Powell well on sales of his new book.

On a cross-country, weeklong blitz to raise funds for his re-election campaign, Clinton said he hadn't decided yet when he'd formally announce his candidacy — but added that it doesn't matter.

"Everyone knows I intend to run again. I hope to put it off as long as possible," he said.

Clinton put a focus on high-tech education during his 20th visit to California, announcing an initiative for a government-industry venture to link the nation's schools by computer by the end of the century.

Announcing the program at a science museum in San Francisco, Clinton said that developing schoolchildren's computer skills is "just as essential as teaching them to read and write and the new math."

Administration officials said specifics of the plan would be announced later in the fall, but that the overall goal was Internet access for all elementary and high schools.

The program was expected to rely heavily on contributions from the communications, information and computer industries.

Clinton followed up the announcement with the radio interview with King, in which he not only took questions from callers but responded to one sent to the show — sponsored by the radio network Westwood One — via the Internet.

In his most detailed response to date to a potential presidential candidacy by Powell, Clinton said, "I've worked with him and I like him. I think he's got a very compelling life story... I think his book will do very well."

But he dodged a question on whether he planned to read Powell's autobiography. "I was kind of hoping he'd send me an autographed copy. He hasn't sent one yet."

At heart, Clinton said of Powell, "He's kind of a new Democrat."

"He's a very impressive man. He's got a lot of very favorable publicity, most of it well deserved. But I have no control over that. I have to do the job people gave me."
HART: Children's educational needs come first

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has been slower, leading to reduced earning power and a higher poverty ratio for many families.

These issues contribute to a strain on the educational system. According to Hart, these challenges only increase the importance of the commission's activities.

"What you are engaged in is an extremely important activity... all children can learn and all children will learn," Hart said.

Task forces, working in conjunction with the commission and consisting of recommended members of the community, tackled tough areas such as: diversity and opportunity, technology for learning, curriculum development, school family and community partnerships, and workplace and careers.

"We need to focus on the needs of the children," Hart said.

The Commission will meet again in Chumash Auditorium on Dec. 6 to review the first draft of the task force reports.

Quayle to lead Dole's group in support of Republicans

By Jane Egg

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a dramatic overture to social conservatives, GOP presidential front-runner Bob Dole announced Thursday that Dan Quayle would take charge of a new political committee Dole has used to support Republican candidates for nearly two decades.

In becoming chairman of Campaign America, the former vice president did not endorse Dole's presidential campaign. But Dole aides predicted the association would solidify Dole's standing with Christian conservatives, an important Republican primary constituency.

"I can think of no American who is better qualified to lead the battle for biblical principles in the vital elections that lie ahead," Dole, the Senate majority leader, said in a statement. "Dan Quayle has been a trailblazer for issues and ideas that sparked the Republican revolution of 1994. At the helm of Campaign America, he is sure to keep up that fight."

Quayle was on the verge of quitting the Senate early this year, after assessing the daunting hurdles. He later ruled out running for Indiana governor next year but said he would like to seek the presidency down the road.

Quayle has been looking for a way to raise his political profile, while expanding his own political network. Dole made to economic conservatives earlier this year in arranging for Jack Kemp, the former Reagan White House aide, to be named chairman of a Republican commission studying proposals for dramatic tax reform.

"Senator Dole is clearly looking for lots of ways to send messages to the conservative base of the party," said Gary Bauer, a political adviser who spoke on condition of anonymity. "That is why Bob Dole wants a strong Republican agenda, that he is putting a great deal of money where his mouth is."

Since the 1987-88 cycle, Dole has used Campaign America to contribute more than $2 million to scores of state, local and federal Republican candidates, according to computerized Federal Election Commission records.

In last year's campaigns alone, Campaign America contributed nearly $770,000 to 1994 GOP campaigns and committees. It has about $1.7 million in the bank and already has contributed $150,000 to 1995 and 1996 GOP hopefuls.

"The people of this country want a strong Republican agenda to lead us into the next century," Quayle said in a statement. "That is why Bob Dole founded Campaign America, and that is why I will be proud to serve as its chairman." He had no comment beyond the statement.

Dole established Campaign America in 1978. It has become a vehicle for building support among congressional colleagues and in key states, who contribute more than $2 million to scores of state, local and federal Republican candidates, according to computerized Federal Election Commission records. Such PACs have become an important vehicle for building support among congressional colleagues and in key states.

They are frequently criticized by advocates of campaign reform, who complain that the PACs allow special interests to curry additional favor on influential lawmakers after they have made the maximum contribution to personal campaign committees.
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WASHINGTON (AP) — With Democrats vowing a fight to the end, House Republicans sketched a future for Medicare on Monday that blends cost controls on doctors and hospitals with higher premiums for senior citizens and sweeteners to nudge them into cheaper alternatives.

"No one should be forced to choose, but everyone should have the right to choose" an alternative to the 30-year-old fee-for-service coverage, House Speaker Newt Gingrich said, providing partial details of a plan intended to achieve $270 billion in savings over seven years.

Democrats said the changes were designed to finance GOP tax cuts for the rich — not to shore up the solvency of the Medicare system, as Republicans contended. "We may lose, but we're going to go down fighting," vowed House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt, D-Mo.

To underscore their determination to resist, Democrats vowed to hold a hearing Friday on the lawn outside the Capitol to compete with the formal session held indoors by Republicans.

Democrats were also frustrated Thursday as Republicans in the House Commerce Committee rejected a series of proposals to soften legislation to turn health care for the poor over to the states.

The committee was expected to finish work on the Medicaid bill Friday. It would cut the program's growth rate in half and is intended to save $186 billion over seven years.

Despite a nationally televised news conference on Medicare, the GOP stopped short of providing full details of a plan expected to be voted on in committees in the next few days. They offered no accounting on how the $270 billion would be achieved — how much from Congress and how much from the savings achieved by reducing costs to doctors and hospitals; and how much from a "look-back" series of controls that would kick in if the other options failed to produce the desired savings.

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Desert quakes could signal more tremors to come soon

By Jane L. Allen
Associated Press

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — The western Mojave Desert quivered Thursday from aftershocks of the second strong earthquake this summer, latest in a series likely to bring more — and possibly stronger — jolts, a seismologist said.

“It was active in late August. It’s picking up again and we may see it pick up again soon,” Egill Hauksson of the California Institute of Technology said. “There’s no reason to expect this to be over with.”

Based on the size of mapped faults — segments in the crust where earthquakes happen — the lower the number, the closer a fault is to rupture, Hauksson said.

The magnitude-6.8 quake at 4:27 p.m. Wednesday sent tremors throughout Southern California and into Nevada, but caused only minor damage. It was California’s strongest quake so far this year.

By midmorning Thursday, more than 400 aftershocks had been recorded, including a magnitude-4.5 five minutes after the major shock and two magnitude-4 tremors at 12:57 a.m. and 4:49 a.m. Thursday.

The main shock’s epicenter was on sprawling China Lake Naval Weapons Center, 10 miles northwest of Ridgecrest. The desert town along U.S. 395 is about 100 miles north of Los Angeles.

Back on Aug. 17, a magnitude-6.4 temblor struck the same area and technically was a foreshock to Wednesday’s quake, Hauksson said.

But, he said seismologists prefer to think of the quakes as part of a continuing series. He noted that in late 1941, a similar sequence started and "continued with spurts of activity and hiatus in activity for a year."

He compared the Ridgecrest pattern to the Joshua Tree-Landers-Big Bear sequence of 1992, in which a magnitude-6.1 quake occurred at Joshua Tree on April 29, followed by a magnitude-7.3 Landers and magnitude-6.5 Big Bear quakes on June 28. The Landers-Big Bear quakes left one person dead and caused nearly $100 million in damage.

Wednesday’s quake had both horizontal and vertical movement, "which indicates this region is being pulled apart, as opposed to the L.A. Basin being compressed."

The Aug. 17 quake was centered 11 miles north of Ridgecrest on the Airport Lake Fault and has had more than 5,000 aftershocks.

“The most likely situation is there will be very many more aftershocks in the area. There’s a small chance of something bigger. We always say here in California that there’s a 5 percent chance of it being a foreshock to something bigger," said Kate Hutton, a Caltech seismologist.

She said that like most Mojave Desert earthquakes, both the Aug. 17, quake and Wednesday’s temblor were relatively shallow, the latest only 3.3 miles deep. Scientists could not immediately pinpoint the affected fault.

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Peppers will be the Mustangs' first opponent at the tournament when they meet at 7:30 Friday.

Saturday holds two more challenges for the Mustangs as they face Iowa State at 11 a.m., then play the Gauchos at 7:30 p.m. "It’s a grind," Cummings said. "Playing in the morning and evening will be a quality check."

"Santa Barbara is always strong, and Iowa State will be a new (competitor)," Cummings added.

The team has faced a similar schedule in its past three tournaments, and is no stranger to working hard.

"In the last tournament we played two in a row, so we’re ready," said junior middle blocker Alison Nofrey. "We have been working hard as a team and concentrating on our side of the net."

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dog role against "big name schools," but I don’t think they’re intimidated in any way and they aren’t overconfident.

They know every game is a battle. We had to comeback in as many games as we played, that shows they that the other team can beat you.

The Matadors, who have a 2-1-1 record, are a counter-attacking team that should challenge the offensive-minded Mustangs. They will try to capitalize on any turnovers by pressing back up the field.

For the fans that come out to the games, Gartner promises they will see a lot of soccer players

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Oceguera proved to be one of the stars of the game with two goals, one assist, and five shots on goal. All of which were scored in the second half of play.

Oceguera has become a second half player this season because Crozier moved Kasiss into midfield to generalize more offensively.

"We play better with [KoKo (Kassiss) is midfield]," said Crozier. "Gina (Oceguera) is very dangerous up front, we’re bringing her in on a regular basis."

Sophomore defender Allison Murphy scored two goals and had an assist as Murphy scored one of a penalty kick awarded to the Mustangs after a Wave defender illegally slide-tackled senior mid-fielder Wendy Jones.

After 90 minutes of play, head coach Crozier said the Mustangs are finally playing to their full potential.

"We have a very, very good team, but that team hadn’t shown up yet until today," Crozier said of the win over Pepperdine.

Now that the Mustangs are getting in their game together, they must now focus on maintaining their record against tougher opponents if they want a berth in the NCAA Tournament.

"They are doing their homework and are playing well," said Crozier.

Last season they were denied participation in the tournament, even though they had a 14-3-2 record, because, according to NCAA officials, they had a weak schedule.

The Mustangs hit the road this week to play Loyola Marymount.
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DEEP IN TALENT

Sophomore forward Michelle Nicaragua isn't going to pushed around as she steps in and gains possession / Daily photo by Lawrence Rodenborn.

By Melanie M. Golder
Daily Assistant Sports Editor

Soccer is the new dominating fall sport this quarter, and the Cal Poly women's team is helping to prove this through continual shutouts and last minute wins.

The Mustangs have worked to overcome lengthy games and a disappointing loss to achieve their current 9-1-1 record. They opened their season with a 2-2 tie against No. 7 Santa Clara Bronco and a 2-1 victory over the University of San Diego.

The Mustangs avenged their 5-1 loss to the Broncos last season when freshman forward Gina Oceguera scored the tying goal with only 654 minutes left in overtime. Cal Poly could have won the game had a last-minute goal scored in the second-period overtime not been called back on an interference call with the goalie.

Another visit into overtime was what it took for the Mustangs to defeat San Diego. The Mustangs then waited until the last quarter of the next game to beat U.C. Berkeley, 2-1.

Oceguera scored her second goal of the season 72:30 minutes into the game after senior forward Kellisen Kassia fed the ball across the goal.

Freshman mid-fielder Shaan Stickel, who head coach Alex Crosier calls the "player of the future", scored the game winning goal after a free kick scored past Poly's goalkeeper.

The past few weeks have had one of the best and most disappointing games so far this season.

The most disappointing game was against the University of San Francisco. The Mustangs out shot the Lady Dons' 20-13 but fell short with a 1-0 score.

Fueling off of this loss, head coach Alex Crosier must have said the right thing to the Mustangs, because they looked like an entirely different team last Sunday against the Pepperdine University Waves.

The Mustangs started off the game pummeling Wave goalie Sumon Nicole and didn't stop until the last few seconds of the game. The Mustang Stadium left the stadium with a strong 3-2 victory.

In total, the Mustangs had 33 shots on goal, breaking their old record of 29 shots previously set in 1993.

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New Kids’ look to continue win streak

Cal Poly brings home undefeated record; (5-0-1)

By Greg Manifold
Daily Staff Writer

Coach Wolfgang Gartner sees his men's soccer team as the "New Kids on the Block".

In only their second year of Division I competition the team is ranked No. 13 in the nation with an impressive 5-0-1 record.

The Mustangs look to continue their winning ways heading into today's 7 p.m. game against Cal State Northridge at Mustang Stadium.

This is only the second home game for the Mustangs following a successful five game road trip that included victories over Oregon State, Gonzaga University, Columbia University, University of Washington, and a tie with University of Portland.

"Northridge always beat up on us when we were both in Division II," said Gartner. "They've struggled a little bit in Division I and we felt confident against them. On paper we should beat them.

Gartner was quick to add that performance on paper and on the field are two very different things.

This difference has not seemed to matter much, since the Mustangs have consistently been winning and remain undefeated. Gartner has such confidence in his team that he feels, "they can beat the best teams in the nation.""

He attributes the team's early season success to good players along with good luck.

The Mustangs aggressive offense has allowed them to come from behind several times, but also has made them more susceptible to opponent's scoring.

"We're very offensive minded," said Gartner. "We do take chances that people can score against us by being so open and attacking as much as we do. So far this season it hasn't backfired."

Despite their national ranking, Gartner does see a little room for improvement.

"We're very good at creating scoring chances, we've not very good yet at anticipating dangerous moments for our own goal," he said. "We're making a little too much instead of anticipating what can happen against us. Once that changes we'll be very tough to beat."

Despite all of the attention placed on the team's national ranking, Gartner does not feel his team has lost sight of their goal to reach the NCAA Tournament.

"That is what we're shooting for," he said. "It is elusive, and remains elusive unless we can maintain what we have done so far."

The key to victory tonight for the Mustangs is to finish on their scoring opportunities, Gartner said.

"They're realistic, they know they are capable of doing this," said Gartner of his team. "They know that they have the under

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Rivals square off with Poly this weekend

By Mike Stepfer
Daily Staff Writer

Two old rivals and an unknown element will be in Mott Gym this Friday and Saturday as the Cal Poly volleyball team plays host to the Third Annual Royal Oak Cal Poly Classic.

The Pepperdine Waves and the U.C. Santa Barbara Gauchos are the well-known rivals, and will face the Mustangs with the volleyball court.

The Iowa State Cyclones, the unknown element, yet has yet to face the Mustangs(4-6). Head coach Craig Cummings has seen them play and believes that there are no easy teams competing.

"There are no fish in this tournament," Cummings said.

"Pepperdine is one of the hottest teams in the country. (They have) just been destroying people."

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