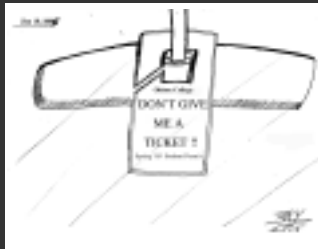


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Fixing the roof

Buildings and Grounds workers use a big lift in the Quad to repair some roof tiles on Building 3 that worked loose during the big storm last week. The tiles are wired together so they don't work loose, fall and bonk someone on the head.

Photo by Tony Yang



Treadway unveils staff shakeup

By SEAN CRAWFORD
Editor-in-chief

Ohlone College President Douglas Treadway Friday announced an administration reorganization plan that could save the school \$300,000 annually.

Treadway outlined the plan during his "State of Ohlone" presentation to returning faculty and staff in the Jackson Theater.

The plan needs approval by the Board of Trustees. It consists of a comprehensive reorganization of the current positions on campus,

that would in effect shift the responsibilities of positions that are cut and transfer them to staff members with positions that would allow the added workload.

Among features of the plan:

- The positions of vice president of student services and dean of learning resources will not be filled.

- Ron Travenick is to be appointed associated vice president of student services.

- Mikelyn Stacey, Dean of Language Arts and Social Sciences, will take over responsibility for the library.

- Leta Stagnaro, dean of Exercise Science, Wellness and Entrepreneurial Programs, will serve as dean of the new Newark Campus.

- Positions to be filled include a grant writer, head of research and planning, and director of Information Services.

Treadway also recommended retaining new Dean of Counseling Martha Brown under contract starting in July.

Treadway said 12 acres of campus frontage property and 20 acres of hillside will soon be leased to generate revenue for the school.

Ohlone teacher survives tsunami

By TONY C. YANG
Staff writer

Ohlone Professor of Theater Arts Mark Nelson had no idea how close he was to being swept away by a tsunami. "It was a harrowing experience," he said. "And I'm still trying to deal with it."

The tempestuous nightmare that he survived the day after Christmas emerged from a "perfect day." Nelson said, "It was sunny, shiny and warm."

But a massive undersea earthquake measuring 9.0 on the Richter Scale (the fourth largest in recorded history) sent walls of water cascading throughout the Indian Ocean, towards Patong Beach, where he was staying.

When the tsunami hit, Nelson was enjoying the last few days of his Asian vacation and he was late for breakfast at the Ban-Thai Resort on the island of Phuket in Thailand.

Fortunately, Nelson had slept in. "If I had gotten up 30 minutes earlier I might have been at the beach," he said. "I might be dead."

Patong Beach, on the northwest coast of Phuket, is where Nelson stayed. His resort's promotional website – which hasn't been updated since the tsunami – states, "Reside next to the beach with white sands and crystal-clear sea water."

Sadly, it is now a flooded shore of dirt, debris and death.

The resort was so badly damaged by the tsunami that it is currently still closed for business.

Just before the tsunami hit, Nelson heard screams from the beach. It prompted him to investigate – that's when he witnessed the tsunami's onslaught from his vantage point.

"I noticed two to three big waves

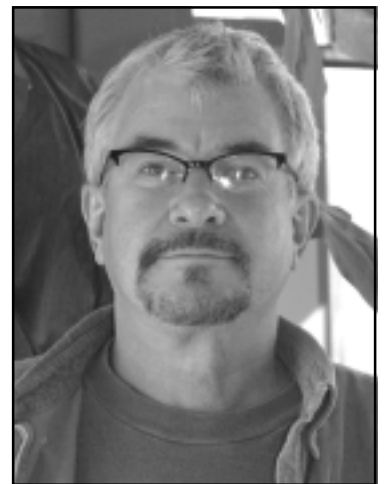


Photo by Shari Wargo

Mark Nelson

coming into the lobby of the hotel," Nelson said. "I ran to the second floor, and [soon] it was surrounded."

He remembers seeing cars being pushed around by the powerful waves. Tourists huddled on the roof, horrified at the torrents of water.

"At first, I thought, gee – a flood," he explained. "But when we were told to evacuate the hotel, 300 people tried to fit into a bus that seats 50, that's when I realized it was [bad]."

Impatient and worried, Nelson and some others ran to high ground. Luckily, they found some local boys with motorcycles who agreed to take them up the road to safety for \$10.

When Nelson arrived at the airport in Bangkok, it was a chaotic scene. "There were people at the airport who were just in their swimming trunks, no money, no tickets, no passports, nothing," he said. In the end, Nelson was able to take his initially scheduled flight back home to California.

"I'm here, I'm alive," Nelson said. "I guess it wasn't my time."

Benefit concert set for tsunami victims

By JESSICA LOSEE
Staff writer

The Red Cross is holding an aid benefit for the victims of the Sumatran tsunami and Florida hurricanes will be held Wednesday, Jan. 26, from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Jackson Theatre at Ohlone.

Chris Cargill, the organizer of the event, hopes to achieve "a night of music, dance, and the spoken word."

The event will include such performers as former Ohlone students Tishara and Dawn Troupe, along with junior high and high school bands from the area. Ohlone instructor Mark Nelson, who narrowly escaped the tsunami that killed approximately 150,000 people, will share before-and-after photographs that he took in Thailand.

Representatives from the Red Cross will also be at the benefit to explain their cause.

Cargill said he is still creating the list of performers and is still

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