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**Campus Sustains Minor Damage in Quake**

San Luis Obispo -- The Cal Poly campus sustained only minor damage during Monday’s earthquake, according to Facilities Director Mark Hunter.

There was strong shaking on campus, since the epicenter of the quake, which measured 6.5 on the Richter scale, was only 40 miles away.

California native Robb Drury, advancement services director, was on the second floor of a 100-year-old building on campus when the quake hit. “I’m used to the smaller ones so I didn’t think this was going to be that big, but then the building was really moving and my supervisor told us to evacuate. By the time we got out the shaking had stopped. The trembling seemed to last about 30 seconds,” he said.

A preliminary visual inspection of campus buildings and facilities showed a broken window and books that fell off the shelves in the library, mainly on the two top floors.

Mott Gym sustained isolated cracking.

The campus hot water distribution system experienced temporary pressure fluctuations.

Jim Hill, a licensed structural engineer and member of the California State University seismic review board, came to campus the day of the quake. “He did a walk-through of some of the buildings and discussed with us what our initial inspection showed,” Hunter said. “We were mainly looking for obvious problems that would make a building unsafe.”

Although there are no major concerns, he added, seismic consultants may be brought to campus for further inspections.

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