

Is Clackamas prepared for an earthquake?

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What would happen if an earthquake struck here? How well prepared is the college in case of disaster? What if a quake did strike here?

"We don't get earthquakes here in Oregon, only volcanoes," was the comment one student gave to another.

We've all seen the awesome damage a quake can cause. Sections of freeway overpasses collapsed in the San Francisco earthquake in 1989, making travel very difficult. In the Big Bear quake many chimneys collapsed and fell inward onto houses, causing further damage.

Apartments can collapse in on themselves trapping people inside, as it did in the Northridge, California quake.

We live in a time of increasing earthquake activity with quakes that happen anywhere and any time. A quake measuring over 7 on the Richter scale struck in Rupert, Idaho and last year quakes occurred in New York, northern California and Nevada. These are areas that one would think of as safe or at least where this couldn't happen. But earthquakes do happen here. Before Mt. St. Helens blew, several tremors preceded the eruption. In 1993 Mount Angel experienced a quake of about 4. Associate Dean of Human Resources and Risk Management, Rusty Painter, said that a quake caused some minor damage to the brick work at the community center, as well as damage to flat work (sidewalks, walkways and roads). Other buildings had some cracks, but when examined by engineers were found to be minor.

Painter further commented that CCC has about \$52 million worth of buildings and the college has purchased the maximum amount possible of earth-

quake insurance of about \$25 million. Those buildings built within the last few years have been built according to earthquake codes and are better able to withstand shock. The older buildings may not come down during a quake but may be damaged to the point they would no longer be safe to use.

The college does have an Emergency Contingency Plan that will go into effect in the event of a disaster. According to Painter, the college has been revising its plan for the last year and a half and it will soon be made available and posted in all campus buildings. It will be in the form of a stair-step flip-chart. "It gives you a core of what the first 72 hours of an emergency plan is," said Painter.

Safety Coordinator George Sims said each building has a coordinator who once outside would try to get a head count to account for everyone. He added that some people would be called upon to assist in rescue, if needed.

"The first 72 hours we will basically be on our own till things calmed down," said Sims. He further added people will be looking for the government to help but they will be in the same situation. "If it's a full blown one then we will try to set up facilities." This will mainly be done in the event that students and staff can't get home because of the condition of the roads and freeways, making travel impossible.

Whether or not the campus can be used to shelter people, if they can't go home and had to stay here, depends on the condition of the buildings.

Chief of Public Safety Jim Wiseman stated that once facilities were set up they would concentrate on three things: shelter, water and food, with water being the most important. Any emergency situation would be also tied in with the local police, fire and medical services.

Clubs add to student's success

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One of the major keys to success in school and in life is sharing your time and skills with others. The opportunity to get involved abounds on this campus, as do the personal rewards that come with making a difference. Although all students need time to study, to sleep, to eat and to enjoy life, they also need to take advantage of belonging to a club.

Each club offers its own variety of activities and benefits, the least of these being that you just might make a new friend, if not several. A club is a great place to meet people, especially if you're new to the area or away from home for the first time. A club allows you to use the skills that you already possess or even develop new ones. You have the opportunity to learn how to meet deadlines,

conduct meetings, be responsible, teach others, share your knowledge, set goals, learn survival skills, experience helping those who appreciate your efforts, learn compassion, and most of all have fun.

Your chance to get involved and enjoy all the advantages of participating in any club is a close as your phone. You can call the Student Activities Office at ext. 2247 for information. Or, if you're between classes, drop by their office located inside the Community Center, across from the cafeteria entrance. They will be happy to provide you with club activity information.

The Student Activities office also publishes the "Today" bulletin that contains notices regarding upcoming club meetings. These bulletins are distributed campus wide every Monday and Thursday

(except during holidays).

The following clubs are currently active on the CCC campus: Baha'i, Baptist Student Ministries, Bookmart Club, CCC Campus Cat Colony Club, Child Care Club, Chrysalis, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Student Association, Ditto Society of America, Drama Club, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Galab, German, Hewlett-Packard User Group, International Club, Native American Students Club, Ornamental Horticulture, Pagan Ministries for Students, Phi Theta Kappa, Philosophy Club, Racquetball, Rally, Rodeo, Soccer, Spanish, Speech, Students Against Drunk Driving (SADD), Tai Chi, and the Writers' Club.

The clubs would like to extend an open invitation to all interested students or faculty to join them.

Wind Damage

Mickey Bergeron (left) and Curtis Pellham trim trees in front of McLoughlin Hall. The wind storm on December 12, 1995 damaged a total of 27 trees at CCC. Plant Services department personnel have been identifying, marking and removing hazardous limbs from many trees on campus. There was no damage to any buildings on campus.

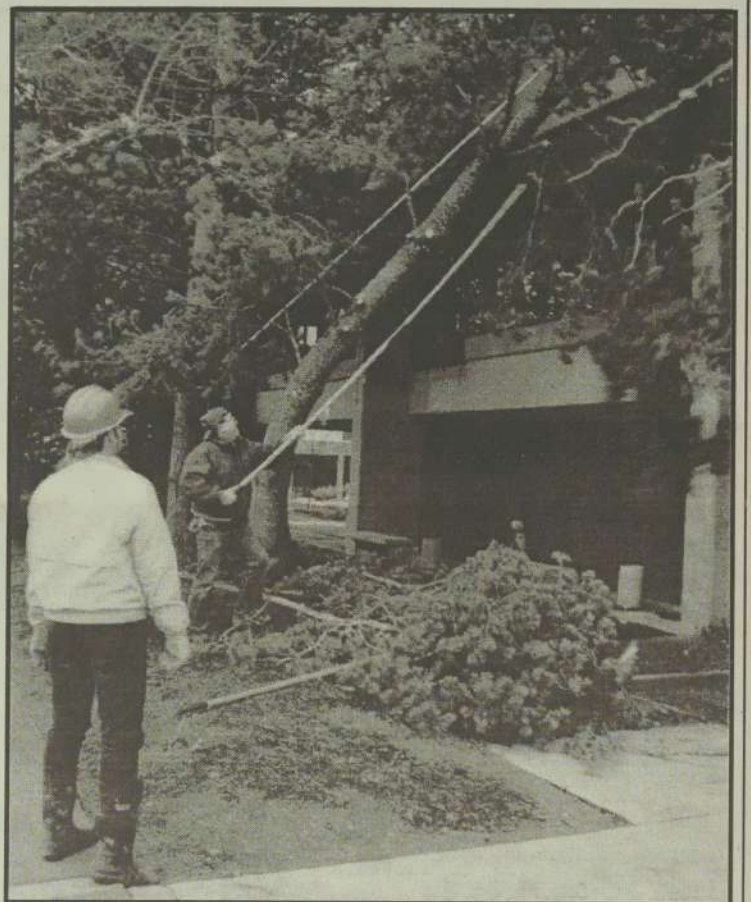


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January 16

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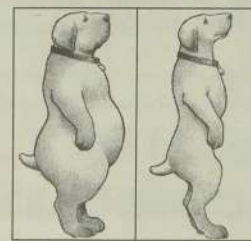
January 23

Jade, Waterworld.

January 30

The Big Green, Desperado (1995), A Kid in King Arthur's Court, National Lampoons Senior Trip, Something to Talk About.

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