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A & E



Psychology of Sex:
New campus play exploring sex and gender opens tonight.

Sports



Banana Peeled:
Water Polo defeats rival UC Santa Cruz over the weekend.

News

Former University President Ellis McCune Dies

Ellis McCune, who served as president of CSUEB from 1967 until 1990, a period in which the university expanded rapidly and the entire state university system experienced major institutional changes, has died, current President Norma S. Rees announced last night.

"He was a strong leader and laid a foundation that this university continues to build on today," Rees said in announcing McCune's passing last night.

"He was president from 1967 to 1990, after which he became interim chancellor of the California State University system. He remained a close friend of our university and was an emeritus faculty member. Part of his legacy is the Ellis and Hilda McCune Scholarship."

Dr. McCune, a political science professor who received his batchelors and doctorate at the University of California in Los Angeles, was named president of CSUEB when the school was called California State College Hayward. His tenure continued through the reorganization of the state college system under the California Master Plan for Education and the school's eventual renaming as Cal State Hayward.

Under his leadership, the university greatly increased the ethnic diversity of its faculty, staff, and students and adopted the first affirmative action plan for a state college campus in California.

On his retirement in 1990, U.S. Representative Fortney Stark lauded McCune's service to the university and the state, calling him, "a leading statesman in higher education."

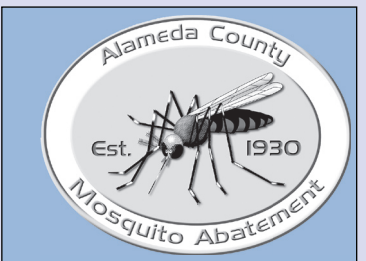
A memorial service that will be open to family and friends from the university and the communities it serves will be held later this spring, President Rees said.

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Forget West Nile:
The latest buzz in mosquito-related diseases could affect Bay Area.
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Lopus Nabs
Professor of the
Year Honors

By Tanya Tran
Staff Writer

Dr. Jane Lopus was named last week as the George and Miriam Phillips Outstanding Professor Award winner for 2006 as Cal State East Bay's top professor.

A Michigan native, Lopus is an economics professor at CSUEB and director of the university's Center for Economic Education. She has been a CSUEB professor for 27 years and a member of the university community for even longer.

"It's very exciting for me because I've been at Cal State since 1974," said Lopus. "Cal State has been such an important part of my life."

Don Sawyer, chair of the Academic Senate, said there are specific criteria upon which nominees are evaluated. Professors who have scholarly and professional achievements at the university and in the community are eagerly sought.

"Professor Lopus is well-respected with wonderful achievements here at the university, and I am pleased to be her colleague," said Sawyer.

After earning a bachelor's degree in political science at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Lopus began her graduate studies at CSUEB in 1974, where she earned a master's degree in economics and education.

She began teaching at the university in 1979 after teaching high school economics, where she developed a love for the field.

According to Eileen Barrett, English professor and chair of the faculty affairs committee, all of this year's candidates were admirable. However, a subcommittee formed for the selection of the winner was impressed with Lopus' commitment to economics education, especially her work having to do with middle school and high school students.

"Professor Lopus has a national and international reputation for her commitment to economics education," said Barrett.

Lopus became director of the Center for Economic Education in 1982. Since that time, she has been a part of such educational instruments as the center's on-line stock market simulation game.

Five thousand middle school and high school math and economics students compete in the online game each year. They are given \$100,000 in an imaginary investment portfolio of publicly traded stocks and mutual funds and play the game in teams by applying economic and mathematical analysis.

Lopus received her Ph.D. from UC Davis and is

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Let There be Spring!

SF Hosts Eggs-Travaganza

By Danielle Garcia
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The clouds did not rain on the parade Sunday in San Francisco.

The 15th annual Spring Celebration and Easter Parade even managed to soak up a little sun on Union Street between Fillmore and Gough.

"What a fine way to end the parade, on this sunny Sunday," said Tom Sinkovitz from Channel 4 News who was the event's master of ceremonies. "I didn't think we'd be able to say that again."

The Spring Celebration, which prevented cars from using Union Street for more than eight blocks, included many kid-friendly activities. Included was an Easter egg hunt at Allayne Park, which hosted more than 100 kids, according to volunteer Flora Ballard.

Children could also take a picture with the Easter Bunny, ride on carnival-style rides like swings, teacups and motorcycles and pet farm animals and ride ponies.

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Bunnies: The rain south of San Francisco kept Audrey Sanguinetti age 2 from attending the parade. **Photos/** Andrea Islava



A Tale of Two Criminals

By Rachel McCarter
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The criminal's side of an altercation with police is seldom heard by the public.

The tale of Hayward couple Rose and Claude Wright is a tragic one that involves mental disorders, guns, alleged police brutality and prayer.

Rose, who held police in an eight-hour standoff in February, says the entire situation was a product of miscommunication with the police and that the incident was made into something it was not.

After the SWAT team arrived at the Wright house the night of Feb. 8, police say Rose was holding a shotgun and shot at the police and then refused to come out of the house—but Rose has a different story to tell.

Rose, 52, says she was suicidal the night of the incident and decided she did not want to live anymore. She was going to shoot herself when Claude, 61, woke up and found his wife of 35 years, prompting him to call the sheriffs department.

Rose suffers from agoraphobia, a mental

disorder described as a morbid fear of open places characterized by panic attacks and avoidance of public places. Rose suffers from severe panic attacks and depression.

She is also confined to a wheelchair, her left hip is a prosthetic, her right hip is broken and she is currently awaiting surgery. At the time of the incident she could not walk and she still cannot walk now.

"I told the police she suffered from agoraphobia and panic attacks and was in a wheelchair and could not walk," said Claude, who has four grown children with Rose. "They did not listen to me, though."

When the police surrounded her house Rose said she became frightened and did not understand what was going on. She admitted to firing a gun three times by accident into the ceiling, but not at police.

"I would never hurt anyone," she said. "I'm very sorry for everything that happened, but I would never shoot at anyone, especially a police officer."

Rose says she began having a severe panic

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Brutality? Rose Wright points to a scar on her forehead that might have a piece of glass still in it from the excessive force she says police used in the altercation that ensued on Feb 8th.

Photo/Taunya DeYoung

Spring Showers May Bring Flowers,
But Not Cheaper Water

By Anne Cunningham
Staff Writer

The months of unusually heavy rainfall that have filled some Bay Area reservoirs to the point of overflowing this spring will not reduce the rates consumers pay for their water, East Bay water officials said.

When asked about the relationship between rain and the prices people pay for water, Charles Hardy, spokesman for East Bay Municipal Utilities District (EBMUD) responded that rainfall does not affect the cost of water—as the result is not a simple issue of supply and demand.

"People pay for the processing, infrastructure, facilities, transportation and crews needed to distribute the water," Hardy said. "These are fixed costs for the most part."

"In fact, when it rains, we make less money because most the water we provide is utilized for landscaping through outside sprinklers. When it rains, less water is consumed, so we make less money," he said.

Hardy said March brought in 265 percent of the average rainfall for this time of year and less than two weeks into April we had received 403 percent of the normal rainfall.

According to the water district's Web site, as of April 9, East Bay reservoirs were 94 percent full,

with individual reservoirs such as Lake Chabot standing at 105 percent of their capacity.

When asked how a reservoir can be at 105 percent capacity, Hardy explained that it means the reservoir is full and five percent of the total water is constantly sloshing over the banks into the spillway.

"The spillway allows water to escape before it tops the dam and feeds into a creek," said Hardy.

Normally, EBMUD releases water through controlled valves, but with the reservoirs overflowing, they do not release water if it might have a negative impact on surrounding areas.

"A lot of people complain about the constant rain," Hardy said. "I'm smiling because as long as it's not flooded, water is a good thing."

Hardy said that while the Bay Area has plenty of water now, it is important for Californians to remember to maintain water conservation habits. Historically, there have been drought conditions in California one in every three years—although the state has not suffered a drought for about 15 years now.

"We've been lucky here lately, but over time it all evens out," he said.

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Largest Ever Job
and Internship
Fair Slated

By Jennifer Alverson
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Students getting ready to graduate from Cal State East Bay should iron their business attire, make copies of their resumes and prepare to speak with potential employers at the campus' "Last Chance Job and Internship Fair" on April 27.

Literally a last chance for many graduating students, the event is the final job fair of the 2005-2006 school year and many students' last opportunity to connect with a wide variety of potential employers—all in the convenience of their own campus.

"Students will have the opportunity to do some networking and really explore the job market that is exploding right now," said Rae Ann Ianniello, Career Development Center director.

Throughout the year the CDC hosts numerous job fairs, but the upcoming event will supersede them all in size and

participation, Ianniello said. Event coordinators are expecting a record 1,500 to 2,000 students and about 140 employers to participate.

"We can only fit 150 (employers) in the gym, so right now we're trying to decide what to do if we exceed our 150 cap," Ianniello said.

The employers were contacted via a mailing list that targeted employers with longstanding relationships with the university formed after positive campus hiring experiences in the past, said Ianniello.

Whether a student is looking for an internship or a full-time job at either a non-profit organization or a major corporation, there will be multiple employers present with various positions available, she said.

For a complete list of participating employers and positions available, Ianniello recommends visiting the CDC's Web site. The site also provides links to each company's Web site as well as tips on how to make the job fair benefit each attendee.

Located in Warren Hall, the CDC offers career counseling, résumé critiques and comprehensive job databases and is open during daytime and evening hours.

"There's no substitute for face-to-face career counseling," said Ianniello. "Many students think they know how to find a job, and they do. But is it a career job?"

The fair will be held in the PE Building from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.