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'Beehive' Brings '60s Music to University Theatre Stage

66 B eehive," a 1960s musical review created by San Francisco songwriter and playwright Larry Gallagher, will take the stage at the Cal State East Bay University Theatre in late February and early March.

Show days and times are Feb. 24-25 and March 3-4, at 8 p.m., and March 5 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$14 for general admission; \$10 for youth and seniors; \$8 for CSUEB students; and \$24 for a special family ticket good for four people, including up to two adults.

"Beehive" will help the audience to remember devas like Tina Turner, Petula Clark, Janis Joplin, The Supremes, Cher and Arthea Franklin when they were in their prime, officials said. This fastpaced, humor-laced review traces the development of '60s rock music and dance from a uniquely female point of view, according to Darryl V. Jones, director and choreographer.

"We chose 'Beehive' to appeal to the young university audience and to the Hayward community's ethnic diversity," Jones said. "A lot was happening in the late 1950s and '60s, including women's awakenings to independence, the civil rights movement and the Vietnam War. This show covers it all through song and dance and satire.

Tickets are available online at www.asi.csueastbay.edu or at 885-

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CSUEB Katrina Students Face Big Decision

By Chelsie Knowlton

t is decision time for Katrina-affected students who attend Cal State East Bay. As financial discounts on education and housing come to an end next quarter, the 51 students who remain of the 66 originally en-

rolled will have to decide whether to stay in

the Bay Area or return to the Gulf Coast.

In the wake of Hurricane Katrina, 20 Cal State universities opened their doors to displaced students. CSUEB admitted 66 students, the most of any CSU schools.

Upon arrival, the students were treated to several gift certificates as well as other financial packages, including discounts on both tuition and housing. Housing was free for the fall quarter and remained at a significantly reduced rate this quarter.

Tuition was also dropped to resident status for students arriving from roughly 10 different Gulf Coast schools.

Discounted fees will end for the remaining students following the spring quarter. Most of the students would then be forced to pay out-of-state tuition.

"The way that it is right now, the students would be subjected to the out-of-state fees because they're not considered California residents vet." said Diana Balgas of Student Academic Services.

SAS has become a headquarters of sorts for the Hurricane Katrina students and the center of most programs dealing with their status at CSUEB. It is also responsible for running the Educational Opportunity Program, which has worked with Katrina students as advisors.

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Pythons, Geckos and Iguanas, Oh My!



Reptilian: John Hill handles many reptiles at the Reptile Room including this albino Burmese python. Pythons may grow more than 20 feet long.

Snake Eyes: The Reptile Room is home to a 3-year-old albino Burmese python.

Reptiles Rule Roost at 'Room'

By Kat Butcher

B y tinting all the front windows, business owner Aron Dickey has turned his store into quite a conversation piece.

"I get at least a phone call a day, people asking if this is a bar, strip club or a marijuana co-op club," Dickey said.

"A Reptile Room," located at 1223 A Street in Hayward, is none of the above, but it is pretty wild. In June, Dickey will celebrate his 10th year in business selling

Campus Web Site Gets Hacked

By Rachel McCarter

The Cal State East Bay computer server was hacked on Jan. 26, leaving the system open to theft of information on students and employees.

Officials said one of the files that could have been accessed when the intruder got on the server included the names of new employees, possible promotions, e-mail addresses and phone numbers of campus staff. This file includes the names and information of 743 faculty members and 1,686 non-faculty members.

CSUEB's network support group detected an unusual amount of activity on the server, which was immediately taken offline, officials said. Certain Web sites were shut down due to the deactivation, according to Cheryl Walton-Washington, director of Business Systems and Projects.

'The intruders were unable to spend a lot of time on this server," said Walton-Washington. "We reacted very quickly to an abnormal event."

Walton-Washington says the investigation will continue and the school has uncovered some evidence regarding the identity of the intruder, although she admitted finding the culprit will be

She added that, thus far, the investigation has uncovered no proof that anyone accessed protected information stored within the server.

The Web site channel the intruder used to hack into the server has been closed and Walton-Washington said it is unlikely this type of incident could occur again.

"We are also exploring options for improving the level of security for storage of protected data ... we are taking immediate steps to tighten security around the data files that were stored on this server," said Walton-Washington.

The Information and Computing Services department has procedures and tools that help detect any unauthorized access to the server.

If someone is found hacking into a computer server, they can be charged with a federal crime that includes a maximum fine of \$250,000 and up to one year in prison. For every additional offense, a fine of \$5,000 can be added along with an extra six months in prison.

While Walton-Washington says the school still has no proof that any information was stolen or tampered with, the possibility remains that information was taken because the files were case sensitive.

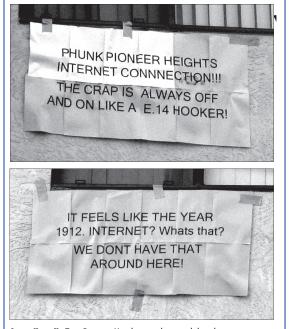
A "mass mail" e-mail was sent to all employees notifying them of the problem and which Web sites would be shut down due to the problem.

'CA notification law (SB 1386) and campus policy compels us to inform the public about this incident," said Walton-Washington.

Files on any student information have not shown to have been accessed and it is believed by Business Systems and Projects officials that they were not accessed at all.

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Computer Chips Dipped



Inter"not": Two Pioneer Heights residents exhibited signs showing their discontent with the lack of Internet service they received this week.

Photo/Navipat Chomcherngpat

Bill Would Cap Fee Increases

By Kerry Rief Staff Writer

ike many students, Sara Bernritter struggles to pay for her college education.

The Cal State East Bay English major has watched fee increases escalate to the point that the cost of a bachelor's degree is nearly more than she But some relief could be on the horizon.

A bill passed by the California Assembly on Jan. 26 would establish a mandatory student fee and financial aid policy at state colleges.

AB 1072, authored by Democrat Carol Liu, calls for a gradual, moderate and predictable student fee policy with undergraduate fee increases capped at 8 percent in any academic year. It does not apply to graduate student fees.

"I'm very grateful to hear that this is happening," said Bernritter, an English major who splits the cost of her education with her parents. "These fee increases are getting outrageous and I wasn't sure how I was going to be able to afford to go here anymore.

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Area Businesses Feel Heat as Theater Sets Sights on '07

By Kaissi Daniels

Photos/Melanie Rush

The cost of seeing a movie in downtown Hayward may be more than the price

Several businesses have closed their doors, the result of which at least one owner blames on an increase in rent associated with the soon-to-be-built Century Theater on the corner of Foothill Boulevard and B Street.

The theater is expected to be finished in the fall of 2007, but the owners of the downtown eatery The Shark Shack did not wait to close the doors on their business.

"We are no longer involved; (The Shark Shack) is making the transition back to the old restaurant with the previous owner," said Brenda McClellan, the former Shark Shack co-owner.

The Shark Shack is the third business in the B Street area to move or go out of business, joining the UPS store and the Hof Brau restaurant. While all of these businesses have moved, the Shark Shack owners are the only ones publicly claiming to have been forced out due to the theater.

The owners do hope to re-open the business in an area outside of Hayward. But Maret Bartlett, redevelopment direc-

tor for the city of Hayward, said the theater would be a vital part of the city's effort to revitalize the downtown area.

'We expect it to be a new anchor for a very important location, the downtown area, and it will bring in a lot of pedestrian traffic,"



business owner has closed shop due to the high rent increase she says is a result of the theater's construction.

Photo / Bethie Pennington

Bartlett said. "I have heard comments about [businesses being forced to move], but I'm not aware of a business that has made the decision to move directly because of it.'

McClellan's property had been owned by the city but had been purchased recently. According to McClellan, the new property owner immediately raised the Shark Shack's rent once the theater project was initiated, citing the increased business brought by the theater as his

"They were not willing to negotiate with the rent," McClellan said of the new property owner.

The UPS Store was also forced to move, although their new location is across the

The Hof Brau has also recently gone out of business, but Bartlett claims it was because the owner of the building decided to redo the entire interior of the facility. Not everyone thinks the new theater will

have a negative impact and expect increased

business once the facility opens. "For us, the affect should be very positive due to our direct location across the street (from

the new theater)," said Bob Stover, manager of Buffalo Bills. "As far as rent increases, we are exempt because we own the building.' Main Street Property Services is in charge of

construction of the theater and the selection of the stores and restaurants that will accompany

"Cinema Place is a very special project. We

Not Exactly How Theta Chi Imagined 'Razing' the Roof





Demolished: Cal Trans workers tear down what used to be the Theta Chi fraternity house on Bunker Hill Street, below the CSUEB campus. The house burned in June 2002 and the home had been vacant since the fire. No one was injured in the blaze.

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