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The Global Minute



CRIMINOLOGY DEPARTMENT NEWS

Dr. Ruth Masters has been selected as the new chairperson for the department of Criminology. Dr. R. Thomas Dull, the interim chair, will return to his duties as the coordinator of the graduate program and the criminology honors program.



Dr. Ruth Masters  
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Dr. Masters has been with the department since 1970, and her expertise is in the area of criminal justice counseling. She has published a textbook on counseling criminal offenders, and also acquired practical experience by providing counseling to both adults and juveniles in the CJ system, along with having been a parole agent for the California Department of Corrections and the California Youth Authority. Criminology Dept. news continued on page 2.

Swedish Cartoonist threatened with Death



Abu Omar al-Baghdadi, leader of the so-called Islamic State in Iraq, has announced a reward for the murder of Swedish cartoonist Lars Vilks over his drawing depicting the prophet's head on the body of a dog. Al-Baghdadi offered \$100,000 for his murder and \$150,000 if Vilks is slaughtered like a lamb. The Swedish newspaper *Nerikes Allehanda* had published the drawing to defend the right to freedom of speech.

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### Spotlight Japan



*Part III of a series of articles on Criminal Justice Issues in Japan.*

Japanese Police are first assigned to a Koban after graduation from the police academy. These neighborhood police posts are the backbone of policing in Japan, and typically serve 8,000-15,000 residents. Another type of police post is the Chuzaisho, which combines a police office with the officer's residence. All Chuzaisho officers are married and many have children. With only one officer responsible for a community, the spouses also assist in the functioning of the police post. Below is such a Chuzaisho on Iō Island in Nagasaki Prefecture.



Chuzaisho officers are integrated into the community and participate in all community activities. Dr. Schweizer interviewed the officer in the above police post and found that the 40 year old officer loved his assignment and thrived on the daily interaction with community members.

**Circumventing gambling laws in Japan**  
Betting or playing games of chance to win money is against Japanese law. At the same time, any visitor to Japan will see Pachinko parlors in nearly every prefecture and every city. Pachinko is a game involving steel balls in something that looks like an upright pin ball

machine. Pachinko parlors are frequent by heavy smokers and the noise level from the machines is deafening.



Players can win points that can be changed into goods such as cigarettes, candy, electronic items, etc., in the Pachinko parlor.



*To be continued in the October newsletter...*

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