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Berkeley, Eugene students affected by fire

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The tragedy of the San Francisco Bay area fire hit close to home, not just for the thousands of students at the University of California at Berkeley who saw it firsthand, but for University students with friends and family in the area.

Alexei Barriouneuvo, a UC Berkeley student and an editor for the *Daily Californian*, reported on events the entire country was watching.

The fire that has scorched 17,000 acres and killed 10 people is now under control and the skies have cleared, but

California reporter defends student reactions

Sunday was chaos for Barriouneuvo. Not only was he working at the paper, but as a resident of Oakland, he had to leave home when the area was evacuated.

The campus at UC Berkeley was shut down Monday and classes were canceled. The blaze came to within a mile of campus and one of the dorms was evacuated Sunday night. Students from that dorm moved to another, with some sleeping in the lounge, Barriouneuvo said.

"But no one was really worried about the campus," he said. "It looked too far away."

The Associated Press reported that the fire has caused \$1.5 billion in damage and has left at least 400 hillside houses in smoldering ruins.

The massive fire — one of the worst in U.S. history — also injured nearly 150 and chased 5,000 out of their homes, city and state officials said.

Ten people were reported missing, and at least 200 non-residential buildings were destroyed.

California Gov. Pete Wilson on Sunday declared an emergency and said he

is asking President Bush to make the declaration on a national level.

An editorial that ran in the *Los Angeles Times* today criticized some of the Berkeley students for their indifferent behavior Sunday night. Barriouneuvo said the criticism was unwarranted.

"A lot of students were just sort of watching," he said. "They went to different places to get a better view of what was happening and the *L.A. Times* compared it to people in fraternities, sitting on the roof and drinking beer."

There were also students who volunteered to work at relief agencies like the

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Tuba or not tuba

The Tubershop Four, a quartet of (left to right) faculty member Richard Frazier, GTF Eric Hammer, and students Todd Nix and Alike Borsting, prepare for the second annual Octubafest. The concert will feature classical and popular selections by various combinations of low brass instruments Oct. 28 at the Beall Concert Hall.

Photo by Jane Ballin

HDP college professor dead at 56

Broekhoff earned reputation for studies of children

By Tammy Batey
Emerald Reporter

Jan Broekhoff, a University professor and former acting dean of the College of Human Development and Performance, died Monday morning after a four-year battle with cancer. He was 56.

A funeral service is scheduled for Friday at 3:30 p.m. in the First Congregational Church, 1050 E. 23rd Ave.

Broekhoff, a professor in the physical education and human movement studies department, joined the University in 1973. He earned his master's from the University in 1963 and his doctorate in 1966.

Norval Ritchey, assistant dean of the College of Human Development and Performance, said

Broekhoff will be missed.

"It's a tremendous loss of a man of great courage in terms of fighting the cancer battle," Ritchey said. "The University and all of our staff feel the loss and extend our wishes and sympathies to his family."

Broekhoff, who originally was from the Netherlands, taught at four different universities in three different countries: Germany, Belgium and the United States. He was fluent in Dutch, English, French and German.

He earned an international reputation for his studies of child growth and development, said Lou Osternig, professor in the department of exercise and movement science. Broekhoff had a number of articles published in the United States

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El Salvadoran speaks of fear, hope

By Lisa Millegan
Emerald Reporter

Despite years of brutal civil war in El Salvador, a recent agreement between government and rebel leaders means peace may still be possible for the country, a speaker at the University said Monday night.

Using a translator, Salvadoran teacher and activist Mario Medrano said the accord should mean a return to civilian authority and meaningful elections in the country.

Parts of the Sept. 25 agreement also include reforms to the judicial system and protection of human rights.

"This accord is a triumph for international solidarity that has brought about the possibility of

change," Medrano said. "We need to see this accord as a possible light that exists in this darkness."

But Medrano said that for the accord to work, the United States must stop funding the Salvadoran military.

"It must be seen that the United States of America sends not one dollar of aid to the military," he said. All money that is sent must be used for economic aid instead, he said.

A founding member of El Salvador's national teachers' union, Medrano spoke at the University as a stop on a tour across the United States to talk about his country's problems.

Medrano's speech was sponsored by the University of Oregon-University of El Salvador

Sister University Project and by the Eugene Education Association.

Medrano has personal experience with El Salvador's long history of military oppression. In 1982, he and 22 other teachers were imprisoned by soldiers for their political beliefs.

During the two weeks of his incarceration, he spent much of his time blindfolded and was tortured with electric shocks.

One day the entire group of teachers was led blindfolded into a room and pushed against a wall as if they were going to face a firing squad. But the soldiers only fired into the air in a "mock execution."

Medrano said one of his big-

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Jew, Palestinian unlearn one-sided histories

By Daralyn Trappe
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Shimona Sharoni was reared in Israel by a father who was a Holocaust survivor and who had witnessed the death of his own father in a concentration camp before taking refuge in Israel.

Once there, he adopted the slogan "Never Again" and taught his daughter to be wary of anyone who wasn't Jewish.

Mohammad Abu-Nimer was also raised in Israel, but as part of the Arab minority in

that country, his experiences were very different from Sharoni's.

As a child, his grandfather would relate an analogy about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

A man who owned a three-story building had a neighbor who was stronger and one day took over the first floor and eventually the second, leaving the man with only the third floor. The man represents the Palestinians, his grandfather said, "and now there is no other option — fight or jump."

Sharoni and Abu-Nimer, who spoke at the

University on Monday night, said they did something they hope others will try to do — learn and respect each other's history.

Both are now working on doctoral degrees in peace resolution at George Mason University in Washington, D.C. Prior to coming to the United States, they were actively involved in educating Jews and Arabs about the other's perspective.

Sharoni was a founding member of a women's group within Israel that protests



Mohammad Abu-Nimer

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