## A&E **CSUEB** Documentary Shows How Disabled Students Cope

# Cal State East Bay Dance Students' Glistening 'ICE'

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for the audience. It is focused around the theme of National Socialism.

"It is about people who get involved in political upheaval without knowing what is happening, although they may have some clue about what is to come," said Hampel. "That can mean the Jews on their way to the concentration camps, or the Germans that had false beliefs and hopes in Hitler."

"Why didn't anybody know? Why didn't they do anything? I also want to raise the question of how I, as a German, can live with my country's past without being constantly judged," said Hampel of the work she choreographed.

"I hope to get feedback from the audiences, so I can improve my work for future performances," she said. "As a growing artist, feedback from everyone is valuable to me," she said.

The music used in conjunction with the dance piece is important.

"It was difficult to choose music but I also had some help from 'my' music composer Keith Penney. I already had certain ideas about the music and he added the songs together and worked on other things I wanted to add; for example there is whispering in the beginning," she said.

Another student choreographer incorporated a theme in praise of freedom.

"I have choreographed a dance in conjunction with another student, but my part is the praise dance section," said Katrina Deans, a senior and theater arts major with an option in dance. "My working title is 'Freedom, the Freedom Not to Worry.''

"What I want to come across is that life is too short to be worrying about the little things in life," said Deans. "Plus, I've also been working on not worrying so much about myself.'

Deans said she has been concentrating on not choreographing to the words in a song, but just letting the dance speak for itself.

"All I want for this piece to do is touch someone, in some kind of way," she said. For some, the showcase provides

an important way to express and deal with difficult issues in healthy, cathartic wavs.

"Most of the material in my

presentation deals with rape and abuse," said Kehinde Kujichagulia, a dance major who choreographed the piece for her senior project. "It has been very challenging to

open up and get it ready to show in front of an audience, but it has been seven years and I think I'm ready to do that now," she said.

"I just hope to get the emotional significance of my piece to come across to the audience.'

The annual CSUEB dance performances have a long-standing history of being truly superb, offering unique perspectives and inspiring new possibilities.

"We have great dance audiences because you can see that our students love to dance. Our December concert always features dancers from across campus, too; all the talent in one place," said Thomas Hird, chair of the Theatre and Dance Department. "Think of this concert as a holiday gift to the community from these talented students.'

Participants will include Katrina Deans, Hannefah Hassan-Evans, Kehinde Kujichagulia-Seitu and Tola Afolayan, all of Oakland; Algin Sterling of San Francicso; Grace Alvarez of Union City; Julie Brown of Hayward; and Denise Hempel of Germany.

"We encourage everyone to attend this fine showcase of our student work." said Alden Reimoneng. dean of the College of Letters, Arts, and Social Sciences (CLASS).

Tickets are \$5-general admission, \$3-CSUEB students, or \$15 for a family of four and are available at (510)885-3261, or at the door. Contact nina.haft@csueastbay.edu.

A video documentary about stu-dents who cope with disabili-

**By Rachel McCarter** 

t i e s and how their education experience differs from other students premieres today on the Cal State East Bay Hayward campus. The documentary entitled, "From

Where I Sit," will feature eight CSUEB students who have different disabilities and honor their hard work. The video is closed captioned and shows their experiences through personal interviews.

"I have been listening to students tell me their stories for many years." said Jean Wells, who made the documentary. "I've always thought that if everyone could hear these stories and understand what it takes for a student with a disability to keep up with a class, they might change their attitude about their approach to teaching.'

Although the documentary shows the lives of CSUEB students, the documentary will be shown on all the other CSU campuses as well. The documentary will mark the beginning of the Accessible Technology Initiative at CSUEB.

The initiative was passed by the CSU Chancellor's Office and will continue for three years. All 23 CSU campuses will have to make changes on their official Web sites, within their course materials and in how their courses are taught to make everything equally accessible to students with certain disabilities.

All campuses will be making these changes to coincide with state and federal disability laws, which are intended to make the campus more accessible to all students. The laws apply to people with disabilities ranging from vision and hearing, to

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As of now all CSU campuses are on a deadline to submit a clear plan of action, and by July these campuses must be following their new guidelines. In 2009 the campuses will all have to submit a final report of how they have put the new policies into action and how they are working.

Wells said some simple changes to the instructional materials used in courses would make it easier for students to be able to access the information.

"If faculty would make their instructional materials accessible by creating electronic versions of their syllabus, course notes, readers, PowerPoint slides and textbooks, then it would be of benefit to all students," said Wells.

The students were selected from the Student Disability Resource Cena diverse range of disabilities and ethnicities.

The documentary took about six months to make, and according to Wells there were many students who were more than happy to be interviewed and to tell their stories. Together with Dr. Henry Reichman, a professor at CSUEB and chair of the Academic Senate, Wells got the attention of all 23 CSU schools, and they are now all planning to join the initiative

Reichman said at first the campuses were concerned because this is an unfunded mandate; however they all feel that they will work together to see the initiative fulfilled. "I attended a meeting of all the

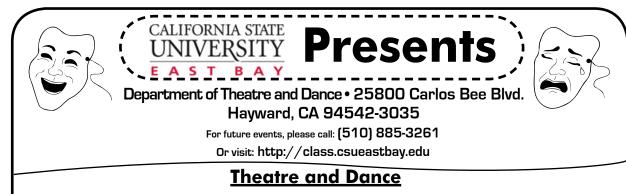
campus Academic Senate chairs with all the Provosts in the CSU where we discussed this initiative," said Reichman. "Everyone

ter, and were picked to represent is committed to achieving the goal of making all our materials technologically accessible to all students, including those with disabilities, no matter how daunting the task seems right now."

> Both Reichman and Wells contend that these students' stories and this documentary is important and is a way for other students and faculty on campus to see the different issues they have to cope with.

> 'The stories of these students are extraordinarily moving," said Reichman. "Faculty who watch these films will not only gain additional compassion for the struggles of our students with disabilities, they will - as I have - begin to rethink some of the ways they teach ALL students."

> The film will be premiering in the University Theatre from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. today.



Winter Wonderland -**A Dance Concert** Produced by Nina Haft & Eric Kupers With the CSUEB Dance Faculty Friday-Saturday, Dec. 1, 2 at 8 p.m. Dance Studio (PE 140) \$5 - General/\$3 - CSUEB Students/ \$15 - Family

Jazz Ensemble, Jazz Workshop

and Jazz Band Concert Dave Eshelman, director Tuesday, Dec. 5, 7:30 p.m. University Theatre \$7 & \$5 Free to CSUEB students

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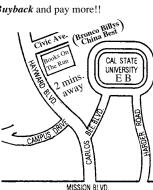
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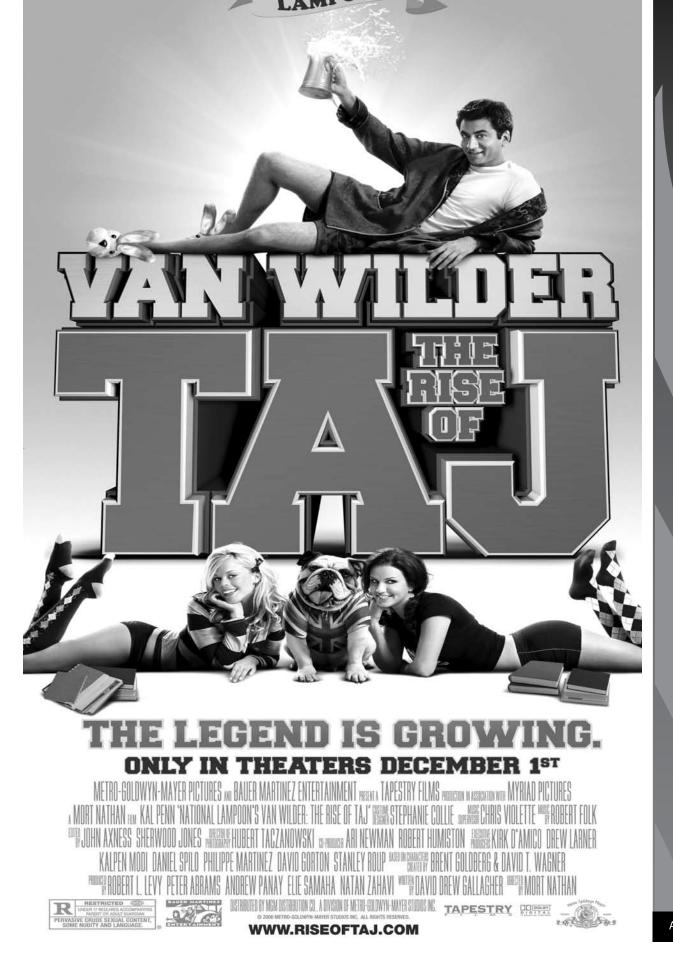
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