Buildings to undergo earthquake retrofit

By Cordelia Rockley
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 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 engineers 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.

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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."

"The engineers looked at the plans — toured the buildings. The condition of the structure was checked."

A lot of it's a guessing game," Wolf said. "It's an engineer's professional estimate."

Techniques that will be used to bolster buildings on campus include the following:

Mott Gym will have its concrete-slab constructed walls reinforced by adding a new metal framework to the interior of the gym's walls.

The Air Conditioning building will have several interior unreinforced masonry walls attached to the roof for greater stability.

Mustang Stadium will have several unreinforced masonry walls bolted by new metal frameworks on both sides of the walls.

The education building will have its elevator tower more firmly attached, and the Health Center will have its external wall panels braced.

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All club receipts may go through ASI

By John Howard
Director of Programs and Facilities John Stipicic was concerned that the new policy would assure ASI and individual club members that clubs are abiding by both the ASI policies and the spending policies of the particular club.

However, Koehn said ASI does not have the authority to prohibit what the clubs choose to spend money on. Under the new policy, as long as a receipt is provided to business office, all expenditures would be reimbursed regardless of the item purchased.

To alleviate concerns of any out-of-pocket expense for students, Koehn said, students would be able to take out money before purchasing an item by providing a purchase order form to the business office.

ASI Executive Director Polly Harrigan said she supports the new policy and has contacted other CSU campuses regarding their receipt procedures.

Those who spoke with required receipts for their club expenditures. She encouraged the board to follow the lead of other campuses and adopt the new policy.

“This new policy will assure club funds are well cared for,” Harrigan said.

The board will be exploring the new policy at Cal Poly's councils on campus. They will vote on the measure Nov. 15.

Affirmative action initiative needs funds

By Join 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 controversy in recent months.

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 sit well with the sources 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 an immediate deadline for the money didn’t arrive, Gelman said: “Well, 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.
The dilemma of earthquake-related policymaking is that it pits public safety against business: the better a structure can withstand an earthquake, the more expensive it is to build.
Thru the Door by Randy Davis

The Newt Conspiracy

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Awful bus ride ends in death for hijacker, kids OK

By Nicole Weisfeld

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. — For 75 terrifying minutes Thursday, an edgy man with a small bag stood on the side 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 given Cokes, French fries and ice cream.

Seven-year-old Brian Morales called the hijacker “a bad person.”

The hijacker was identified as Catalino “Nick” Sang, 42, a native of the Dominican Republic who has lived legally in the United States since 1984.

He had a gun and threatening to abduct children aboard, repeated his request. Each time, he would stoop down on the ground or surround himself by the children so that officers could not see anyone was on the bus,” Dade County Superintendent of Schools Randy Bostic said.

Schools spokesman Henry Fraind said the bus driver, 46-year-old Alicia Chapman, is a “modern-day hero.” “She remembered one thing we are all taught as educators — you protect the welfare of the children,” Fraind said.

After being taken inside the restaurant, the children were put on a different bus to their school, where they and their parents hugged and wept.

Carlino Brizuela described her reunion with her 7-year-old son Nicolas as “probably the best experience I’ve ever had in my life.”

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.

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 autistic, 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 threw a cellular phone into a window to help with negotiations.

“The kids were crying throughout and every time the bus would stop, the hijacker would stand up and surround himself by the children so that officers could not see anyone was on the bus,” Brizuela said.
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NBA: Injured list takes glitz off opening night.

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Portland Trail Blazers. But the long list of injured stars around the league takes some of the glitz off the big opening night.

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Gortz has been impressed by forward Clay Harty's recent resurgence offensively, with six goals in the last four games. Gortz has also been impressed by the play of midfielder Scott Holmes.

"Holmes' brings so much strength to our game," Gortz said. "He is a steady performer game in and game out. He's had a mustang as they can both offensively and defensively, Gortz said.

"There's a lot of pressure on the defense. They play a lot of man-to-man, with no help. They have learned that you must adjust in the absence of the regular referees." Keesee said. "Experienced referees know that some of these players have traits or some of these qualities that make them difficult to guard," Keesee said.

"With Luc out, obviously we're starting right away with a deficiency,"  Michael Jordan said. "A lot of young guys will be working until the NBA and its referees appear intransigent on the absence of the regular referees." Keesee said. "I'm concerned about who's going to show up in a uniform."

Players aren't happy about the replacements, especially the two-man crews. "I know that 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 players may not have seen some of these traits or some of these qualities. There's room for improvement, and they're quick to make judgmental calls, that's not in the best interest of the game.

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• Wrestling: Green and Gold intrasquad meet at Mott Gym, 7 p.m.
• Volleyball vs. University of San Diego at SDSU, 7:30 p.m.

TOMORROW'S GAMES
• Football vs. Cal State Northridge at Mustang Stadium, 2 p.m.
• Women's soccer vs. U.C. Irvine @ Irvine, 7 p.m.
• Men's tennis: ITA Fall Rolex Tourney at Mott Gym, 7 p.m.
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• Football vs. Cal State Northridge at Mustang Stadium, 2 p.m.
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• Women's soccer vs. Cal State Fullerton @ Fullerton, 1 p.m.

POLY BRIEFS

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Women's soccer heads back onto the road this weekend for what could possibly be last coaching if it doesn't achieve playoff contention.

Cal Poly begins its season with its last two scheduled games against University of California, Irvine on Saturday and Cal State Fullerton on Sunday.

Cal Poly is currently on a three-game winning streak. Tuesday the Mustangs traveled to Moraga, Calif. to meet Saint Mary's College.

Forward Gina Oceguera scored Cal Poly's lone goal in the remaining 15 minutes of the game.

Oceguera, who didn't play last weekend during the Mustangs' 5-1 victory against University of Southern California due to a hurt ankle, currently leads the team with 11 goals.

With a 13-3-1 record, the Mustangs hope to come home victorious and strengthen their chances for a NCAA playoff berth, despite a 14-4-2 record, with good records.

Alison Murphy

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By Greg Manifold

Mustangs dig into must-win situation

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Last season Cal Poly was denied a playoff berth, despite a 14-4-2 record, because NCAA officials felt its schedule was not as strong as other teams in the playoffs.

By Payman Lotfi

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Stumble or Succeed for Mustangs

The fate of Cal Poly football resting on its championship hopes in the America West Conference demands a victory this weekend against Cal State Northridge.

An injury riddled team must stand erect for any possibility at a championship.

The Matadors (2-5) — picked at the start of the season by college football magazines to finish last in the conference — pulled an upset victory against Southern Utah last weekend, 34-28, and will travel to Mustang Stadium with momentum.

Cal Poly (3-5, 1-1 AWCC) has hit a low point this season. A last-minute loss to Sacramento State has put the Mustangs into a do-or-die situation.

Both Northridge and Sacramento are undefeated in conference, each holding a victory.

Senior quarterback Mike Fisher will lead Cal Poly's high-powered offense — ranked first in conference in scoring and total offense — and sophomore wide receiver Kamil Loud will try to continue his impressive two-game performance.

Loud has caught 19 passes for 369 yards in two games.

Senior quarterback Mike Fisher and sophomore wide receiver Kamil Loud are leading Cal Poly's high-powered offense / Daily photos by Dawn Kalmar

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"They're must-win games; if we lose them, we're dead," said Cal Poly defender Jonathan Bedrosian. "They're pretty important games — hopefully we'll get a lot of people out there and we're going to win.

UCSB has a 12-4-1 record, which earned it a place in the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation Tournament. If the Gauchos win the tournament, they will receive an automatic berth in the NCAA playoff tournament. If not, they are a prime candidate for the at-large bid Cal Poly is competing for.

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MEN'S SOCCER

"We know what they can do, I don't think we've too 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 Danny Mann, who has 10 goals and two assists, and forward Kristian Berre, who has six goals and two assists.

UCI, however, has a 3-12-2 record. They are a potentially dangerous team, since last year they beat Cal Poly 2-0 at Irvine.

"I hope we don't let down against Irvine, because they are struggling pretty bad this year," Bedrosian said. "We can't take anybody too lightly because we had a couple of teams that we should have killed that beat us or came close to beating us."

Cal Poly men's soccer coach Wolfgang Gartner explained that you can't consider the game against UCI an easy win.

"Every team on our schedule can beat us — there is that much depth in men's soccer today," Gartner said.

The Anteaters have received most of their offense from forwards Brett Cowan who has seven goals and one assist, and Robert Melendez, who has scored three goals and has seven assists.

Though the Mustangs aren't looking too far ahead, they can't help but look for a possible playoff berth. If they win their remaining three games, they would have victories over UCSD, the University of Washington, Santa Clara and Oregon State University, all of whom are playoff contenders, Gartner said.

"It's really up to us since the head-to-head competition is the one that will ultimately decide the fate of teams with good records," Gartner said.

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," Gartner said.

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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 Luc Longley 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 Ariesn, starting his first full season with the Chicago Bulls since 1992-93.

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

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