Cal Poly cited for asbestos safety violations

By Craig Andrews
Staff writer

Cal Poly was cited for two safety violations in December by the State of California regarding accumulation and clean-up of asbestos, including a hazard at Sequoia Hall.

The citations were issued by the Department of Industrial Relations, Division of Occupational Safety and Health.

One citation alleges the air had not been sampled to determine the concentration of asbestos fibers within the breathing zone of employees. Don Van Acker, Cal Poly environmental health and safety officer, said air analysis must be taken six inches from a worker's nose and mouth. But he took the sample from the room, apparently not getting close enough to the workers. "We got nicked on a technicality," he said.

The violation occurred during the emergency clean-up of asbestos on the first floor of Sequoia Hall last summer, said Ed Naretto, director of Cal Poly Plant Operations.

A partial inspection — which yielded the citations — was conducted Oct. 17 and 22 in 1985 by OSHA. The violation at the Science Building was found during the inspection.

Sequoia Hall was shut down last summer. During that time, workers began replacing perforated metal ceiling panels in the hall. Pipes above the ceiling panels are insulated with asbestos. All of the old buildings on campus contain asbestos, said Naretto. The Robert E. Kennedy Library, Faculty Office Building and any other recently constructed buildings are probably safe, he said.

Asbestos only becomes a problem when it is loose and easily crumpled, Naretto said. Years ago, before the hazard of asbestos was known, work done on pipes encased in asbestos may not have been cleaned up properly. Residual dust can therefore become a hazard when accumulated above ceiling panels. Students often damage panels during parties, necessitating replacement of the panels, said Naretto.

The threat to students' health is difficult to determine, Naretto said. Often, symptoms of asbestos-related diseases don't manifest for 25 to 30 years, he said.

Van Acker said there was no time to send samples from the Sequoia Hall work zone away for lab analysis. The procedure may take months, he said.

A safety violation was discovered last summer during an asbestos clean-up in Sequoia Hall. During the work on Sequoia Hall last summer, Aceto refused to work in the building when the hazard became known. "There is one area where asbestos fell on the floor. I was very irate. I didn't make too many people happy," he said.

"In the beginning we didn't have properly fitting uniforms," Aceto said. But Cal Poly has recently acquired special plastic-lined coveralls, booties, mitts and a helmet-mask which is connected to a fresh air supply, said Naretto. "Before we just used a mask," he said.

In addition, warning of the hazardous situation was not posted adequately, said Aceto.

Naretto, however, said the proper signs were posted at both ends of the corridor where work was taking place.

Federal law requires "...Sign shall be posted at such a distance from such a location so that an employee may take protective steps before entering area marked by signs."

The workers who were replacing the ceiling panels had no been advised of the initial hazard, said Aceto.

"The guy replacing the ceiling didn't recognize it," Naretto said. But, he added, as soon as the asbestos was noticed, the area was isolated and signs were posted. Workers' instructors about asbestos were brought in with the equipment and materials to clean up the asbestos, he said.

Plant Operations at Cal Poly gets involved with asbestos at least once a week, Naretto said. If work is done in an area where there is asbestos, special precautions are implemented, he said.

Aceto's complaint to OSHA also included an alleged violation of dry cutting of a fire door in the Cal Poly carpenter shop. Since many fire-resistant doors on campus have cores filled with asbestos, special wet-sawing procedures are to be used when working on a door. OSHA could not substantiate the claim during its October inspection.

The Chancellor's Office issued a comprehensive report Sept. 10, 1985 regarding the problem of asbestos in many of the buildings in the 19-campus California State University system. The state legislature will allocate $50 million to alleviate the problem, said Naretto. The CSU system has already been allocated $2.3 million this year. It will receive $5 million per year thereafter, he said.

See ASBESTOS, back page
Asbestos citations: we should be told

Mustang Daily received an anonymous tip last week that the university has received citations for asbestos safety violations. If this “John Doe” hadn’t shown the concern and initiative to contact us on this issue, we wouldn’t have known and you wouldn’t have known. And we want to know why the Cal Poly Public Affairs Office didn’t know.

A complaint was made by a Plant Operations maintenance worker in August, an official inspection was made by the Department of Industrial Relations, Division of Occupational Safety and Health (OSHA) in October and two citations were issued in December.

Through the five months after the complaint was made, no official word was given to students, staff and faculty. The Public Affairs Office should know where there is ignorance or misinformation, rumors follow.

The first citation was considered a “technicality” by Cal Poly’s environmental health and safety officer. The second citation was issued for negligence in not cleaning up a pile of asbestos in the fiance building — not a technicality. No one knew just how long it had been sitting there.

When contacted by Mustang Daily, Stan Bernstein, director of Public Affairs, said: “This is the first I’ve heard of it ... This is not the first time I’ve found something out after it happened.”

The dangers and health hazards of asbestos are still not entirely known. When violations of safety standards are cited, it should be of interest and concern to the entire university which is exposed to asbestos in most of its buildings — especially when three are reportedly needing immediate attention because of a threat of serious hazards.

The Mustang Daily Editorial Board is frustrated with the Public Affairs Office for not informing the university of these asbestos citations, but even more worried to learn that Stan Bernstein never even knew about them.

C DEVELOPING A FEEDBACK SYSTEM — Again, good ideas, no implementation.

I (Incomplete) DEVELOPING A FIVE-YEAR PLAN — Although the ASI considers long range planning a “number one priority,” it is too early to tell if these efforts will be fruitful.

I IMPROVING ACADEMIC QUALITY — The ASI’s desire to publish student evaluations of instructors has not produced any results.

NC (No Credit) OBJECTIVE REC CENTER PROPOSAL — This has been the responsibility of the University Union (and the group it contracted) and not the ASI.

The above report card earns the ASI a grade point average of 2.67. While these grades would not earn any honors, they do represent “acceptable to good” attainment of goals. As I’m sure any freshman with similar grades would tell his parents, these grades aren’t bad for a first-time quarter. The ASI has had its first quarter of adjustment, now it’s time to improve.

Steve Dunton is a senior educational reporter who will pick up his own grades this week.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Shortage of classes needs closer attention

Editor — May I respectfully suggest instead of the usual editorial (story on the lack of classes at the beginning of each quarter (Thursday’s “No Simple Solutions for Registration Problems”), that you devote time to investigative reporting a la Gerardo Rivera. Perhaps then some solutions might be found. Let me point out some of the starting points that continually come up in conversations with my colleagues. I think student pressure might work where faculty pressure does not.

1. The fact is that of the formula-generated faculty positions, the state funds only 90 percent. This translates into 10 percent less classes than the taxpayers think they are paying for. Where does the money go? Your guess is as good as mine.

2. The CSUC administrators from the Chancellor through the campus presidents, provosts and deans all “skim” off some instructional positions for other uses. Admittedly, most of these uses like providing sick leave substitutes, faculty recruiting, and release time for course development are worthwhile. But why are they not funded on their own? Why do they have to come out of the hide of the students? My department refuses to伸出 our goals because the pay provided comes from students’ needs. While these goals were set for the entire university which is exposed to asbestos in most of its buildings — especially when three are reportedly needing immediate attention because of a threat of serious hazards.

3. Lastly, let me mention, but not necessarily advocate, the concept of tuition. None of the student “fees” go directly to instructional purposes. A fee is charged for the use of the university’s facilities, equipment, etc. This has been the responsibility of the University Union (and the group it contracted) and not the ASI.

BLOOM COUNTY

by Berke Breathed

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Libyans intercept Navy plane

WASHINGTON (AP) — A lone U.S. Navy surveillance plane flying off the coast of Libya was intercepted Monday by two Libyan jet fighters, but the fighters made no threatening moves and eventually returned to Libya, administration sources said Tuesday.

The sources, speaking on the condition of anonymity, said two Soviet-made Mig-25 fighters unexpectedly closed on a Navy EA-3 Eaglet as the aircraft cruised on the Coral Sea as the surveillance plane flew over the Gulf of Sidra, to the northeast of the Libyan capital of Tripoli.

Libya claims the entire gulf as territorial waters, a contention dismissed by the United States.

After the pilot of the surveillance plane detected the Libyan fighters and notified the Coral Sea, two U.S. F-A-18 fighters were immediately launched by the carrier, one source said. But the Libyans had already moved away by the time the American fighters arrived, the source added.

The sources said the Navy electronic plane was flying "well offshore, unescorted and doing nothing provocative."

Columbia to return a day early

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — NASA said Tuesday it will bring Columbia and its crew home from space a day early to ease a crunch on a schedule of 15 shuttle launches this year.

Director Jay Greene said that in coming home early, "we're not going to miss any objectives . . . some of the experiment duration." Columbia, which lifted off Sunday 23 days late, will return here Thursday morning after a flight of four days.

Greene said theverty of the more than one dozen experiments were in operation, two materials processing units failed and the atmosphere degradation showed that maybe we don't need to go the full 15 days.

While most of the more than one dozen experiments were in operation, two materials processing units failed and the astronauts were unable to repair a camera device that would have provided clear pictures of Halley's comet.

Rec center election is planned

By Kathy Kent

"We've made it as easy as can be. If we can get everyone out there to vote, that will be the greatest victory we can have," Rembao said.

The pamphlet contains details about what will be included in the facility as well as the projected costs. According to Rembao, after exploring several alternatives, the only feasible alternative to pay for the project was to have the increase in student fees.

In order to determine this, Rembao, with committee members Ruth Catlin and Susan Liebert, did research which included visiting other campuses that were similar to Cal Poly in certain areas. They looked at facilities at other schools not only to find out how those were financed and built, but also to discover what problems the other schools have had.

In this way, Rembao said, they could be prepared and not "short-change the students in any way."

A panel discussion will be held Jan. 30 in the U.U. Plaza at 11 a.m. to answer questions about the proposed facility. After Jan. 30, interested groups can request a presentation about the recreation facility by contacting ASI Business Officer Steve Adams.

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Some clothes are better the second time around

It's difficult to be a poor student and dress half of the same time. A shoe, book, and a pair of pants can last longer than most people's clothes, and some people will even use their friends' clothes. They say that they can go on and off or on and off and keep it no matter what.

Photos by Duane Mielwocki

Clockwise from above, Tom Hancock, senior mechanical engineering major, shows off a closet full of thrift shop buys. Inset: a jewelry case at Raina's Treasure Island Antiques filled with old jewelry and trinkets. Above: Jon Jaeger, a junior architecture major, models his favorite thrift shop jacket.
Hog enterprise projects help students earn while learning

By Greg Colbert

Some Cal Poly students are raising pigs for profit through various enterprise projects in agriculture.

Kelly Anderson, faculty adviser for the swine enterprise project, stressed that unlike previous years, the project this quarter is not a show team that travels to fairs.

"The swine enterprise project is open to any students, not just ag students, who have shown pigs at Poly Royal. It is a super opportunity for anyone who wants to get experience working with animals, especially future ag teachers or 4-H leaders," she said.

Anderson said there is also a commercial hog enterprise project in which students raise a group of about 20 pigs for three months and sell them when they reach market weight.

"The commercial hog enterprise project includes the raising, feeding, caring and medicating of the pigs, and selling them to market, either along with other pigs in the Poly herd or they can go out and find their own buyers," Anderson said.

Anderson said the pigs in each group weigh an average of 65 pounds when the students take over the group, and will range from 190 to 240 pounds at market weight.

"The students must learn to approximate live weights during the project, because the buyer will dock them if their animals are underweight or overweight.

"It is also a practical experience. Hog prices have been depressed lately, and hog projects in the last year have lost money," Anderson said.

If projects are successful, the Foundation receives one-third of the profits and students get two-thirds. If projects lose money, the Foundation absorbs the losses.

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Grades are out

Clockwise from left: Swarms of Cal Poly students wait patiently for their grades in the University Union Plaza Monday. A volunteer finds a student’s grade list. Students Dave Hauschur, Bret Green and Bill Wimer compare the results of their fall quarter efforts.

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Peace Corps: volunteers needed for African relief effort

By Katie Brittain
Staff Writer

The widespread public concern about famine and death in Africa may not be as strong as it was a year ago, but Cal Poly students in almost any specialization can still contribute to the effort and at the same time gain important experience for their career.

Cal Poly graduate student Dan Oudahl, a Peace Corps recruiter and former volunteer, said the Peace Corps is looking for volunteers to send to Africa to help encourage or provide a means of dispersing information to a country that technologically is just beginning to enter the 20th century.

Oudahl, along with agricultural management professor Robert E. McCorrkle, attended a Peace Corps conference to discuss the growing need at the agency for volunteers with experience in agriculture, forestry and water supply to serve in Africa.

Oudahl and McCorkle were among representatives from more than 50 universities who gathered in Washington D.C. to learn more about a new Peace Corps program called the African Food Systems Initiative, designed to increase African food self-sufficiency in the next decade.

"We're developing a team approach to help, volunteers deal with a variety of problems," said Oudahl. "This way there might be a water specialist, agriculture specialist and a health worker concentrated in one area."

Oudahl said by concentrating volunteers in a targeted area they hope to have more impact on the quality of life.

Beginning in 1986, the Peace Corps plans to send coordinated skill teams of volunteers to geographically limited regions of drought- and famine-stricken African nations to work in food production and related areas.

The program will begin in Niger, Mali, Zaire and Lesotho and is expected to expand to as many as 12 nations by 1990.

Oudahl said the Peace Corps is looking to 20 years into the future for the long-term effect of their programs.

Although the team effort is a new approach for the Peace Corps, its goals remain the same.

"The first goal is to have people of the visited country learn more about Americans, the second is for the volunteers to learn more about that country and the third goal is for the volunteers to provide or assist in the transfer of technical information or assistance," he said.

Oudahl said that not only does the Peace Corps experience provide a service, but that those who serve achieve an edge in experience over others in future careers.

"Most international jobs require overseas experience, a second language and a masters degree," said Oudahl. "The Peace Corps provides two of those requirements."

In addition to a career edge, Peace Corps volunteers have the most impact on the first two goals of the agency — to give people from different countries who are working together positive personal feelings, said Oudahl.

Oudahl taught animal science in the Philippines before attending Cal Poly.

He is a biology graduate of the University of Minnesota and is now enrolled in the international agricultural development specialization of the Cal Poly master of science in agriculture program.

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But those were different times and a recent poll of residents says they are unconcerned about plans by the Klan to assemble just off the town square in front of a modest brick building where the first KKK meeting took place.

A bronze plaque outside the building's barber shop and law offices tells visitors the Ku Klux Klan organized in this, the law office of Judge Thomas M. Jones, Dec. 24, 1865.

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The poll shows that the freshman class is the most diverse so far, with nearly half from ethnic minorities. A whopping 92 percent said they chose Cal for its "very, very good academic reputation."

Asked what is personally "essential" or "very important" in their lives, 72 percent said "becoming an authority in my field," followed by "raising a family" and "helping others," each with 67 percent.

Being "well off financially" is important to 63 percent of the freshman, down from 69 percent among last year's class.

Cal freshman expect to be satisfied with college (76 percent) and 68 percent expect to find a job in their preferred field, although that's down from 72 percent last year.

The output of the Thursday test was about 10 times more than the previous record for such devices, held by the "Gekko" machine at Japan's Osaka University. The temperature of the fuel pellet soared to 30 million degrees in less than 50 trillionths of a second.

The test was the latest in a series of tests concerning a way to make cheap electricity through fusion energy. The goal is for the energy produced by the fusion of the fuel in the center of such a system to be more than the amount needed to power the lasers.

In the test, the fusion produced less than one fourth of 1 percent of the energy that went into the lasers. Nova is not designed to even break even. "We have a long way to go," Storm said.

However, the Nova system has other uses, too. Storm said the machine will be used by nuclear weapons designers for classified study of materials under conditions much like those in thermonuclear explosions.

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History, Social Science, Political Science

Jan. 21, 10-11 a.m

Professional Studies & Education

Jan. 15, 3-4 p.m.

Engineering

Jan. 21, 3-4 p.m.

Graphic Communications

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Industrial Arts

Jan. 21, 3-4 p.m.

Communicative Arts & Humanities

Art

Jan. 15, 3-4 p.m.

Science & Mathematics

Jan. 14, 3-4 p.m.

Child Development, Home Economics, P.E. & Recreation, Liberal Studies

Jan. 22, 10-11 a.m.

Computer Searching (All Students)

Jan. 22, 3-4 p.m.
**Gymnastics competition canceled**

The Cal Poly women's gymnastic meet, scheduled for Friday night, has been canceled. Instead, the Lady Mustangs will travel to meet Cal State Northridge, Cornell University and Southern Utah State University at Northridge.

The Lady Mustangs were expecting to host University of California Santa Barbara and Cal Poly Pomona in the Main Gym, but it has been committed to a speaker's forum sponsored by ASI.

**Hoosters ready for Northridge**

By Lisa A. Hooks

When a team wins a league game by a few points, the emotion usually carries over into the next contest. In the case of the Cal Poly women's basketball team, the four-point victory over Cal State Dominguez Hills was only a spark to the flame. The Lady Mustangs will have to furnish the extra fuel Thursday as they take on an equally charged Cal State Northridge team at 7:30 p.m. in the main gym.

"This will be an extremely tough game for us, because Northridge is coming off a win and so are we," said Jill Orrock, assistant coach of the Lady Mustangs.

The Matadors, who boast an 11-2 overall record, defeated a tough Chapman College team. 59-34, Saturday to start league play off with a bang.

"Last week Leslie (Milke), head coach of Northridge, said they (Northridge) were going to beat Chapman — and they did it," said Orrock. "We have to be ready for their (Northridge's) confidence on the court."

With the league race competitive at the start, the Mustangs will have to utilize their race competitive advantage, Orrock said. "There's only room for 200 people here (Crandall)," he said. "And we have larger home crowds than any of the other teams we meet. Plus the Main Gym is more professional. We've worked too hard to get our program off the ground to hold our met here (Crandall)."

Rivera said the team is looking forward to meeting Northridge again to avenge losses to them last season and earlier this season.

"Our girls are really psyched up for the meet," Rivera said. "I think we'll get them back — all of our girls are back and healthy now."

Julie Williams is poised on the balance beam in competition last week. The gymnastics team will travel to Northridge this weekend to meet Cornell University, Southern Utah State and Cal State Northridge.

Barb Blackburn, a 6'2" senior from Sunnyvale, Ca., has racked up an impressive 33 points in the last two games, while 5'9" Janet Jorgensen out of Cupertino takes up the slack with 26 points in two showdowns. Blackburn and Jorgensen are both products of DeAnza Junior College.

Poly will also rely on the breakaway talent of guards Carol Mills and Trish Groo, while the inside moves will be handled by 6'0" center Sherrie Atteberry and 6'0" freshman Rusta Madden.

"We need everybody working on defense and our offense has to be polished, because Northridge has a similar defense," said Orrock.

"It will definitely be a close game, she said. "In fact, this game could be called a battle."

**Polo clinic**

The Cal Poly Polo Club will hold a two-day polo clinic this weekend for students interested in learning the game.

There will be two guest instructors to help teach the clinic: Sunny and Stormy Hale, two of the top ranked women polo players in the country.

The clinic will be held at TC and E Stables on O'Connor Road and will begin Saturday at 1:00 p.m. and will end Sunday.

"If you want to get into polo this is a good way to do it," said Jorgensen.

The cost of the clinic is $10 for each day and reservations must be made by Friday. For information and reservations call 549-0406.

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Van Acker said analyzing each potential area takes time. A big help was that outside consultants were brought in to conduct the analysis as part of the Chancellor's Office study, he added.

Naretto said most hazard areas are not exposed to the general public. Usually mechanical rooms and maintenance areas are the most dangerous, he said.

"It's a big issue," said Naretto. "There's a lot of things to do to take precautions," he said.

According to the Chancellor's report, nearly every building on campus has been assigned a priority number for action. Priorities are one through seven, with seven being the most severe hazard requiring immediate attention. There is one priority seven condition at Cal Poly and at least 24 priority six sites on campus.

Asbestos was once the most widely-used insulation material in the U.S., according to the Aug. 12, 1983 issue of U.S. News and World Report. It is blamed for two fatal diseases: asbestosis, which cuts breath capacity, and mesothelioma, cancer of the lung lining.

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