By Emily Wong  MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Summer quarter at Cal Poly will be virtually non-existent this year.

College deans are not required to offer any classes, and courses taught with state funds will be limited.

Although it will not exist, except for a few classes, vice provost for institutional planning and analysis Linda Dalton said, “Almost nothing will be offered that is supported by the state budget.”

The decision to drastically reduce summer classes stems from state budget reductions to the California State University system. The CSU was asked to accommodate a $240 million cut through Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger’s proposed budget.

In return, the CSU has allocated an enrollment reduction of 5 percent to all CSU campuses for 2004-05. Instead of compromising the entire academic year, Cal Poly officials decided to channel the enrollment reduction through summer quarter.

“Tuck will protect fall, winter and spring, which is when undergraduate students are coming in,” Dalton said.

Roughly 20 percent of the student body, or 3,664 students, was enrolled in summer quarter 2003. These numbers have been fairly consistent during the past 10 years, with summer enrollment fluctuating between 3,500 and 4,000 students, according to Cal Poly records.

Summer quarter drastically reduced
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Courses available this summer will be offered through the Continuing Education program, which is self-funded through student fees. Continuing Education is planning on increasing class offerings to help alleviate the cut of state-funded classes.

"Continuing Ed will work with the academic departments to manually decide the highest priority of classes to offer," vice provost for academic programs David Cott said. "They will look at past offerings in an effort to try to identify courses that are most important to students.

The fee structure for enrollment in Continuing Education courses is yet to be determined. In past years, Continuing Education has operated through a tiered-per-semester system.

Continuing Education dean Dennis Parker was unavailable for comment by press time.

"We hope 2004-05 is the bottom (for budget cuts)," Dalton said. "There are indications that the economy is getting better and we're looking at ideas for a new approach to summer in the future.

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information.

Non-users agree that the Web site may be useful for those not in relationships. English sophomore Jessica Vitamontes is in a relationship, but said she sees how the site could be beneficial.

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According to the Web site, they had users joining constantly in 2005. Plans for 2004 include an enhanced e-mail management system, internal instant messaging and saved searches for users.

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...some insight into the application process and provide a place for students to have their questions answered," Poli Sci club president and political science sophomore Brittany Clark said.

The guest speakers are Patricia L. Sullivan of the University of California, Davis and Phil Gaus, from the University of California, Los Angeles. Sullivan's dissertation explores the efficacy of military force as a tool in statecraft, and Gaus's examining the effects media images of President Bush and antiwar protesters had on public opinion. The Americans contacted the speakers by sending out advertisements to regional graduate programs.

"The event is an attempt to focus on other areas of graduate school in political science aside from just law school," Clark said.

However, many of the speakers' grad-school wisdom and strategies will apply to a cross-section of students, Arceau said.

The event will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. in building 42, room 205.

**Budget Reform Act promises to hold legislators responsible for late budgets**

By Hillary Schuler-Jones

**SUMMER**

The California Faculty Association, a union of more than 230,000 members in the California State University system, has added a new endorsement to a growing list of organizations supporting Proposition 56 during the March 2 primary election.

The Budget Reform Act promises to hold legislators responsible for late budgets, decrease the potential for gridlock and create a rainy-day fund in surplus years, said Robin Swanson, spokeswoman for the Yes on 56 campaign, during a telephone press conference Tuesday.

"Everyone is impacted by the late and bad laws," Swanson said. "This would finally give the legislators the tools to govern themselves and the ability to vote their conscience.

**Plainsboro-Edison High School District**

**Coastal bird may lose status**

By Terence Chea

SAN FRANCISCO — The city of Mono Bay and a Santa Barbara County citizen's group filed suit Tuesday to remove the western snowy plover from the federal list of endangered species, arguing that the decision to protect the coastal bird is based on "junk science.

The lawsuit, filed in U.S. District Court in Sacramento, seeks to force the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to respond to petitions to strip the snowy plover of its protected status and lift restrictions on beaches where it breeds.

The plaintiffs say the federal protection is keeping people off Central California beaches and hurting coastal communities that rely on business from beach-going tourists.

"It's killing business, and when you kill business, it kills the local tax base," said Greg Broderick, an attorney for the Sacramento-based Environmental Defense Center.

The fact is the western snowy plover is a threatened species, and steps need to be taken to protect it.

The western snowy plover is a small shorebird that lays eggs in tiny nests on sandy beaches from Washington state to Baja California in Mexico.

In 1991, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service listed the bird as a threatened species after environmentalists argued that its Pacific Coast population was a distinct species of birds that faced the threat of extinction. Under the Endangered Species Act, a threatened species can't be harmed or killed, and its habitat must be protected.

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Major components of the bill include requiring the legislature to stay in session until the budget is passed and freeing legislators' pay after the June 15 budget deadline. It also forms an ethics committee to censure partisan threats, creating the rainy-day fund and decreasing the threshold required for passing a budget and tax laws from two-thirds super majority to 55 percent, according to a CFA news release.

Rhode Island and Arkansas are currently the only states in the nation that have implemented the lower vote requirement.

CFA treasurer Kim Gerot, a political science professor at CSU, Hayward, called the current budget process "dysfunctional" during the teleconference and said late budgets burden CSU administrators and students alike with delays in planning for enrollment, fiscal budgets and financial aid.

The proponents of the bill, including the California Taxpayers Association, the Distilled Spirits Council of the United States and a host of California's small businesses, are concerned with the change in the voting standards, saying it will make future tax hikes easier to adopt.

Georgen challenged the two-thirds majority requirement.

"The two-thirds super majority is really ... undemocratic," he said. "We are the largest state in the country (by population) with the sixth largest economy, and we really are being held hostage by a handful of people. We've flipped what should be a democratic process to an undemocratic one.

CSU, Sacramento student Sean Casamayor, an international relations senior, said he will have to stay in school an additional three semesters since the budget setbacks have caused administrators to reduce class offerings.

"It impacts where I can go with the knowledge I have," he said of the delays. "The market kind of moves on without me in it."

The proposition is supported by the League of Women Voters, the California Nurses Association, the California State Firefighters Association and the California State PTA, among others.

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National News

HEYENNE, Wy. — Wyoming has asked the federal government turn over all documents related to the rejection of the state's proposed wolf management plan and said a lawsuit likely will follow.

The attorney general's office filed the Freedom of Information Act request last week. A lawsuit will follow if the attorneys think Wyoming has a case and if the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service doesn't reach some form of agreement with the state, Gov. Dave Freudenthal said Tuesday.

The Fish and Wildlife Service is requiring acceptable wolf management plans in six Montana, Idaho and Wyoming bears before the animals are removed from Endangered Species Act protection.

NEW YORK (AP) — Maria Shriver quit NBC News on Tuesday, saying she could not juggle a journalism job with her duties as California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's first lady.

Shriver, a "Dateline NBC" reporter, said she will continue to work on projects connected to her children's books for other NBC properties.

Shriver took an extended leave from NBC News when Schwarzenegger ran for California governor. When he won, she returned to work, making two appearances as an anchor for "Dateline NBC." But she said it became clear to her that as first lady, her journalistic integrity would constantly be scrutinized.

SAN FRANCISCO — Ford Motor Co. will pay $23.7 million in punitive damages to the survivors of three people killed in a 1993 Ford Bronco rollover accident.

In 1999, Ford was hit with a $290 million jury verdict, which was reduced by a California appeals court in November. The case involved the crash of a 1978 Ford Bronco near Ceres, about 80 miles south of Sacramento. The Bronco's roof was made partially of fiberglass.

EAGLE, Colo. — Hammering at the work of Kobe Bryant's inter­rogators, defense attorneys urged a judge Tuesday to bar his secretly recorded police statement and physical evidence including a bloodstained T-shirt from the NBA star's upcoming rape trial.

Prosecutors fought back, saying shitef's investigators did nothing without Bryant's consent.

The clash was one of the fiercest yet in the series of pretrial hearings that will help determine what evidence is admitted when the Los Angeles Lakers star is tried on felony sexual assault.

Bryant, 25, says he had consensual sex with the woman. He faces four years to life in prison or 20 years to life on probation if he is convicted.

— Associated Press

World News

RBBL, Iraq — The number of dead rose to 101 Tuesday in the twin suicide bombings of two Kurdish political offices, the highest con­firmed toll in any terrorist attack since the U.S. invasion of Iraq, Kûrti

blamed Iran's al-Qaida, a militant group allegedly linked to Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida.

The group of insurgent attacks killed another American soldier Tuesday and came as U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan met with President Bush and announced he'll send a team to Iraq to help break an impasse between the U.S.-led coalition and the Shiite Muslim clergy over how to transfer power to Iraqis.

In Baghdad, the U.S.-led Coalition Provisional Authority put the death toll from Sunday's attacks against the offices of the Kurdish Democratic Party and the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan at 101, with 133 people still hospitalized.

— Associated Press

College Roundup

WASHINGTON — Despite increased national awareness programs about underage drinking as a serious public health problem, America's youth continue to be borrdraded with alcohol ads in the media, according to a recent study by Georgetown University's Center on Alcohol Marketing and Youth.

The study found that more than 25 percent of radio ads for alcohol during the last quarter would have violated the alcohol industry's revised marketing code implemented in September 2003. The Center's study, which analyzed 105 separate alcohol advertisements from June 1 to July 31, 2003, showed that many brands placed undisclosed alcohol ads with programs more than 25 percent of the listening audience.

The report included Heineken, Amstel Light, Corona Extra and Miller Lite, who were banned from airing ads on radio in May because they "misrepresented audience for alcohol advertisements." This past September, the Broadcasters' Foundation and the National Radio Ad Council of the United States ruled that underage youth should not represent more than 10 percent of the audience for alcohol ads.

The Institute of Medicine and National Research Council of the National Academy of Sciences published a report in September 2000, calling on the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to monitor such advertising practices and regularly report its observations to Congress and the public.

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Alcohol violations down sharply under new policy

By Robert Gehrke
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Underage drinking and other alcohol violations among Air Force Academy cadets have dropped dramatically since leaders introduced a strict new alcohol policy and aggressive training for new cadets.

In the 2000-01 academic year, there were 228 alcohol infractions at the academy, 188 involving underage drinking. Through six months of the current school year, there have been just 28 infractions and 19 underage drinking violations, according to academy records.

“We’re seeing positive signs,” Maj. Gen. John W. Rosa, superintendent of the academy, told the school’s board of visitors Tuesday. “We’re not there. We have a long way to go. This is a journey.”

The new, tough alcohol policy was instituted as part of a sweeping reform in the wake of a string of 142 reported sexual assaults at the Colorado military academy in a 10-year span. An Air Force review found that 40 percent of cadet-on-cadet assaults involved a victim or assailant who had been drinking.

Cadets caught drinking face severe consequences. Cadet David Urton was the first cadet found guilty under the new alcohol policy. Rosa recommended he be expelled and he has left the school until the case is decided.

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Putting in strict policies is tough. You’re going to take heat from the parents, you’re going to take heat from the press, but it’s the only way I know to do business,” Rosa said.

Rosa became superintendent of the academy as part of multiple policy changes and a purge of academy leaders after the scope of the school’s sexual assault problem was revealed. The Air Force ordered 140 changes as part of its “Agenda For Change,” and all but six are in place or being implemented.

“I believe we have a good beginning. I don’t believe this is something we’ve solved,” said Air Force Secretary James G. Roche.

He said the culture will take time to change, but he anticipates the academy’s incoming freshman class will be one of its most highly qualified in history, and the school has received more female applicants than ever before.

The scandal also has given a wake-up call to the Board of Visitors — which serves as the school’s trustees. In the past, attendance was inconsistent and members acted as supporters of the school. On Tuesday, all but one member attended, and the panel asked probing questions and discussed specific disciplinary matters in a closed-door session.

Academy leaders reported that they are in the process of replacing its traditional cadet disciplinary system that included ridicule, marching and push-ups in favor of one that mirrors the rest of the Air Force, which would include verbal counseling, letters of admonition and possibly formal reprimands or court-martials.

Later this month, a review will begin of the academy’s athletic department, and in March the Defense Department inspector general will administer a follow-up to an earlier survey that found one in five female cadets reported having been sexually assaulted while attending the academy. Cadets at the Military Academy and West Point will also be given the second survey.

Roche’s nomination to become secretary of the Army is being held up by the Senate Armed Services Committee pending the inspector general’s report, which may not be done before April or May.

Breakdown of the decline in alcohol-related infractions and underage drinking at the Air Force Academy since 2000

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**VIEWPOINTS**

**Religious celebration is a chance for community members, students to bond**

By JoAnn Sanders

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Incubus takes metamorphosis one step further with 'Muder'

By Sean Martin

Two main questions shroud the release of this band's third album.

What the hell does "A Crow Left of the Murder" mean? The answer is easy to find, with a little research and literary wit.

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The album closes on a musical high note, with "Home In My Room" and in its piano. The final track, "(Koi Dew Tonight," both songs lose, are the introspective lyrics of Boy's. Those are present here and give a definite boost to the music but are sometimes overdone. "Agoraphobia" is the album's high point. Reading those lyrics in the liner notes, which are reproduced in Boyd's handwriting (It's like he really touched them!), is like reading a good poem.

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Lostprophets take energy, schizophrenic songwriting and 'Start Something'

By Steve Hill

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Sis, a fertility procedure that allows couples to choose where and how they will conceive and deliver a baby.

As a professor of history, I am proud that the California Teachers Association has endorsed Howard Dean and will work for his nomination and election.

Please stand with us and help nominate and elect Howard Dean.

Joseph A. Bagnall is a professor at Palomar College in San Marcos, Calif.

'Monologues' ads offensive

Editor

To all individuals involved with the promotion of "The Vagina Monologues.

Recent posters advertising the "The Vagina Monologues" have included a word (c**) that is extremely offensive to many women. While I understand that the individuals who are in or associated with the play do not intend to offend, they have.

After reading about "The Vagina Monologues," I was planning to attend with my friends. I was encouraged by the principle of stopping violence against women that the production claims to present. However, after the use of such a vulgar and offensive word in its advertisements, I will no longer support this play by attending.

I understand that many women may not be offended by the word used in the advertisement. I am sure they will attend the play and show their support. However, I feel that many more are offended and hurt by the small group of individuals who took it upon themselves to justify the use of this word.

This advertisement, to me, is not a representation of what I think is important for society. It is a word that to many people is as offensive as a racial slur or hateful speech.

You have the right to say and print what you please. However, with that right comes a certain amount of responsibility. You have drawn the anger and hurt of the people who and try to reach with your message, and you have frustrated the very act that played an important step.

I hope in the future that more sensitivity is shown toward all members of our community.

Sarah Benoit is an animal science senior.

Opinion

Letters to the editor

Only Dean can beat Bush

Editor

My 18-year-old son was never so inspired as when he heard Governor Dean speak in New Hampshire. He had gone to see all of the candidates but only Dean spoke out to him as honest, true and inspiring. Post Sept. 11, 2001, President Bush asked us to show our faith and vigor has met with that understanding and support of the people themselves which is essential to victory.

Like FEOR, Howard Dean speaks the truth and trusts us to rise to the challenges facing our nation. To Dan, patriotism means challenging our government and ourselves to be the best that we can be. Since December, the television media has attacked Gov. Dean, and I am ashamed to say that in my own state of New Hampshire the negative and distorted benefits that I have lost Dean votes and distorted our electoral process.

You can fix that. Gov. Dean is the only candidate who asks us to help restore our democracy. He quotes Lincoln and Truman. He reminds us that the constitution is ours if we choose to reclaim it. Dean's campaign is unique, positive, and he fits in the best traditions of American democracy. The past three years show what happens when a president is beholden to big money. Dean's campaign is powered by the people, not corporate interests or millionaires' lobbyists. His agenda will be about health and education in America. Listen to Dean and learn why the GOP fears him.

Vince For. Only he can beat George W. Bush.

Nancy Tibi is a resident of Lyndeborough, N.H.

Dean proved a strong leader

Editor

I live in a small town in northern Vermont. I am writing to you because you got it around that I am a Democrat and I want a chance to vote for Howard Dean.

As a mother, grandmother and community leader, I have been distressed with the direction in which our country is headed.

For nearly 20 years I have watched and heard about the attacks on the poor and the middle class. We want a president who has an electable record on guns (which post Al Gore in the South in 2000). Re-elected governor five times, Dean has a record of balancing budgets, delivering health care and jobs and doing the things the others have only talked about. Since 1900, corporate media has dominated our president, while governors have actually been most electable, accounting for half of our presidents.

And, only Gov. Dean can raise the money to beat Bush because Dean's campaign has already shattered Clinton's fundraising records. Finally, only Dean is tough enough to take attacks from the media and the other candidates who have consistently stood up to Bush rather than appeasing him and flip-flopping on the war.

The USA PATRIOT Act, Prescription drugs and tax cuts for the rich.

All of this makes Dean the strongest choice to beat Bush.

Robert Hornback is a resident of Washington, DC.

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**Believing in God can be a reasonable choice**

It is usually claimed that though one cannot prove God exists, one cannot disprove God's existence either. So that something cannot be proved to exist is not the same as proving that it doesn't exist. To establish that a conclusion is a general one, one must be able to disprove a specific instance of it. Many people believe it is impossible to come up with.

So, if God's existence can neither be proved nor disproved, then faith is claimed to have no legitimate place in life. On the other hand, if God's existence could be categorically disproved, then, it is believed it would be silly to faith in such a nonexistent God. I would like to show that one can prove God doesn't exist. But I will also show that this doesn't mean that belief in a nonexistent God is silly. In fact, belief in such a God can be quite reasonable.

It is easy to show that all proof for God's existence is faulty, so one cannot prove that God exists. But how can one prove that God doesn't exist? Let's find out.

We cannot disprove that dragons and unicorns exist, though routinely we say they don't. To be logically precise, we should leave open the possibility they are not logically impossible. The concept of a God, however, is traditionally defined and understood.

The idea of an omnipotent, omniscient and all-good God is hard to put together logically. Each of these three conditions is considered to be logically impossible, and taken together, they are mutually inconsistent. All conceptual mess makes the notion of God very implausible, logically speaking.

If the notion of an entity is logically questionable, then the entity is empirically impossible if not nonexistent. For instance, we can say that a square-circle doesn't exist because the very concept doesn't make logical sense. For something to exist, it has to be possible. But for it to be probable it is has to be possible, and for it to be possible, it has to be logically feasibly true. Given all this, it can be said with confidence that the probability of God's existence is practically nil. I use the phrase "practically nil" instead of "absolutely nil" because it is always possible that a thesis is proven true. If God's existence cannot be proved and in addition can be disproved, does this make our faith in God silly? Not necessarily. Our faith in the existence of God is a dogma — a belief in the gods of all. A dogma is by definition not rational. So belief in God is not rational. Can it be reasonable? Yes, it can, under certain conditions. Something that is not necessarily true can be reasonable if it is less dogmatic and if it serves some useful purpose. Let me explain.

There is a difference between fantasy and illusion. A fantasy is a make-believe reality that we find useful, though we know that it is not true. There's nothing wrong with fantasy, within limit. In fact, it can add spice to our life. An illusion, on the other hand, is a falsehood that we mistakenly believe to be true. Unlike a fantasy, an illusion is almost always harmful. Our belief that God exists is an illusion. And it has hurt mankind throughout the ages. Look at all the warfare, genocide, conflict, intolerance and hatred based on the belief that God exists. However, if our belief in God is taken as a fantasy, that is, a wishful and make-believe therapeutic device to improve our life and the human condition (say, by inspiring love and acceptance in the name of God), then that is acceptable. A fantasy is by definition not rational. But can it be reasonable? Yes, it can, under certain conditions. Something that is not necessarily true can be reasonable if it is less dogmatic and if it serves some useful purpose. Let me explain.

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**Politician wives breaking the mold**

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But what, then, is the appropriate role of the wives of presidential hopefuls?

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For instance, she has fallen victim to media scrutiny.

Having been described as everything from demure to shy to "not exactly Nancy Reagan material" by Chris Matthews, host of MSNBC's Hardball, most of the criticism surrounding Mrs. Steinberg-Dean is in regard to the time her successful medicine practice demands. Many Howard Dean supporters feel the woman behind the mannequin-like statue seen standing next to the placeholder for his campaign has her hands full due to the size of the current adolescent generation. Steinberg-Dean answered, "You know ... I don't really care too much what I wear, and I sure am not going to be criticized and my hair and everything else. It just so much more important what I wear, and I'm sure it would be criticized because she would rather go on a wholesome bicycle ride with her family than be showered with expensive gifts and five-star dinners for Mother's Day."

And could it actually be true that in the interview with Sawyer she said, "I don't like watching TV that much ... it's something I think of doing."" When asked by Diana Sawyer about how she would deal with public scrutiny of her clothes and hair, Steinberg-Dean said, "You know. I don't really care too much what I wear, and I sure am not going to be criticized and my hair and everything else. It just so much more important what I wear, and I'm sure it would be criticized because she would rather go on a wholesome bicycle ride with her family than be showered with expensive gifts and five-star dinners for Mother's Day."

So, if God's existence can neither be proved nor disproved, then faith is claimed to have no legitimate place in life. On the other hand, if God's existence could be categorically disproved, then, it is believed it would be silly to faith in such a nonexistent God. I would like to show that one can prove God doesn't exist. But I will also show that this doesn't mean that belief in a nonexistent God is silly. In fact, belief in such a God can be quite reasonable.

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SACRAMENTO — A day after the reports detailing problems in California’s youthjustice system, state Sen. Gloria Romero, D-Los Angeles, said, ‘‘the reports are the first thing that needs rehabilitation.’’ Romero said the state must settle a lawsuit against the CYA by the San Francisco-based nonprofit Prison Law Office, which provides free legal services to California prisoners. Romero chairs the Senate Select Committee on the California Correctional System, and last month led hearings into correctional allegations in the adult prison system along with Committee on Government Oversight Chair Sen. Jackie Speier, D-San Mateo.

The lawsuit alleging poor conditions and treatment at the state’s youth institutions led the state to commission the reports, which were completed last summer. The CYA released the reports Monday, which Romero called a sign the new administration of Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger will support reforming the system.

The reports, which are largely critical of CYA operations and the 4,600-detained juveniles at 11 institutions, detailed concerns over health care, schooling, and a menacing atmosphere of violence. They came a week after a report alleging the California Youth Authority provides poor and even abusive treatment to wards with mental health problems.

The Schwarzenegger administration, a frequent critic of the CYA, said it will review the reports and develop a plan to fix the problems, said agency spokesman Tip Kindel.

Among other complaints, the reports chronicled widespread use of force to control youths and below-grade medical attention. Agency Secretary Roderick Hickman has asked the CYA staff to review the reports and develop a plan to fix the problems, said agency spokesman Tip Kindel.

The agency also wants to settle the lawsuit, Kindel said, although it first wants to fix the problems cited in the reports.

Schwarzenegger is looking forward to working with the Legislature and Hickman to address these ‘‘alarming problems,’’ said Schwarzenegger spokeswoman Margot Thompson.

Donald Spector, director of the Prison Law Office, said the CYA doesn’t know how to correct its failures.

‘‘I’ve never seen an institution that was so out of control with such violence,’’ Spector said. ‘‘This is a system which needs help, dramatic help.’’

Heard family agrees on ranch price

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Conservationists and the Hearst Corp. have agreed to develop the ranch that Hearst family-owned for generations.

A forest about 200 miles north of Los Angeles surrounds Hearst Castle, the never-completed dream home of William Randolph Hearst that draws tourists from around the world.

‘‘This is home,’’ said company vice president Stephen Hearst, one of the negotiators. ‘‘It is a picturesque, lovely piece of property. It’s the ranch, it’s home, it’s vacation. We have a true affection for this property.’’

The agreement to preserve a scenic stretch of forest was $88 million, or $3.5 million in state tax credits in a deal to preserve a scenic stretch of ranchland the Hearst family has owned for generations.

In an agreement brokered by the American Land Conservancy, public and private money would buy 1.75 square miles of coastal land, while the rest of the 128-square-mile Hearst Ranch would be protected under an easement strictly limiting development.

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ing his duties as wide receivers coach. Joe Seumalo will continue to coach the defensive line and Carl Gonsanti will assist Ellison with the defensive line.

Shields replaces David Fipp, who was Cal Poly's defensive coordinator. Fipp is now a co-defensive coordinator at Nevada.

With Shields as Bucknell's offensive coordinator in 2003, the Bison finished with a 6-6 record and a third-place finish in the Patriot League. Bucknell was the No. 1 rushing team in the league and its two quarterbacks finished second and third in the league in passing efficiency.

Shields guided St. Mary's vaunted option attack for three seasons (2000-02), and each season the Gaels finished fourth in all of Division I-AA in rushing, averaging 309.3, 327.6, and 264.0 yards per game. In 2000, Shields averaged 309.5, 279.7 and 264.0 yards per game. In 2000, Shields averaged 309.5, 279.7 and 264.0 yards per game. In 2000, Shields averaged 309.5, 279.7 and 264.0 yards per game.

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She was a three-sport athlete at Oregon City High School, where he was selected the state's 4A football player of the year in 1998 and earned all-state honors in football, basketball and baseball.

The Mountaineers finished an all-time high 14th in the nation that year. They had an outside chance of making the NCAA Division I-AA playoffs for the first time in school history until a late loss to Idaho State.

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When former Mustang and current assistant coach Kerry Baker was 11, the Newcastle native watched Mimnaugh play on TV in Australia. She said that it's almost surreal when she thinks how much she watched Mimnaugh play and then being recruited by her to play at Cal Poly a decade later. She has also gained much knowledge from working with Mimnaugh.

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While leaving a lasting impression on the athletes, she's been inspired by each one of them.

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By Lace Grimshaw

Another softball season opens for the Mustangs with a doubleheader Feb. 5 against Colorado State at Johnson field.

Cal Poly was picked to finish sixth in the Big West Conference preseason poll.

The team finished in that position in conference last year with a 7-14 record.

"We can almost guarantee we'll perform strong our first time out," mid- dle-infielder Shelley Stoufer said. "As a team we are much stronger offensively and present a greater threat than last season."

Stoufer is one of the top returning players with a batting average of .303 last season and two home runs.

"We are returning the bulk of our stronger hitters," head coach Lisa Boyer said. "As a team we are much stronger offensively and present a greater threat than last season."

Six new players will take the field this season, a group of four players from last year's squad who were lost to graduation.

Fourteen women, including six starters, are returning for the 2004 season. Stoufer said she's confident that both the older and younger players are working well together.

"We've got a really young team this season," she said. "But we've also got a lot of strong leaders."

The new and returning players have come together to form a competitive group that is optimistic about the season.

"Everyone gets along really well," outfielder Stephanie Payan said. "They love the game, and we're all really excited to start playing together."

Most of the team's practices have been about strengthening their overall game, both on and off the field.

"Right now we're working on putting everything together, before the season starts," Boyer said. "The team's looking good and showing a lot of effort; they're focused and ready to go."

The Mustangs' main concern is to keep their concentration during the season, Payan said.

"We want a winning season, but we have to make sure and focus on one game at a time," she said. "We need to take care of our end of things and not worry about the other teams."

With all the work and the team has already put into this year, the players are understandably excited to start playing.

"We're not looking at the bit to open the season," Boyer said.

Adding new players opens the team up to a lot of the ability of their ability to fill a variety of positions, Stoufer said.

"Although they're young, they're pretty deep," she said.

Even so, no one is underestimating the benefit real competition could provide for new players.

"They'll need to pick things up really quick," Stoufer said. "Hopefully they'll get the experience they need early on, before we get too far into the season."

Concerned about the players and the overall strength off the team, Boyer said her goal is to finish at the top of the conference.