NORTHRIIDGE — Traipsing through sawdust and sand, dodging dump trucks and winning at the roar of power tools, 24,000 students returned two weeks late to spring semester at CSU-Northridge on Monday — literally bringing the campus back to life.

Located less than a mile from the epicenter of the 6.6-magnitude earthquake that ripped through the Southland Jan. 17, CSU-Northridge sustained such severe damage that the campus has been reduced to a tent and modular classroom mini-city.

Rebuilding the campus — the fourth largest in the 22-campus CSU system — could extend into 1995 at a staggering $250 to $300 million price tag.

Linda Bain, dean for Communicative Health and Social Sciences, said her college has 4,500 students. Thumbing through a thick computer printout of students' schedules, she said "firm classes" won't be available for at least another week. But compared to last spring...

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College-aged and Catholic: Dual roles tough for many at Poly

By Katie Portillo

By Lisa M. Hansen

Severe decline in enrollment. CSU-Bakersfield has admitted approximately 30 students from CSU-Northridge and in Ventura could swell by 200.

Many Catholic students and faculty members will walk campus today with dark ashes on their foreheads, a traditional symbol marking their belief that they were created from dust and to dust they shall return.

"It's the beginning of (what) for centuries has been called the 'Penitential Season of Lent,'" said Brother Richard Moratto, director for the Newman Catholic Center. "It is the six weeks in which we spiritually review and renew ourselves before we again celebrate Good Friday (the Crucifixion of Jesus), and Easter Sunday (the Resurrection)."

The Ash Wednesday Mass held in Chumash Auditorium today at 4:30 p.m. by Scott Robinson + At left, a History 270 class has its first meeting outdoors. The professor told his class the adverse conditions may actually help students get to know one another more / Daily photo by Steve McCraney

Details emerge on officer slayings by judge's son

By Jennifer Bowles

TORRANCE — Armed and dressed for violence, a judge's son invaded a hotel meeting room filled with policemen and opened fire, killing two, in what was initially thought to be a prank, authorities said Tuesday.

David Joseph Fukuto, 32, brandishing two handguns and yelling, "This is a robbery!" shot and killed two Palos Verdes Estates policemen before he was jumped by other officers, wrestled to a corner and handcuffed.

"My first thought was that it was a joke, a bad joke," said Chief Gary Johansen of the 23-member Palos Verdes Estates Police Department.

The gunman was wearing a bulletproof vest, mask and hooded sweatshirt.

"I felt he was trying to summon evil with the guns," said Chief Gary Johansen of the 23-member Palos Verdes Estates Police Department.

The chief, who was among a dozen officers in the 12th floor Holiday Inn conference room Monday afternoon when the gunman burst in, said he believed "it was a cop training class trick that had been done."

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Senate delays calendar vote

Approved resolution opens door for faculty, student referendums

By Silas Lyons

After a deceivingly calm session Tuesday, Academic Senators agreed to hold off on a calendar-changing decision until further information is available.

Cal Poly President Warren Baker was present for the decision and said he understood the need for a delay.

Indications of the vote could include student and faculty referendums advising the Senate when it comes time to make a final decision.

ASI Executive Vice President Louise Brown viewed the resolution passed by the Senate as an opportunity for student government to involve the whole campus in the discussion.

"If a referendum was held, it would occur during spring quarter."

"I'll talk to (ASI President Marquay Pira) and see what he says and go to the (ASI) Board," Brown said after the meeting.

He said Baker's willingness to consider a student vote sparked his interest in pursuing the issue.

If the Academic Senate had voted to adopt a trimester system at Tuesday's meeting, ASI's desire to go to the students would have been moot. But the decision to delay gives ASI time to get more involved.

Baker told the Daily last week he would not be averse to a "well-informed" student vote on this issue.

"I would not object to, and I would look very carefully at a referendum," he said then. "But a referendum only after a full understanding and a full discussion.

"After the meeting Tuesday, Baker said ASI should take up the issue of a referendum with the Academic Senate."

Brown already had spoken with Senate Chair Jack Wilson and gotten his pledge to support the effort of educating students as a preface to a referendum.

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SHOOTING: Police say they may never know motive of man who opened fire

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get hurt in a police class like that doing these things," said Johansen, who has been chief for six years.

But in seconds, it was clear the gunman was for real.

The gunman was then "tackled by four or five of my of­ficers," said Johansen.

"In the corner he was fighting very violently with them. Once they got him subdued and handcuffed we rolled him over and he didn't look real good at that point. I don't know how he died," the chief said.

"Our information at this point is he died of a possible head injury that was sustained as a result of the people in the room wresting the guns away from him," said Sgt. Dave Smith of the Torrance Police Department.

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As for a motive, Smith said it may never be known.

"Our investigators are out trying to find out a possible motive for this," the sergeant said. "We don't know why he did what he did and we may never know because he's deceased."  

Little was known about the gunman, who lived with his grandmother in a log home in a residential area of the Mid-City area of Los Angeles. Several windows were broken but the garden was neatly maintained.

"I know what he did. He killed two police officers. Very bad, my grandson," Mrs. Fukuto said in broken English. She wouldn't give her first name.

Justin Fukuto, 60, was elevated to the appellate court bench in Los Angeles after serving 35 years as a judge at South Bay Municipal and Torrance Superior courts.

"David committed a terrible and unforgivable crime in the taking of two fine officers without reason," the justice said in a statement. "We cannot explain his acts. We can only extend our deepest condolences to the of­ficers' families and to the members of the Police Verde Estates Police Department. Our prayers are with them."

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The resolution approved Tuesday was based on the recent creation by the Academic Senate of a Task Force on Curriculum and Calendar, chaired by Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs Glenn Irvin.

After an hour of hearing Baker's promotion of trimesters, the Senate resolved to defer any decision on the calendar system until the newly formed committee could return a report.

According to Irvin, the report should be available around the end of spring quarter.

Baker said last week he would like to see this matter resolved within the current academic year. After Tues­day's meeting, however, he said he saw the need for a myriad of other questions to be answered. He indicated he would be willing to wait.

But he said there is "a limit on how much tolerance a campus has of discussion on an issue."

The faculty referendum was included as a condition of passing the resolution to delay a final calendar decision.

A brief but heated debate sprung up when some Senate members — including the resolution's author, Ron Brown — suggested striking the clause from the docu­ment.

They argued that many faculty members are not fully educated on the issues concerning a calendar change and would vote against it out of fear that the switch would re­quire too much work.

But the majority disagreed.
CATHOLICS: College students often find themselves becoming 'Cafeteria Catholics,' choosing only what fits their lifestyles

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agree with all the stuff in the church," said human development senior Jay Shinnefield. "The reason why I ultimately stopped going weekly was because I thought it was sanctimonious for me to show up and not be there for the right reasons."

Brother Richard said he finds it interesting that many students walk out of the auditorium after Mass and do not rub the ashes off their foreheads.

"It makes me wonder if they are proud to receive those ashes," he said. "People get excited about it — there's something tangible about putting the ashes on the forehead."

Brother Richard believes the negative comments some people make about Ash Wednesday just add to the list of things they generally don't like about the Catholic Church.

"I think the Catholic Church is the 'Mother Church of Christianity,'" he said. "It's 2,000 years old and I think it is often times attacked because it's the 'big kid on the block.'"

Newman Catholic Center Chaplain Father Vincent Walsh is also aware of the criticism the Catholic Church receives.

"Criticism has a role in life," he explained. "If it is not meant to be helpful, it is simply a negative and irresponsible tool for breaking down."

According to a recent New York Times article, the Rev. Michael J. Hunt, the author of "College Catholics: A New Counterculture," said young Catholics on American campuses often face the condescension of peers.

"When they go to Mass, they leave the dorm without telling anybody where they are going," Father Hunt said. "They are often surprised to find that the place is packed."

The Roman Catholic Church has the most number of adherents of all religions in the world, according to the 1993 Encyclopedia Britannica Book of the Year.

"With all of its problems and all of its difficulties, interestingly enough it still continues on," Brother Richard said, adding that Catholicism is the fastest growing denomination in the U.S.

The New York Times article said Catholic church attendance has been steady in the past 20 years, after a drop of nearly one-third in the late 1960s and early 1970s.

But some students who were brought up in the Catholic Church have strayed away from their religion.

Regina Plunkett Dowling is a former chaplain at Saint Joseph College in West Hartford, Conn. and a Ph.D. candidate at Yale University. In a recent article in "Commonweal," a Catholic magazine, she said many college students have walked away from the church without a backward glance.

She believes they are "angered or disgusted or wearied by their home parish, or anchored to the church by fragile roots."

Some Cal Poly students follow this pattern.

Business senior Karl Hubben said Catholicism was a part of his upbringing, but his religious practices changed when he came to college.

"It was just a part of your life every weekend on Sunday — no matter what, you went to church," he explained. "But now when you're here (at college) and you live with people who aren't necessarily Catholic, it's just not around as much."

In the Times article, one Catholic college student said there are people sometimes called "Cafeteria Catholics" — those who follow the tenets of church doctrine they find agreeable and "look the other way on the rest," as she puts it.

According to the article, it is not the church's doctrine that is disenchanted to young Catholics, but rather the church's style.

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The Cal Poly Academic Senate took a bold step several weeks ago by finally approving the ethnic studies minor. This move will place Cal Poly with 18 other universities in the CSU system who offer the ethnic studies program.

Although I'm glad the action was taken, a certain amount of apprehension and uneasiness continues to prevail whenever ethnic studies is mentioned. There are those who say ethnic studies is racist, exclusive and not needed. However, it is now a reality — and the university must begin to deal with it.

In order for this program to be successful, it will need the support of the students, faculty, Academic Senate and President Baker. Nearly three weeks have passed since the vote took place, and there has been no public response to the Senate's vote by Baker — or anyone else on the hill.

The challenges ethnic studies will bring to the campus are many. As in the study of racism, we must begin to deconstruct the stereotypes that have stigmatized ethnic studies, its goals and its faculty.

Some members of academia have expressed a strong concern that the ethnic studies classes, and the faculty who teach them, will push personal political views and opinions — and will deviate from the course material.

This assumption is incorrect, and is damaging to the ethnic studies program and faculty. Even though ethnic studies was born out of political and educational empowerment movements in the 1960s and 1970s, it is not taught on the basis of personal opinion.

What, then, is ethnic studies? It can be defined as the study of the main minority groups of the United States. Ethnic studies explores the historical, cultural and social experiences of these groups. It discusses how these experiences relate to the mainstream culture and society in this country. Ethnic studies is a strong academic field of study that deserves respect and attention.

We do not have to look far to discover nationally recognized scholars in ethnic studies. These people have had great academic contributions to our society.

The ethnic studies program is for everyone, not just for people of color. This is why it is so important for every member of this university to back and accept the program. If the university and its faculty do not truly believe and accept the program, it is bound to fail.

Pedro Arroyo is a political science senior.
Associated Press

By Ron Word

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Although Hubbell doesn't agree with everything the church stands for, he still considers himself Catholic.

"The values, teachings and ideologies of Catholicism, — I dare say," Hubbell added, "I disagree with certain issues in the Catholic Church, but I still believe I'm Catholic."

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CATHOLICS: Some students take departure from church beliefs on issues important to them but still have faith

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"They need this time to process the information," she said.

Rolling's plea covered 11 counts — five of first-degree murder and three each of sexual battery and armed burglary.

"You honor, I have been running from first one thing and then another all my life. Whether from problems at home or with the law, or from myself. But there are some things that you just can't run from — this being one of those," Rolling told Circuit Judge Stan R. Morris.

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Is this sincerely 'better'?

We'll manage, students say, but enough with the catchy slogan

By Silas Lyons
Daily Investigative Editor

NORTHRIDGE — The opening day of classes at CSU-Northridge could at best be called chaotic. But campus officials and visiting politicians seemed to see nothing but success in the day.

Though students may have been confused and bewildered, only optimism could be heard from loudspeakers in the middle of campus where everyone from the Associated Students president to the President of the United States touted the new Northridge motto: "Not just back... better!"

"This is a human community that's pulled together in the face of disaster," Northridge President Blenda Wilson said. "This faculty is dedicated to giving students an education like they've never been before. And that's going to occur whether it's in trailers or five-story buildings."

Sometimes it wasn't even trailers. One professor gathered his History 270 class in a parking lot between modular would-be classrooms that had not yet been assembled.

"I think in a lot of ways this class is going to be a lot richer because of this," he told the students.

Among those who showed up to pitch optimism were Los Angeles Mayor Richard Riordan, State Senator David Roberti and CSU Chancellor Barry Munitz. All three

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the 400 modular classrooms for six months will cost approximately $5.5 million. Jackson compared that to renting 400 three-bedroom apartments for one year.

Associated Students President Steven Parker said student government has established a housing referral service and set aside $25,000 in student grants.

"Call us and we'll help you out," he told them. "We've got nowhere to go but up and these grants — notice I said grants, not loans — are for those of you who suffered financially from the quake."

Many students' apartments, some with belongings stranded inside, are condemned and only two out of 15 dormitories are habitable.

Members of the talk show audience remembered the two CSU-Northridge students who were killed when their Northridge Meadows apartment complex collapsed.

Jaime Reyes, 19 and Manuel Sandoval, 24, were roommates who had just moved out of campus housing one week before the quake. They spent only one night in their new apartment — the next morning they were found dead.

Academic Vice President Louanne Kennedy said a burial fund and scholarship fund has been established in memory of the two students.

Despite compromised facilities, 5,000 course sections are being offered at Northridge this spring. Some classes have been canceled or moved to other off-campus locations such as California Lutheran University in Thousand Oaks, UCLA and various other community colleges.

"Their families and the university had great hope for them," she said. "The university has raised money for their scholarship fund. The opening of this campus today was tinged by the pain of the death of these two students."
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**FIGURING IT OUT**: CSUN biology senior Nicole Stroud attempts to figure out her spring semester schedule in a disheveled room / Daily photo by Scott Robinson

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**STUDENTS**: Learning outside the classroom takes on new meaning

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"I think everybody is under­standing, everybody knows we're trying to do our best," he said.

But there was a definite divide. Students were far more amused than the positive expe­riences.

Journalism senior Hana Elhasan was unfazed by the confu­sion until she began searching for a bathroom. When it became appar­ent she would have to use one of a row of green portable stalls set up on the lawn, she be­came disgusted.

"Tell me I don't have to go in there," she said with a groan.

"I'm absolutely not going in there." She did.

Trouble with classes dominated the spotlight.

Since many of the classes were now scheduled to be held in mod­ular trailers, several parking lots and other areas of campus were trans­formed into small vil­lages of the brown structures.

One of these — Halsted Houses — became a source of con­fusion when construction workers who had not finished as­sembling the modulars came into conflict with students and profes­sors streaming in to start class.

"We're used to what it would be like if there was an earthquake."
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Slovakia, the veteran-loaded French side clutched and grabbed the Americans all over the ice. Not only did it effectively cut down the size of the rink, it also cut deep into the U.S. team's cool. Instead of trying to outskate and outscore them, the impatient Americans became consumed with out-cheap-shotting them.

"They've got 32, 33-year-old guys and I've got 22-year-old guys," Taylor said. "You take a 33-year-old man and tell him his job is to keep a 20-year-old kid from scoring a goal, he can do a pretty good job of it."

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Respected or not; U.S. skiers take golden stand once again

By John Nelson

RINEGBU, Norway — Diann Roffe-Steinrotter had already waited nine years. And now she had to wait another 90 minutes.

Roffe-Steinrotter erased nearly a decade of futility Tuesday by winning the women’s super-giant slalom at the Olympics. The victory came two days after Tommy Moe’s win in the first Alpine event, the men’s downhill.

“I have to wait,” she repeated over and again as teammates, coaches and reporters tried to congratulate her.

She hadn’t won a big race since the giant slalom at the 1988 world championships.

Then, she was 17. Now, she was 28 and in her final season before retiring.

She leaned on her ski poles, her face expressionless as she watched the scoreboard, sometimes alone, sometimes with other Americans. Occasionally, she chatted with a racer from another country. Some Norwegian folk singers serenaded her, and a trio of guys in troll suits did a jig by the finish area.

Finally, the last skier with a chance to beat her finished and Roffe-Steinrotter had the gold.

Roffe-Steinrotter knew her time might not hold on the 2,035-meter Kvitfjell course. Still to come were defending World Cup overall champion Anita Wachter of Austria, defending Olympic super-G champion Deborah Compagnoni of Italy, German downhill star Katja Seizinger, and Bibiana Perez, another red-hot Italian.

“I was very nervous with bib No. 1,” she said.

“Yesterday, it was so icy I crashed, just froze. My stomach was killing me.”

Wachter’s time was 1:23:01. Safe, so far.

Then came Compagnoni, skiing fifth. The 23-year-old Italian star was all over the course and had some trouble with a small 

U.S. hockey team chilled in first games

By Jim Lida

GLOVIK, Norway — The week before the competition, tournament begins is a little late to suddenly discover you might not have brought the right kind of team.

That very unsettling thought surely occurred to U.S. hockey coach Tim Taylor only last week. And it must have loomed larger Tuesday night, after his
team was shut down and neutralized in ways they didn’t count on. Perhaps second thoughts could have found the Americans a neutral zone. And maybe, he conceded, “maybe we’re just a little bit jittery.”

There are increasing signs that the NHL, and followed the lead of the NHL and made it easier for the pros to form hockey’s equivalent of the Dream Team, perhaps in time for the Games here against France and now Germany. Everyone went well until Feb. 5, when the Americans played against French team at round robin in France, and were lucky to get a point, but that’s not the same story.

But in what would turn out to be a preview of their games here against France and now the Soviets, the Americans played against the Swiss.

“We’ve been shut down in a tournament this way,” Taylor said after a

3-3 tie with Slovakia.

“We’ve been shut down in a tournament this way, we didn’t count on. We’ve been able to jum in the neutral zone. And maybe, he conceded, “maybe we’re just a little bit jittery.”

Pete Rose nothin’

Opponents taking on the Cal Poly softball team at the Cal State San Bernardino Tournament Friday through Sunday hope the Mustangs’ bats cool off from the last game which featured three home runs / Daily photo by Carl Lida

Two U.S. freestyle skiers qualify for finals, despite a crooked ‘Daffy Twister’

By Larry McKenzie

GOREHAM, Norway — Defending gold medalist Donna Weinbrecht qualified for the finals in mogul skiing, while U.S. skier Cammy Myler skidded out of medal contention. And skater Tonya Harding began her long trip to Lillehammer.

Weinbrecht and U.S. teammate Liz McIntyre both qualified Tuesday for the finals, with McIntyre posting the highest score of the 16 qualifiers.

“I’m pretty happy,” McIntyre said. “I was gonna do a daffy twister (leap) and I got a little crooked in the air so I didn’t get that off like I wanted to. But it gives me something to do tomorrow.”

Harding flies to Norway, mother faints

AP — Tonya Harding made a final plea to “keep believing in me” before leaving her hometown Tuesday bound for Norway, a trip that was anything but certain a week ago.

In New York, Harding’s mother collapsed on the set of “The Montel Williams Show” and was taken to a hospital.

LaVina “Sandy” Harding fastened just after taping Williams’ syndicated talk show, said Jennifer Geisser, publicist for the show.

Golden was taken to St. Clare’s Hospital, which issued a statement saying she had been admitted for observation and was in stable condition.

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