Buildings to undergo earthquake retrofit

By Travis Moomy
Daily Staff Writer

A study conducted on Cal Poly's seismic stability has led to a planned retrofit of 16 buildings on campus.

Areas such as the Air Conditioning building, Mott Gym, Mustang Stadium and the Health Center are all scheduled to be retrofitted during Winter and Spring quarters.

"All 22 (CSU) campuses were surveyed before the Northridge quake for seismic stability," said Rex Wolf, an architect for Facilities Planning. "We came out pretty good — no significant risk of catastrophic failure due to an earthquake."

Cal Poly did, however, have more falling hazards than any other campus surveyed, Wolf said.

"We'd like to think that it's not the case that we were worse off," Wolf said. "I just think our engineer did a more thorough job" searching for safety hazards.

The study only centered around life safety, Wolf said, and the economic impact was not rated.

But not everyone believes the safety study.

Jeff Nadal, manager of the Information Technology Services computer labs, three of which are located in the Air Conditioning building, said he has concerns about the survey's findings.

The Air Conditioning labs serve over 130,000 students per year, and have an average of 65 students in them at any one time, Nadal said.

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The interior walls do not have rebar; they are "unreinforced masonry," he said.

Facilities Services "wants to brace (the walls) at the roof. The idea is that the wall will not fall sideways. Does that mean it will fall straight? What if it breaks in the middle?"

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However, Wolf said that being up to code is not required.

"Most building codes aren't retroactive," he said.

For example, he said, a building constructed in 1930 usually only has to conform to the building codes of 1930.

"That's why it's a chore — this whole unreinforced masonry building situation in California," Wolf said. "It's hard to talk about degrees of risk."

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The conflicts between bicycle and pedestrian traffic on campus have university officials trying to find ways to alleviate the tension.

Two high-traffic areas have gone under the microscope — Highland Drive and Via Carta. A re-appraisal project on Highland Drive from the Highway 1 entrance could improve the bike-path situation there. This should be completed over the Winter quarter break.

The double-yellow center line will become a single line, which will give more room for a two-way bike path on the right side of the road heading toward Highway 1.

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A workshop for adolescents who have been diagnosed with cancer and their parents, is being held Nov. 4 from 6-8 p.m. at the Santa Ynez Valley Christian Academy Student Center. The cost to attend is $35 for general admission and $15 for students. To RSVP call 549-9981.

A panel to discuss "Film Industry's Top Art Directors Coming to SLO" is taking place Nov. 5 at the Downtown Centre Cinema at 2 p.m. Tickets are $5 for students or $10 for the general public.

Agenda Items: c/o Natoslia

CALL FOR PROPosals - 30 days ago, and we have received over 100 proposals from the community. There is no deadline for proposals, and we are looking for as many as possible.

By John Howard

SACRAMENTO — A proposed 1996 ballot initiative to end state affirmative action programs is short of money, and even its loudest and best-known supporter — Gov. Pete Wilson — isn’t contributing.

The proposed initiative, which would outlaw the use of race and gender in state hiring, contracting and education, has been the focus of intense national scrutiny for over a year. But interest in the measure hasn’t translated into financial support, and supporters fear the initiative may not even make it onto the November 1996 ballot.

"We’re appealing to everyone that has an interest in making sure that this initiative gets on the ballot," spokesman Joe Gelman said Thursday in calling for financial help.

"We started collecting signatures 30 days ago, and we have until Feb. 21 to collect 694,000 signatures," Gelman said. "We’re on schedule, but that’s not going to be enough in the absence of the money necessary."

Gelman said the effort, opposed by many civil rights and professional groups, and most Democrats, needs an immediate infusion of $500,000 to remain viable. The campaign already has spent about $500,000.

When asked if the campaign had achieved its $1 million goal by the money didn’t arrive, Gelman said: "We’re talking within the next few weeks, and even sooner than that."

Wilson, a Republican, announced his support for the initiative at numerous events, including the state GOP convention in February, shortly before he began his presidential campaign.
BIKES: Bicyclist, pedestrian clashes inevitable

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bike lanes were painted.
"No people walk in the bike lane, as if it was still part of the bigger lane," he said.

Some bicyclists and pedestrians just don't think the traffic laws apply to them, Mitchell said.
"People are dodging the bikes, motorists complain that bicyclists are not following traffic laws, and bicyclists say the motorists just don't think the safety against finances and earthquakes is as important as their personal safety," he said. "And most of the 'near misses' occur on Via Carta."

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Psychology senior Brett Gimline said there's so much foot traffic between classes, close encounters are to be expected.
"I really don't see how you can make the lanes any wider," he said.

Mitchell said he hopes to hire six bicycle officers in the coming months to monitor and enforce bicycle regulations on campus. The increased enrollment at Cal Poly will present new problems if no additional roadways are constructed, he said.
"This is the safest university in the West as far as injuries and crime," he said. "We want it to be the best in the nation."

In the meantime, he said, his advice is for pedestrians to honor bike lanes because bicyclists are already restricted on where they can ride.

Earthquake policy pits safety against finances

By Niki Agapianos

LOS ANGELES — A big quake may not wait for the state to identify and fortify its most earthquake-vulnerable buildings by the year 2020, a top building official told lawmakers Thursday.

William O'Brien of the California Association of Building Officials was among those testifying at a hearing of the Senate Committee on Housing and Land Use. The committee is considering a report prepared at the request of Gov. Pete Wilson after the 1994 Northridge earthquake.

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"This summer, Schiro represented the foundation at City Hall to oppose a surfing ban at the Pismo Beach Pier. Local fishermen gathered together, hoping that police would enforce an ordinance banning surfing within 100 feet of the pier.

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Awful bus ride ends in death for hijacker, kids OK

By Nicole Winfield

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stood on a school bus with 13 disabled children aboard, repeatedly reaching into his jacket as if he had a gun and threatening to blow everyone up.

Four times, the bus, surrounded by police cars as it traveled 15 miles of Miami-area highways, came to a stop at the hijacker's request. Each time, he crouched down and gathered his whimpering young hostages around him to shield himself from the police.

When negotiations failed, police shot him to death at the door of the bus and dragged him into an alley.

When it was over, the crying children — who have autism or speech impediments — were taken into the crab restaurant where the hijacker was a waiter and had lived legally in the Dominican Republic.

The nature of the dispute was to go to an IRS office, police said.

According to police and school officials, police were alerted to the hijacking by an anonymous caller who reported seeing the man force his way onto the bus. TV helicopters hovered overhead and broadcast live shots.

Parents of the children gathered at the school, watching TV coverage of the unfolding drama.

The bus stopped and the driver said the hijacker wanted a cellular phone, which was not immediately available. When the bus stopped again, the driver's aide, who is diabetic, got off and was immediately taken to a hospital for an insulin injection.

During another stop, the mother and two children were let off because they were hysterical.

When the bus stopped again, a patrolman pulled up alongside and forced the kids and carrying them away from the bus. One was crying, and the others had blank expressions on their faces.

At least one youngster was out by flying glass from a window broken when police shot the hijacker. But none of the students were seriously hurt.

"When they got the ice cream, they felt a lot better," Dade County schools Superintendent Octavio Fraind said.

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Sports

NBA: Injured list takes glitz off opening night.

By the play of midfielder Scott Holmes, the Chicago Fire is riding a three-game winning streak.

"Holmes" brings so much versatility to our game," Gartner said. "He's had a bone spur removed from his leg. New Jersey's starting center was hacked by Miami's Matt Geiger. In turn, he was suspended for the incident and will miss the Heat's opener Saturday.

"With Shaq out, it only makes teams hesitate to best us," Orlando's Antwone Hardaway said. "Almost 90 percent of our offense was centered around Shaq. If I said I didn't dread not having Shaq, I'd be lying."

Chicago's starting center was out for three weeks after having a bone removed from his leg. New Jersey's starting center Coleman is receiving medical treatment for an irregular heartbeat, and no one knows when he'll be back.

The Washington Bullets are so depleted by injuries they had to sign assistant coach Derek Smith to a 10-day contract and put him on the floor.

"No way in my mind did I envision this," said Smith, who has played in the NBA since 1989.

Webber didn't get injured, he'd be serving a suspension Friday for fighting with Longley in an exhibition game.

"With Luc out, obviously we're starting right away with a deficiency," coach Phil Jackson said. "I'm concerned about who's going to show up in a uniform."

Oakley, New York's starting power forward, will miss the Knicks' opener at Detroit because of an exhibition altercation with Philadelphia's Vernon Maxwell.

Raptors center Oliver Miller has sat for his team's debut because he left the bench to join an altercation with the 76ers' Shawn Bradley.

Players and team executives have blamed the unusually high number of preseason scuffles on the absence of the regular referees.

"There are a lot of pressure on us," Webber said.

"In light of the fact our referees appear intrapsychic in this issue, this is going to be a long confrontation," commissioner David Stern said. "It's not a normal situation. I've always been in favor of three-man crews."

Outside arenas in Chicago, Los Angeles and Philadelphia on Friday night, the regular officials will walk a picket line.

Players aren't happy about the replacements, especially the two-man crews.

"Experienced referees know the quality of players they're dealing with, and they've seen a lot of different things that are part of the game," Michael Jordan said. "A lot of young guys may not have seen some of these traits or some of those qualities those professional athletes have and they're quick to make judgmental mistakes, that's not in the best interest of the game.

"But we've got them, we've got to make the best of them. Hopefully, they won't decide the outcome of the game."
SPORTS

Stumble or Succeed for Mustangs

The fate of Cal Poly football hangs in the balance as the Mustangs make their final push for a NCAA playoff berth. By Greg Monfort and Kamil Loud

Cal Poly (3-5, 1-1 AWCC) has hit a low point this season. A last-minute loss to Sacramento State has nearly killed Mustang playoff hopes alive. The Mustangs will go up against playoff contender Santa Clara University.

"We know what they can do; I don't think we've ever worried about them," Bedrosian said. "We're not going to take them lightly, but I don't think we're intimidated by them."

The Gauchos are led by forward Donny Mann, who has 10 goals and two assists, and forward Kristian Berre, who has six goals and two assists. UCSB has a 12-4-1 record and is ranked 14th in the country. The Gauchos have won two of their last three games.

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The Mustangs are 6-4-1 against the Gauchos in the regular season, with a 5-4-1 record in the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation Tournament.

The Mustangs will have to win the conference tournament to secure a NCAA playoff berth. If they win their remaining three games, they would have victories over UCI, the University of Washington, Santa Clara and Oregon State University, all of whom are playoff contenders, said Gardner.

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The Mustangs have regained confidence after a 4-2 victory over San Jose State last Sunday. "The guys were really sharp from the first minute on," Gardner said.

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Mustangs dig into must-win situation

SPORTS

NBA season opens with injured list

By Woody L. Lane

When the season opens Friday night, the NBA's list of missing persons will be long indeed.

There's the injured starters, like Shaquille O'Neal, Chris Webber and Rik Smits. There's the suspended, like Joe Longely and Charles Oakley. And don't forget the locked-out referees.

Charlotte's Alonzo Mourning, on the trading block, didn't make the Hornets' flight to Chicago on Thursday for their opener. He may be among the missing as well.

Making up for all the absences, however, is the presence of His Airness, starting his first full season with the Chicago Bulls since 1992-93.

A record 14 games Friday night will include the NBA debut of two Canadian expansion teams. The Toronto Raptors tip off in the SkyDome against the New Jersey Nets, and the Vancouver Grizzlies visit the Mustangs.