Northridge: Buildings leaning . . . . and some students are fleeing

By Len Arndt
Daily Assistant Managing Editor

Northridge Public Relations Director Bruce Erickson says it was "unprecedented." He said no other United States college campus has ever undergone as much destruction as Northridge.

"There are 58 buildings on the campus," he said. "All have been damaged." Most buildings suffered only aesthetic injury — cracked plaster and such, he said.

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Wasted on stage

Lead guitarist and vocalist John Askew and his band Wasted Tape played to a typically crowded U.U. Plaza Thursday during U.U. hour / Daily photo by Scott Robinson

Divided ASI board endorses quarter system

Board doubts narrowly-passed calendar vote's effectiveness on administration

By Lisa Hansen
Daily Staff Writer

After several delays, the ASI Board of Directors passed a resolution in support of the quarter system Wednesday night. But tensions ran high as the board debated whether the decision would actually matter to President Warren Baker.

Representatives argued what — if any — impact sending a letter stating the board's decision to Baker actually would have. Faculty leaders say Baker will decide in mid-February if Cal Poly will stay with the quarter system or change to a 16-week trimester system.

"Students want the strength of a letter," said Bob Martin, a College of Engineering representative. "I understand what people want. It's the best way to represent students."

ASI President Marquam Press said he will send a letter to Baker, but is unsure how receptive the president will be.

"I'm not real sure how he will react," he said. "I think it's in the way it's delivered."

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State budget in trouble over yesteryear's promises

Abandoning recession measures may deepen economic woes

By John Howard
Assistant Professor

SACRAMENTO — The cash-strapped state budget has $3 billion in "time bombs" waiting to explode in the faces of voters and the state agencies, Gov. Pete Wilson warned.

The time bombs are money that has to be found beginning in 1995, regardless of the current budget or whether the economy improves.

The $3 billion doesn't include this year's belt-tightening as the fifth year of recession approaches.

"This is a lot of money, and it adds to the budget shortfall that we see developing in 1995-96," said Brad Williams, executive director of the Commission on State Finance.

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was an attempt to cut a deal in exchange for implicating Harding in the Jan. 6 attack.

Harvey Schiller, executive director of the USOC, issued a statement saying the organization "is deeply concerned with statements made today by Tonya Harding relative to her stated knowledge of the attack on Nancy Kerrigan at the national championships."

The figure skating association said Harding would be on the list of official entries in the Lillehammer Games submitted to the USOC, but the association has appointed a hearing panel to investigate, a first step in the process that could lead to her removal from the team.

The USOC noted that the woman's figure skating career can be changed as late as Feb. 21. Schiller said Harding's name would be on the U.S. roster submitted to international Olympic officials Jan. 31, but added that the USOC "is prepared under constitutional procedures, to initiate any action deemed appropriate relative to the conduct of any athlete entered in the Games."

Harding made her statement at a downtown athletic club after a 30-minute workout at a suburban shopping mall.

"I have devoted my entire life to one objective: winning an Olympic Gold Medal for my country," she said. "This is my last chance. I ask only for your understanding and the opportunity to represent my country with the best figure skating performance of my life."

Stephanie Quintero, a friend who has been driving Harding to her practices, said Wednesday the 25-year-old skater would be devastated if she couldn't go to the Olympics.

"This is her main goal in life, to go and win the gold," Quintero said. "This is her whole dream in life. She's been skating for 20 years."

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adequate time and information to talk to their constituents.

The Academic Senate will make its final recommendation to Baker at a Feb. 15 meeting. Chair Jack Wilson said he doesn't know if Baker will agree with their recommendation.

"The President (might) not go with our decision," he said.

"Based on past discussions, Wilson said he feels the Senate will recommend staying with the quarter system.

In other ASI business:

"Children's Canter loan refinanced" • A $1.18 million loan for the deficit-ridden Children's Canter is being refinanced, reducing the annual payment of $174,000 to $106,000.

But according to Finance Vice President Shawn Reeves, the process may take longer than expected because it may have to be approved by the CSU Board of Trustees. "Because it was a major project for the CSU, the loan originally had to be approved by the Board of Trustees," he said. "We were hoping for a simple refinance without having to go back to the board.

"Instead of taking a few weeks, it may take three to four months. That's frustrating to us because the sooner the loan is refinanced, the sooner we start saving money." ASI Board considers refinance of Children's Canter

"It's not safe," she said. "It's simply not an adequate facility at all.

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Mass murderer Ng gains unlikely ally in United Nations

By Mitchell Landsberg

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The United Nations has agreed to consider granting asylum to a Canadian man accused of lewd acts in a library.

The man, who has been identified as John Lawler, was arrested in November for lewd acts with boys in the Calaveras County town of Wilseyville. Lawler's family has since moved to Lake's family in the same county.

A trial-setting conference for the case was set for March 2.

The state has lost at least $60 million in federal funding to support schools in the state since 1990. Gould, Wilson's Finance Department director, has predicted that the state's economy would improve.

BUDGET: Owning up to political promises could leave California in the poor house

The most optimistic fiscal forecasters believe the economy will not move upward until the end of 1994. That means the "temporary" solutions may wind up being permanent, despite lawmakers' repeated assurances.

What a date! What a deal!

Edwin Gould, the 73-year-old former fertilizer salesman, who wore a piece-gray suit with a Confederate flag pin on the lapel is accused of lying in wait for Evers and firing a single shot from an antique deer-hunting rifle through Evers' chest.

If it would be extremely unlikely that any (Canadian) politician is going to "demand his return," said Don MacLeod, "by Calgary lawyer who argued Ng's case to the United Nations, "On the other hand, this case takes a considerable degree of pride in its human rights record... I would expect, in order to comply with the ruling, Canada to make all possible diplomatic requests within its power to make sure that the death penalty is not imposed.

A new California law, making lethal injection an optional method of execution, does not affect Canada's obligations because it causes the violation occurred when the gas chamber was the state's only method, MacLeod said.

As a staunch segregatist, Beckwith was then secured in the mainstream of white Mississippi and was regarded as a hero by many at his trials in 1964.

The case was reopened in 1990 because of allegations of jury and evidence tampering.

On Thursday, as the third trial opened, before a jury of eight blacks and four whites, Beckwith appeared as almost a relic of a long-lost era.
Hold it! Take a look around you. Odds are that most of the people you see look pretty much alike, no one would give them a second look. You might as well be walking on any toes, but Cal Poly can be monotonously beautiful.

Frankly, I’m worried. A university provides — or should provide — a microcosm of society, original and at times — downright pervert just for the hell of it. I’m afraid some of you are being brainwashed.

Well, today I want to talk to you about one voice crying in the wilderness: KCPR. Maybe you’ve heard it. Maybe you haven’t. KCPR is the station on the Graphic Arts building.

But I am willing to say my life would be a little easier. Perhaps not as much as my life would be easier if I didn’t have to listen to KCPR! Alas!

The genie can’t go back in the bottle.
Florida welfare revamped OK'd as preview to Clinton plan

By Jennifer Dixon

WASHINGTON — In a preview of the president's plan to revamp the nation's welfare system, the Clinton administration gave Florida permission Thursday to experiment with time-limited benefits for welfare recipients.

A senior administration official said Florida's demonstration project is significant because it mirrors President Clinton's efforts to expand training, education and child-care programs on welfare while limiting their benefits to two years.

In his State of the Union address Tuesday, Clinton promised to introduce welfare-reform legislation this spring. Although the administration has outlined its plan in broad terms, it has yet to make tough decisions about costs and financing.

Seventeen Senate Republicans, including Majority Leaders Bob Dole, tried to upstage Clinton by introducing their own plan Thursday.

Similar to the House Republicans' bill, the Senate measure would require more welfare recipients to work, limit aid to immigrants, and force unmarried teen-age mothers to live with a parent to qualify for welfare.

In Florida, parents who participate in the demonstration will be allowed to collect welfare for a maximum of 24 months in any five-year period. While on the rolls, parents will be eligible for training, education, child care, health insurance and intensive case management.

The Clinton administration also wants to limit welfare benefits to 24 months over a certain length of time, the senior administration official said. Its plan will also include counseling, education or training, and help with child care for recipients preparing to leave the rolls.

In Florida, the state will offer incentive payments to private companies that hire welfare recipients. Employer subsidies will also be an element of the Clinton plan, the administration official said.

"Able-bodied people who want to work will get the chance to work and those who don't want to work will be out the door in two years. Those who truly can't work will be unaffected by this new program," said Jim Towsy, secretary of Florida's Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services.

Parents who refuse to comply will lose their share of the family's welfare check. Payments to the children could continue, but only through a third party.

The "Family Transition Program" will operate for eight years in two counties — Alachua and Escambia — beginning next month.

Two hundred welfare families in each county will enrolled during the first 60 days. Other families will added later, but the state says it's too early to say how many will ultimately be affected.

Combined, the two counties have 10,600 families on the rolls. Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC). As of October, Florida had 254,069 AFDC families statewide.

Revolution door spins again in Washington

Two departures occur at Reno's Justice Dept.

By Michael J. Soffen

WASHINGTON — Deputy At­
orney General Philip Heymann, a veteran of four administrations who served as right-hand man to Janet Reno, resigned unexpec­
tedly Thursday — a move they both attributed to differences in man­agement style and chemistry.

And a special assistant to Reno, Lula Rodriguez, who is under Justice Department inves­
tigation over alleged vote fraud in a Miami-area election, also resigned, sending turmoil to the top of a third key Cabinet department.

There has been speculation that Reno herself has fallen from favor in the White House, which President Clinton denied as recently as last week. A special counsel has been named to inves­
tigate financial dealings in Arkansas, including some by the department's No. 3 official, Webster Hubbell, when he was a law partner to Hillary Rodham Clinton.

Reno, a former state prosecutor, is the first attorney general in recent memory to operate without a chief of staff. Instead, she relied heavily on Heymann, who served at Justice in the Johnson administration, worked for the Watergate special prosecutor during the Nixon ad­
ministration and ran Justice's criminal division during the Carter administration.

Most of the hottest potatoes and Reno's priority programs were sent to Heymann's office for handling, including a review of mandatory minimum criminal sentences, a report on the FBI's bloody siege of the Branch Davidian complex in Waco, Texas, and the department inves­
tigation of Rodriguez, which was later transferred to the internal watchdog unit.

Sen. Alfonse D'Amato, R-N.Y., told reporters, "The Justice Department ... is being run by someone who could qualify for the original amateur hour and who has been less than what this nation should be looking for as an attorney general."

At the White House, White House aide Dee Dee Myers denied the administration was embarrass­ed by the resignation.

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L.A.'s physical danger passed; survivors treat mental scars

By James Anderson

LOS ANGELES — The waiting — for food, for money, for the freeways to open and the aftershocks to end — is a constant for earthquake victims, and the strain showed Thursday in tent cities.

In tent cities, refugees waited for the fear to fade. Trying to believe the word of building inspectors that their homes were safe.

Isabel Molina, 39, said her 7-year-old daughter Rosa is "always happy in the park. But at home she has a headache, the vomits, and she's afraid the earth will open up and she'll fall in."

At the Northridge camp, the tedious three-hour process of standing in line and filling out forms was taking its toll, said Tom McIlhenny of the Salvation Army.

"There is definitely a lot of trauma here. But it's like falling off a horse. You have to get back on," he said.

Parents anguished over finding housing. The lack of bed-wetting and thumb-sucking tippiness and crawling to the silos of trauma children.

"I'm frozen here. I don't do anything else. I've talked with everyone, they all say just wait," said Emilio Orlanda, 31, a Lanam Park tent refugee.

Apart from providing food and holding Bible readings, there was little Salvation Army philosophy on which to dwell, could not, said Maj. Darwin Carpentier.

"We can't make them feel any better about living in the tent. It's lousy," he said.

Some prominent people are calling and are crying," said Barbarawoman, a social worker staffed in the Northridge Salvation Army. "You can talk to anyone because I'm an officer or I'm a programmer, but I don't know what to do."

We just talk them down. We tell them it will all pass."

First Lady Hillary Clinton toured quake-ravaged areas and was out in a spirit-boosting visit Thursday.

Shelter populations continued shrinking as victims found new camps, where Northridge declared safe.

NORTHRIDGE: Quake turns SoCal university into tent campus

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But a handful of structures appeared to have suffered enough damage to close the building temporarily.

Among the most dramatically damaged buildings were:

• Fine Arts

Building inspectors found that one supporting column along the building's north wall had collapsed.

• South Library

Although inspectors originally deemed the building safe on Jan. 18, subsequent afterhours further damaged the library, making it uninhabitable.

• University Residential Areas

The building, although structurally sound, has slipped off of its foundation.

To compensate for lost classrooms, University Residential Areas temporarily classrooms are being wheeled into room in room is being sought at surrounding community colleges and churches.

In addition to making lost facilities available, it was another another Wednesday how and when Northridge's administration would be able to move back into their five-story structure. In the meantime, administrative services are operating out of an assembly of seven or eight tents erected in a field adjacent to the residence halls, Erickson said.

By the first day of the spring quarter, the campus structure was to a two-year-old, $14-million parking structure on the periphery of the campus. The condition of lots were completely leveled.

That a practically brand-new structure built to the most recent earthquake codes could be completely leveled while older, less reinforced structures remain standing calls into question the quality of the building's construction and design.

When asked if the CSU was contemplating a lawsuit against the parking structure's designer and builders, CSU Chancellor's Office Spokesperson Colleen Bentley-Aldier said, that "it's been discussed — to put it nicely."

One of the less taxing problems with a campus building was recounted by CSU-Northridge President Blenda Wilson at an administrator's meeting on Tuesday. One of the student residence halls cannot be inhabited until repairs are made to rid it of an infestation of 'snakes of unknown variety,' as Wilson called them.

Apparently, a student's pet reptiles escaped during the earthquake, and have yet to be found.

How much time will pass before all repairs are completed on the campus is unknown. Bentley-Aldier said that would depend on how much funding the CSU, the state and the nation can afford to give for reconstruction.

To express a rough idea of how long repairs may be expected to take, she cited two examples from colleges damaged in previous quakes.

Vendini Hall, a dormitory at CSU-San Francisco, is still uninhabitable more than four years after the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake.

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MEN'S HOOPS: Cal Poly takes court against CCAA's leading shot blocker:

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supplant Bakersfield at the top of the CCAA. "They (Riveride) have a lot of good players back," Cal Poly Coach Steve Beason said.

But freshman guard Shonta Grant views UC-Riveride different.

"We don't care what Riverside has done coming into this game," Cotright said. "We feel that if we can execute our plays, then we can take them." The Highlanders are led by 6-foot, 11-inch senior center Bob Pfe, a transfer from University of Oregon. Pfe leads the CCAA in blocked shots (2.8 per game) and is second in scoring (17.5 points per game), rebounding (6.8 rebounds per game) and field goal percentage (57 percent).

"It's quite a force," Beason said. "It's going to be hard for us to stop him. One guy won't do it. It's got to be a team effort.

UC-Riveride leads the conference in offense, averaging 77.8 points per game and shooting 49.9 percent from the field. Cal Poly averages 67.4 points per games — third from last.

Beason said he feels the team is improving. "On offense, we're getting a little better. But we're still a little inconsistent.

Cotright continues to excel, having scored 33 points in his last two games to lead the Mustangs in scoring (9.6 points per game) and is seventh in the conference in assists (1.6 per game).

Freshman forward Damien Levesque is also having a strong first season. Levesque is third in the conference in scoring (8.6 points per game) and is fourth in the CCAA in rebounding (6.6 rebounds per game).

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SUPER BOWL: Big game offers chance to bond

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Hoopsters start homestand

By Jeffrey Jan
Daily Senior Staff Writer

The Cal Poly men's basketball team will be facing a crucial contest with California Collegiate Athletic Association foe UC-Riverside at Matt Gym Saturday night.

For the Mustangs, this game will begin a three-game homestand coming on the heels of a three-game conference losing streak. For the Highlanders, another win would help them stay in contention for a CCAA title.

Cal State Bakersfield and Cal State Los Angeles sit atop the CCAA with a 4-1 conference record. The Highlanders are a game out with their 3-2 conference record.

Cal Poly is currently sitting at 3-2 conference games by an average of 65-64. UC-Riverside is currently 11-4 conference. The Highlanders have won their last three conference games by an average of 18 points. Earlier in the year, they gave defending Division II Champion Cal State Bakersfield all they could handle at Bakersfield before succumbing 60-64.

Due to their performance this season, some people feel that UC-Riverside will eventually beat the bottom of the CCAA with a 1-4 conference mark and are 7-5 overall, having lost five of their last six games. However, the Mustangs have done well at home where they are 6-2 and have played University of Montana and Cal State Bakersfield down to the wire.

UC-Riverside lost to the Highlanders 87-83 last week at Cal State Las Angeles.

The Mustangs will be looking to improve their three-game conference losing streak of three games. The Highlanders went 2-1 in the conference.

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The 2014 College Football Playoff Top 25 Polls through Week 6

1 Notre Dame (17-0) ................................. 15-1
2 Oregon (17-0) ........................................ 15-0
3 Alabama (18-0) ....................................... 15-0
4 Michigan (17-0) ...................................... 14-1
5 Georgia (15-1) ......................................... 14-1
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20 Texas A&M (17-0) ............................... 10-0

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Women's Div. II Hoops Poll

1 North Dakota (5-0) ............................... 15-1
2 Kent State (5-0) ...................................... 15-0
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4 Bellarmine (Ky.) (11-1) ................. 13-2
5 California (Pa.) (13-0) ............ 13-1
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