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Asbestos found on campus could
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‘Beehive’ Brings ‘60s Music to University Theatre Stage

“**B**eehive,” a 1960s musical
review created by San Fran-
cisco 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 audi-
ence 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 fast-
paced, 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 choreogra-
pher.

“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-
3261.

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CSUEB Katrina Students Face Big Decision

By Chelsie Knowlton
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It is decision time for Katrina-affected stu-
dents 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 dis-
placed 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.

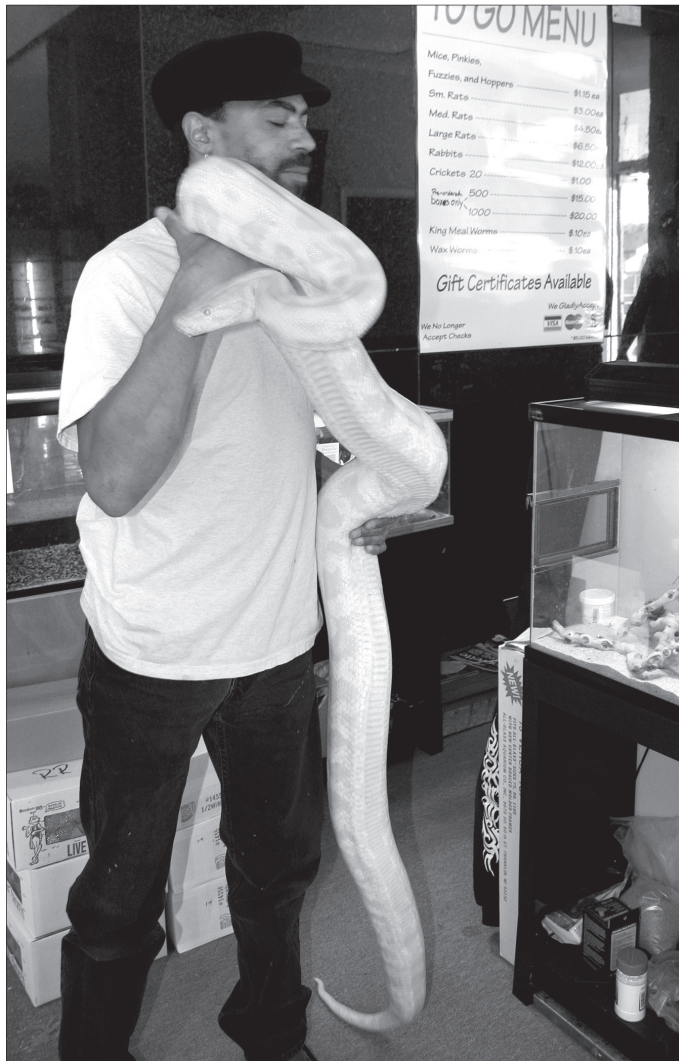
Discounted fees will end for the re-
maining students following the spring
quarter. Most of the students would then
be forced to pay out-of-state tuition.

“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 yet,” 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.

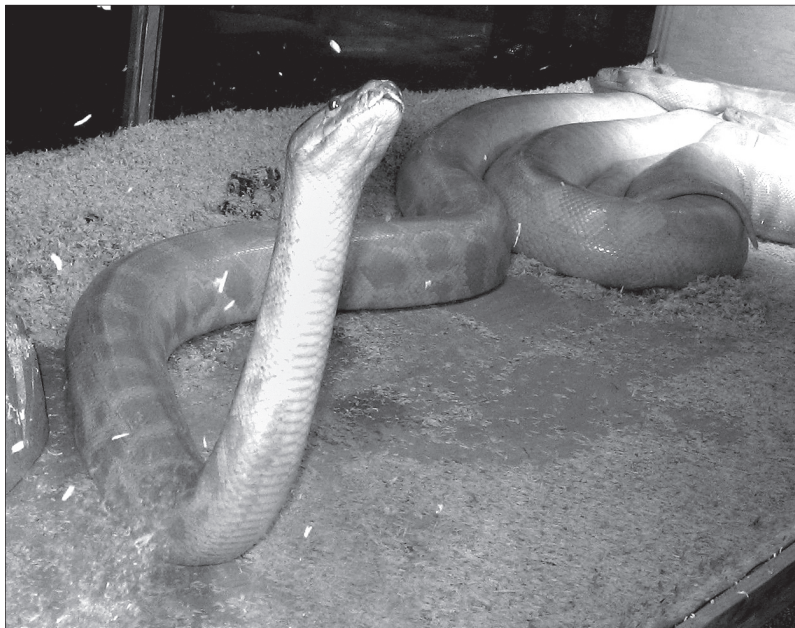
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Pythons, Geckos and Iguanas, Oh My!



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

Photos/Melanie Rush



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

Reptiles Rule Roost at ‘Room’

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

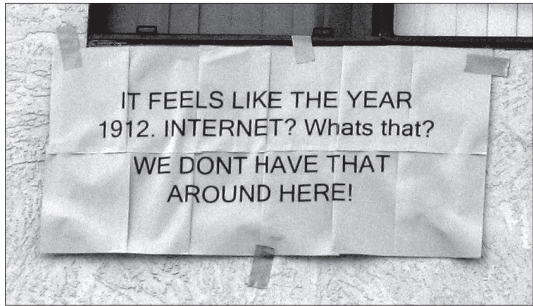
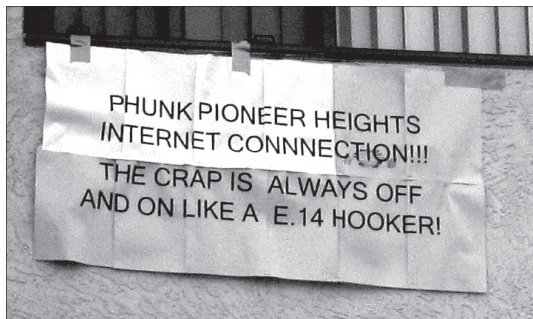
“I get at least a phone call a day, people asking if this is a bar,
strip club or a marijuana co-op club,” Dickey said.

“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
reptiles.

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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/Novipat Chomcherngpat

Bill Would Cap Fee Increases

By Kerry Rief
Staff Writer

Like many students, Sara Bernitter 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
can afford.

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 happen-
ing,” said Bernitter, 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
Staff Writer

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

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 down-
town 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 busi-
ness, 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 busi-
ness 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,”



Mov-ies: A sign marks the spot where the new AMC theater will be located in downtown Hayward. At least one local
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 be-
cause of it.”

McClellan’s property had been owned
by the city but had been purchased re-
cently. According to McClellan, the new
property owner immediately raised the
Shark Shack’s rent once the theater pro-
ject was initiated, citing the increased
business brought by the theater as his
reason.

“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
street from their old store.

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
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
it.

“Cinema Place is a very special project. We

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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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