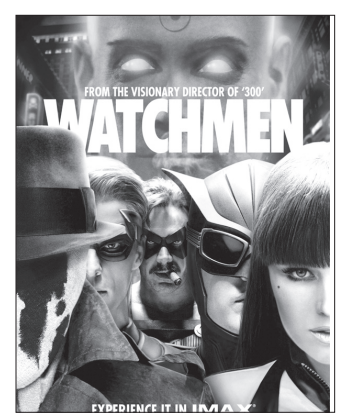


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March 14
Music Building 2519

"Sophisticated Ladies"
March 13
Music Building 1055 8 p.m.

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University Theatre
8 p.m.

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University Theater
2 p.m.

Tickets: \$14 general/\$12 seniors/\$8 CSUEB student

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Recreation and Wellness Center to Go Green

By Michelle Dayton
Staff Writer

The new Cal State East Bay Recreation and Wellness Center that is scheduled to be completed by fall quarter of 2010 will be a facility built and maintained to unusually high environmental standards. From the very beginning of construction to the very end, everything put into the building will be constructed from recycled content and will maintain green and sustainable practices. Even construction debris will be sorted and recycled. All the materials the architect uses will have to have a sustainable quality to them or an energy efficient design. "The impetus to go green in regards to the Recreation and Wellness Center came from the Planning Committee and was strongly supported by the campus, because the campus has the same values when it comes to this sort of thing," said Bob Williams executive director of the Associated Students Inc. The building will also be furnished

with infrastructure for the eventual installation of photovoltaic cells for solar energy. However, "the photovoltaic cells will not go up just yet, but the building will be designed to take it once we have the money to put them up," Williams said. The site itself and how the building will sit were the subjects of scientific study to determine natural lighting for top energy efficiency. The structure will be designed for natural ventilation and air conditioning will be limited to the administration offices and the fitness center only. The walls will be designed to absorb heat and most of the center will be constructed with windows to provide adequate interior lighting during the day time. The center will be furnished with infrastructure for photovoltaic cells for solar energy. However, "the photovoltaic cells will not go up just yet, but the building will be designed to take it once we have the money to put them up," Williams said. The center will also offer students an education about the sustainability of the



Campus Gets Fit: The Recreation and Wellness Center, expected to be completed by 2010, will be made of completely recycled materials.

Photo/Courtesy of Bob Williams

building and how it operates. Equipment purchased to place within the building will be made from recycled materials and is sustainable. Even the wood used within the building will be

from farmed facilities, not forests. The planning committee decided to require the building to be LEED Gold, See **Center**, page 4.

Islam-Judaism Discourse Rectifies Misunderstandings

By Anne Bartlett
Campus Editor

Last Tuesday the Jewish Studies Committee and the Muslim Student Association collaborated in organizing "Women in Islam and Judaism," a discussion that explored the roles of women between different religions and time periods and sought to correct many misunderstandings and stereotypes for both religions. Two highly respected speakers from each religion shared her view. Seham El-Ansary, the founder and Executive Director of World Alliance for Humanity, an educational community-based group that focuses on interfaith outreach, talked of Muslim women. Rabbi Jane Rachel Litman, the Western Regional Director of the Jewish Reconstructionist Congregation, discussed the role of Jewish women. Christopher Moreman, Assistant Professor of Philosophy and Religious Studies, served as moderator for the event. Abdullah Maghazil, the president of the Muslim Student Association, explained that, "we were meeting [with Jewish studies] and thinking of some kind of collaboration together. This opportunity seemed very appropriate to involve both groups so we could relate [the topic] to both religions." A broad range of issues were discussed during the presentation and during the question-and-answer period. Both women gave a history of women's roles in their respective religion as well as discussed the cause of dissent between Islam, Judaism, and secular society and ways to reduce dissent in the future. El-Ansary focused on informing the assembly that a Muslim woman is entitled to more rights and freedoms than is acknowledged by society. "She is seen as the caregiver for humanity, a society builder, and one who maintains peace and harmony. An Islamic woman is honored, protected, respected, and loved by family and society." She explained that Muslim women weren't withheld from many professions during the prophet Mohammed's time and early Islam; they were seen as equal to men in creation, rights, religious duties, honor, protection, and in reward and punishment. She had financial rights but didn't have the same financial burden to make money, as well as marriage rights, including the right to initiate marriage, choose her own husband, and regulate her marriage proposal. Following El-Ansary's, Rabbi Litman spoke explaining that a Jewish woman's role has also been misrepresented. The traditional role of Jewish men was to become scholarly through study and prayer while Jewish women held a more managerial role. "This is where people get confused... it's not a split of private versus public but rather university and mosque versus ev-

erything else. Jewish women had the ability to be active socially." According to Litman, the role of the Jewish religion changed over time. From mid-17th century until the present there has been a collision between Jewish culture and the secular emancipated society. In the 19th and 20th century, there were a number of social work organizations that were developed by Jewish women. "There was a broadening of religion and denominationalism. More women became rabbis and led a scholarly life." Another topic that was discussed was the genesis of dissent between Judaism and Islam. Both women noted colonialism as a cause of discord between the two religions. "There was no blood against Jews until colonialism," said Litman. "Colonialism began to shape the cultures of different groups, creating a rise in fundamentalism. It led extreme people...who had a fantastical view of the world [to misconstrue the views of the other religions]." El-Ansary said with the rise of colonialism, Islamic women quite suddenly lost many rights and original Muslim values. "In order to get those rights back again, we had to change man-made laws back into God-given ones." El-Ansary especially warned about special groups with specific agendas who have spread false information about Islam and Judaism. "Terrorists, political leaders...media biases, misinterpretations of the holy text, and the ignorance of some Muslims themselves have all led to misjudgment. Rather than educating what is [a part of] the [original] religion...they would spread falsehoods." The speakers also gave advice to the audience to help prevent discrepancies. El-Ansary advised the group to do their own research. "Go back to the source and traditions of the messenger and Quran [to confirm any claim]." Litman urged the people to study and teach others. "Our world is filled with misinformation so we have to go out and find the truth ourselves." The Jewish Studies Committee, headed by Hank Reichman, is funded by the East Bay Jewish Community Foundation and the Amy and Morton Friedkin Supporting Foundation. The committee is a new addition to CSU East Bay's academic field. "Right now our focus is just on informing others about Jewish studies and becoming a program that will reach out and establish a presence on campus," stated Reichman. The group partnered with the Muslim Student Association in hopes that Islamic studies will be able to be promoted on campus along with Jewish studies. The Muslim Student Association is a student club that unites Muslims to socialize, informs others about the Islamic religion, and offers interfaith and prayer events.

Rec Center To Be Well Equipped

By Michelle Dayton
Staff Writer

The Recreation and Wellness Center will offer students and alumni a state-of-the-art fitness facility with numerous amenities with no additional fees to use the center, Bob Williams, executive director of the Associated Students Inc. said. The facilities can be used for intramural basketball, volleyball and badminton, and for fitness programs such as weight training, with both free weights and weight machines. The center will offer instruction in Pilates, yoga, martial arts and aerobics. Williams said the indoor running track will allow students, especially women, to run all year round and feel safe. Rental equipment will be available for outdoor programs such as backpacking, camping, kayaking and others. Educational classes and trips with trip leaders will be offered as well. A full-time staff person from the health center will be available in the center along with two massage rooms, health and wellness education, body mass index testing, and nutritional education. State of the art equipment will offer students a better facility than their local gym Williams said, and their fees have already paid for it. There will be no membership fee for stu-

dents or alumni. Those students who have paid fees to build the center will be given free access to the facility, but the details of how that access will work have not been worked out yet. "We are going to have it available to alumni depending on your year of graduation. We will be giving away a year or two to those people who have paid but don't get a chance to use it," Williams said. During the consultation and surveying process with students, a pool and a climbing wall were requested but those facilities will not be included in the center yet. A pool is expensive to build and even more expensive to maintain, Williams said. "And, there already is a pool on campus. The committee felt that their money was limited and they wanted to get the best bang for their buck and to spend dollars on a new pool when there is already one on campus, didn't make sense to the committee at that point and time." A plan for expansion at a later date called Phase Two, would incorporate additional amenities such as the pool and climbing wall. The center has been designed to accept these additions, and also a new gym inside the building. Expansion would be on the north side of the building. Williams said the wall would simply be torn down and construction on Phase Two could begin.

"Sophisticated Ladies" Full of Sophistication



It Does Mean a Thing: Theater students put on a spectacular Duke Ellington inspired show.

Photo/Courtesy of Theatre and Dance Department

By Darby Johnston and Rhonda Roberts
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The Cal State East Bay University Theater paid homage to the late, great Duke Ellington last weekend with the opening of its musical "Sophisticated Ladies." The 1930s big band, composed of Cal State East Bay students from the music department, took us back to the Cotton Club as the cast wowed the audience with singing and dancing to great Ellington hits. "I was impressed! I was really entertained," CSUEB student Davin Ashford said. "The band was the best part hands down." The performers seemed to glide across the stage to the jazzy and original beat of the swing music. Whether a duet number or a number performed with the full cast, they were all done with overwhelming enthusiasm and energy. The performers did a wonderful job of capturing the sentiment of songs that took the audience from melancholy with numbers such as "In a Sentimental Mood," to excitement with "I'm a Lucky So And So." Many of the numbers were readily identifiable Ellington classics such as "Solitude," and "Take the 'A' Train." However, the number that really seemed to resonated with the audience was "It Don't Mean A Thing." This particular number was arguably the most popular as it

was used in the first act and again as the finale. The vocal performances of this song were particularly excellent, receiving the loudest applause of the night short of the finale. The show itself was also wonderfully organized, with the first act portraying Ellington's early days and the coming of his acceptance into society as a music icon. Act 2 covered the more intimate portrayal of Ellington's personality and how it was expressed through his music. CSUEB junior Lauren Pinnella said, "The show was a visually pleasing and fun-loving revue with some great performances." The performers' own personalities seemed to show through in the performance as well in the various dance numbers. There were many fantastic individual as well as group performances throughout the show including that of Reginald "Reggie" White. White had several vocal and dance solos and really seemed to create a solid foundation for the show. Although no lead role was defined in the program, White almost seemed to absorb the role without trying. He was definitely a bright spot in an already glowing production. CSUEB alumnus Robin Miles said, "I thought the show was very well arranged, the singing and dancing was great, however I think that one guy stole the show."

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Pioneers Face Black Hills State in Championships

By Kelly Paris
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The Pioneer men's basketball team is scheduled to make its first appearance in the NAIA National Championship since 1998 today, facing the Yellow Jackets of Black Hills State University in South Dakota. The Yellow Jackets are ranked fifth among the teams in the tournament. They enter the game with a 27-4 record, and enjoy the momentum of a 12-game winning streak. The team's top scorer, guard Cain Atkinson, will be a special threat to the Pioneers because he leads his team in total points with 525 and is averaging nearly 17 points per game. The Yellow Jackets seem a particularly tough competitor for the Pioneers: two of their only four losses were to Division I and Division II schools. The Pioneers currently

compete in Division III. This tough, first round match-up took the Pioneers by surprise. The Pioneers will have to show everything they have in their first game after being matched against a top seed. The Yellow Jackets have taller players and the Pioneers will need to defend the ball well in order to stop their post players from dominating the game. The Pioneers are led by Cal Pac player of the year Tauran Moore, averaging 15.1 points per game. If the Pioneers get by the Yellow Jackets they will move to the second round of the tournament Friday, March 13 at noon Central time. The National Association of Interstate Athletics will be streaming video broadcasts of the games via the Internet. For more information regarding the games go to naia.org.