

EARTHQUAKE 189 - Santa Cruz County

Damage at 2 colleges put at \$19 million

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Santa Cruz County's two major institutions of higher learning suffered an estimated \$19 million in damage in the Loma Prieta earthquake, but classes at both campuses have resumed.

Cabrillo College, not far from the Forest of Nisene Marks state park, the epicenter of the earthquake, suffered \$6.5 million to \$7 million in damage, a spokeswoman said.

Classes were canceled for 1½ weeks while crews cleaned up as-

bestos that was shaken loose from the ceiling in some campus buildings.

At the University of California, Santa Cruz, where much of the damage occurred in the Natural Sciences 2 Building, the cost of repairs and replacements is estimated at \$12 million.

The 7.1-magnitude temblor Oct. 17 caused some minor spills of potentially dangerous chemicals at the university, although none of the radioactive material stored in laboratories was affected, a campus spokesman said.

At Cabrillo, "minute particles" of asbestos were shaken loose from ceilings in some of the older buildings on the community college campus, a spokeswoman, Elizabeth Irwin, said.

The college water system was also damaged, and a broken intake pipe "was soaking up mud and who knows what else" into the 300,000-gallon water storage tank on the hill behind the campus, she said.

A firm specializing in asbestos cleanup was called in to mop up any material that may have fallen and to test campus buildings to

make sure that no asbestos is lingering in the air. The buildings have been deemed safe, Irwin said.

Irwin said the old Sesnon House across Soquel Drive from the main campus has been closed since the quake and "hasn't been fully assessed" by structural engineers, who will determine whether the building, which was once a convent, can re-open.

Meanwhile, Irwin said, several offices in the building have moved elsewhere on campus. She said three community organizations

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Teams from UC campuses were called to Santa Cruz after firefighters reported chemical spills in labs.