L.A. disheveled, dispirited

Cal State Northridge a study in disaster

By Lisa M. Hansen

California State University-Northridge, located within a mile of the epicenter of the 6.6-magnitude quake that rocked Southern California, suffered major damage.

But CSU officials on Tuesday said it could have been a lot worse. No injuries were reported on campus — even though more than 150 dorm residents were there for the university's winter session.

When students officially return on Jan. 31 for spring semester, they will find two floors of a science building gutted by a chemical fire, a collapsed library roof and a four-story, 2,400-space parking structure nearly demolished.

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Life now an arduous struggle to pick up the pieces

By James Anderson

LOS ANGELES — For perhaps the first time ever, Egg McMuffins were considered high cuisine.

The thirsty boiled water on barbecues, the cold shopped for sleeping bags, the empty crused for gasoline and the hungry swarmed hamburger stands.

Mostly, people waited in line.

A day after an earthquake shook Southern California and beyond, residents of the hardest-hit areas tried to adapt to life without its basic comforts.

As the ground occasionally swayed from aftershocks Tuesday, some 30 people waited patiently in line outside a Hughes supermarket. They were at the San Fernando Valley mini-grocery to stock up on those provisions inside the store that hadn't been destroyed in the earthquake.

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Region is bereft of everyday necessities

By James Anderson

LOS ANGELES — Under skies as bright and blue as ever, Southern Californians confronted a changed world Tuesday.

The defining features of this region's life — water, power and freeways — were suddenly uncertain. In their place, long lines, hellish commutes and constant earthquake aftershocks.

A 16th body was found inside a flattened apartment building in Northridge, near the epicenter of Monday's powerful earthquake, bringing the death toll from the quake to 34.

"The days ahead will also be rough for us," Mayor Richard Riordan warned Angelenos, even as he praised them for a cool-headed response to the crisis. "Let's all stick together."

A snapshot of a region in crisis Tuesday:

• Many offices, schools and stores were closed, and workers were urged to stay home. The closure of four of the nation's busiest freeways still made commuting a frustrating adventure.

• Aftershocks, some as strong...
**Inman withdraws from defense race**

Retired admiral speaks of 'modern McCarthyism,' conspiracy

By Tom Raum  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Retired Adm. Bobby Inman withdrew on Tuesday as defense secretary nominee, saying he was "distressed and distracted" by attacks on his character and reputation. President Clinton accepted Inman's resignation, and Martin Marietta Corp. and Norman Augustine, who runs the defense contractor, will turn up the heat on my nomination that Safire would turn up the heat on Whitewater development."

"I did not want this job," Inman, 62, said in a rambling hour-long news conference in Austin, Texas. "I'm at peace with myself."

"He's probably not qualified to be secretary of defense if he has fantasies like that," said Clinton in a speech to a business group in Columbia, S.C.

"I'm not prepared to pay the current cost of public service in distortion of my record," Inman said. In his letter to Clinton Inman apologized for "letting you down."

He said he was being bombarded daily with "rush-to-judgment distortions of my past, my character and my reputation."

At his news conference, Inman said: "I decided if I was distressed and distracted ... it was better to make a decision now."

Inman contended columnist Safire had been out to get him for more than a decade. He suggested the New York Times writer had agreed to write columns criticizing Clinton's investment in a controversial Arkansas real estate development if Dole in turn took a more critical view of Inman's nomination for the Pentagone job.

"There were reports, which both will probably deny, that there was a trade between Mr. Safire and Senator Dole," Inman said. "That if Senator Dole would turn up the heat on my nomination that Safire would turn up the heat on Whitewater development."

Dole denied the allegation. Nancy Nielsen, a spokeswoman for The New York Times, said Inman's withdrawal and news conference "came as news to us. We are looking into everything he said, and it will take us a while to reconstruct the incidents he said took place."

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Senate OKs ethnic studies
Minor curriculum needs approval of Baker, Munitz

By Silas Lyons and Katie Pulvis
Daily Staff

After months of debate, Cal Poly President Warren Baker and the Academic Senate voted to adopt a curriculum for an ethnic studies minor, the first one on campus.

The resolution, which passed the senate with only one dissenting vote, was the result of three levels of approval that must be met before a minor can be added to the curriculum. Approval must come from the department or college, the Academic Senate, and the president. Approval must also come from students, through a message to students, said Laura Freberg, Ethnic Studies Advisory Committee chair. "A message that says: 'Everyone is welcome here' — that's important to this campus."

Before Tuesday's vote, Cal Poly was one of only two universities in the CSU system that did not have an ethnic studies minor. CSU-San Marcos is now the only one who has not taken steps to adopt such curriculum.

"The purpose of the grand opening is to highlight the cultural diversity and share in the festivities and ideals of multiculturalism," said MCCC Coordinator Shirley Arco.

The ceremony will include African drumming, guest speakers and a slideshow and open poetry readings.

On Thursday, cultural dances by Ballet Folklórico, Pilipino Cultural Association and Grupo Folklórico Iwayo will be performed at 11 a.m. in the University Union Plaza.

At noon, dancers will proceed up the UU steps to the new center. MCCC president for Academic Affairs Robert Koob will initiate the MCCC blessing and ribbon-cutting ceremony.

The MCCC's new facility is located in office space previously occupied by Bee Sports.

The new facility moved from its previous one-room location next to the Student Life and Activities on the second floor of the UU.

The MCCC won the bid for the space in May over Student Community Services and the Week of Welcome committee, who also offered larger office spaces.

The new facility includes computers, private office space and a central meeting area for all ethnic student clubs and organizations.

"Because we have computers and desks, the quality of our events has risen," Arco said.

Newspaper publishing equipment has assisted the center in its production of "Spectrum," Cal Poly's ethnic student newspaper.

Four-day grand opening celebration to include dances, speeches

By Elayne S. Takemoto
July 29

Cal Poly's long-debated calendar system change came before the Academic Senate although its controversial history continues to be put on hold for further discussion.

Opinions on the resolution to switch from a trimester system for which Cal Poly President Warren Baker was openly — and vocally — at odds with the administration at the time, will be implemented until fall 1997, Senate Chair Jack Wijsman said.

The senate will hold three equal terms next year instead of the current four (fall, winter, spring and summer). The senate's decision is only a resolution, Wijsman said, and will not take effect until spring 1998.

Wilson, representing Baker at the meeting, said that the president opposes trimesters because they would "offer opportunities for faculty to spend more time in courses and labs."

Baker recently has pushed for the Senate to make a decision on the trimester system change by the middle of the semester. But Tuesday's decision to complete a first reading, may jeopardize that timetable.

Necessary to the success of trimester would be year-round student attendance, including summer. Supporters of the new system have expressed a willingness to require student attendance during that period.

That willingness bolstered an architectural engineering professor Michael Botwin.

"We will complete a new trimester system, including summer, and start the system in January 1997," Botwin said. "The Senate's decision would require student attendance during all three terms of the new system."

Assistant English professor Louie Brown came to the senate to introduce an ASI-sponsored recommendation to the senate to return a decision to the senate to return a decision, said the president.

"I'm all for the program — I think it's great," he said. "We have to look for quality and talented people who have a sympathetic ear to the university, said Program Board intern Randy Warren, the groups and speakers will receive a small honorarium for their participation.

Warren said many of the speakers plan to donate their honoraria back into the Multicultural Center.

"There's a real commitment that's being displayed by the university itself to advance the Multicultural Center," Warren said.

Warren said the joint efforts and funding between the state, Cal Poly, and the Minor curriculum needs approval of Baker, Munitz

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Amy Miller is a journalism junior. Her column will appear here every other Wednesday.

**This will be the first of three columns reviewing the food dorm residents can get with their meal card on campus. The point of these columns is to let students know about the various dining establishments. I have decided it's not worth it to strike the names of what shouldn't be eaten.**

I started with breakfast, because it is generally the first area of the day.

I went to the newest dining facility on campus, The Lighthouse, to critique their breakfast arrangements. Because I don't usually start class until 11 a.m., I had to do my class at 8 a.m. to get there before it closed. Since I had been at work until 11 p.m. the night before, I was tired, but their great coffee helped a lot.

The scrambled eggs and potatoes were good. Although the eggs were on the slimy side, I had put sour cream on them, they were still tasty, and the potatoes had nice chunks of onion and bell pepper. I ordered sour cream for my breakfast and got it quite quickly, but in a cafeteria setting, not everything can be perfect.

I also put two pieces of sourdough bread in the in­

I put the bread through the machine more than once, but I was told I should put it in the toaster. 

The city was full of heroes. They were police officers, who worked 12-hour shifts making sure the streets were safe. They were firefighters who fought relentlessly against ensuing fires. They were doctors and nurses who tended injuries. They were American Red Cross volunteers who helped the homeless find food, shelter and clothing. And they were members of the search and rescue teams who worked into the night searching for the victims trapped in the rubble.

Our rescue team worked for more than six hours to save Salvador Pena, the street sweeper who was trapped in a parking structure. For Pena, these people were probably more than just heroes. He might even call them angels.

But aside from these men and women, there were also many anonymous heroes.

News reporters told the story of people like John Pease, a Cal State Northridge student who pulled a neighbor and a roommate to safety when the Northridge Meadows apartment collapsed. There were many others however, that also risked their lives to save others.

When this commentary was written, the death count was 33. Sixteen people alone died in the Northridge Meadows apartment collapse. There were many others however, that also risked their lives to save others.

But on Tuesday morning, the feelings of good will seemed slightly diminished. Los Angeles Mayor Richard Riordan and Police Chief Willie Williams said a citywide curfew would be enforced to discourage looting, and on NBC's "Today," Katie Couric told the story of a man who was selling cheap flashlights to desperate residents for $9 apiece.

In a time of crisis, when people feel the need to pull together, there always seems to be a small percentage of people who take advantage of the situation.

On Tuesday, Governor Pete Wilson assured people that despite their hardships, the people of Los Angeles will recover from the earthquake.

Wilson told Bryant Gumbel, "Californiaans are resilient. It seems like we've gotten more than our fair share of hard knocks, but if we stick together, we'll get through this."

Krystn Shrieve is the new Opinion editor of the Mustang Daily.
Would San Luis Obispo be ready?

By Len Arends

If a moderate to major earthquake were to strike San Luis Obispo County as one did on Oct. 17 in the greater Los Angeles area, would city and county emergency officials be ready?

That is an answer yet to be determined, but emergency officials said they have a plan that has been tested and for the most part, works.

In San Luis Obispo, the primary earthquake concerns are unreinforced masonry (URM) buildings, according to Tom Baasch, chief building official for San Luis Obispo County.

These relatively aged buildings are constructed of bricks or concrete blocks which contain little or no metal trussing to prevent the structure from shak­ ing apart in a major tremor. Baasch said he had no doubt some of the first emergency calls following a major quake in the county would be to URMs.

He said URMs are a danger not only to those inside them, but also to the occupants of any nearby buildings.

He cited the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake as an example of the dangers of unreinforced masonry in California.

In addition to crumbling URMs throughout Watsonville, the quake toppled a multistory URM in Santa Cruz, sending it crashing through the roof of the department store next door, killing a woman inside.

The danger of San Luis Obispo's URMs come from their locations in more populated por­ tion of the city — 95 of the 128 URMs in the city are located downtown, Baasch said.

"There are two or three (URMs on every block of downtown) Higuera Street," Baasch said.

Examples he gave included the Wiseman Hotel, Earlehing Bank, and the Andrews Building.

Every week throughout California are presently evaluating the safety of their URMs, Baasch said, adhering to a state require­ ment for cities to "significantly reduce the vulnerability of their URMs by the year 2000.

Baasch said San Luis Obispo's URMs must have a structural evaluation done by Sept. 4, after which it will be up to the City Council to decide how many and to what degree the URMs must be improved.

Emergency Services Coor­ dinator Ron Alsop explained how the county would respond and keep residents informed of their URMs.

For the first hour, very few fire and ambulance services would be mobilized, he said. These would wait until after official­ cies in the county operations center determined where ser­ vices were most needed.

If fire units immediately responded to their first call for help — from an iso­ lated isolated housefire in no danger of spreading — then they would not have the resources necessary to respond to their second call — from a suburban hous­ ing conflagration threatening to ignite its neigh­ bors.

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Aside from organizing emer­ gency resources, the first hours would be used to send aircraft out to inspect the county's dams, radiating back warnings of any that appear to be in danger of imminent failure. This informa­ tion would be used to plan evacuations for communities downstream from the reservoir.

Alsop said this precaution would be particularly important for the Lopez Lake reservoir, which lies upstream from the Five-Cities area in the South County. Concerns that Lopez might not be able to withstand a strong quake from the nearby Huasna Fault has led to a policy of keeping the reservoir at 50 to 60 percent of capacity.

Communication after an earthquake, both with the civilian population and between emergency services, would be vitally important.

The county has three radio stations it considers its primary carriers of the Emergency Broad­ cast Network — mainly because they have emergency generators in case of power outages — KVEC 920 AM, KKD 1400 AM and KKIG 98.1 FM.

The emergency services try to keep their communication sys­ tems as separate from the public system as possible.

The county also recently jointed and bought a communications system which links San Luis Obispo with Santa Barbara, Ventura, Los Angeles and Orange counties, as well as with the Federal Emergency Manage­ ment Agency.

The "Rednet" — a conference telephone line independent of the public telephone network — would maintain communications between the various emergency services in eight locations throughout the county — Paso Robles, Atascadero, Morro Bay, San Luis Obispo, Pismo Beach, Grover Beach, Arroyo Grande and Cal Poly.

In the event that the Rednet is severed or damaged, county emergency services maintain a voluntary relationship with the county's HAM radio operators to use their equipment for emer­ gency communications.

The county tested the effec­ tiveness of its plan in April 1992, when it activated its units for a hypothetical 7.2 earthquake centered in Santa Margarita.

Alsop said the exercise un­ covered several minor kinks in the emergency system, primarily in clarifying who had primary in the command structure. He said he wasn't discouraged by this.

"That's why we hold drills," he said.

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**QUAKE: L.A. residents face uncertainty; damage may take years, billions to fix**

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strong as 5 on the Richter scale, continued to jolt the region.
- About 100,000 homes remained without power, and between 50,000 and 100,000 were without water, almost all of them in the hard-hit San Fernando Valley. The Department of Water and Power said it could be a week or more before water was restored.
- About 20,000 people were camping in parks, the Department of Parks and Recreation said.
- About 100 building engineers and inspectors fanned out across the damaged area, but no preliminary estimate on the number of buildings damaged was immediately available.
- More than 2,000 National Guard soldiers were seen patrolling the San Fernando Valley, guns at their sides.
- After a dusk-to-dawn curfew, police reported about 75 arrests overnight for crimes such as robbery and curfew violation.
- California Governor Pete Wilson answered questions outside the crushed apartment building.

"Unfortunately, it is going to be a major, major inconvenience," Wilson said. He said it would take up to a year to rebuild fallen bridges that carry Interstate 10, the Santa Monica Freeway, over surface streets in Los Angeles.

Several hundred thousand people a day use the Santa Monica Freeway, making it the nation's busiest highway. Near the fallen bridges Tuesday morning, traffic crawled on Ventura Avenue at a rate of about four blocks per hour.

Late in the morning, huge construction cranes began tearing down sections of the freeway, biting cracks into the concrete slabs and lifting them away.

The quake also collapsed sections of Interstate 5 and 14, and state Route 118. The closure of Interstate 5, the major north-south highway through the San Joaquin Valley north of Los Angeles and gave a hint of the economic reverberations of the quake.

In the San Fernando Valley, the 60-square-mile suburban expanse most badly damaged by the quake, many people stayed home to clean up and take stock. That kept commuting problems to a minimum.

Those who ventured out in their cars had to navigate a crazy tangle of detours around cracked residential streets and flooded areas. A few opted for mass transit.

"I was kind of surprised that it was so uncrowded," said Scott Draper, Los Angeles, a city analyst who lives in Glendale and took the train. Although the train was late, he said, "I'll still ride it. We all need to sacrifice and be more understanding of one another."

At dawn, continuous aftershocks raised a slight brownish haze of dust over the northern and western portions of the valley that slightly dimmed the rising sun.

Guardsmen stood on street corners and in critical areas where the destruction was the heaviest. A few also patrolled Hollywood boulevard.

"We're here basically to make sure everyone leaves themselves," said Pvt. Timothy Roth, 25, on patrol in the San Fernando Valley suburb of Reseda.

Throughout the valley, power was being restored in a patchwork fashion. Traffic lights worked in some areas, but were out in others. Long lines snaked around the few open gasoline stations.

Many markets remained closed, but those that were open did brisk business. At a Shell gasoline station on Ventura Boulevard in Woodland Hills, a National Guardsman in full battle regalia stood in the driveway to help keep customers in check.

Meanwhile, officials vowed that roads blocked by the quake will be repaired by the end of the year.

Gov. Pete Wilson's declaration of Los Angeles as a disaster area means that Caltrans can waive many of the normal pre-construction requirements that slow work, officials said.

Mary Pappas reads the morning newspaper from the front yard of her Northridge home with friends early Tuesday in the Northridge section of Los Angeles. The family camped out overnight fearing aftershocks from Monday's deadly earthquake. More than 200 people spent the night in the frigid outside air. Many Cal Poly students from the Southland waited anxiously for news from home Monday and Tuesday, hoping their families were not among those displaced / Associated Press courtesy of San Luis Obispo County Telegram Tribune
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**Southland Quake 94**

**Poly students were ‘scared to death’**

**By Amy Miller**

Dorm residents were evacuated Monday following the 6.6 magnitude earthquake that flattened homes and leveled freeways on Monday — and Arcadia residents were toppled by the earthquake that rocked their neighborhood early Monday.

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At 4:31 a.m., on Monday, a 6.6 magnitude earthquake shook the greater Los Angeles area on Monday, thought it was just going to be a small one at first.

"It just kept going and going," Axell said. "I stayed in bed until it stopped." Axell was one of several residents of Yosemite Hall who gathered at Cal Poly dormitories on Monday morning.

When his bed stopped shaking, he sat up and saw red flashes all over the valley, power lines touching and arching.

Fruit science freshman Brandon Axell, who was at home in Santa Paula when the 6.6 magnitude earthquake shook the greater Los Angeles area on Monday, said he thought it was just going to be a small one at first.

"It wasn't even a big rumble," Axell said about the earthquake that smashed homes waiting for them.

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"My aunt had cabinets fall and the ceiling fell off," said liberal studies freshman Jennifer Frank.

**NORTH RIDGE: GS campus evacuated after quake wreaks havoc**

By Amy Hooper

Sclie Senior Staff Writer

The thrust fault nine miles beneath the San Fernando Valley that caused the 6.6 magnitude earthquake that shook greater Los Angeles on Monday was enough to keep Cal Poly physics professor David Chipping busy on Tuesday.

"Students in his earthquake classes wanted to know all they could about the fault and the cause of the earthquake that demolished homes and freeways and killed more than 30," Bending said.

"The students were very interested in it," Chipping said, "so we had about half an hour of discussion on it. They basically wanted to know what was going on with the sub-surface geology."

"Geologically speaking, it was a fairly run-of-the-mill earthquake," Chipping said. "There was nothing particularly striking about it."

The Los Angeles Times on Tuesday reported the thrust fault — also known as a reverse fault — moves vertically, when compression elevates one plate over another.

In contrast, strike-slip faults such as the San Andreas Fault move horizontally.

When the fault located between the San Gabriel and San Monica Mountains released tension, it damaged parts of Northridge, the Northridge hills and the Santa Monica mountains a couple feet while areas south of San Fernando fell three times.

"There are all kinds of faults here," said public safety official Chip Seals.

"We don't have time to answer individual questions right now," a Public Safety official said. "It's critical that we get the emergency services back up and on the line."

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Coastal faults that are very much like the Santa Monica Thrust and appear to underly everything from the coast and offshore to the San Andreas Fault,” he said.

Chipping said the Hosgri Fault, located near PG&E’s Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant, shows no signs of recent activity.

“There’s no indication that the Hosgri is likely to do anything,” he said. “In fact, most of the information from the fault offshore has indicated that it is not active.”

DORMS: Residents, their families survive quake

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Michelle Godwin said her sister called to say she had just returned home from working at a hospital when the quake hit.

A mirror above the bed of Godwin’s 4-month-old niece broke, but the infant was protected from broken glass by a quilt. Her 6-year-old nephew was thrown from his bunk bed. Godwin said her sister explained the way walls crumbled and cabinets came off the wall.

Animal science freshman Mandi Banals was in Oceanside when the temblor hit, but she said she slept through most of it.

“I felt the aftershock and (was) just about (scared to death),” Banals said.

Another student had two stories to tell.

John O’Donnell, a business sophomore at Cuesta College, said his cousin told him she woke up during the earthquake when her drum set started clanging together. This noise scared her Dalmatian puppy, which jumped on her, clawing her.

“All of the glass in her apartment shattered,” O’Donnell said. “She cut her feet going into the bathroom.”

O’Donnell’s second story involved his cousin’s ex-boyfriend, Joe. Joe’s brand new Jaguar was smashed to a height of about six-inches. O’Donnell said Joe’s house in North Hollywood was leveled by the early-morning earthquake.

“There’s nothing left of his house,” O’Donnell said.

REACTION: Students feel the Southland shaking

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Some students who traveled south over the holiday weekend were in the region when the earthquake struck.

“It woke us up,” said nutrition senior Kasey Kern. “I’ve never been in such a strong quake.”

Aeronautical engineering senior Casey Alver said one of his friends at Cal Poly left for Simi Valley after learning of the earthquake.

“Apparently his house was destroyed,” Alver said. “He wasn’t in class this morning.”
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• REACH (Relief for Energy Assistance through Community Help). This program is administered by the Salvation Army and covers a one-time payment for low-income households experiencing financial hardship.

In 1994, PG&E is increasing its contribution to this program by $1 million, bringing PG&E's total REACH contribution to $3 million. Customer and employee contributions, totaling $2.4 million last year, are also expected to increase in 1994.
• ECIP (Energy Crisis Intervention Program). For low-income households who are experiencing energy-related emergencies, this federally funded program provides assistance.
• LIRA (Low Income Ratepayer Assistance). PG&E provides a 15% discount on monthly energy bills for qualifying low-income households.
• HEAP (Home Energy Assistance Program). This federally funded program gives help to low-income households that fall within 130% of federal poverty guidelines.
• Medical Baseline. For customers with medical needs, PG&E provides additional gas and electricity at the lowest rates.
• Rate Options and Rate Alternatives. There may be lower rates for customers who are large energy users or who can switch their use to off-peak hours.

This winter, take the chill out of your energy bills and sign up for any of the Winter Stretch programs. Call your local PG&E office about them or look for the enrollment information in your next PG&E bill.
WILLIAMSON: Age has far from slowed down this 6-foot, 4-inch political science junior

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Leg basketball for the 6-foot-4-inch political science junior who spent six years as a firefighter in the Air Force after high school. He played basketball at Diablo Valley College in Concord the past two years, but said the six-year hiatus put him behind most of his younger teammates.

"Even though I'm older, these guys are ahead of me basketball-wise," Williams said of his teammates. "I wish I had the knowledge of the game to go with my age, but I don't."

Williams, who hails originally from Tampa, Fla., moved frequently as a child. His parents divorced when he was two, and soon after, his mother joined the Air Force. He lived in New Jersey, Japan and finally Texas, where he played basketball his junior and senior years at Cooper High School in Ahlman.

Williams received basketball scholarship offers in high school, but said school was not his top priority at the time. Instead, he joined the Air Force and worked as a firefighter at Travis Air Force base in Fairfield. Williams later transferred to Alaska, where he said he felt the desire to play basketball again.

"While I was up there, I got to watch a lot of ESPN," Williams said. "I saw the college players and said, 'I think I'll try that next.'"

After leaving the Air Force, Williams looked into several junior colleges in California. He eventually called the coach at Diablo Valley College to see if he could attend an open gym.

"I told him I could take a look at me and see if I was worth anything," Williams said. "I guess he thought I was worth something." Williams helped Diablo Valley advance to the state Final Eight in the junior college tournament last season before losing to Riverside City College.

"Even though I'm older, I'm setting a good example," Williams said. "If I am looked at as a role model, hopefully I'm setting a good example." Williams brings life experience and a positive attitude to the game — qualities that rub off on the rest of the team, Reason said.

"Leo seems to understand what is important, what he can change in life and what he can accept," Reason said. "I could see he was worth something."

"(His teammates) tease him a bit about being the wise old sage," Williams said. "Rut Williams said he considered himself to be just like everybody else.

"When we're practicing, I'm battling just like everyone else for playing time," Williams said. "But if I am looked to as a role model, hopefully I'm setting a good example." The thought of playing professionally has crossed his mind, but Williams said his future lies in academics. He said he would like to go to law school in the future, but for now he's working on balancing school with basketball.

"I'm doing what I can accept," Williams said. "This is my dream," Williams said. "I've lived my dream. Everything I've dreamed about I've done or I'm doing."
**Killer Ks' lead Poly swimmer's way**

By Brad Hamilton

The Banana Slugs Saturday was welcomed after the UC-Davis Aggies made the teams look like a rickety 1845 steamboat Friday. The Aggies handed the Berkeley Bears a 190-106 defeat...

**Wrestlers finish in middle of muscle-packed tournament**

Only Stall has won Cal Poly's 1845 tournament in the last five years.

Cal Poly's wrestling team finished in the middle of a muscle-packed tournament. The Mustangs were narrowly defeated by Oregon State University and narrowly defeated Lock Haven University.

Despite Mustangs' upset, the Mustangs dropped their Saturday match against Lock Haven University 21-15. Cal Poly also fell Saturday to Navy 28-15.

**INJURIES: CCAA season approaches for Poly**

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The Mustangs will host four of their first five CCAA games at Mott Gym, including...
Defending national champs to face Poly's big 'D'

By Joy Nieman

Boston Celtics veteran Robert Palish, one of the oldest players to basketball, 26-year-old Cal Poly forward Leo Williams said he's just a kid.

Williams smiles and relaxes on a futon in his dorm room as he talks about his experiences. A Michael Jordan poster and photos of family and friends are taped on the wall behind him. Hanging from a shelf is a fire helmet with "Williams" printed on it, a remnant from his days as a firefighter.

A piece of a basketball net in the shape of an "L," cut after his last 'Fhuisday. The Roadrunners jumped out to a 29-15 lead at half-time and claimed a 69-53 win. After a competitive second half, "That's the extent of the damage." said the Mustangs' guard Jimmy Brokaw, who scored 14 points and grabbed nine rebounds. Saturday, also could give the team a lift.

"We're going to miss having our inside," senior forward Kristie McCall said. "But we've been dealing with adversity all season."

Orrock said she is hopeful freshman forward Katie Bauer and junior forward Suzanne Casey will be able to pick up the rebound slack.

"That responsibility is going to fall on those laps for sure," Orrock said. She added freshman forward Tammy Brokaw, who scored 14 points and grabbed nine rebounds Saturday, also could give the team a lift.

"This team is continuing to respond to the fact that we do have injuries," Orrock said.

Bauer, who has been sidelined due to stress fractures in both legs, began practice Monday and is expected to play on Thursday. In other injury-related news, junior guard Shelby Taketa — who also is suffering from a stress fracture in her leg — has been cleared to return to practice next week, according to Orrock.

The Mustang men's basketball team (6-7) will limp into Thursday's 71-58 Cal Poly win over Chapman College.

The Mustangs will travel to Cal Poly Pomona 66-63 in their first game of the year. Williams is averaging 10.7 points and 6.5 rebounds per game.

Cal State Dominguez Hills brings a 9-8 (0-1) record into Thursday's matchup with the Mustangs. The Toros fell to Cal Poly Pomona 66-63 in their first game of the year.

Cal Poly's Alex Crozier named NCAA Division II coach of the year

Head Coach of the Cal Poly women's soccer team, Alex Greeter, has been named the NSCAA/UMB Coach Division II Coach of the Year.

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Quick Roundup

A San Jose native and former standout at St. Mary's College. Chris Corona, a senior on Cal Poly men's soccer team, was recently drafted in the fourth round by the Wichita Wings of the USL. Corona graduated from Cal Poly in 1984.

Defending national champs to face Poly's big 'D'

By Troy Petersen

The reigning Division II men's basket ball national champion Cal State Bakersfield (14-3) will make its only appearance of the season at Cal Poly's Mott Gym on Thursday night.

Cal Poly enters the game with a 7-9 record overall, 1-2 in the California Collegiate Athletic Association, following a 71-58 loss at Cal Poly Pomona Saturday night.

The Roadrunners enter with an impressive history, including four consecutive final-four appearances.

This season, Cal State Bakersfield has won 12 of its last 13 games despite falling to UC-Riverside 85-84 at home last Thursday. The Roadrunners responded with a 69-51 thrashing of Cal State Dominguez Hills on Saturday night.

Among its arsenal, Cal State Bakersfield contains last year's CCAA-MVP and national tournament play-off SMTP guard Tyrone Davis, as well as two other All-American selections in guard Kevin Warren and forward Robert Oste. "You could see that forward the NBA someday," Mustang Head Coach Steve Beason said.

Bakersfield went undefeated (33-0) enroute to the national title last year, including two decisive victories over the Mustangs.

This year, the Roadrunners have shown some vulnerability with three losses.

"This isn't like last year when they were head and shoulders above the rest of us," freshman guard Shantel Cortright said.

In a Jan. 30 meeting last year at Mott Gym, the Roadrunners jumped out to a 29-15 lead at halftime and after a competitive second half, claimed a 69-53 win.

In a rematch in Bakersfield, the Roadrunners obliterated the Mustangs 87-56 in a game Cal Poly shot only 30 percent from the field.

Cal Poly hangs its hopes of an upset on defensive intensity.

"Whenever we lose, that's the one ingredient that isn't there," junior forward Lee Williams said.

"We're going to try to make them turn the ball over and not allow them to run off their offense," Williams continued. "If we do the right things, the other team is going to do the wrong things."

In last Thursday's 82-61 win over Cal State Dominguez Hills in Mott Gym, Cottey was "Mr. Right." He put on an impressive performance as he dashed out 14 assists to go with his 18 points and seven rebounds.

The Mustangs were sparked by the game's third and second-half points and rolled to the 21-point victory.

Saturday's loss was quite different from the Toros' game. The Mustangs fell in their last game due in large part to a horrendous first half which saw the Mustangs shoot 33 percent from the floor as opposed to 65 percent for the Toros, resulting in a 49-23 Cal Poly Pomona advantage.

"That responsibility is going to fall on those laps for sure," Orrock said. "This team is continuing to respond to the fact that we do have injuries," Orrock said. Bauer, who has been sidelined due to stress fractures in both legs, began practice Monday and is expected to play on Thursday. In other injury-related news, junior guard Shelby Taketa — who also is suffering from a stress fracture in her leg — has been cleared to return to practice next week, according to Orrock.

At this point in the game, we want to play well in all those games," he said.

Cottey said the Mustangs are not treating this game special. "It just happens to be Bakersfield," he said.

"This team's men's basketball game is going to start at 8 p.m. Thursday, as the second part of a doubleheader. The women's team will play last to Cal State Dominguez Hills 5-45 p.m.

The Mustangs will travel to Cal State Los Angeles Saturday for a contest with the Golden Eagles.

As far as the importance of this game to the Mustangs, Beason said it's another conference game.