Academic Senate passes Poly's ethnic studies minor

**L.A. disheveled, dispirited**

Cal State Northridge
a study in disaster

By Lisa M. Hansen
City Editor

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

Heavy demolition equipment is used to tear down part of the Santa Monica (10) Freeway Tuesday. Part of the freeway collapsed after a violent Southern California earthquake Monday / Associated Press courtesy of San Luis Obispo County Telegram-Tribune

Region is bereft of everyday necessities

By James Anderson

Los Angeles — For the first time ever, Egg McMuffins were considered high cuisine.

The thirsty boiled water on barbecues, the cold shopped for sleeping bags, the empty cruised 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 grocery to stock up on those provisions inside the store that hadn't been destroyed in the earthquake.

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Monica Garcia warms a pot of milk over a fire at Receda Park Monday after her family fled their apartment in the wake of an early morning earthquake in the Los Angeles area / Associated Press courtesy of San Luis Obispo County Telegram-Tribune

• Freeways remain crippled as the process to rebuild begins in earnest

• 530 residents have been treated at Southland hospitals since Mon.
Inman withdraws from defense race
Retired admiral speaks of 'modern McCarthyism,' conspiracy

By Tom Raum
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Retired Adm. Bobby Inman withdraws on Tuesday as secretary nominee, saying he was "distressed and distracted" by attacks on his character and reputation. President Clinton accepted Inman's decision with regret.

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

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

Clinton accepted Inman's decision "with regret." "While I understand the personal considerations that have led you to this decision, I am nevertheless saddened that our nation will be denied your service," Clinton told him in a brief letter.

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Dole denied the allegations. 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." "We are looking into everything he said, and it will take us a while to reconstruct the incidents he said took place." "There were reports, which both will probably deny, that there was a trade between Mr. Safrir 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."

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The Lighthouse, to critique their breakfast arrangement—the first meal of the day.

The scrambled eggs and potatoes were good. Although the eggs were on the slimy side, they were still tasty, and the potatoes had nice chunks of onion and bell peppers mixed in. The breakfast got cold quickly, but in a cafeteria setting, nothing can be perfect.

I also put two pieces of sourdough bread into the in­

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.

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It is amazing how the earthquake brought people together. People who had nothing in common

By Kristy Sriewe

Parts of Southern California looked like a war zone the morning after the earthquake, and hundreds of aftershocks, crippled the area. Freeways were blocked, infrastructures were destroyed and thousands of people were without power, water or homes.

Yet amid the destruction, people sometimes get despair, heroes from all walks of life did what they could to help alleviate the pain.

As I sat glued to my television set on Monday, my eyes repeatedly filled with tears as news reporters told stories of the many heroes who risked their lives to save others.

But after the earthquake hit, attitudes changed. The devastation was felt by everybody. Words of comfort were given freely. People hugged and cried together, sharing mutual feelings of loss.

Suddenly a bond was formed, and it seemed as though people were not afraid. Before the earthquake, people would have been scared to death to sleep outside, the safety of their homes. But on Monday night, thousands of people spent the night in the park.

Even if the feeling only lasted one night, people knew that in the park, amid the strangers, they were safe.

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 try to take advantage of the situation.

But 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, "Californians 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."

Kristy Sriewe is the new Opinion editor of the Mustang Daily.

Bureaucracy can’t win every time

Sunday, suddenly found themselves caring about each other on Monday.

One news report quoted a student who echoed this feeling when he said it was too bad that it took something like this for him to realize how nice his next-door neighbors were.

Los Angeles often has a reputation of being riddled with crime. It seems as though people are afraid to go into certain neighborhoods after dark, tend to keep to themselves and are constantly on their guard against strangers.

Yet amid the destruction, sorrow and despair, heroes were everywhere. 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.

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LETTERS

I would like to address points made by John Hubbell on Jan. 11 regarding the death of Jose Arturo Gutierrez and the treatment given the entire situation on the administrative level.

I agree it was handled in an unprofessional manner. There seems to be a rationale which says if the reputation of the university can be harmed, the best way to divert the situation is to cover up whatever would cause the harm.

This rationale does not lessen the wrong of covering up the matter, but life in general is full of injustice, and this is one of those cases.

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If a moderate to major earthquake were to strike San Luis Obispo County as one did on March 1, 1992, in the greater Los Angeles area, would city and county emergency services 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.

These relatively aged buildings are constructed of bricks or concrete blocks which contain little or no metal bracing to prevent the structure from shak­ ing apart in a major temblor.

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 new building next door.

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 tumbling into a department store next door, killing a woman inside.

The danger of San Luis Obispo's URMs come from their location in a more populated portion 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 downtown," Higuera Street, Baasch said.

Examples he gave included the Wismen Hotel, Earthing Building, and the Andrews Building.

Every county 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.

The county has three radio frequencies that URMs in San Luis Obispo must have a structural evaluation done by.

By Len Arends

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Would San Luis Obispo be ready?

By Len Arends

would be used to send aircraft down­ stream 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 Lake 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 vital, Alsop said.

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 outage — KVEC 920 AM, KIID 1400 AM and KSGC 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 joined with the county's other four radio stations in an experiment with the Rednet — a conference telephone line independent of the public telephone network — which would maintain communications between the various emergency services in eight locations throughout the county — Paso Robles, Atascadero, Morro Bay, San Luis Obispo, Paso Beach, Grover Beach, Arroyo Grande and Cal Poly.

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 uncovered several minor kinks in the emergency system, primarily in clarifying who had primary command status. He said he wasn't discouraged by this.

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

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Ron Alsop

County Emergency Services Coordinator

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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 mobilized; many could be 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 near downtown Los Angeles. 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 Fairfax 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 to the coast, left truckers stranded in 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 negotiate 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'd 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 behaves 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 Guardman in full battle regalia stood in the driveway to help keep looters 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.
Poly students were 'scared to death'

By Mary Miller

Dorn residents were evacuated after the quake weakened havoc

By Joy Noman

Students, their relatives' homes suffered losses in temblor

house moved.

Like Potruch, many students said their major concern was realizing the house had been damaged. And it didn't differ for students to reach their relatives on Mon­

day and Tuesday.

"My husband's mother lives down there and we haven't been able to get a hold of her," said biology junior Carrie Panek.

Those students who managed to speak with their families reported problems such as broken dishes, broken light fixtures and television sets that tipped over.

"My aunt had cabinets fall and the ceil­

ing fan fell," said liberal studies freshman Jennifer Frank.

The thrust fault nine miles beneath the San Fer­

nando Valley that caused the 6.6 magnitude temblor that flattened homes and leveled freeways Monday — also known as the Santa Monica Mountain Thrust Fault — the Devonshire Fault and the Frew Fault. Geologists do not know which underground fault is responsible for the earthquake.

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 50.

"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 geol­

ogy.

"Geologically speaking, it was a fairly run-of-the­
hill 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 horizontally, when compres­

sion 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 the Santa Monica mountains released ten­

sion, it disturbed parts of Northridge, the Northridge hills and the Santa Monica mountains a couple feet while areas south of San Fernando fell the same amount.

U.S. Geological Survey experts have reported that the epicenter occurred at the junction of three faults: the Elsinor Fault (also known as the Santa Monica Mountains Thrust Fault), the DeVonshire Fault and the Frew Fault.

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FAULT: Central Coast is home to inactive faults

Coastal faults that are very much like the Santa Monica Thrust and appear to underlay everything from the most end 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

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

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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WILLIAMS: Age has far from slowed down this 6-foot, 4-inch political science junior

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lege 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 team mates.

"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 Abilene.

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 ESPR," 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 he 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. He received all-con ference honors in the Golden Gate Conference, was selected to the state all-star team and was elected to Diablo Valley College's basketball hall of fame.

Cal Poly men's basketball coach Steve Beason said he had heard about Williams early last season, but first saw him at the state junior college tournament.

"I was immediately impressed with his work habits," Beason said. "I could see he had a very positive attitude and was very positive with his teammates."

Williams brings life experience and a positive attitude to the game — qualities that rub off on the rest of the team, Beason said.

"Leo Williams age and height advantage over Derik Buzinski's, is not as exaggerated on the court for Poly / Daily photo by Scott Robinson

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"I'd say he carries a certain leadership role," Levesque said. "He's older. He knows so much more about life. We joke about how he's the philosopher."

But Williams said he considers 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.

"This is my dream," Williams said. "I've lived my dreams. Everything I've dreamed about I've done or I'm doing."
**Wrestlers finish in middle of muscle-packed tourney**

Daily Cal Sport Report

Cal Poly's Wrestling team put on a tourney to remember beating Lock Haven University 26-18 in the 1st round and then fell to Lock Haven University 26-18 in the 2nd round.

Marcius went 3-2 in the tourney and blazed the 9th ranked wrestler at the 142 pound weight class. Marcius defeated Lock Haven University's Shannon Gillipies 6-0. Marcius was outstanding,"

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

Friday, Cal Poly thumped Morgan State 25-0 and defeated University of Missouri 15-16. The wins were a rebound from the 29-21 loss Cornell University handed the Mustangs in the Mustangs' weekend opening home match.

Cal Poly next hosts play host to San Francisco State and UC Davis Friday at 7 p.m.

**INJURIES: CCA season approaches for Poly**

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**CCA opener.**

With a roster containing only four upperclassmen, Cal State Dominguez brings an inexperienced team to Mott Gym.

Orozco said one of the keys to the game will be stop Cal State Dominguez guard Karolle Bonde, who was averaging 13 points per game.

The Mustangs will host four of their first five CCA games at Mott Gym, including Cal State Pomona on Saturday at 7:30 p.m.

Thursday's game at Mott Gym will be the first key in a doubleheader, with the Mustangs hosting basketball team challenging defending national champion Cal State Bakersfield at 8 p.m.
Defending national champs to face Poly's big 'D'

By Joy Nieman

nicknamed him "Chief" after Palish, one of the oldest players junior college's conference championship basketball, 26-year-old Cal the shape of an "L," cut after his helmet with "Williams" printed on the wall behind him. A piece of a basketball net in Mott Gym on Thursday night. The reigning Division II men's basketball 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. 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 66-64 at home last Thursday. The Roadrunners responded with a 60-51 throttling of Cal State Dominguez Hills on Saturday night.

Among its arsenal, Cal State Bakersfield contains last year's CCAA MVP and national tournament player of the year, guard Tyson Davis, as well as two other All-American selections in guard Kevin Warren and forward Robeen Oste. "You could see this going into the NCAA nobody," 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 Shantal Cotright 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 floor.

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 their offense," Williams continued. "If we do the right things, then 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, Cottright was "Mr. Right." He put on an impressive performance as he dashed out 14 assists to go with his 18 points and seven rebounds.

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Freshman Demien Leweyque puts a shot up in Thursday's 82-61 win over the Toros / Daily photo by Scott Robinson

By Troy Petersen

The walking wounded Mustang women's basketball team (6-7) will limp into Thursday's California Collegiate Athletic Association opener versus Cal State Dominguez Hills at 5:45 p.m. in Mott Gym.

Unfortunately for the Mustangs, junior center Nicole Taylor, the team's rebound leader, is now part of the expanding list of Mustangs who ride the bench in street clothes. Taylor tore a ligament in her knee in the first half of Saturday's 71-58 Cal Poly victory at Chapman College.

The prognosis is anything but promising. At the minimum, Taylor will miss three weeks and possibly much longer, according to Head Coach Jill Orrock.

Taylor will undergo a Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) in the next few days to determine which ligament was harmed and the extent of the damage.

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