Memorial Honors UCSB Philanthropist

Donor Gevirtz Dies, Loved Ones Grieve
BY SARAH HEALY
Staff Writer

A day before he died, Don Gevirtz told lecture Alan Wallace that he did not consider himself a compassionate person.

On Monday evening, politicians, business associates, family members and educators gathered in Phelps courtyard to honor Gevirtz’s compassion and celebrate the life of a man described as humble, a rich man who always gave more than he took.

Nine months before, a similar crowd had gathered in the same courtyard to recognize Gevirtz and his wife Marilyn for their $10 million donation to the university.

Marilyn Gevirtz, widow of the late Donald Gevirtz, wipes away tears Monday evening as friends and colleagues fondly remember a man whom the Gevirtz Graduate School of Education is named after.

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Website May Catch, Deter Plagiarized Work
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Staff Writer

Although the Internet has been an easy source for collegiate plagiarism, it is now the remedy as well.

Professors and administrators at UCSB are deciding whether to continue using Turnitin.com, a web-based service designed to deter and catch plagiarism in student papers.

Nearly 3,000 schools in the United States have purchased the ability to use Turnitin.com, which checks students’ papers against all papers previously submitted to the system and most available Internet sources, said Paul Wedlake, director of sales for iParadigms, the company that runs Turnitin.com.

UC Berkeley alumni developed the site and the parent website, Plagiarism.org.

Within 24 hours of a paper’s submission, the instructor may receive a report indicating possible sections of plagiarism and links to the sites where the student obtained the information.

Approximately 30 percent of all students in the United States plagiarize on every written assignment they complete, Wedlake said.

“Plagiarism is one of the most serious offenses in the academic world,” he said. “It has occurred as long as there have been teachers and students, but the recent growth of the Internet has made the problem much worse.”

UCSB has approximately 13,500 students enrolled.

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Extra Fireman Requires Campus Funds
BY SARAH HEALY
Staff Writer

The county recently purchased a new fire truck to help cover the UCSB campus, but the county fire marshal is asking UCSB to help cover the costs for the purchase of an extra fire fighter.

Santa Barbara County Fire Marshal John Scherri used reserve funds to buy a truck with a ladder tall enough to reach the top story of some of the new buildings on the UCSB campus. County officials had worried that the new marine science research building, which the Regents approved May 16, was too tall for the county’s fire trucks to reach.

“We want to make sure the University knows this is an important issue for us,” 3rd District Supervisor’s Executive Assistant Mark Chaconas said.

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What Is Slanting the News?
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Art Darling
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"Hate is bad for people and other living things..."

This message made it out of the misery, and I can only hope it lasts longer than the new paved-over flowers and candy roses. Arson, assaults, beatings, drug abuse, gang activity, rape, stabbing and theft: the statement is profound considering the direction of this community. I can only hope that it resonates with next year's freshmen class.

When I think back on this year, one word comes to mind: death. I know I'm not alone, either. I'm only 22 and I already have to fight cynicism. Strife, stress and sleep deprivation leaving dark circles under the eyes can easily accelerate a journalist into a negative train of thought.

I told someone how the Mercury has recently been downsizing. I've heard a similar line at a number of journalism conferences: "Print journalism is a shrinking field. The future is online." If this is the picture working journalists paint for us up-and-comers, how can we avoid becoming cynical — especially with folding online services?

Watching staffers win top journalism awards in state competition helps. Two, Nobel Prizes at UCSB added a lift. Creative art projects decorating campuses are usually worth a smile or laugh, and joking with friends or wavin' at confused strangers usually peps me up.

For searching optimism is the way sometimes I just have my eyes closed.

I am overcome by a feeling of belonging and worth when I see students pick up the paper and read. That makes it all worthwhile. Whether you love or hate the Mercury, just read it. You might learn something, and you'll make a lot of tired people happy. This stuff has been put into the fire, hammered and dipped into cool water. We are galvanized, but need reassurance.

I am a stress monkey who's no exception to the rule. Too often I beat myself up over trivial details, and I'm not good at hiding emotions. Every now and then I call my grandma on the phone to take a step back. My panic attacks never seem to cut through her knack of seeing life in the long run. I guess experienced people are good at that. She continually reminds me of the sign on her refrigerator: "This too shall pass."

She's right; I did. I now see the light at the end of the tunnel, though I have one more year to reach it.

Alex, Amber, Andy, Eoin, Jaime, June, Jen, Jerry, Kelly, Kit, Liu, Rebecca, Skip and Trey: There's no way that I could have weathered the storm without all of you. Congratulations on graduation and good luck in the "real world." Drop me a line in the future and let me know how it's treating you.

As a special thanks to Jason Schock for building the Mercury website, Schock, you're one hell of a pain in the ass, but you are one of the most talented members of this staff. If not the most. Your late-night hours of Red Bull and coding have left the paper with a valuable asset and form of communication. You should be proud to leave such a lasting impact. Thank you and keep in touch.

As for me, I'm going to stick around another year as the chief editor. It's the infamous "mojado" issue. I could have chowed on my food.

Next came back-to-back-to-back endorsement meetings with Isla Vista Recreation and Parks District candidates (highly) followed by a news meeting. The fun started when El Congreso representatives came to the office to negotiate "action" regarding the Daily Friday. The cherry on top was the seventh meeting of the day, a convening of the editorial board, where we both apologized for and defended the first issue of the Daily Friday. After taking the worst at the bottoms of the stein bottle around 2 a.m., I went home feeling deflated.

That day was nothing compared to the gravity of others.

Like when staff artist Dave Lindsay died on October 7. Dave wasn't just an employee — he was a friend. I will never forget when Art Director Shahid Mosakhiy came over to my house to look for the news. His eyes were red and watery. Mine soon matched.

There are some situations you just can't prepare yourself for. Like February 23, when Isla Vista was thrust into the national spotlight in the worst way. I don't think anyone could have been prepared for that. I won't, and I ended up questioning my career plans, sometimes in fits of self-lashing. But I've since seen the writing on the wall, and it speaks loudly to all passersby:

Last week I randomly met up with a former Nexus at the Daily Friday office. Sal was on work for the Mercury News as a city night editor. He is smarter than I and makes roughly eight times what I do. He bought pitchers of beer and dished out compliments.

Perspective change:

I know what I wanted to do
Shit hit the fan
I second-guesed myself.

The Last Weatherhuman!

The New Weatherhuman Lives!

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Weather

The Old Weatherhuman's Call

While in the midst of developing the Weatherbook, several naked Weatherlaws in a charter of fire descended from the sky and assaulted the town.

The elite promised Weather-arts of perversion, and the Old Weatherhuman went with a giant grin.

As it ascended, the Old Weatherhuman passed the lances and left me these words:

Maketh them laugh with jokes of the mipple.

But never tryeth to maketh them laugh with jokes of the mipple.

Silently.

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Graduate School of Education. Gevirtz would live to see the Gevirtz Graduate School move up a few notches until it was ranked equally with the Rossier School of Education at the University of Southern California.

Though Gevirtz spent much of his later life dedicated to education and UCSB as a guest lecturer and philanthropist, in his earlier life he was an entrepreneur and also was an investor in his company, Dave Leyrer, who knew Gevirtz for five years as an investor in his company, said Gevirtz was modest despite his business experience and was eager to hear someone’s honest opinion.

“It is rare that someone at his level of achievement would be so humble. Don always opened a conversation with a question. He always led with what he didn’t know,” said Ney Yang said. “Not quite so much about the past, but about the future, about his legacy and everything that is happening, especially here at what is now the Gevirtz Graduate School of Education as a result of the vision and the generosity of Don and of course Marilyn.”

Local businessman Dave Leyer, who knew Gevirtz for five years as an investor in his company, said Gevirtz was modest despite his business experience and was eager to hear someone’s honest opinion.

“Anyone who had a relationship with Don knows that it is almost impossible to talk with guard rails on about Don Gevirtz because it was impossible to have a one-dimensional relationship with Don,” Leyrer said.

Gevirtz was a frequent contributor to the Democratic Party and convinced former UCSB professor Walter Capps to run for Congress, Congresswoman Lois Capps said. After her husband died, Lois Capps said Gevirtz then persuaded him to talk with guard rails on about Don.

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Move Out Tips
• Got stuff you don’t want to move? Help others in Isla Vista by donating used furniture, clothing, and household goods to the GIVE Program; call the Isla Vista/UCSB Community Service Center at 968-5158 for more information
• G.I.V.E. donations are accepted June 11 – June 22, 2 P.M. – 8 P.M. at Embarcadero Hall parking lot (formerly I.V.B.C.), 955 Embarcadero Del Norte
• Help out with Adopt-A-Block program [volunteer street cleaning crews]; call Isla Vista Park and Recreation District at 968-2017
• Put garbage in the dumpster, not in the street or on the sidewalk; large unusable items may be taken to dumpsters in the 6700 block of Estero and Camino Corto between June 13th and the end of the month
• Contact your property manager regarding trash problems
• Start planning your move out with GIVE, arrange for donation of large items with GIVE or local charities
• Contact local storage companies for summer storage needs

Know the Law
• Some Barbara County Sheriff’s Zero tolerance policy will be in effect — this means that instead of giving a warning, citations will be issued, and instead of citations, arrests will be made.
• Burning couches or vehicles (any kind of arson!) will result in arrests with fines for as much as $1,000. Enforcement will be increased during the last few weeks of the quarter so don’t ruin your summer by spending time in jail or “burning” at $1,000.
• If you are caught starting a fire (even a couch!), you will be charged with a felony!

Housing Tips
• Defective plumbing, gas, heating, or electricity; infestation of rodents or cockroaches; and lack of hot or cold water are housing code violations. If you have any of these problems, you should report them to the County Housing Inspector at 685-0913.
• Make sure the place you rented is as clean when you move out as when you moved in and that there are no damages beyond ordinary wear and tear.
• Take photos and/or videos, and keep receipts if you pay for cleaning or repairs. Contact Community Housing Office for assistance at 893-4371.
• Your landlord has only 3 weeks from your move-out date to either refund the entire security deposit to you or hand you or mail you an accounting of what has been withheld and why, along with a check for the remainder. If your landlord does not comply with this obligation within 3 weeks, then you can sue in small claims court.
• Use the resources provided by your Associated Students: Isla Vista Tenant’s Union (IVTU) at 893-5989 and the A.S. Legal Resources Center (ASLRC) at 893-4246.

Party Safe!
• To keep a party under control, plan your party in advance and file a party planner with the Isla Vista Foot Patrol; call Isla Vista Foot Patrol at 911 to deal with party crashers.
• Make sure your out-of-town guests know that Isla Vista is your HOME and you expect them to respect it and YOU!

ISLA VISTA MOVE OUT 2001!!

PUT YOUR MONEY WHERE YOUR MOUTH IS.

Pack a day? How about taking that $1400 you spend on cigarettes a year and get your teeth whitened? Buy some new clothes.

Get a personal trainer. A whole new you.

P A I D F O R B Y Y O U R L O C A L T O B A C C O S E T T L E M E N T D O L L A R S
Chinese Tries To Pave Over Tibet's History and People With Lies

NARKYID NGAWANTHONDUP

I am a Tibetan elder who has been visiting Santa Barbara over the past 11 years. Just yesterday (June 4) I was visiting the UCSB campus when I learned of the article written by Jiefeng Zhou titled "Filtering Out the Propaganda of the Tibetan Government-in-Exile" in the Daily Nexus (June 1), and feel that it is my responsibility to respond to his statements. It seems very clear to me that he is repeating the propaganda that the Communist Chinese, with their brutal institution of slavery and granting everyone their equality," then why have over 130,000 Tibetans risked their lives to escape since 1959? Each year, over 1,000 Tibetans escape over the Himalayas into Nepal seeking freedom from Communist rule and the destruction of their cultural and religious heritage.

Ninety-nine percent of these refugees are peasants and nomads. Why would they leave if they "never had it so good," as Mr. Zhou writes in his letter? These are topics that I would like to discuss publicly with Mr. Zhou and others to continue this discussion in a friendly way with a sincere desire to bring the truth to light. I would like to convene a public meeting when I return to Santa Barbara in early July. Whoever would like to help arrange and take part in such a meeting, please come forward. Perhaps a Chinese organization might even like to arrange it. Please e-mail me at ngawant@hotmail.com if you would like to have such a forum to help solve this historical dispute.

Narkyid Ngawanthondup is a historian and the official biographer for His Holiness the Dalai Lama. He is speaking tonight at 7 in Buchanan 1930.
**Opinion**

**The Low Down**

**David Downs**

If you’re an insomniac with nothing to do at dawn, Goleta’s Evergreen golf course is a great place to unwind. No lines, great weather, birds chirping. My Frisbee disk and I were in our own world. Little kids with backpacks snickered at our story opening drives and taunted, “It’s tooooo earlyyyyy for Frisbeeexxxtttt.”

“Not if you don’t sleep,” I said. The kids shut up. The run was just a blob behind a thick, gray marine layer. This was my ninth all-nighter of the quarter. Dead Week and finals still loomed. Nine quarters in college has schooled me; I am a professional insomniac.

After a night of heavy partying and low-wage work, a dawn round of Frisbee golf would seem like a doomed venture. Medical studies say cognitive ability drops 25 percent for every 24 hours without sleep. The areas of the brain hardest hit are always the higher mental functions like critical thought and analysis. But as I said, I am a professional. I gulfed at my peak—five over par—while Curtis’ disk strategically hosed on trees, shrubbery and muddy ponds.

He wanted to give up on the 17th but his partner, Ruben Ayala, and I fought on. We finished 7 over par, which is equivalent to eight cups of coffee. Professional insomniac.

Next week, if you’re doing Dead Week and finals, please give 24 hours without sleep a try. It is amazing the way you may turn stories into front-page investigations. It is amazing the way you may think stories are blatant offensive, to turn stories into front-page investigations. It is amazing the way you may think stories are blatant offensive, to turn stories into front-page investigations. It is amazing the way you may think stories are blatant offensive, to turn stories into front-page investigations. It is amazing the way you may think stories are blatant offensive, to turn stories into front-page investigations. It is amazing the way you may think stories are blatant offensive, to turn stories into front-page investigations. It is amazing the way you may think stories are blatant offensive, to turn stories into front-page investigations. It is amazing the way you may think stories are blatant offensive, to turn stories into front-page investigations. It is amazing the way you may think stories are blatant offensive, to turn stories into front-page investigations. It is amazing the way you may think stories are blatant offensive, to turn stories into front-page investigations. It is amazing the way you may think stories are blatant offensive, to turn stories into front-page investigations. It is amazing the way you may think stories are blatant offensive, to turn stories into front-page investigations.

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**Nexus Fails Its Readers By Ignoring Motives Behind Isla Vista Brawl**

**Ruben Ayala & Edith Cabrera**

Once again the Daily Nexus has achieved another great low. Please do us a favor and keep your reporting to the save-the-world organizations’ social events—or is it because it’s the end of the year and you guys are scraping the barrel for the next breaking stories to capture the attention of readers? It is amazing the way you turn stories into front-page investigations reports that are blatantly offensive to minority groups. These stories have been one-sided, yet you still print this mediocre reporting which threatens to demolish the dream of building a community free of racial prejudice. It is delightful to read the Nexus’ richly detailed stories filled with suspense that bring a touch of brutality into the readers’ lives. For instance, most of us have been terrified and amazed by the articles illustrating the devastating attacks from Chicano/Latino gangs upon our “peaceful” UCSB community. Let’s face it, these events and gang phenomena are an issue many communities in our nation deal with and Isla Vista is not the exception. We are not choosing to ignore the issue of violence; any violence in our community should not be tolerated. We are asking the Nexus to do its job without bias.

On May 21, Ms. Lagos reported on the “assault,” in which three students, two of whom were UCSB students and the third a SBCC student, were victims of a brutal assault by a group of “Hispanic” males (Daily Nexus, “Bowel Weekend Attack in I.V. Hospitalizes 3 Male Students”). The article only mentioned events from one group’s perspective and not the other. We understand that it may have been near impossible to report the other side of the story due to lack of access to these “Hispanics.” Yet the manner in which the article was written was structured to simply portray the students as victims and the non-students as the aggressors. Are we the only ones who see how biased and one-sided this report was? NO. Why is it that when it comes to reporting occurrences involving UCSB students and non-students, UCSB students are never at fault? Come on, we supposed to believe every article printed in your paper? If you think we are buy
The Industry’s Grasp on Mainstream Media

Investigative journalism is a dying art. For media companies, serious reporting is costly, time-consuming and often times intimidating. Audiences have been significantly dumbed-down by entertainment-style journalism — they often don’t know the difference between a soft “consumer” piece and a hard-line investigative report. Due to these overwhelming market pressures, mainstream media seems to have every incentive not to pursue investigative stories. Yet, Americans have grown up believing Thomas Jefferson’s words, that “the only security is a free press.” When societal injustices are headlined on the front page of the New York Times or broadcast on Primetime, we somehow believe that our democracy has managed to equilibrate itself. We cherish our constitutionally protected free press, our fierce watchdog of the public interest. But what happens when no one is watching the watchdog?

By Erin James

"Everything is consolidating — your dry cleaners is consolidating, your movie rental houses are consolidating. That is the wave of the future. But it is particularly troublesome in the news business, where we are supposed to have a variety of voices as part of a strong basis for our democracy.*

— Jane Akre, former Fox-13 journalist.

Milk—a product so heavily relied upon in western society it must meet two requirements: it must be safe, and it must be plentiful. While this need may be common to many countries, the United States stands apart from other dairy-producing nations in its approval of a highly controversial animal pharmaceutica—recombinant Bovine Growth Hormone (rBGH) — injected into cows to increase their milk yield by up to 30 percent. Consumer concern in Florida led to an investigation into the widespread use of this drug, which left two reporters jobless and many critics wondering whether the U.S. has chosen to favor the quantity of milk over its quality.

Shortly after its approval of rBGH, the Food and Drug Administration assured the public that milk from rBGH-treated cows posed no human safety concerns. However, consumers were not convinced, and milk sales plummeted. In 1997, Alex and Steve Wilson were working as journalists for the local Tampa Bay, Florida news station, Fox-13, and decided to investigate the safety of the state’s milk supply.

The husband-and-wife team randomly visited seven dairy farms in Florida and found all seven were using rBGH, despite assurances from both dairies and supermarket chains that milk from cows injected with rBGH would be kept off the shelves until there was widespread consumer acceptance of the drug. Alex and Wilson discovered Florida’s milk supply was being mixed — milk from dairies not using the synthetic hormone was commingled with milk from dairies openly treating their cows with rBGH. Consumers could not be confident the milk they were drinking came from untreated cows.

Akre and Wilson prepared a four-part investigative series revealing the betrayal of large supermarket chains and explaining the reason rBGH, despite FDA approval in 1993, remains controversial. Its use is banned in 18 countries because of concern for increased risk of cancer in humans and increased incidence of udder infections and lameness in cattle — requiring more treatments with antibiotics, traces of which can remain in milk.

Irrespective of the true safety of rBGH, the Akre/Wilson investigation caught many of Florida’s largest supermarket chains telling blatant untruths to their customers. There seemed to be little argument from either Fox or the reporters that this was a story that needed to be told. The debate was how to tell it.

Akre claims the report was only days away from airing when John Walsh, an attorney retained by Monsanto Company—a behemoth agrochemical company and manufacturer of rBGH — contacted the CEO of Fox News, Roger Ailes. Monsanto was “alarmed and deeply concerned” about the “assault” on the company’s reputation in Fox’s impending broadcast. In a subsequent letter, Walsh warned if the report was aired unedited, it could lead to “dire consequences for Fox News.”

Due to these threats, the station decided to delay the airing, and what ensued was a nine-month revision process, involving an army of news editors, station executives and lawyers. This process allegedly involved 83 edits of the original tape.

Akre and Wilson were convinced Fox was caring in under corporate pressure, and as journalists, they were being forced to compromise their integrity to include misleading and false claims about the safety of rBGH. Fox sees the situation differently, and describes Wilson as an aggressive and confrontational character who was unwilling to produce a balanced news story.

The two reporters were eventually dismissed from Fox — before their report was aired — amid a cloud of claims, counterclaims and lawsuits. Wilson and Akre filed a suit against Fox under Florida’s “whistleblower” legislation, which protects employees fired for threatening to report their employers’ legal violations. Akre claims she was fired after telling Fox she would report them to the Federal Communications Commission for slanting a news story against public interest.

In August 2000, Akre was the first journalist in Florida to win a whistleblower lawsuit against an employer. However, it was only a partial victory for the journalists — jury members did not find sufficient evidence Fox had slandered the news. Akre was awarded $41,000 against Fox, but the company threatened to appeal the decision. Akre/Akre/Wilson investigation was only a partial victory for the journalists — jury members did not find sufficient evidence Fox had slandered the news.
Jane Akre giving her testimony last fall against former employer Fox.

Fox has filed an appeal. Akre and Wilson have yet to see a dime of their money. Neither of them has been offered a career job in mainstream media since their dismissal from Fox four years ago, and both have become highly skeptical of the news business.

"Steve has been told he will never work in the mainstream media again," Akre said. "I occasionally fill in at a Time-Warner cable station as an anchor, but I've talked to them about expanding this role and I have got no positive feedback. Maybe it is just not the right place for me."

Akre believes she and Wilson have been "blackballed from the trade," although she admits to not aggressively pursuing reporting jobs.

"I'm just flat out terrified that this might happen again. The alternative is to self-censor and say, 'Well I won't go after tough stories,' but that's bogus — you can't do that, you can't operate a business." she said.

In her eyes, the entire media industry has become soft. Broadcasters are more desperate for dollars, which has cheapened the product. In the last five or six years, the media has reduced ownership of broadcasting stations to a handful of companies. Akre has experienced how the newsroom has become a business operation, where the dollar is always the bottom line.

You are down to a dozen owners, who are basically churning out the same sort of news product based on what they see on the wire service or what the local public relations professionals churn out for them to turn into a daily story. It is a really frightening time for the free flow of information," she said.

"It is a very good time for white-collar crime because nobody is looking."

Akre also perceives another emerging threat to the accuracy of news coverage: industry-funded pundits, masked as objective critics. Oftentimes these mouthpieces for business are connected to institutions, such as the American Council on Science and Health or the Hudson Institute, which receives funding from chemical giants, including DuPont, Monsanto and Dow.

"[These people] write editorial pieces which are totally pro-industry. It is no coincidence that every single one they write is pro-genetic-engineering or pro-going-into-the-arcane. They are industry pieces masked as news — God, that is frightening," Akre said. "I think the PR industry is now more closely aligned with industry than ever before and can make their point of view look like news. They are getting very good at it; there are more PR people than there are journalists."}

"Monsanto is getting so good at spinning the news, it has bragged about it in its own internal documents," Akre obtained from the Dairy Coalition, which she claims is an industry front-group for distributing information on rBGH.

"They were bragging [in these documents] how they had kept milk out of a discussion on CNN and how they had got the reporter to change her report, and they thought this was a good thing." Akre said. "You are manipulating people's right to information, and you think that it's a good thing. I mean, there is just a component of evil there."

Akre sees the future of investigative journalism existing outside U.S. mainstream media. She believes the media is a lot healthier in other countries and in non-traditional publications.

"It is funny — I think some of the better investigative work is going to come out of the Playboys and Penthouses, which already made a bucket-load of money and already have the best lawyers in the world up to speed," she said. "Bob Guccioni can afford to say, 'Bite me,' which is probably exactly what he would say if Monsanto came after him."

The Facts Behind Recombinant Bovine Growth Hormone (rBGH)

- Recombinant Bovine Growth Hormone (rBGH) is a genetically-engineered replica of a cow's natural growth hormone. It is a product-enhancing protein when injected, it speeds up a cow's metabolism and increases milk yield by up to 30 percent.

- In 1993, the FDA approved the use of rBGH in dairy cattle and assured consumers that milk from treated cows posed no human-safety concerns.

- Dr. William Von Meyer, a strong rBGH opponent, told Akre he believes the FDA did not do a thorough review of rBGH. Instead of testing the hormone as a human drug, the FDA approved it through its veterinary division. "A human drug requires two years of carcinogenicity testing and extensive birth-defect testing," rBGH was tested for 90 days on 30 rats at any dose before it was approved," Von Meyer said.

- Monsanto Company, a manufacturer of rBGH, continues to maintain that milk from treated cows is identical to milk from untreated cows.

- The FDA has been charged by its critics as having a "revolving door" policy with industry. Michael Taylor played a prominent role in the FDA's decision regarding rBGH. Yet, he was formally employed as an attorney for Monsanto Company. After representing rBGH when it came before the FDA, he returned to work for Monsanto.

- A review performed by the Government Accounting Office reported that Taylor had no financial conflict of interest.

- When injected, rBGH stimulates production of an insulin-like growth factor (IGF-1). Increased levels of IGF-1 have been linked to higher incidences of breast, colon and prostate cancer. Currently, there is no assurance whether milk from rBGH-treated cows contain higher levels of IGF-1, or whether IGF-1, when orally ingested, acts systematically on the body.

- The use of rBGH is associated with an increased incidence of lameness and udder infections, which require treatment with antibiotics. Critics are concerned trace amounts of antibiotics can remain in the milk, which, would diminish its effectiveness in combating diseases in people.

- In 1998, the World Health Organisation concluded there is no food-safety or health concerns related to rBGH residues in products, such as milk and meat, from treated animals.

- Eighteen countries — including the European Union, Canada, Australia and New Zealand — continue to ban rBGH, citing concerns about human and animal safety.
Bong!

Dorm Howell, a computer programmer at the University's Information Systems and Computing Department, partakes in Music Professor Mike Pievac's Java Gamelan Class on Tuesday afternoon. The class is part of the ethnomusicology program.

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the same amount of academic dishonesty as other campuses that have conducted studies and found high rates, especially of Internet plagiarism, said Brandon Brod, Conduct Educator and Hate Incidents Response Coordinator. This year, there have been 25 cases of cheating and plagiarism brought to the attention of the Student Conduct Committee on Student Conduct and Joe Navarro, the Associate Dean of Students, Conduct and Student Relations, Brod said.

"This technology will directly benefit students. The value of one's degree is in part determined by the reputation of the insti-
tution from where it came," Brod said. "It does take a little getting used to — the idea of turning in a paper over the Internet is something new to most of us. I estimate that at most, this software adds only 60 seconds per student, per paper, in processing time for an instructor or TA."

After UCSB's free two-month trial period of Turnitin.com ends this quarter, Vice Chancellor Michael Young will make the ultimate decision on whether or not UCSB will purchase use of the software. The decision will be based in part on feedback from the professors who have implemented it in their curriculums this quarter, and on Brod's recommendation, based on his experience with the software.

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At the bare minimum, you know the instructor takes academic misconduct very seriously and is on the lookout for it.

— Brandon Brod
conduct educator and
hate incidents response coordinator

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service and its support staff.

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tem. In 1997, the United States Fire Administration found that smoke detectors were present in 97 percent of dorm fires, while sprinkler systems were present in only 28 percent. According to Fire Engineering magazine, 60 students have died in college residential fires in the last 34 years.

Herman said fire-suppression systems, such as sprinklers and alarms, decrease fire hazards by 97 percent.

The high-rise halls were built in the 1950s with the intent that they would handle a low appliance load. Since then, students have brought in computers, refrigerators, battery chargers and televisions, which, in total, surpass the amount of appliances the building should contain.

The increased occupancy in the dorms, resulting from more students and from room tripping during the 1999-2000 school year, increased the presence of electrical appliances and combustible materials like bedding and towels, creat-

ing a fire hazard, Herman said.

Breaker boxes within the dorms con-

trol the amount of electricity used and switch off when there is an excess of elec-

trical output and heat. Herman said resi-
dents in the halls have also learned to locate the breakers in each room in turn on their rooms’ power if it has been switched off, creating a potential fire haz-

ard.

Herman said UC firefighters receive 60 calls a year related to dorm fires, whether major, minor or precautionary. In previous years, the number of calls totalled approximately 125.

At UC Los Angeles, 100 firefighters can show up to a high rise fire within 12

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“If you have high-rise dorms without sprinklers, he said, "that would be a legitimate concern.”

--- Don Gevirtz

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