Minimum wage to rise to $8/hour

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SACRAMENTO — California's minimum wage will increase by $1.25 an hour over the next two years under a deal struck Monday between Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and legislative leaders.

The agreement ends, at least temporarily, a stalemate between the governor and Democratic lawmakers and clears a political hurdle for Schwarzenegger as he seeks re-election.

Both sides agreed a raise for the lowest-income workers was necessary, but differed over whether it should be phased in over two years, as the governor wanted, or immediately, as the Legislature wanted.

Schwarzenegger described the compromise as a "common sense" solution that would lead to a higher wage for working Californians with "out burning the economy.

"I tell them, 

"I have also said that when the economy was ready, we should reward the efforts of California's hard-working families by raising our minimum wage," Schwarzenegger said in a statement.

"This is another sign California is coming back stronger than ever."

Schwarzenegger had sought a $1-an-hour raise over two years, but agreed during negotiations to boost the wage from $6.75 to $8 an hour after Democrats dropped their demand for annual increases to keep up with inflation.

"We asked ourselves the practical question that anyone of sound mind would ask: Would poor people prefer a $1.25 raise, or a bill that has everything they want but it never materializes?" Assembly Speaker Fabian Nunez, D-Los Angeles, told The Associated Press in a telephone interview Aug. 21.

If the agreement is approved by the Legislature and signed into law, the minimum wage would increase by 75 cents in January 2007 and 50 cents in January 2008.

The California Chamber of Commerce, which has opposed both the governor's and the Legislature's proposals to increase the minimum wage, credited Schwarzenegger for "standing firm" against taking the minimum wage to inflation.

"Raising the minimum wage is one thing, but locking in automatic

Carving up the coast
Jennifer Hall
mustang daily

Some students enjoy road trips or relaxing family vacations over their summer break. But Cal Poly student Matt Ishler has a different idea of summer traveling. Ishler, a kinesiology junior, skateboarded from San Luis Obispo to his hometown of Santa Monica in three days, a 230-mile-long journey.

"It was a random impulsive at the beginning of the summer, and then it just sat at the back of my mind and the impulse grew," Ishler said.

This is the story of his solo journey across the Central Coast and into Southern California atop a skateboard.

Saturday, August 19

The 230-mile quest began at 7 a.m. when Ishler skated to Broad Street in San Luis Obispo and started his ride into Arroyo Grande. where he continued on U.S. Highway 1.

The highway would take him the rest of the way to his final destination, the Santa Monica pier.

"It's going to take awhile, and I think it might be illegal," Ishler said. "But I've got a month before school starts and it's programs and going to kick ass."

Ishler had originally planned to float down the Mississippi River with a friend for his summer stimulation, but when plans fell through, he switched gears.

"I've got to have some kind of adventure," Ishler said.

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The seven new taxi zones are in effect from 10 p.m. to 3 a.m., and are located in areas where double-parking has traditionally been a problem, Staley said.

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Tong, director of the Dairy Products Technology Center, has been in the dairy industry for over 20 years, and some of his recent work has earned him an International Dairy Foods Association Research Award.

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California Assembly says ‘No’ to opening coast for drilling

Tyler Wise

The California Assembly sent a strong message to both administration and legislation this month with the passage of a resolution that will prevent both Congressional and state-level consideration of offshore drilling for oil and gas off the coast of California.

Both the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives passed legislation recently that would open up the California Coastline to more oil and gas drilling.

However, on Aug. 10, the state Assembly passed resolution AJR 55 to ensure that Congress would not be able to conduct offshore drilling and exploration. The resolution also states that Congress continue the federal offshore oil and gas leasing moratorium, which has prohibited exploratory offshore drilling for the past twenty-four years, and expresses the legislature’s opposition to federal energy policies and legislation that might attempt to lift it, according to the California Political 

“California is this way of telling the Bush administration to keep their hands off our coast. California’s beaches have been strained and marine life killed because of oil spills. Enough is enough,” said Assembly member Pedro Nava in a press release. The resolution is designed to respect California’s Coastal Sanctuary Act as well as prohibit federal offshore oil and gas leasing moratorium but the California Coastal Sanctuary Act as well as prohibit federal offshore oil and gas leasing.

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income from resorts, regardless of the condition of the economy or the health of a business, is another entire, said Vince Solitto, spokesman for the California Chamber of Commerce. “When the ESP wage is determined, it remains opposed to any wage increase.”

State Republican leader Tick Ackerman said Republicans would not support the wage hike, though he acknowledged you raise the minimum wage, it’s going to be a drag on business,” said Ackerman. “It’s going to have a negative impact on hiring minorities and low-income workers because there will be less jobs.”

George Patel, who employs eight workers at a Subway sandwich franchise three blocks from the state Capitol, said the boost in the minimum wage could force him to lay off some workers.

“As the owner, I’m not very happy about it,” he said. “Right now, I could not afford an extra $1.25. I would have to do layoffs. One thousand a week, that’s $50,000. I could afford it. But I would be looking to increase productivity.”

In 2004, a Los Angeles judge vetted a bill that would have increased the minimum wage by $1 over two years. He also vetoed a bill that year increasing the minimum wage to $11 and tying future increases to inflation.

Art Pulaski, chief executive officer of the California Labor Federation, described the latest deal as a modest increase and pledged to push for indexing next year.

“Clearly, the governor waited until three months before his election to do anything,” said Pulaski. “He’s using minimum wage as a political football.”

Pulaski said mandatory, annual increases would remove the politics from the minimum wage debate and provide businesses and workers with predictability.

Six states—Alaska, Colorado, Oregon, Rhode Island, Vermont and Washington —and the District of Columbia currently set minimum wages that are higher than California’s. They range from $7.78 in the District of Columbia to $7.63 in Washington State.

Skateboard

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turns, so I decided to skateboard to L.A.”, Lasher said.

In the beginning, there were going to be four friends accompanying bicker on the ride. Some of them planned to skateboard, while others were going to ride or hike. But they ultimately all bailed and the ride became a solo mission, bicker said.

“I think it’s really cool that he ended up going by himself because it’s such an independent achievement,” said Nicole Bankevitz, a business sophomore and bicker’s friend.

bicker purchased a new carbon fiber skateboard, a Rolls Rolls, that was made in Germany for his trip and averaged 10 to 15 mph on flat surfaces.

“Weip smooth to the ground and way quick,” bicker said. “I can get up to 30 mph on the downhill.”

In addition to the skateboard, bicker traveled with a 30-pound camping backpack that included a gallon of water, OJ box, a sleeping bag, headlamp, clothes, trash bags, glass necklac­

“I made glass necklaces to barter,” bicker said. “I traded some people for rides and left them with the people I camped with.”

A ride was necessary just outside of Los Angeles because of rough roads, bicker hitchhiked about 17 miles after walking for six miles.

“After car that passed picked me up so I was totally stoked,” bicker said.

After skateboarding, 80 miles in nine hours, bicker stopped to camp at Borrego Springs at Beach.

He met up with some people who got kicked out of the park for being too noisy and moved 10 miles south with them to a beach just north of Isla Vista in Santa Barbara where they slept for the night.

“I didn’t really party too hard because I was exhausted,” bicker said.

Sunday, August 20

“I get up (that morning) and started skateboarding again,” bicker said.

He stopped in Santa Barbara for four hours after skateboarding since 7 a.m.

“I needed a break up at a pair of shoes because mine were sucking,” bicker said. “I threw my old pair over the telephone line.”

bicker then visited a sandwich shop for lunch and headed to a skateboard park where he sat and watched the

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previous award winners or mem­
bers of the association, he said.

Tong was recognized for studies he did on dairy calcium, cream cheese, yogurt and dairy ingredient standardization.

Tong’s work with dairy calcium was developing a process to pro­duce lower lactose milk protein while retaining more calcium. The process used was ultra-filtration technology that relies on semiper­meable membranes with small pores, he said.

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Tong’s work is not exclusive to the United States but also spreads out to other countries. Countries that have a particular interest in are China, Mexico and Southeast Asia.

He is working with groups to help educate on potential food processing and improving existing ones, he said. The point is to make good nutritional products, Tong said.

Tong is mostly interested in China because dairy is not a par­tial staple of the Chinese diet but it is becoming more evolved.

“Tong are just starting to develop markets that are commercialized Tong said.

Dairy science does not mean just milk, cheese and ice cream, he said. It is also taking dairy ingredi­ents and making foods that people would not normally think are made of milk products.

Iremo that contain milk products but really are not known for them are confections, baked goods and whis­key solids, said Why. It is important because it is used in body-building products, he said.

“Milk can be used in the traditional dairy cases,” Tong said.
BOMBAY, India — When a restaurant called "Hitler's Cross" opened four days ago in a Bombay suburb, the city's small Jewish community was outraged, but there were few other objections.

Owner Purnesh Subhok insisted then — and still does — that the name and theme of his new eatery is only meant to attract attention, with its posters of Adolf Hitler and swastikas.

"There is no intention to hurt anyone," Subhok said of his spacious restaurant, which serves pastries, pizza and salad in Navi Mumbai, a northern suburb of Bombay, which is also known as Mumbai.

Holocaust awareness in India is limited, Hitler is regarded by many as just another historical figure. The swastika, revered in many parts of the world, is also an ancient Hindu symbol and displayed all over to bring luck.

There are just 5,500 Jews in India, and all but 1,000 live in Bombay.

"It's really made people very upset that a person responsible for the massacre of 6 million Jews can be glorified," Elijah Jacobs, one of the community's leaders, told The Associated Press on Aug. 23.

Those objecting to the restaurant plan to ask the local government to force a name change, said Daniel Zoshnbe, Israel's consul general in Bombay.

"Instead of Hitler's name being an example of extreme evil, this is like giving legitimacy to Hitler. It's not right to advertise his name in public," Zoshnbe said.

But while India is ordinarily sensitive to causing religious offense — it recently took action to ban "The Da Vinci Code" movie and cartoon drawings of the prophet Muhammad — at least one local leader said the name Hitler didn't bother him.

"People are unnecessarily making this into an issue," said Sudhir Jadhav, a local ruling party leader. "We have no plans to protest outside the restaurant or ask him to change the name."

Goldenberg said thus far his drivers have noticed little change.

"You still have regular cars parking (in the taxi zones), so the taxi still has to go around them," he said.

Goldenberg said he hopes when Sept. 9 rolls around, and tickets begin to be issued, the taxi zones will in fact serve their purpose.

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transformation from a student's resi­
dence to downtown, but does supply a safe ride home for $4.

As far as the assistance the taxi zones have provided to taxi drivers,

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Los Angeles (AP) — California detectives notified Colorado officials in 2001 of John Mark Karr's "apparent fascination" with the JonBenet Ramsey murder, the Boulder County Sheriff's Department said Aug. 23. The notifi­cation happened while he was under investigation for a child pornography case. It is the earliest known time that Karr was brought to the attention of authorities investigating the 1996 slaying of the girl in her Boulder County, Colo., home.

San Francisco (AP) — A 5-year-old boy was grazed by a stray bullet while playing basketball with his family in a city playground Aug. 23, authorities said.

The boy was taken to San Francisco General Hospital to be treated for non-life threatening injuries after he was hit in the butt­ocks around 1 p.m. at the Crocker Amazon Playground in the city's Excelsior neighborhood, said police spokesman Sgt. Neville Gattens.

Investigators believe that the occupants of two cars were firing at each other, and that the boy was not the intended target, Gattens said.

Police still were searching for the suspects involved in the shooting.

Briefs

National

charleston, W.Va. (AP) — The lone survivor of the Sago Mine disaster and the families of two victims on Aug. 23 sued the mine owner and five other companies, alleging negli­gence that put the miners at grave risk as they went about their work underground.

All three lawsuits accuse International Coal Group and a subsidiary of Shenhua International with other governments.

National

Los Angeles (AP) — The United Nations has set a deadline of next Thursday for a formal reply by Tehran.

That came as the 10-day cease-fire was shaken by the deaths of three Lebanese soldiers killed detonating a missile and an Israeli killed by a land mine in south Lebanon.

Lebanese Prime Minister Fouad Siniora urged the U.S. to help end Israel's siege, warning that it was making "every effort" to secure its borders.
Author's performance brings fictional characters to life

Nicole Small

A poetic cockroach and his friends will make their appearance this Sunday at 7 p.m. Gale McNeeley, a Santa Maria resident, presents a one-man show as "Archy, the Poetic Cockroach," and "Mehitabel, the Toujours Gai Alley Cat" and other characters created by Don Marquis.

The name Marquis is recognizable to people over 60, but younger generations are not familiar with his work. "My job is to keep Archy and Mehitabel alive; they will die if not," McNeeley said.

Marquis had the characters talk about current events, such as the war at the time, relationships and the stock market. However, the focus was on performing.

"I want to get my show on national radio," McNeeley said. "Then there's Mehitabel, the alley cat who is always happy, even when suffering with a broken leg. She is well-known for her line, "toujours gai, toujours gai, my dear Archy," meaning always happy, always be happy Archy."

According to McNeeley, Marquis created Archy, the wannabe writer stuck in a cockroach's body, who every time he dies wants to come back as a human so he can be an accomplished writer. Ironically, no matter how many times he dies, Archy always goes back to being a cockroach, what he was meant to be in life.

Then there's Mehitabel, the alley cat who is always happy, even when suffering with a broken leg. She is well-known for her line, "toujours gai, toujours gai, my dear Archy," meaning always happy, always be happy Archy. McNeeley is determined to keep Marquis' work alive and show people how the material remains relevant to a person's life today.

"My goal is to not let them die," McNeeley said. "If they do die, they'll just turn into a body of a cockroach," joked McNeeley.

This November McNeeley will travel to Greensberg, Pennsylvania to perform his show with Michael Sims, who featured McNeeley in "Annotated Archy and Mehitabel" for the preface of his new book, "The Amorous Archy and Mehitabel" and head to his old alma mater, John Carroll University in Cleveland, Ohio to perform.

McNeeley is currently working to get his show on national radio for all audiences to become familiar with Archy and Mehitabel.

Linnaea's is located at 1110 Garden St.

Gale McNeeley acts out one of his characters, which were created by Don Marquis, during a performance.

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Kevin Cuneo
MUSTANG DAILY

Every so often a movie is made that shatters Hollywood pretenses and leaves audience members with a feeling of awe and inspiration. "Snakes on a Plane" is not one of those movies. What "Snakes" does do, however, is combine an over-the-top plotline with fantastically terrible dialogue to create one of the most ridiculously amusing movies of the summer. The absurdity begins when a laid-back surfer Sean Jones (Nathan Phillips) must take the reluctant Sean to Los Angeles district attorney Eddie Kim (played by Byron Lawson). Queue Nelville (Samuel L. Jackson) who must take the reluctant Sean to Los Angeles so that he can testify against Eddie Kim and bring down his criminal enterprise.

Everyone knows that mob bosses have a flair for dramatic, nefarious plots, but Eddie Kim gets the lifetime achievement award for the most creative (and least efficient) assassination attempt in history.

And that is really all there is to it. It's best not to look into the plot any further than that, but if you are still wondering "Snakes? On a Plane?" Kim explains it all before the snakes and the movie bust out "Accidents happen. You don't think I didn't exhaust every other option?" This absolutely ridiculous line sums up the entire illogical plot. But an in-depth story line is not what "S.O.A.P." is all about.

The idea of the film is simple: Everyone is afraid to fly, so what can be done to make it even more terrifying? Snakes. Duh. From there the movie probably just wrote itself. The characters are almost perfectly killable. From the pot-smoking, horny couple that decides to join the mile-high club seconds after takeoff, to the obnoxious Brit who hates Americans almost as much as he hates flying coach, each gruesome death is meant to be cheered on by the audience.

There is some one-line, sum-it-all-up character development that does fit in perfectly between each gruesome death and gigantic plot hole adding to the cheesy factor. For instance, when flight attendant Clair Miller (Julianna Margulies) mentions that she is on her last flight before going to law school, the audience automatically knows that the flight is doomed, but there may be one flight attendant savvy enough to outsmart the serpents. Samuel L. Jackson's performance is perfect. He is able to subtly subdue his signature, aggressive acting style until the movie climaxes with what will undoubtedly be marked as one of the most classic lines in the history of cinema. (I have had it with these mutha-***** snakes on this mutha-***** plane!)

What is pleasing about "S.O.A.P." is that the sick people who made the movie had enough respect for the story not to make it tongue-in-cheek.

Each overheated cliché ("I need you to be strong right now") and laughable line ("Time is tissue") is acted out with complete seriousness, delivering exactly what the audience wants when they go see a movie called "Snakes on a Plane."

So, if you are still asking yourself "Why snakes? On a Plane?" you should be asking yourself "Why not snakes on a plane?" God Bless America.

TIME CAPSULE

August 24:

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STAFF EDITORIAL

Cable news resembles tabloids, not journalism

T
ought on cable news: a bunch of stuff you really don't need to know. So
that may not seem like a breaking story, but it's certainly becoming more and more
true.

With about 1,056 minutes to fill every day, cable's three main news networks CNN, Fox and MSNBC - have evolved into entertainment broadcasts rather
than informative sources. They will do anything to hook viewers, often turning to flashy titles, ridiculous interview subjects and shallow stories that hardly have an
impact on society.

As journalism students on the brink of careers in the media, we are disappointed with how the
industry is sliding away from its foundations. In our first journalism classes, we are led to believe that we are here to inform the people - that's our responsibility. News is
only news if it contains the elements like impact, conflict, novelty, prominence, proximity and timeliness.

While many stories featured on cable news may contain at least one of these elements, station managers tend to trivialize them to extremes just to get higher ratings.

Suddenly, JonBenet Ramsey's murder

The JonBenet Ramsey case exposes beauty pageant problems

This whole JonBenet Ramsey ordeal is weird. It has been going on for 10
years and it keeps getting weirder.

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than we could: "Let me explain something to you about the alge-
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ists. While a Washington Post reporter may have written some stories about the conflict in the Mideast, they are journalism being interviewed in the United States. Their families were not affected by recent conflict; their homes were not ravaged by bombs,
and they didn't write a best-selling book that exposed underlying reasons for why the war is escalating in the first place. In other words, it's taking the easy way out.

Could you imagine reading an article in The New York Times that quotes Nancy Grace as a legitimate news source?

Ah, Nancy Grace - that's another problem with cable news stations. During the prime-time hours, instead of highlighting the
day's top stories or doing in-depth analyses of issues, they feature Showbiz Tonight, The O'Reilly Factor and Nancy Grace. Essentially, instead of taking the
day's biggest platform to inform the public, the cable news stations use them to make ises out of non-issues. Why? Because it's entertainment.

Again, these stations are sacrific-
ing their roles as public information channels to bring you the latest on the state of Britney Spears' marriage. Is it threatening the sanctity of mar-
rriage in the United States?

Probably, but let's worry about the sanctity of broadcast journalism first.

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STAFF COMMENTARY

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ists. While a Washington Post reporter may have written some stories about the conflict in the Mideast, they are journalism being interviewed in the United States. Their families were not affected by recent conflict; their homes were not ravaged by bombs,
Beck leads former Mustangs in NFL

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Jordan Beck is making the most impact so far this preseason of any of the former Cal Poly football players currently in NFL training camps.

Beck, a backup middle linebacker for the Atlanta Falcons, has recorded five tackles in two games. He also had a pair of tackles on special teams Aug. 11 in a 26-23 win over New England before making his mark with four solo tackles in a 36-10 loss Aug. 19 at Green Bay.

"I was able to get a few big hits," Beck said on the Falcons' Web site of the game against New England, in which he made the tackle on the opening kickoff. "Our defense played well and it was just an awesome game. I think our tackling core will be pretty deep this year." Beck was the 90th overall pick in the 2005 NFL Draft. He was challenging for a starting role last summer before suffering a fractured foot in the fourth game of the preseason.

Like Beck, pass-rushing outside linebacker Chris Gocong has dealt with injuries during his rookie season. He has not played in a preseason game for the Philadelphia Eagles, who chose him 71st overall in April, because of a stinger and bruised shoulder suffered in July.

"I'm getting the last bit of rehab to try to get my shoulder firing again," Gocong told the Delaware County Daily Times Aug. 21. "I've never been aboard on the sidelines so it's definitely really frustrating."

Frustrating because like Beck, Gocong may have lost the chance to make the starting job to a rookie.

Both Beck and Gocong won the Buck Buchanan Award as the top player in Division I-AA following their senior seasons at Cal Poly.

Gocong, who set a division record with 23.5 sacks last year, is shifting from a defensive end in college to strong-side linebacker in the NFL. He is currently third on the Eagles' depth chart.

Former Cal Poly cornerback David "Doc" Richardson is entering his third season with the Jacksonville Jaguars as the team's third-string free safety. He had two assisted tackles Aug. 12 in a 31-26 win at Miami and looked tough Aug. 19 in a 17-10 loss to Carolina.

Richardson was undrafted following the 2004 season, but has played nine regular-season games the past two years. He has six career tackles and one pass defensed.

Former Cal Poly wide receiver Adam Hernandez has not caught a pass for the New England Patriots this preseason. He is listed 11th on the team's depth chart.

Hernandez was undrafted following the 2002 season and is with his fourth NFL team. He caught 14 passes for 188 yards and two touchdowns for the Franklin Galaxy in NFL Europe in 2005.

Teams must cut their rosters to 65 players by Aug. 29 and to the final 53 by Sept. 2.

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off a 6-14 season in which it went 1-9 in the Big West. Won't have home-field advantage until it plays Navy on Sept. 8.

The volleyball team doesn't have a home match until it plays UC Davis on Sept. 19, due to what head coach Joe Stevenson called "the most difficult nonconference schedule in the United States."

Despite his team's tough schedule, Stevenson has high hopes. He aims to surpass last year's 16-6 record.

Cal Poly was third with a 10-4 Big West Conference record last season but was excluded from the NCAA Tournament.

"This year, we're going to go out and find the competition," Stevenson said. "All we want to do is make the school proud."

And think we can do that this year. With our hard schedule, we're learning to compete at the highest level."

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Cal Poly outside hitter Kylie Astberthorne, left, goes up for the ball alongside two teammates last year. The Mustangs open the season Aug. 25 at the UNLV Tournament. Cal Poly plays its first 11 matches this season away from home. They face UC Davis in Mont Gym on Sept. 19.

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What's the Buzz?

* A pair of Cal Poly Football players were nominated Aug. 23 by The Sports Network for two of the most prestigious awards in the Division I-AA ranks:
  - Cal Poly sophomore tailback James Noble was one of 16 players to be placed on the "Payton Watch" list, which features candidates for the Walter Payton Award given to the top player in the division.
  - Cal Poly senior middle linebacker Kyle Shoswell was one of 16 players to be placed on the "Buchanan Watch" list, which features candidates for the Buck Buchanan Award given to the top defensive player in the division.

The Mustangs have had the last two Buchanan Award winners in defensive end Chris Gooch (2005) and Linebacker Jordan Beck (2004). Noble ranked for a school-record 1,578 yards and 16 touchdowns while Shoswell recorded 138 tackles, five sacks and two interceptions last year. Coming off a 9-4 season in which it reached the quarterfinals in its first appearance in the Division I-AA playoffs, Cal Poly is ranked sixth in The Sports Network's preseason poll.

* SprINTER Justin Gallin received a 2006-07 Cal Poly men's basketball schedule. announced Aug. 16 by head coach Kevin Borseth. The Mustangs will play in their first tournament since the 2002-03 season and 14 home dates.

Men's basketball schedule unveiled

The 2006-07 Cal Poly men's basketball schedule, announced Aug. 16 by head coach Kevin Borseth, will see the Mustangs play in their first tournament since the 2002-03 season and 14 home dates.

Borseth said, "We will have the opportunity to renew rivalries with teams from the past and I am particularly excited about the series with Fresno State. To play so many strong teams early in the season will be a test of character for this team."

After an exhibition game against Notre Dame de Namur, Cal Poly will open the regular season Nov. 10 at the Oregon State Tournament. Cal Poly will then return home for its first three-game series with Cal State Stanislaus (Nov. 20), Saint Mary's (Nov. 26) and Occidental College (Nov. 29).

The Mustangs will play 13 nonconference games during the season. The team-adjusted scoring average, player growth, academics, climate and coaching facilities. The team-adjusted scoring average and academics played the biggest factors in the decision for "Gold First," the scoring average counted for 40 percent, while academics were worth 14 percent. For "Academics First," the scoring average was valued at 15 percent with academics counting for 58 percent, as based on the U.S. News and World Report's 2006 "America's Best Colleges."

Cal Poly ranked in the Top-20 or "Top-25 percent for nearly every category."

"It just brings light to the college as an academic institution," said Scott Cartwright, the coach for both Cal Poly's men's and women's teams.

Though both teams were ranked below by League schools such as Princeton (which was ranked No. 1 for men's and women's) "Academics First," Harvard and Yale, this marks the first appearance for the Cal Poly teams on the list since they came into existence in 2000.

"There were only four Division I schools ranked higher," Cartwright said. "We were the first public school ranked."

Cartwright believes the academic rankings pertain more toward admissions rather than the academic status of current collegiate golfers. He plays a role in this when he looks for potential golfers.

"We don't recruit anyone under a 3.5 (GPA) in high school because they probably won't survive when they get here," he said.

Though he maintains that Cal Poly is difficult for anyone to get into, and declaring a major so early plays a part in that, he said there is a difference in how men and women golfers come to Cal Poly.

The men's team only takes nine or 10 golfers, and though it is difficult when the university cannot provide any golf scholarships, it is an all-walk-on team.

But Cartwright says, "Just because you're the No. 1 guy on the team."