New classes excite students, faculty

By Leslie Stevens  
Daily Staff Writer

Students need to look beyond the Cal Poly Catalog to find some of the more unusual classes offered this year.

Chemistry in a studio instead of a classroom, algebra taught by computer instead of a teacher, holistic agriculture instead of medicine—these are just a few of the university's newest course options.

While some are new, other classes have been reformatted. General Chemistry 124 and 125 have been taught at Cal Poly before, but now they are being presented in a revamped room that has been spruced up with Cal Poly Plan funds.

Chemistry Professor Tina Bailey explained that the new studio room allows chemistry to be taught in a more realistic environment by combining the previous lecture and lab segments. Full Internet and multi-media access is now available to students.

"If they can get to a computer, they can have access to information," Bailey said, emphasizing the importance of computers to students of all majors.

The studio is located in building 38 room 121, a reconstructed home economics room. Instructors use microphones to be heard in the huge room, about four times the size of a regular classroom. The room accommodates 64 students in multiple centers of eight students sharing four computers.

Classes where computers have largely replaced professors are fairly new to Cal Poly. Self-paced computer instruction has been used in Math 104—Intermediate Algebra for about two years.

Teaching assistant Jim Micheline explained that students work with new algebra software programs designed to allow them to learn at their own pace on computers. The instructor sometimes does traditional whole-class instruction, but usually students work independently, with teaching assistants providing help when needed.

Cortnie Purdy, a nutritional science freshman, is taking the computer-taught

Volunteers from Gideons International have made it a century-long practice to encourage Cal Poly students to read the Bible and get in touch with Christianity.

By Carrie Gardner  
Daily Staff Writer

You can't miss them. In fact, you practically run them over on the way into the bookstore. Those little green Bibles that are handed out at the beginning of every quarter in the University Union have a story of their own to tell, other than what is written in their "holy" pages.

Since Cal Poly opened its doors nearly a century ago, volunteers from Gideons International, a worldwide non-profit organization dedicated to the spread of Christianity, have been quietly passing out their pocket-size scriptures to anyone who would take them.

Volunteers, often retired professionals like former San Luis Obispo Municipal Court Judge Harold Johnson, find distributing the bibles in the UU a delightful and rewarding experience.

Johnson, as well as many of his co-volunteers with Gideons, are dedicated to speaking in churches and in order to raise money for purchasing bibles so they may be freely dispersed in doctors' offices, hospitals, motels, schools and universities.

Christianity isn't new to the 69-year-old former judge. He first became a Christian at the tender age of six.

"I walked all the way down from the balcony in a Baptist church in Syracuse, New York to accept the Lord into my life," Johnson said.

As a judge, Johnson served on the San Luis Obispo County bench for 20 years and has taught at the junior high, high school and university levels. He's also lectured in Cal Poly's political science department and taught law courses at Cuesta College.

After retiring, Johnson felt inspired to help spread Christianity and finally took the plunge by becoming a Gideon volunteer.

"I know college students get caught up in the hustle and bustle of their studies and don't take the time to read the Bible," he said. "They need to find out about the truths, which will probably make them more successful in the future."

Roy Smith, the 87-year-old secretary of Gideons International newsletter, said the organization has been distributing Bibles at Cal Poly since the university opened.

"We come to Cal Poly a number of times. I love to see the light in Christian students' faces," he said.

Gideons International distributes over one billion Bibles each year in the U.S. and overseas. We send Bibles abroad, sometimes without the blessing of the ruling power – like Russia, Iran and China. There's more underground churches in China than anywhere else in the world," Johnson said.

While Gideons International volunteers may have good intentions, potential recipients of their Bibles have mixed emotions.

Thanks for the Bibles. I just received it from Cal Poly and it's great.," someone may write. Others may leave them wherever they are found.

"I really appreciate your work, the Gideons, I mean," a student might say. Others may be skeptical about the motives of these Bible hands outers.

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WEB WALK-UP

CPTV gets the boot

Broadcasts could be held up by move to new studio

By Megan Long
Daily Staff Writer

Members of Cal Poly’s TV station, CPTV, found themselves homeless when they returned to campus this fall.

Broadcasting students, including the station’s general manager and journalism senior, Alexia Necoechea, were dismayed to learn they were without a studio to tape their newscasts.

“They actually took our studio away from us,” Necoechea said.

Communication services staff said CPTV was removed from room 25 in the basement of the Education building to make more room available for distance learning classes.

The CPTV staff will now have to work out of a much smaller room in the Graphic Arts building.

Media Specialist Pete Woodworth said allowing the TV station to use the studio became problematic because all the audio-visual equipment had to be moved out and chairs moved into the room before a distance learning class could be held.

“Because of reservations requests for use of space, it was not compatible (for CPTV to remain) since the video production equipment takes up a lot of space,” Woodworth said.

While members of CPTV knew they were just borrowing the space, which was originally a photo studio, some are upset they weren’t notified.

“I was upset since no one contacted me. I thought that if I had found out about this earlier, I could have done something,” said Khrystyn Kwak, the station’s news director and a journalism senior. “It was kind of unfair for them to not give us that much notice.”

CPTV had been borrowing the studio on and off for four years.

“Since we didn’t own the studio and were basically borrowing time, they can do whatever they wanted,” Necoechea said. “But I don’t think they thought about what it would do to us. We’re trying to really get CPTV off the ground and let people know we’re there.”

Necoechea said the first broadcast of the quarter was planned for the beginning of October, but now that projection doesn’t look feasible since the class is without the space and setup to train students enrolled in Journalism 353.

CPTV’s adviser, King Harris, said he still thinks the first show can be broadcast in the beginning of October, and he said he doesn’t feel the class is harmed by not having a full-fledged studio.

“We’re going to take what’s there and get it (CPTV) going,” he said. “Just because it’s a tiny room doesn’t mean it can’t work.”

Harris said the class, which has eight enrolled students, has been gearing up for production by setting up stories and assigning roles to students. He doesn’t think the station needs a big and fancy studio to be successful.

“You’re only as slick as your promotion and stories,” he said.

Kwak said last spring she heard that CPTV might be removed from the studio, it wasn’t until July that she discovered all the equipment had been moved to the new location.

About half of CPTV’s audio-visual equipment was given to the visual media services, and used while the TV class occupied the studio in the last year and a half.

“I really hope journalism can get another room available,” Woodworth said. “We want to support journalism in any way we can. We want them to succeed.”

For now the station, which is in its fifth year of broadcasting bi-weekly newscasts on Sonic Cable’s public access channel, is based out of room 306 in the Graphic Arts building.

Kwak felt the move represented how many people view the department on campus.

“It just kind of shows where the journalism department is on the totem pole,” Kwak said.
Cooling off...

During the two-day distribution at the beginning of this quarter Gideons passed out about 800 Bibles.

The response varies. Many people who refuse may already have a copy of the New Testament. Others are probably scared by peer group pressures," Johnson said. "But I've actually seen students come back alone and pick up a Bible."

John Avila, an agriculture science senior, said he isn't offended by the distribution of Bibles. "Johnson has the right to exercise his view of religion," Avila said. "At least he's trying to promote some sort of religion in school."

Agriculture business senior Mike Limas agrees with Avila. "I don't see anything wrong with what (Johnson) does," Limas said. "If you don't want to talk to him, he won't keep bugging you. He only talks to those who are interested."

Members of the water ski club hose off one of the 1998 Mustangs during U.U. Hour. Daily photo by Jason Volkenbock

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Math 104

"At first I didn't understand, because I wasn't very computer literate," Purdy said. "But now I like it."

Some previous experimental courses have now become part of the curriculum.

The agricultural department is offering one of these, AGED 407, Agricultural Publications, is offered as part of the new agricultural communications minor. Professor Scott Vernon said the class is designed to look specifically at agricultural publications by both commercial and nonprofit organizations.

In the lab portion of the class, students will work on creating a magazine. Initial publication is expected during Winter quarter and will be available to students and alumni he said.

The journalism department is also offering a new sports writing course, JOUR 470A, taught by former Tribune-Telegram columnist Herb Kamm. Kamm has invited Vin Scully, Tommy Lasorda and Hanna Storm to address the class.

Experimental courses often make the transition to regular curriculum. One such course is ECON 305, Economics of Poverty, Discrimination and Immigration. Professor Daniel Villegas said the class, developed to satisfy the multicultural requirement, provides an eight-hour-community-service option.

"Students have performed community services at the homeless shelter and juvenile services and teen pregnancy services," Villegas said.

The class includes a student on the Internet. Villegas will provide a topic, and students post anonymous responses as parts of a newsgroup. The format is designed to encourage open discussions.

Although the theater and dance department does not have any new courses this quarter, there are several experimental classes planned for later this year.

In winter quarter 1998, Dr. Moon-Ja Min Suhr will be teaching X190 - Physical Conditioning for Dancers. Also X130 - Tap Dancing - will be added for the first time.

In spring 1998, Dr. Al Schnupp will teach X240 - Theater Improv. This class trains students to improve their own dialogue and scenes without scripts, and is geared for very advanced students.

Dr. Suhr will also be teaching X311 - Dance in American Musical Theater -- in spring 1998. The class explores the history of American musicals, including African-American dances and choreography. It also meets the multi-cultural requirement.

These are not the only new courses at Cal Poly this fall, but they provide a cross-section of what is available for those seeking something different in their class schedule. Some expanded offerings get added too late to be included in the published class schedule, but students can check with the department heads in their area of interest for more up-to-date information.

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about these intentions.

Gabriel Rivas, an architecture junior and Newman Catholic Center member, feels Gideons volunteers need to rework what they do.

"I don't think it's enough that (Gideons volunteers) just give out Bibles," Rivas said. "They should give some explanation as well - some sort of teaching."

Senior civil engineering major and member of the University Christian Community (UCC) leadership Don Bolton said he also feels something is missing.

"Handing out a Bible, at best, is neutral. However, I tend to expect behavior that influences any form of thinking - Christian, political or otherwise," Bolton said. "Distributing bibles" is positive in that it inspires discussions outside or inside religious communities.

The particular New King James version of the Bible, which Gideons International is handling out, has also sparked controversy. Some feel it doesn't communicate with the realm of modern times.

Dave Smiley, the university minister for the past 15 years, said: "I wish (Gideons) would use a more modern language translation of the Bible such as the New International Version."

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Where are the courses we paid for?

Editor,

Attention California Polytechnic University students! The future is now! Advances which we would have scoffed at months ago are here and in use! Rejoice, for the future is here. Phooey you say. I see no flying automobiles, fanciful devices or an egg-salad sandwich. I can only report at the last time I went to the supermarket and paid to the manager: "Here is a couple of hundred dollars. I want the best of whatever you don't actually have. Pretend to look busy looking for it while I sit here and pretend like I'm going to get it."

I expect to graduate from college one day. I hope that I won't be supplementing my tuition costs with Social Security benefits. It would only take one little, tiny change to make me, and a legion of other impoverished students, happy.

Here is my dangerous revolusionary suggestion: Make enough classes available so that we can attend some of them.

I expect to get what I pay for. I have paid for a college education. College educations are rumored to be effective in the procurement of jobs. To get a job I must have classes and then a diploma.

Nobody gets their classes, but I don't see that much concern. When you are promised something, I think you should get it. Accepting this situation as the norm is silly. We must demand a greater availability of classes.

I have got to go now. I can go to work to pay for the education that I'm not getting. After all, I scheduled the classes that I can't get in around it.

Brent Marcus is a social science junior.

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OPINION

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: A STEP TOWARD EQUALITY

By Vinh Pham

In September of 1965, amidst the historical Civil Rights movement for equal opportunities, President Lyndon Johnson signed an executive order that left this extremely diverse generation deep in a great debate about equality 30 years later.

The anti-Affirmative Action wave has hit the UC system hard. For the first time in 20 years, race has now been excluded as a factor in admission decisions. Black and Hispanic admissions to Berkeley Law school for the fall of 1997 plummeted 66 percent from the previous year. The wave was exactly what kind of equalitarian Affirmative Action has carried for the past three decades.

It is like what philosophers call "positive freedom." For example, the animals in us are fully capable of, and desire to reproduce at, a very early age. But we have morals and laws to restrict ourselves from getting married or having sex when we start feeling the need to do so. The waiting is necessary because the human race has put themselves through a system of laws to suppress some of their natural tendencies in order to stay together in a strong human society. Discrimination is a direct creature of generalization, of what we do every day to gain experience and survive. It is necessary because we do not have enough time to find the individual characteristics of everything we encounter. For example, when you stick with a brand name because you had a good experience with a few of their products, you discriminate against other brands.

When you choose to continue to go to school because you have witnessed the success a degree can help to bring a person, you discriminate against wage-earning workers.

Throughout the more than 200 years since this immigrants' nation came into existence, we have been holding dear to our heart that all men are created equal.

Today, it is the responsibility of our generation to provide the meaning of equality for generations to come.

Every American ethnic group has been and will be fundamental to the American success. Protecting every single one of them is essential to preserve the American civilization. That is why we advocate equality.

Absolute equality is easy. We have enough classes so that you can attend some of them.

But the idea of a degree is one of the most complex that it can only withstand when its social units, families, are headed by those whom we define as mature adults. In being withdrawn from the freedom which animals inherently have, each of us is actually given more freedom in the long run.

It is similar to what we have all gone through when our parents and the government made us go to grade school, taking away from us the freedom to choose what to do in a school day, just to ensure that we will have more freedom later in life.

It is long-term freedom that we must pursue because absolute freedom is short-lived and self-destructive. If the freedom is not bound by any rules, everybody is left free to do whatever they choose. Positive freedom, freedom with adjustments, is ultimately the optimum choice. And to acquire that, the human race has put themselves through a system of laws to suppress some of their natural tendencies in order to stay together in a strong human society.

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Nishan Havandjian, journalism department head, said he wasn’t aware of the move because he wasn’t on campus during the summer and was not consulted about it before.

“We were guests who were basically told to ‘shoo,’” he said.

Norm Johnson, director of Communication Services, said CPTV’s move from the studio was not an attack on the journalism department.

“The course had trouble getting students, it was not well supported,” he said. “There was not a lot of usage.”

Harris and Kwak think the lack of support is due to a shortage of recognition.

“No one on campus knows we have a TV station, no one really knows we’re there,” Kwak said. “We were guests who were basically told to ‘shoo,’” he said. “We aren’t on campus during the summer and was not consulted before.”

Woodworth and Johnson both said CPTV only used the studio at most two hours a week, and the station’s absence will benefit others more than its presence in the room.

“More groups will be able to use it because there will be better facilities,” Johnson said. “We were doing distance learning there already and didn’t have sufficient space. The room was getting overbooked.”

Johnson said room 25 was one of three rooms in the Education building that had been revamped for use as multi-media and distance learning facilities, along with rooms 24 and 213—the large lecture hall known as the “rotunda” or “silo.”

“All of the facilities are being upgraded and expanded,” Johnson said. “The studio was just one small piece of that.”

While members of CPTV regret the loss of the studio, they are looking toward the future with a positive attitude.

“We should have a studio by the end of the quarter. We are going to have newscasts, but it might be from a makeshift studio,” Kwak said.

After a meeting Wednesday with Harry Sharp, dean of the College of Liberal Arts, Harris, Havandjian, Necochea said the station’s budget was under $8,000 a year.

Sharp said the college isn’t obligated to pay for the station.

“I hope we’ll be able to help them, but it was clear from the start of CPTV, that they would have to fund it themselves.”

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After tomorrow's last non-league game against USF, the Mustangs next 14 matches will all be against Big West opponents. Starting with ninth-ranked UCSB, the team will also have to play second-ranked Long Beach State and 10th-ranked Pacific. Cal Poly was 7-9 in conference play and lost to Idaho in the first round of the Big West Conference Tournament last year. "Santa Barbara is very, very good," said Schlick of Saturday's match-up. "All of their starters are back from last year, and we anticipated in pre-season that they would be in the top 10 in the country."

The Mustangs' keys to success, according to Schlick, are ball control and pursuit on defense to make better opportunities for offense. Statistically, the team is in the top five among Big West teams in every major category including hitting percentage, assists, kills, blocks, digs and aces. "We have good team chemistry and effort level," senior Stephanie Rumsey said. "We work really hard as a team, Duties include security, property inspections, light maintenance and tenant assistance. Salary plus discounted rent. Please send resume with address and phone number to: Resident Manager Position 200 North Santa Rosa St. Santa Barbara, CA 93105.

Schenker said. "Lou has just done a tremendous job filling her starting role, out for the season with a knee injury, Schlick has used a variety of players to fill her starting role, looking mainly to junior Melissa Pierro. "Joss (Roden) was a primary passer and a big block," Schlick said. "Luckily, we have some other people who can do the job.""
The Cal Poly women's volleyball team will play two very different teams this weekend.

The first, the University of San Francisco, comes into Friday's match at Mott Gymnasium with a 9-3 record and has beaten Cal Poly six straight times. Although the Mustangs are keying in on the Big West match with Santa Barbara, they are trying not to overlook the USF Lady Dons.

"We're not taking (USF) lightly," senior Amy Aberle said. "We're going to come out strong."

USF has lost two of its matches to top-20 competition Hawaiian and Arizona. Their three wins have come over Morgan State, St. John's and Yale University. Offensively, they are led by junior outside hitter Jaime Schopf in who has taken more than 400 swings this season with 130 kills. Schopf also has 150 digs to her credit.

In the middle, the Mustangs will have to deal with senior middle blocker, Jeannette Sargent, who has 10 solo blocks and 36 assists.

Cal Poly will counter Sargent in the middle with sophomore middle blocker Kari De Soto. De Soto is second in the Big West in blocks per game and has 21 solo blocks to go with 43 block assists. De Soto will also help on offense, ranking top on the team in hitting percentage.

Look for freshman Melanie Hathaway to take a lot of swings from her outside hitter position. A Volleyball Magazine Fab 50 selection last year, Hathaway has led the team in kills for the last three matches and hit .562 in the Mustangs win over UCLA last week.

"USF has decent size and a number of new people in their lineup," Cal Poly Head Coach Steve Schlick said. "They can be good but their record shows (that) they have been inconsistent."

UC Santa Barbara has both size and a number of seasoned veterans in its lineup. At setter, the Gauchos will be led by Tanja Hart, who sets for the German national volleyball team. Hart has over 500 assists this season.

Returning from last year will be UCSB's Roberta Gehlke, the 1996 Big West Freshman of the Year. This year Gehlke, an outside hitter from Huntington Beach, leads her team in kills, with 166 in almost 460 attempts. Gehlke averages just over four kills a game, second to teammate Katie Crawford, who averages more than four and a half kills per game.

UCSB has bonus fire power in sophomore Heather Bown, who went to the same high school in Toria Linda as De Soto.

Statistically, the Gauchos are at the top in the Big West in hitting percentage, kills per game, blocks per game and assists per game.

The Big West is also home to second-ranked Long Beach State and tenth-ranked Pacific.

USCB has lost only seven games all season, including three in their lone loss to 12th-ranked Pepperdine on Sept. 16.

"We'll need to play at the top of our game," said Cal Poly junior Trisha Jensen. "There will be no room for mistakes."

The Mustangs have been practicing their game for over a month now.

Four tournaments and 12 matches later they appear to be learning their lessons well.

Winning two of three matches in each of the past four weekends, the Mustangs head into this weekend's games against the University of San Francisco and UC Santa Barbara with an 8-4 overall record, 1-1 in the Big West. Three of the team's four losses have been to teams ranked in the top 40 in the country. Cal Poly has been led by setter and team captain Leonella 'Lou' Lipana, who won the starting job over junior Jill Batts. Lipana is the Senior defensive specialist Stephanie Rumsey practices with the Cal Poly volleyball team which has turned in its focus towards beating its rival UC Santa Barbara and San Francisco this weekend.

Men's soccer strives to overcome its struggles

Gartner said Gonzaga will be a tough game, especially since they just beat MPSF league favorite Cal State Fullerton 4-0.

"Gonzaga's a real hot team right now," Greg Connell, a senior forward, said. "This will be a good chance to see how we compare to some of the teams Gonzaga has played."%

The last time the Mustangs faced the Gonzaga Bulldogs was two years ago on their turf.

Holmes said the Bulldogs are a bigger and more physical team than Cal Poly is used to playing. After a week of practicing, the team's "sweat has returned, but the Bulldogs cannot be underestimated on the field."

Gonzaga's Jeff McAllister, a forward who leads the Bulldogs in scoring, may be a challenge for the Mustangs. Holmes said either he or Jacob Moseley will need to mark up on the senior, who wanted to show his stuff in the coming match.

McAllister during the game.

The Mustangs lost senior Seiji Sato in the San Diego game for the rest of the season due to a broken leg. Gartner said that it is a devastating loss for the team, and said it is hard for the senior, who wanted to show his stuff in the America.

By Doily Staff Writers

SCHEDULE

Today's Games
• Men's Soccer vs. Gonzaga @ Mustang Stadium, 7 p.m.

Tomorrow's Games
• Volleyball vs. UC Santa Barbara @ Santa Barbara, 7 p.m.
• Football vs. St. Mary's @ Miraga, 1 p.m.
• Cross Country @ Stanford Invitational

Sunday's Games
• Women's Soccer vs. UC Irvine @ Mustang Stadium, 3 p.m.

Big West Conference

Cross country runners pick up their pace

By Aud Joseph

Another season is under way for the Cal Poly men's and women's cross country teams. With three meets completed, head coach Terry Crawford said the men's team has shown some improvement.

"We're making progress," Crawford said. "I'm pleased with the men's team. They're running well and are off to a great start."

The men's cross country team finished fourth overall at the Fresno Invitational last Saturday.

The Mustangs finished with a combined 112 points for the day. Brigham Young University finished first, followed by Utah and Fresno State.

Leading the way for Cal Poly was freshman Ryan Hayes, who finished 12th overall in a time of 26:30. Also finishing for the Mustangs was Dave Mitchell in 26th, Chris Vennon at 21st and Mike Herdman in 54th.

According to Crawford, junior Greg Connell, senior Joly Taverner and junior Darren Harmsen are also running strong.

Crawford said one of the major strengths of the men's team is that the runners are placing very close. They are running very tight and finishing within 30 seconds of each other," she said.

On the women's side, Melissa Flynn paced the Mustangs with a 22nd place finish overall in leading Cal Poly to seventh with 202 team points. Megan Goddard was close behind in 27th, crossing the line at 19:36. Also finishing were Rowena Spenos in 46th place and Kristy Long in 60th.

The women's team features many new runners and has been

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Poly volleyball set for showdown

By Peggy Corin

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The first, the University of San Francisco, comes into Friday's match at Mott Gymnasium with a 9-3 record and has beaten Cal Poly six straight times. Although the Mustangs are keying in on the Big West match with Santa Barbara, they are trying not to overlook the USF Lady Dons.

"We're not taking (USF) lightly," senior Amy Aberle said. "We're going to come out strong."

USF has lost two of its matches to top-20 competition Hawaiian and Arizona. Their three wins have come over Morgan State, St. John's and Yale University. Offensively, they are led by junior outside hitter Jaime Schopf in who has taken more than 400 swings this season with 130 kills. Schopf also has 150 digs to her credit.

In the middle, the Mustangs will have to deal with senior middle blocker, Jeannette Sargent, who has 10 solo blocks and 36 assists.

Cal Poly will counter Sargent in the middle with sophomore middle blocker Kari De Soto. De Soto is second in the Big West in blocks per game and has 21 solo blocks to go with 43 block assists. De Soto will also help on offense, ranking top on the team in hitting percentage.

Look for freshman Melanie Hathaway to take a lot of swings from her outside hitter position. A Volleyball Magazine Fab 50 selection last year, Hathaway has led the team in kills for the last three matches and hit .562 in the Mustangs win over UCLA last week.

"USF has decent size and a number of new people in their lineup," Cal Poly Head Coach Steve Schlick said. "They can be good but their record shows (that) they have been inconsistent."

UC Santa Barbara has both size and a number of seasoned veterans in its lineup. At setter, the Gauchos will be led by Tanja Hart, who sets for the German national volleyball team. Hart has over 500 assists this season.

Returning from last year will be UCSB's Roberta Gehlke, the 1996 Big West Freshman of the Year. This year Gehlke, an outside hitter from Huntington Beach, leads her team in kills, with 166 in almost 460 attempts. Gehlke averages just over four kills a game, second to teammate Katie Crawford, who averages more than four and a half kills per game.

UCSB has bonus fire power in sophomore Heather Bown, who went to the same high school in Toria Linda as De Soto.

Statistically, the Gauchos are at the top in the Big West in hitting percentage, kills per game, blocks per game and assists per game.

The Big West is also home to second-ranked Long Beach State and tenth-ranked Pacific.

USCB has lost only seven games all season, including three in their lone loss to 12th-ranked Pepperdine on Sept. 16.

"We'll need to play at the top of our game," said Cal Poly junior Trisha Jensen. "There will be no room for mistakes."

The Mustangs have been practicing their game for over a month now.

Four tournaments and 12 matches later they appear to be learning their lessons well.

Winning two of three matches in each of the past four weekends, the Mustangs head into this weekend's games against the University of San Francisco and UC Santa Barbara with an 8-4 overall record, 1-1 in the Big West. Three of the team's four losses have been to teams ranked in the top 40 in the country. Cal Poly has been led by setter and team captain Leonella 'Lou' Lipana, who won the starting job over junior Jill Batts. Lipana is the Senior defensive specialist Stephanie Rumsey practices with the Cal Poly volleyball team which has turned in its focus towards beating its rival UC Santa Barbara and San Francisco this weekend.

Men's soccer strives to overcome its struggles

Gartner said Gonzaga will be a tough game, especially since they just beat MPSF league favorite Cal State Fullerton 4-0.

"Gonzaga's a real hot team right now," Greg Connell, a senior forward, said. "This will be a good chance to see how we compare to some of the teams Gonzaga has played."%

The last time the Mustangs faced the Gonzaga Bulldogs was two years ago on their turf.

Holmes said the Bulldogs are a bigger and more physical team than Cal Poly is used to playing. After a week of practicing, the team's "sweat has returned, but the Bulldogs cannot be underestimated on the field."

Gonzaga's Jeff McAllister, a forward who leads the Bulldogs in scoring, may be a chal-