Technique kills cancerous cells, leaves healthy cells intact

By Jim Barlow
News Bureau Staff Writer

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The compound, which is referred to as 13-D in the study, already is being tested by the National Cancer Institute. The UI has applied for a patent on it.

“The next big step would be to show that this compound works in an animal model,” Hergenrother said. “We are very interested in the selectivity of this compound. We now are trying to track down exactly what protein target this compound is binding to in the cancer cells. If we can isolate the protein receptor, we may find a totally new anti-cancer target.”

Hergenrother and his doctoral students Vitaliy Nesterenko and Karson S. Putt manufactured a library of 88 artificial compounds based on the structures of certain natural products. Three of the compounds showed a significant ability to kill cancer cells. Those three were further screened to determine if they were killing the cancer cells through apoptosis or necrosis.

Apoptosis is desired because cells die in a programmed fashion and are simply engulfed by other cells. Necrosis is essentially an accidental breakdown that results in the spilling of cellular material that triggers an undesirable anti-inflammatory response. Compound 13-D was found to have the strongest cancer-killing effect and the only one to induce a cysteine protease known as caspase-3 as well as blebbing (a pinching off of the cellular membrane) and cell shrinkage, all of which are hallmarks of apoptosis.

“If we had a compound that killed by apoptosis, we did the key experiment to see if the compound induced cell death selectively, choosing cancerous cells over non-cancerous white blood cells,” Hergenrother said. “Compound 13-D showed virtually no toxicity toward the actively dividing T-cells, the cancer cells key players.”

The spaces also were laid out with ever finer age divisions, especially within girls’ departments, and in a way that required children to consider them “real customers,” with legitimate and individual needs and desires. The industry’s newfound approach suggested that children were empowered by the market, rather than exploited by it, as a moral justification for selling to kids.

Cook’s study of the children’s clothing industry draws significantly on industry trade journals, and begins in 1917 with the publication of the trade journal Infants’ Department. Around that time, many stores were establishing separate infants’ departments to cater to mothers and draw them into their stores.

Most of what developed after that, however, focused more and more on the children, Cook said. Store clerks were advised to consider the child’s perspective along with the mother’s. Clothing and other goods were designed more with children’s desires in mind. Retail spaces and fixtures were structured more to “child scale” and often decorated with popular characters.

Clothing industry led the way in seeing kids as consumers

By Craig Chamberlain
News Bureau Staff Writer

“It takes a village to raise a child” may be a popular ideal. “It takes a marketplace to raise a child” may be closer to today’s reality, says Dan Cook, the author of an upcoming book on the history of the clothing industry and the rise of the “child consumer.”

In the department stores of 100 years ago, there were no children’s clothing departments, notes Cook, a UI professor of advertising and communication. Clothes were grouped by type and size, but not by age. Children were seen but not really heard as customers. And mothers got the attention and the decisions for their children.

That would begin to change by 1920, however, as the clothing industry led the way in developing a market that saw the world through children’s eyes, Cook said. “It may have been the first time in history that an institution actually began to be structured around the child’s perspective.”

In his book, “The Commodification of Childhood: The Children’s Clothing Industry and the Rise of the Child Consumer,” Cook makes the case that merchants, manufacturers and advertisers gradually began to target their message directly to children, and began to consider them “real customers,” with legitimate and individual needs and desires.


Kids as consumers Dan Cook, a professor of advertising and communication, says the clothing industry led the way during the last century in the move toward selling directly to children. He makes his case in a book due this spring, “The Commodification of Childhood: The Children’s Clothing Industry and the Rise of the Child Consumer.”
Law professor recognized with Swanson Chair

By Mark Reutter
News Bureau Staff Writer

Thomas S. Ulen, UI professor of law, was named a Swanson Chair at an investiture ceremony Nov. 19.

Ulen, who joined the law faculty in 1983, is the director of the Program in Law and Economics, a research affiliate of the Environmental Council, and holds positions on the Campus Honors faculty, economics department and Institute of Government and Public Affairs.

He has written five books and hundreds of articles, book chapters and book reviews.

He teaches courses on the economic analysis of law, quantitative methods of legal decision-making and an undergraduate introductory course on law.

Ulen received a bachelor’s degree from Dartmouth College, a master’s from St. Catherine’s College, Oxford, and a doctorate in economics from Stanford University.

“He is a tremendous educator and legal scholar, a prolific writer and researcher,” said Heidi M. Hurst, the dean of the College of Law. “His scholarship draws students and other scholars to the University of Illinois, and we are very pleased to see him recognized in this way.”

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**Book Corner**

Book tells how urbanization is eroding small-town communities

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On the Job Marita Romine

Project helps people of Afghanistan help themselves

By Debra Levy Larson
ACES Media Communication Specialist

Training the trainers is the strategy being used to help Afghanistan get back on its feet.

“A long war, years of drought, Soviet occupation, and the Taliban have all taken a toll on the agriculture and the people of Afghanistan,” said John Santos, associate director of ACES Global Connect in the University Agricultural Consumer and Environmental Sciences. Santos leads a project to help revitalize Afghan agriculture funded by the United States Agency for International Development. USAID selected the UI to take the lead because of its history in helping to develop a cultural university in neighboring Pakistan.

“The educational system in Afghanistan has been virtually shut down for the past 25 years, leaving a pathetically thin human resource base,” Santos said. “What professionals are left in places like Kabul are those who are either elderly or who left when the fighting began and have not returned. Those who stayed and grew up in the turmoil have little or no formal education.

Consequently, education became the goal for the first step in the recovery process. During the past summer, three-month-long courses were taught. “There were 43 people who attended short courses from a number of Afghan ministries and non-governmental organizations,” Santos said. The courses were offered just across the border at the Northwest Frontier Province Agricultural University in Peshawar, Pakistan.

Although these short courses are being offered at a university, Santos said, “They are in high-level courses; they are hands-on, how-to courses.”

How did they know what courses to offer? The process began by setting up a field office at the university in Peshawar under the direction of Abdul Quyyum Khan.

“We were fortunate to get Khan on the project because he was involved in our efforts in the early ’90s,” Santos said. Khan did a preliminary needs assessment on what courses to offer and coordinated the main details such as advertising the courses and making lodging and transportation arrangements for participants.

“We can’t do that from Illinois. We really needed someone there, in Pakistan, to organize the program,” Santos said. The first year of the project was deemed to be so successful that four more years have been authorized. Santos and Oval Myers Jr., professor emeritus of plant breeding and genetics from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, traveled to Pakistan and Afghanistan in October to do some long-term planning. They met with representatives from Afghan agencies that are trying to rebuild the country in order to determine what kinds of agricultural information they needed and what courses will be offered next.

“The climate in that part of the world is similar to that of this area, so we are in a good position to be able to train them in successful agricultural practices,” Santos said. “And the similarities of the climate, agriculture and customs of Pakistan and Afghanistan make this arrangement work.”

Plans are under way for several more short courses to be taught at the university in Pakistan as well as at a university in the recovering Afghan city of Kabul.

A joint UI-SIU team worked with USAID to upgrade and expand the North- west Frontier Province Agricultural University in Pakistan from 1984 to 1994. The team included Santos and Myers as well as other faculty members from the UI and SIU. Although Myers is now retired, he remains a senior adviser on the project.

The efforts to expand the university in Pakistan used the land-grant model. They are outreach personnel similar to UI Extension and 12 research stations, including a complete agricultural station and one doing research on sugar crops.

According to Santos, some of the participants from the Afghan short courses will apply to the university in Pakistan to enroll in degree programs. “This is important to the sustainability of our development efforts,” Santos says. “We don’t want to just keep offering short courses. We will use a variety of training approaches.”

“It’s a great humanitarian effort as well as an opportunity to share,” Santos said.

— Interview by Sharita Forrest
Assistant Editor

New skills In one short course developed with help from the UI, representatives from Afghan ministries and non-governmental agencies learn post harvest management and marketing skills.

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Marita Romine, administrative aide in the Business Office of the Foreign Languages Building, says one of her favorite things about her job has been that it provides her with the opportunity to speak Spanish, which feels “like home.” A native of Peru, Romine came to Illinois as a teenager for a three-month visit with relatives and to learn English. She wound up attending Eastern Illinois University, where she earned a bachelor’s degree in administrative office management and met her husband, Mike, with whom she recently celebrated their 26th wedding anniversary. Romine has worked in the department of Spanish, Italian and Portuguese for 16 of her 25 years at the university.

Tell me about your work.

I moved around campus the first nine years and the last 16 years I have been in Spanish, Italian and Portuguese, where I have been the assistant to the department head. We reorganized as of July 1, and now I work for Foreign Languages and have buildingwide responsibilities. I am one of three floor supervisors. A lot of my time the past few months has been spent in meetings trying to figure out who’s going to do what and how we’re going to do it. We’re still in transition. Before, I had almost all the administrative responsibilities.

One of my main duties is going to be courses and curricula since we’re going through the course renumbering, I’m doing some course scheduling too.

I see that you won an outstanding staff award. Tell me about that.

Faculty members nominated me for my overall performance and I won an LAS (College of Liberal Arts and Sciences) award in 1994. It was really nice because my mom was visiting me from Peru at the time, and she got to see it, so it was pretty special.

Aside from being able to speak Spanish at work, what do you like about your job?

I like helping people with their problems. I like the fact that they can come to me and I don’t have an answer, I know where to get it. The people here are great, and my supervisors have always been very supportive, which has really helped me grow in my job. Also, I like my office window: On Quad Day I love watching the marching band perform on the steps of Foellinger Auditorium. I have one of the best seats in the house.

What do you do in your spare time?

My sons have always kept me pretty busy. I have a 24-year-old who graduated from here last year in psychology, a 21-year-old who’s a senior in cell biology and an 11-year-old at home. We’re involved in the Boy Scouts. This fall I helped my husband coach our son’s soccer team, and I’m teaching Spanish to my son and four of his friends.

A few years ago, I got into scrapbooking. I’ve always liked to take pictures, and now I have something to do with them. I’ve done a few scrapbooks, and I have plans to do a lot more of them. I started when my oldest son was graduating from high school. A friend showed me how to take small copies of my photographs and put them together with pictures and stickers to make a nice display of his accomplishments.

I’m trying to learn golf; my husband and kids like to play. They say it’s the only sport you can improve in as you get older, and I can honestly say I’ve gotten better. The best advice I ever received is to keep my eye on the ball; it sounds logical, but it’s hard to do all the time.

Golfing makes for a nice walk – so far, I don’t need a cart and I just use one club. It’s also an excuse to travel because I’m not ready to go to Central Illinois. I might run into somebody who knows me. We went to Myrtle Beach a few years ago. I’ve been to Myrtle Beach and Miami on a cruise.

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One of our favorite things to do is to get together with friends once a month and share gourmet cooking. We’ve been doing that for several years and have some people who are a very creative. Usually we have ethnic-themed menus. Other times we’ve had themes like Titanic and murder mysteries where everybody dressed up. This summer we had a drive-in movie night and sat out under the stars watching movies from the 1950s on a screen in someone’s back yard. I like to try different food, so the group is a good way to do that, and it’s a lot of fun too.

— Interview by Sharita Forrest
Assistant Editor

On the Job Marita Romine

Mumbai, India – July 24, 2003

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https://hrnet.uihr.uillinois.edu/panda-cf/employment/index.cfm
University Primary School

Open house is Dec. 10

The Krannert Center for the Performing Arts

Krannt Center for the Performing Arts Dinner and intrigue on Dec. 8

Krannert Center Student Association will host its first Murder Mystery Dinner at 7 p.m. Dec. 8 in the Studio Theater at Krannert Center for the Performing Arts. A buffet dinner will accompany an impressive improvisational performance in which the audience will assist in solving a murder. Tickets are available at the Krannt Center ticket office. Proceeds support the outreach programs, which provides volunteer assistance at Krannert Center.

Facilities and Services

Holiday tips to protect facilities

With the holiday season nearing, Facilities and Services is asking staff members to assist in protecting university facilities against damage from inclement weather. During past holiday seasons, high winds and freezing conditions have damaged some facilities, rendering a few areas unusable for extended periods of time.

Facilities and Services offers the following tips:

1. Close and lock all windows and doors, close blinds and curtains.
2. Turn off all unnecessary laboratory services, including gas, air, vacuum and water.
3. Turn off flame hood fans that are not needed.
4. Leave all radiators valves turned on to ensure adequate heating and prevent freeze damage.

Facilities and Services personnel will check all areas Dec. 23 for obvious problems like open windows but cannot alter operations of flame hoods or lab services since they must presume use is intentional.

Rogier Ebert's Overlooked Film Festival

Passes now on sale for festival

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For more information, contact Jane Reid (jereid@uiuc.edu or 542-4972, or by e-mail at nkohn@arches.uga.edu.

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Holiday schedules and services

More information about holiday schedules and services is on the Web at www.fs.uiuc.edu.

**Holiday schedule**

The following winter holidays will be observed:
- Dec. 24: One-half gift day (p.m. only)
- Dec. 25: Christmas Day
- Dec. 26: Day after Christmas
- Jan. 1: New Year’s Day
- Jan. 19: Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- Dec. 29, 30 and 31 are workdays. Campus functions are expected to operate normally on these days; employees will be expected to work unless specifically excused.

**Building opening and heating**

Buildings will be heated and ventilated according to the schedule normally followed during vacation and holiday periods. Except for those facilities dealt with separately on the Web site, all buildings will be opened and closed as follows:
- Dec. 21: Closed
- Dec. 22-23: Open 7 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
- Dec. 24: Open 7 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
- Dec. 25-28: Closed
- Dec. 29-31: Open 7 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
- Jan. 1: Closed
- Jan. 18-21: 7 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. (MF)
- Closed Sat and Sun
- Jan. 19: Closed
- Jan. 20: Resume normal schedule

Note: The InterVarsity Christian Fellowship conference will be on campus Dec. 27-31. Approximately 30 university classroom buildings will be used before, during and after the conference. In order to accommodate the conference, special times for opening and closing of buildings may be required, including times on the dates which have been declared university all-campus holidays.

**Illini Union**

- Dec. 24: Closed at noon
- Dec. 25-31: Open 7 a.m. - midnight (limited staffing/services)
- Jan. 1: Closed
- Jan. 2-4: Open 7 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- Jan. 5: Normal hours resume (7 a.m. - midnight)

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**Garage and car pool**

- Dec. 24: Open 6:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- Dec. 25-26: Closed
- Dec. 27-28: Open 6 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- Dec. 29-31: Open 6:30 a.m. - 11:30 p.m.
- Jan. 1: Closed
- Jan. 2: Normal hours resume

**Krannert Art Museum**

- Dec. 24-26: Closed
- Dec. 27-30: Regular hours
- Dec. 31: Closed at 5 p.m.
- Jan. 1: Closed
- Jan. 2: Resume regular hours except closing at 5 p.m. Wednesdays until spring semester begins.

**Krannert Center for the Performing Arts**

- Building Schedule:
  - Dec. 22-23: 8 a.m. - 7 p.m.
  - Dec. 24: 8 a.m. - noon
  - Dec. 25-26: Closed
  - Dec. 27-30: 8 a.m. - 7 p.m.
  - Dec. 31: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
  - Jan. 1: Closed
  - Jan. 2: 8 a.m. - 7 p.m.
- Ticket Office: Closed Dec. 20-Jan. 4
- The Promenade Gift Shop Closed Dec. 21, 24-27, and Dec. 31-Jan. 4
- Intermezzo Pastry Shop and Restaurant Closed Dec. 20-27 and Dec. 31-Jan. 4
- Catering
  - No catering events at Krannert Center Dec. 22-Jan. 4.
  - Tours Last tour Dec. 12; resume Jan. 20.

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**Parking**

The Facilities and Services Parking Department will be closed at noon Dec. 24 and re-open at 7 a.m. Jan. 5. The Motorist Assist Program operated by the Division will not be available during this time. Meters and rental lots will be available for unrestricted use (except for 24-hour departmental spaces and handicapped spaces). All services and enforcement resume 7 a.m. Jan. 2.

**Payroll**

Payroll checks will be distributed as scheduled:
- Academic: Dec. 16
- Staff: Dec. 31
- Student: Dec. 31

Departments are to return all undistributed paychecks to Check Distribution in 100B Henry Administration Building by noon Dec. 31; employees may pick up at Window A by presenting their I-Cards. Check Distribution hours are weekdays, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

**Spurlock Museum**

- Dec. 24: 9 a.m. - noon
- Dec. 25-29: Closed
- Dec. 30: Noon - 5 p.m.
- Dec. 31: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- Jan. 1: Closed
- Jan. 2: Resume regular hours
Closing ERIC clearinghouse signals end of an era

By Craig Chamberlain
News Bureau Staff Writer

For 36 years, the UI has been home to the ERIC Clearinghouse on Elementary and Early Childhood Education. The clearinghouse doors will close, however, on Dec. 31 — at the same time 15 other clearinghouses will close, with the country that have been part of the federally funded ERIC (Educational Resources Information Center) system, would gradually broaden its audience of education, an internationally known computer and information technology. It uses a query through e-mail or a phone call.

"We have always been able to represent ourselves as engineers, we have the seeds of what has been great here," Katz said. "Those seeds have been nourished by the activities of the clearinghouse.

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text of computer science and engineering. Reed, a Gutgsell Distinguished Service Professor of Engineering and director of the National Center for Supercomputing Applications, was named an IEEE fellow for 2004 in honor of his contributions to shared-memory multiprocessors.

Hammack has won the 2004 IEEE/USA Award, which recognizes outstanding journalistic efforts that lead to a better public understanding of the contributions of engineers and scientists to the United States. Hammack is the oldest and largest society for professionals in computer science.

The Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers Inc. has honored Joseph Torrellas, professor of computer science, and William Hammack, professor in chemical and biomolecular engineering and curriculum coordinator for educational technology. Torrellas, a Willett scholar, was named an IEEE fellow for 2004 in honor of his contributions to shared-memory multiprocessors.

The UI Press won two design awards in the Chicago Book Clinic 2003 Book & Media Show: "Long Time, No See," by Beth Finke, designed by Paula Newcomb, won Honorable Mention; and "Poetry, Politics, Art," by Ric Hoff, one of the UI's most recent exhibits at the Krannert Art Museum. Kenneally said. "We've taken those and applied them to other projects, and we're going to go from here.

Cope Cumpston, won an Award of Excellence. "Poetry, Politics, Art" relates to the current exhibit at the Krannert Art Museum.

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**Classical ballet**

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**Note:**

- Efrem Neumann
- Kate Selen, UI. 10:15-11:30 a.m. 141 Leominster Laboratory. Saturday Physics Hours Program.
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- "The Eyes Have It: User Interfaces for Information Visualization." Ben Silverman, University of Maryland. 4 p.m. 145 Everitt Lab. Educational and Computer Engineering.
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