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ings where components were shaken loose. He said phone technicians repaired them by Tuesday morning.

Students are now back in their residence halls and there is room for students who commute from the valley, Urdahl said.

"There is housing available for valley students if they need it," Urdahl said. "We can also accommodate some staff members. Of course, it all depends on how many requests we get."

Food service on campus remained almost uninterrupted by the quake. Many of the dining halls had been closed down for the holiday, said Doug Pendleton, director of dining services.

EVK Dining Hall, however, opened at 10 a.m., supplying food to students and emergency workers, Pendleton said. EVK also supplied bag lunches to support workers who could not leave their jobs, he said.

Several other campus buildings suffered damage from cracks in their plaster to loose cornices and roof tiles. The only buildings closed Tuesday were Mudd Hall of Philosophy, which required repairs on its tower cornice, and the health sciences campus bookstore, which required further inspection, Jones said.

Old pipes in the Physical Education building developed leaks during the quake, Jones said, causing minor flooding. The pipes are being repaired, although "funds to replace the P.E. pipes are not available at this time," he said.

All of the laboratories were inspected, according to a release from the university's news service. Some chemical spills were identified, but they have been cleaned up. The Lyon Center did sustain some damage and parts of it were closed temporarily.

Don Ludwig, director of Intramural/Recreation, said that both the main and auxiliary gyms had damaged ceiling tiles, forcing their closure. In addition, the Fitness Center had to be closed because of massive water damage caused by an upstairs bathroom.

The University Bookstore remained mainly intact despite the tremors. The bookstore "had minimal damage, primarily from books that fell off the shelves," said Phil Chiamonte, bookstore director. He said the third floor had the most damage because of the textbooks.

Jones attributed the structural performance of the university buildings to a large renovation project on the buildings several years ago. Several older buildings were

refurbished to comply with city seismic codes.

"I believe that, without the seismic program, we would have had some dramatic collapses," Jones said.

The university was not prepared to offer an estimate of the cost of repairs. The news service release stated that repairs are expected to continue for several weeks. The campus remained open Tuesday because so many students live on or near campus, according to a memo released by Provost Lloyd Armstrong Jr., Tuesday classes did end at 5 p.m. to help commuter students comply with the citywide 11 p.m.-to-dawn curfew declared by L.A. Mayor Richard Riordan.

Once at the Lyon Center, students lined up at the phones, slept on mats in the aerobics room, and clustered along hallway walls, where they talked about the earthquake and the way the university had handled the situation thus far.

Most seemed frustrated at the lack of information about the campus, including some resident advisers.

Wall of fame



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USC student Laney Bruner muses at the collage wall in Universal Copies on Main Street.

Aftershocks keep residents on their toes

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LOS ANGELES — Aftershocks from Monday's earthquake continue to shudder Southern California, denying residents any respite from the devastation. The quake, registering 6.6 in magnitude, was the most powerful in Los Angeles history.

The Southern Cal campus and surrounding areas managed to escape serious damage, but other regions of the Los Angeles basin were not as fortunate.

Centered in Northridge, the 4:31 a.m. tremor was felt as far away as Oregon to the north and south to the Mexican border. The greatest damage occurred to large sections of the San Fernando Valley, causing major portions of freeway to collapse, gas lines to rupture and buildings to crumble.

Initiated by a previously unknown fault running through the San Fernando Valley, the 10-second tremor left thousands of victims in its wake.

Accounting for at least 38 deaths, the natural disaster has injured hundreds and forced thousands from their homes. Nearly half the fatalities occurred when a three-story structure that had been Northridge Meadows apartments crumbled upon itself, killing 16.

Kendall and Matt Leigh of Chalsworth experienced the catastrophe at the epicenter.

"I was sleeping in (my three-year-old daughter) Nicole's room when it woke me up," Leigh said. "I grabbed Nicole and got up, but as I left the bedroom, the dresser fell on me. I thought it was going to hit my daughter, but somehow it didn't, and I was able to get it off."

"At that time, my husband came from the other bedroom and we all

ran out to the front patio. We spent the night in the community recreation room with everyone else from our community."

"When it finally ended we could see where the garage door flew off. The front door flew off," she said. "The stairs had separated from the wall and the cracks all over the house. (Our townhouse) hasn't been officially condemned yet, so we're trying to salvage anything we can. But almost everything is gone."

A statement issued by Mayor Richard Riordan Monday night advised the Los Angeles area to boil any tap water used for drinking purposes.

Additionally, he declared the city of Los Angeles an emergency area and subsequently issued a citywide 11 p.m.-to-dawn curfew. Police officers may use their discretion to arrest any violators.

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