Did you feel the shake?

With 37 million people living and working in California, a major earthquake could cause unprecedented devastation. What we do now, before a big earthquake, will determine what our lives will be like afterwards. With earthquakes an inevitable part of California's future, we must act quickly to ensure that disasters do not become catastrophes.

The Great California ShakeOut in October 2011 involved over 8.6 million Californians through a broad-based outreach program, media partnerships, and public advocacy by hundreds of partners. The drill is now held statewide annually on the third Thursday of October, and is organized by the Earthquake Country Alliance (www.earthquakecountry.org). The 2013 Great ShakeOut earthquake drill was held this week at Coast Colleges and throughout the country.

Leading up to the drill, training was held for the District's Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) and after the drill the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) team were brought together to consider how they would assemble and respond in the event of a real emergency.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge each of our colleges for participating in the Great Shake Out and using it as a way to truly test their own capabilities including a night time drill at Golden West and the full participation of Orange Coast College during classes. Coastline also had great participation throughout their many centers, as well.

The Board has made it clear that safety and emergency preparedness is a priority and our colleges have responded in a great way.

Anything to Share?

Have an update that you need to share? Let us know! Please submit your information by noon Thursday to Martha Parham at mparham@mail.cccd.edu.

Sincerely,

Max Vorathavorn Participates in the Great Shake Out

In the office
**Police Women from Tajikistan visit GWC’s Criminal Justice Training Center**

A delegation of 12 female police officers from the central Asian nation of Tajikistan visited the GWC Criminal Justice Training Center (CJTC) as part of a goodwill tour of various police agencies in California.

The tour, sponsored in part by the California Police Chiefs Association, started at the Women Leaders in Law Enforcement Conference in San Jose. The group visited two bay area agencies before traveling to Southern California where they toured the Irvine Police Department, Orange County Sheriff’s Department, Fullerton Police Department, Cypress Police Department, Golden West College Criminal Justice Training Center, and West Cities Communications Center.

Female police officers in Tajikistan have been traditionally assigned solely to administrative duties. Their visit was designed to allow them an opportunity to meet and interact with female police officers and to watch them train and work alongside their male counterparts.

At Golden West, they sat in on an RBC class and asked numerous questions about the Police Academy through their interpreter. Chief Colleen Preciado was there to talk to the Tajik officers about her role as the SIBC Academy Coordinator at the CJTC and former OC Chief of Probation. However, probation was something unfamiliar to them so she first needed explained what probation was!

Chief Preciado later commented, “This was a very unique joint opportunity for GWC and a foreign country to come together to share, learn and advance professional standards in public safety. It is a compelling example of how our global interests are so similar when we take the time to examine, share, and learn from other cultures and countries.”

They ended their CJTC visit with a hands-on demonstration in the SIMS lab. Everyone erupted into laughter when the first one to try the simulator immediately shot the suspect on site! That time the interpreter wasn’t needed - laughter is a universal language.

Tajikistan is moving toward increasing the range of responsibilities for female police officers including field patrol and the investigation of crimes against women and children, a progression that mirrors the evolution of female police officers in America.
Coast Employees Prepare to Take the Lead

Coast Leadership Development Academy started the first session of its Leadership Pipeline Program on Friday, October 18 with a full house. The Program, limited to 30 participants, was open to all CCCD employees and it only took a few days to fill.

Pipeline is intended to leverage individual career opportunities through leadership skill development and mentorship. The program will also provide a strong foundation for future leaders as they progress in their careers and take on new challenges.

Participants will attend twenty 90-minute sessions of theory, case study and discussion focused on leadership development and career planning. A mentor will be assigned to help support and encourage their leadership development and they will be given an opportunity to lead a college project.

GWC Shakes Out at Night

Golden West College participated in the Great Southern California Shake Out on October 17 by conducting an evening evacuation drill. “This is the first drill we have had during evening classes, ever!” said Valerie Venegas, GWC’s Director of Emergency Preparedness. The campus has been actively participating in disaster preparedness during the day, but concerns by faculty and staff for the lack of drills and training exercises after 5 p.m., prompted the college to participate in the Shake Out at 7:30 p.m.

The drill started with an alert to everyone registered in the GWC Alert system (all students are automatically registered at the time of enrollment). The alert was delivered by cell phone, text, email, and Twitter with instructions to DROP, COVER, & HOLD ON for one minute and then evacuate to their designated assembly area. Runners from each of the four areas delivered notifications to the Command Center once the buildings had been evacuated.

John Tornow, Evening Operations Manager was the EOC Commander and the night-shift custodial staff were brought in early for the opportunity to participate in the training.

Linda Morin, District’s Environmental Health and Safety Coordinator, observed the drill and offered just two suggestions for improvement, then added, “For a first-time evening drill, I am very impressed with Golden West College.”
Community Gallery Opening

On Thursday, October 17, the GWC Community Gallery opened its second exhibit of the season with MIXED MEDIA, featuring the works of mixed media artists Eric Nelson and Nathan Fischer.

MIXED MEDIA
October 17 - November 7,
Eric Nelson
Mixed Media Artist
Nathan Fischer
Mixed Media Artist

GWC Community Gallery
Curator: Professor Darrell Ebert
Gallery Hours: Monday – Friday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
www.goldenwestcollege.edu/gallery

Rustler Roundup

Men’s Water Polo (10-1, 2-0) redeemed themselves with a 12-11 victory over Concordia.

Women’s Volleyball (10-0) remains undefeated after sweeping Fullerton on Oct. 16.

Rustler Football (5-1, 1-1) was on the scoreboard early in the game and dramatically pulled ahead with a 45-10 victory over Pasadena College.

Women’s Soccer (6-4-2, 5-2) pulled out a 3-2 win at home against the Orange Coast Pirates Friday night.

Women’s Water Polo (14-0, 3-0) is marching through their undefeated season, and this time they took the sting out of the Fullerton Hornets.

Men’s Soccer (4-6-1, 1-2-1) continue in their struggle to score, resulting in a 0-3 loss at Orange Coast College.

For more stories and full game recaps, go to our website www.gwcathletics.com

Mark Your Calendar

Courtyard of Honor - October 24

Golden West College will hold its annual Courtyard of Honor Ceremony, in the Administration Courtyard on Thursday, October 24 at 2:30 p.m. Please join us at the ceremony and the reception, immediately following, at the Criminal Justice Training Center.

This is a very special event at GWC, where we recognize our alumni and thank the donors who helped make their success possible.

President Wes Bryan and his wife Terri will be receiving the Wes Bryan and Terri Zwick Pillar of Support and three alumni will be inducted to the Alumni Pillars of Achievement: Blaise X. Bryant, Professional Athlete and Entrepreneur; Matthew R. Cowan, Mechanical Engineer; and Police Chief Corey S. Sianez.

www.gwcnews.com
Visual Effects, Live Music Spark OCC's “Elephant Man”

“Elephant Man,” Orange Coast College’s fall theatrical production, promises to be a visually intense experience that employs gritty live music that recreate the dark atmosphere of an industrialized London in the 1800s. The play opens Friday, November 8th, and runs through Sunday, November 17th.

Performances, recommended for mature audiences, will be 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, November 8, 9, 15 & 16 with 2:30 p.m. matinees on Sundays, November 10 and 17. Advance sale tickets, available at the OCC Bursar’s Office or online at www.occtickets.com, are $10 for adults and $6 for OCC students and senior citizens. At the door admission will be $12 and $8.

William Mittler, one of the founding members of Fullerton’s renowned STAGESTheatre and a well-known Orange County director, actor and playwright, is directing his first production as an OCC faculty member.

“Elephant Man,” a Tony Award-winning play written in the 70s by Bernard Pomerance, was one of the first plays Mittler ever saw on stage. Based on the true story of John Merrick, the powerful script chronicles the Elephant Man’s journey from a desperate existence in a Victorian freak show to his days as the toast of London high society.

Mittler plans to use four projectors in most of the play’s 21 scenes. A live band, including guitar, keyboards, drums and a male vocalist, will perform music that is “very industrial sounding,” Mittler said. The music will set the mood that captures the sordid streets of London in the late 1800s. “We’re really trying to make the play exciting,” he explained. “We’re such a visual society, the special effects will help the audience get into the play.”

The 25-member cast and crew is made up entirely of students who participated in auditions the first day of the fall semester. Mittler said he is “very impressed by the talent pool at OCC.”
OCC Student Leads the Pack in Disc Dog Competition

Orange Coast College student Kirby “MacNab” Mclveen is only 19 years old, but she has already made a name for herself nationally in disc dog competitions with her five dogs, Torch, Flash, Sketch, Spirit and Blitz.

The Huntington Beach resident began competing seven years ago with her first dog, Sketch, when she was just 12 years old. Most recently she traveled to Missouri with her 3-year-old McNab Shepherd, Torch, for the Purina Pro Plan Incredible Dog Challenge finals.

She and her pack of dogs are sponsored by Hero Disc USA (www.herodiscusa.com), a disc company that makes a variety of discs for dogs.

Kirby and her dogs have won numerous local and major competitions around the country. Sketch, Flash and Torch are multiple time world finalists. Flash is the 2011 California State Champion, 2011 Best in the West Champion, and 2011 Disc Dogs in Southern California Club Champion.

Wind Ensemble to Present “Around the World in 80 Minutes”

Dana Wheaton will lead the OCC Wind Ensemble in a sonic feast of music of the planet, “Around the World in 80 Minutes,” on Sunday, November 3rd. The performance will take place at 3:00 p.m. in the Robert B. Moore Theatre. Advance tickets are $5 at the OCC Bursar's Office, (714) 432-5880, or online at www.occtickets.com. Admission will be $7 at the door.

Women’s Volleyball Joins Side-Out Dig Pink Night at IVC

Orange Coast College's Women's Volleyball team will participate in the Side-Out Dig Pink Night at Irvine Valley College on Friday night, October 18th.

The match starts at 6:00 p.m. in the IVC gymnasium, 5500 Irvine Center Drive, Irvine. The $5 admission includes a pink t-shirt from ASICS. All proceeds benefit the Komen Foundation.