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A survey looks at student Internet use

"The American Freshman," an annual survey sponsored by the University of California at Los Angeles Higher Education Research Institute, attempts to gauge the attitudes and behaviors of first-year college students.

A UC A Prof. Alexander Astin, first began conducting this survey in 1966, in an attempt to track the trends of college students. The survey, released yesterday, confirmed that the Internet has grown in popularity among students.

The survey discovered that 91 percent of first-year students at UCLA and 83 percent of students at other universities and colleges nationwide use the Internet for research and homework.

The study also showed that 55 percent of students visit that rooms 1 and 66 percent use e-mail.

Other college-related trends, such as the acceptability of beer drinking, casual sex and abortion reached all-time lows.

Beer drinking among first-year students nationally has fallen from 75 percent in 1981 to 57 percent in 1998.

U. Wisconsin prof. sentenced

University of Wisconsin at Madison Engineering Prof. Leon Shehata was sentenced by a federal judge for using false documentation to receive millions of dollars in federal grant money from a Engineering Research Center for Plasma Aided Manufacturing.

An investigation has shown that the grants Shehata received allocated $2.8 million annually from 1988 to 1997.

The judge fined Shehata $1,000 and sentenced him to three months in prison beginning Feb. 19. He is also given 100 hours of community service and one year supervised release.

* Shehata has not yet been given a leave of absence from his teaching position at the university.

Study women have greater risks from alcohol

A NBC news story reported that women have a greater chance in developing long-term adverse effects from 1 (1 oz) than men. The report referred to the Framingham Study that states women who have more than four drinks per night, or each time that they drink, are considered heavy drinkers. The report stated these women are at greater risk for future problems.

College-age women are the most susceptible to these problems because they make up the greatest number of heavy and binge drinkers among women, said the National Household Study on drug abuse.

The alcohol has a greater affect on women because they don't have the same amount of enzymes to break down the alcohol as men, said Judith Beilmann, a doctor contributing to the .

WAMC report. Alcoholism increases have