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Off-Campus Criminology
B.S. Degree Program

Spring 2009 marks the fourth anniversary of the gov't employee Degree Program, with classes offered at the Fresno Police Department Annex. The program began four years ago with eleven students employed by the city and county of Fresno, and enrollment has nearly doubled since then.

Because the program is self supporting and wholly administered by the Division of Continuing and Global Education at Fresno State, admission to the off campus degree program is not affected by budget driven enrollment reductions in effect for campus based degree programs due to



the current state budget crisis.

The CGE Division, the Dept. of Criminology, and support from the City and County of Fresno, have been instrumental in bringing higher education to professionals in the community. The CGE division is unique with its pro-active "we can make it happen" attitude, instead of the typical response of looking for reasons why something should not be done. This "can do" attitude is displayed by the CGE staff at all levels and the result is a viable extension degree program.

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The degree program is only open to government employees, and current students come from more than seven area government agencies. The off-campus criminology B.S. degree program is ideal for these working professionals with unpredictable work commitments and continually changing work hours. Off-campus classes also provide faculty with a unique teaching experience and it is common to hear them exclaim that they “cannot wait” to teach another class downtown.

Part of the reason the program has worked so well, is Daunette Dryden of the Division of Continuing and Global Education, who has been of great help in dealing with numerous bureaucratic challenges over the past four years.



Daunette Dryden

A new set of off-campus class for the B.S. in Criminology degree is due to begin the first week in February. More information can be viewed at:

<http://zimmer.csufresno.edu/~haralds/downtowndegreeoverview.htm>

Off-Campus M.A. Off-Campus M.A. in Criminology

The graduate program cohort just completed its first two graduate courses downtown and has already started their third graduate class on Friday, 16 January 2009. This program is similar to the off-campus B.S. program in that it is also self supporting and not subject to university budget based enrollment caps that may be in effect for students applying for or enrolling in degree programs on campus.

The current graduate cohort completes the program in July 2010. If there is sufficient interest in the off campus graduate program, another cohort may be formed for the two year program, beginning in January 2011.

FINANCIAL AID:

Currently, all students admitted to degree programs off campus who are enrolling in all of the downtown classes, are eligible for financial aid. It is important, however, to enroll and pay for all courses taken over a four/five month period so that the enrollment will reflect full time study.

NOTE TO CURRENT OFF CAMPUS STUDENTS IN B.S. PROGRAM:

Be sure to check your university status on line and verify that you are correctly listed as an “off-campus” i.e. extension student.

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ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL TRIP! ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE AND CULTURE IN BANGKOK, THAILAND

The Department of Criminology, under the direction of Dr. Ruth Masters and Dr. Barbara Owen, recently returned from another successful international trip. For many decades, the Department has conducted these trips for our students and criminal justice professionals, visiting criminal justice agencies and learning about the country's history and culture. This year, we visited Bangkok, Thailand from January 6-13 with over 20 criminal justice administrators, correctional personnel, law enforcement officers and students. In addition to touring the fascinating city of Bangkok and visiting the former capital of Ayutthaya, the trip concentrated on visits to three correctional facilities and two law enforcement agencies.



For the prison tours, we were hosted by Vitaya Suriyawong, Deputy Director General, Office of Justice Affairs, Ministry of Justice, with “on-the ground” arrangements provided by Ms. Sivakorn Kuratanavej, Director of the Justice Officials Training.

At the Klong Prem Complex on the outskirts of the city, we divided the group according to interest. One group visited the Central Women

Correctional Institution while the other group toured the men's prison, Klong Prem Central Prison.

In addition to providing a comprehensive tour, our hosts also took pictures of our visit, which will soon be available on the website of the Department of Criminology. The two groups then reconvened and enjoyed a hosted lunch of fabulous Thai delicacies. After lunch, we toured the nearby Medical Correctional Institution. As the only hospital of the Department of Corrections, sick prisoners requiring long-term treatment are transferred from all over the country to this modern health-care facility.



We were equally well-treated by our law enforcement hosts. Police Colonel Preecha Thimamontri, the Chief of Investigation Center of the Metropolitan Police Bureau (MPB) arranged a very exciting program. First we visited a city police department, the Phayatai Police Station. Our next stop was the hub of the MPB Investigative Center. Our host, Colonel Thimamontri, had arranged a vivid demonstration of a hostage rescue scenario by the Metropolitan Police Tactical Team. After this excitement died down, he then conducted a multi-media presentation of the work of his division. As an added surprise, Colonel Thimamontri invited the local FBI Attaché to

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meet our group. Our day ended with a delicious lunch generously provided by our host and further conversation. These programs depend on the hospitality and generosity of these criminal justice professionals and we are grateful to our hosts for their efforts in arranging our program.

For more information about up-coming programs, please contact the Department at the end of Spring Semester to learn what exciting country we will visit next. Students, professionals and community members are all invited to participate in our program.

The above information was submitted by Dr. B. Owen and reprinted without changes.



Global News



NEPHEW FRAUD

The rapid rise in nephew frauds in Japan has alarmed Japanese police. Japan has a growing population of old people who primarily fall prey to this scam, where criminals call an elderly person and make the senior believe they are a nephew or grand nephew and that they are in serious trouble and need some money. They play their part well and some of the seniors believe the story.

The criminals there then ask the senior to go to a bank ATM and to transfer money to a particular bank account via the ATM. The victims are given the exact transfer instructions over the cell phone while they are at the ATM. In order to reduce these incidents and to make seniors more cognizant of these

offenses, police is working together with banks to install automated systems which provide an audio message about the fraud scheme and a request to turn off the cell phone, as soon as customers approach an ATM. Banks have also erected life size cardboard images of uniformed police officers at their ATM's to bring additional attention to this form of victimization.

A real life police officer was stationed at every ATM in Japan for one day at the beginning of last November (2008) to further draw attention to the problem. In Japan this scam is typically referred to as the "ORE, ORE" (It's me, it's me) scam and variations of this are occurring around the globe.



Washington, D.C.
Jihad-Prevention Act



In response to the decision by the British government to allow Muslims there to utilize Sharia (Islamic) Law in areas of civil law, U.S. representative Tom Tancredo submitted „Anti-Sharia“ legislation which would forbid foreigners who endorse Sharia law entry into the United States. The legislation further provides that the endorsement of Sharia law by Muslims already residing in the United States would be a deportable offense. More information is accessible at the website of congressman Tancredo: http://tancredo.house.gov/PRArticle.aspx?NewsID_136

The Indonesian Parliament passed a strict anti-pornography statute last October (2008). The statute forbids any movement or conditions that may be perceived as obscene. This statute has angered the indigenous population on the island of Papua, of which half is controlled by Indonesia and the other half is part of the Republic of Papua New-Guinea. The island is the home to many primitive tribes, and many males and females would not be considered “clothed” under existing Indonesian standards. It is not unusual to see women in jungle areas with only minimal covering below the waist and none above. Men in turn can be seen not wearing anything other than a penis sheath.

There is considerable fear that violence may break out between the Papuan tribes and Indonesian police and military, if the government decides to enforce this new statute.



*Papua New-Guinea Police Officer
Photo taken by Dr. Schweizer*

Dr. Schweizer has an extensive collection of law enforcement related hats, shirt badges, hat badges, and other uniform items from agencies worldwide. One of these items will be showcased each month in this newsletter.



Shirt Badge worn by the Police in the Portuguese colony of Macao until 1999, when the colony reverted back to Chinese control.

Below a photo of the police headquarters in Macao, taken by Dr. Schweizer.



Macao experienced serious problems with organized crime and corruption during the last decade under Portuguese control. This prompted the colonial government to consider the hiring of retired Gurkha soldiers for security duties in Macao. The Gurkha are originally from Nepal, were part of elite commando units in the British military, and they have a reputation for loyalty, honesty, and extraordinary courage. Below a photo of Gurkha soldiers on parade in front of the

United Nations Command in Seoul, Korea.



Photo taken by Dr. Schweizer

Ghurkas also have their own unit within the Singapore Police Department.



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Terrorist groups, just like their non-terrorist counterparts, have their own logos or symbols. The Anti-Defamation League has an International Terrorist Symbol Database where you can look some of them up: <http://www.adl.org/terrorism/symbols/DEFAULT.ASP>

There is also a great explanation about what various elements of the symbol mean or signify.

**INDIA CONTINUES TO BE IN THE
GUNSIGHT OF TERRORISTS FROM
PAKISTAN**

While the recent massacre in Mumbai is no longer part of the headlines in the West, India continues to be a target of Muslim terrorists actively seeking to replicate what occurred in Mumbai last November.

On 25 January 2009, two terrorists identified as coming from Pakistan, were attempting to reach the capital of India to strike on India's 60th Republic Day (26 January), when they were intercepted and killed in an exchange of gunfire with the Uttar Pradesh ATS anti-terror unit.

The two men, identified as Farooq and Abu Ismail, were found to be in possession of two AK-47 rifles, 1 Kilogram of RDX (high explosive), five detonators, three fuses and fake identification.

As an interesting side-note to the Mumbai attack on 26 November 2008, Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh asked the Pakistani government to take action against "Lashkar-e-Taiba" (Army of the Pious), the group responsible for the attacks. Pakistan, of course, outlawed the group in 2002, but this is meaningless.

A French journalist recently traveled to Lahore, Pakistan in an attempt to find and interview LeT members. When asking residents where to find them, they informed him that the group is not called that anymore. Now it is called Jamaat-ud-Dawa, and therefore "no longer outlawed."



Think someone you are looking for is or has been in federal prison? Check it out at: <http://www.bop.gov/iloc2/LocateInmate.jsp>