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Bethlehem Officer Grateful for IUP Crim Education

Even after training in the police academy and a tour of duty with the National Guard in Iraq, Wade Haubert, Jr., still attributes much of his success as Crime Prevention Officer with the City of Bethlehem, Pa., to his classroom lessons as an IUP Criminology major.

“My IUP education definitely prepared me particularly for the job I have now,” said the 1996 alumnus. “Having a background in Criminology required me to open my mind up to what relates to different crimes and what the causes are.

“I have to apply what I learned at IUP for the educational programs I conduct now,” Haubert continued. “One of the important things Criminology students need to know is to vary your caseload, broaden your background, because that will make it easier for you to relate to things later. A Criminology degree trains you to think critically, gives you a lot better understanding of why people are doing what they’re doing.

“Without my IUP education, it would have been harder to look at the societal causes of crime and the victimization that occurs,”

he said. “Courses like Etiology of Delinquent Behavior gave me the ability to go on patrol and understand the larger factors at work on the street.”

Hired by Bethlehem Police in 1998, Haubert spent his first five years there as a patrolman covering the South Side of Bethlehem. After spending a year with the National Guard in Iraq, he returned to Bethlehem in July 2004 and was named the city of Bethlehem Crime Prevention Officer.

His main responsibilities include public education efforts among different community groups, organizing block watches, and presenting material on crime prevention, occasionally with the help of different experts.

“During the school year, I make presentations at the request of groups like Boy Scouts and PTAs,” he said. “In the summer it goes into high gear. We become more proactive, telling the community what’s available to them, and promoting the Crime Prevention website. For example, we tell people that Bethlehem gets 5,000 false alarms a year. A lot of it comes from a lack of awareness, and people don’t realize the drain this

presents to the city’s resources.”

The Bethlehem force of 146 officers, ninth largest in the state, has had a Crime Prevention Officer for over 15 years.

“I’ve always wanted to be in law enforcement,” said Haubert. “I liked my Criminology major at IUP, and was looking at federal law enforcement back then. But you realize during your senior year that it’s difficult to get into those agencies, you need to specialize. I love doing this job in Bethlehem and can’t imagine doing anything else right now.”

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Memorial

Ryan Kovacicek

The Department of Criminology offers condolences to the family and friends of Marine Lance Cpl. Ryan Kovacicek, who was killed on July 9 in western Iraq. Ryan was a sophomore criminology major at IUP.

The University will hold a memorial service for Ryan in the fall semester.



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Spinelli Criminology Scholarship Into Fourth Decade



Jennifer Boyer, 2005 Recipient along with Dr. Dennis Giever and Mrs. Ruth Spinelli

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Established in 1974 to honor the memory of IUP graduate Greg Spinelli, an FBI agent killed on duty the year before, the Spinelli scholarship has awarded prizes to Criminology students for three

decades.

"Greg was so inspired by the FBI," said Ruth Spinelli, Greg's mother, who lives in the Indiana area. "When he was in college, he studied to be a dentist. During his last year at IUP, he began talking with people in different fields and began to think he might be interested in the FBI. They had laboratories where he could work.

"He made an appointment with them and was accepted," Mrs. Spinelli continued. "Greg worked in the lab at first, then became so involved that he became an agent. He liked the work very much. His older brother George was

a teacher at the time, and Greg kept telling him he'd like the FBI, too. When Greg was killed, George met a lot of his friends and eventually became an FBI agent, and is now retired."

In the years since the Spinelli scholarship was instituted, numerous Criminology majors have benefited from the assistance in pursuing their studies.

"I hear from one recipient every year, who always lets me know what his family is doing," said Mrs. Spinelli. "Joseph Morash, who was a 1977 scholarship winner, has kept in touch all this time."

LIST OF SPINELLI AWARD RECIPIENTS

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| Leonard A. Mihalick 1974 | Kathleen M. Haefner 1985 | Ryan L. Maher 1997 |
| Wendy L. Rockwell 1975 | Sharon L. Rueppel 1986 | Paula A. Rayman 1998 |
| Ava N. Bower 1976 | Margaret M. Jagella 1987 | Corey S. Holsinger 1999 |
| Joseph Morrash 1977 | Sandra R. Mickle 1988 | Nicholas Zanin 2000 |
| Joyce A. Hanley 1978 | Jason R. Wolfgang 1988 | Melissa K. Reimer 2001 |
| Edward C. Rammrath 1979 | Marci Creel 1990 | Joshua D. Mehall 2002 |
| Gerald K. Markle 1980 | Cassie Schaefer 1991 | Helen S. Shaffer 2003 |
| Gary A. Khalil 1981 | David Lusk, Jr. 1992 | Aaryn K. Hogue 2003 |
| Mary E. Hatheway 1982 | Julie Hazelton 1993 | Erin Stewart 2004 |
| David L. Thomas 1983 | Debra Huff 1994 | Jennifer Boyer 2005 |
| Karen L. Meyers 1984 | Sharon Gina Levrant 1996 | |

Faculty Retirements

On June 1, 2005 the Department hosted a retirement reception to honor Dr. Nanci Koser Wilson and Dr. Sherwood (Chris) Zimmerman. Dr. Wilson had been a member of the Department since 1989; and Dr. Zimmerman had joined the Department in 1986. The faculty, students, and alumni wish them the best.



Joshua Mehall, 2002 Recipient with Mrs. Ruth Spinelli



IUP Criminal Justice Training Center Leads the State

Indiana, and IUP in particular, host the largest, most comprehensive police training academy in Pennsylvania—the Criminal Justice Training Center, which provides basic police training curriculum to people requiring state certification under Act 120, the Municipal Police Officer's Education and Training Act, which governs all municipal officers in Pennsylvania.

"The IUP Criminal Justice Training center is the delivery arm of Act 120 training," explained Roger White, director of the center. "At our full time academy at IUP, students go through a program that's 750 hours in length over a period of 20 weeks, Monday through Friday."

"The IUP site is the largest Act 120 provider full time site in Pennsylvania," he said. "We train more people here than our other academies combined." Eight part-time academy sites are situated around the state in Butler, Punxsutawney, Shippensburg, Bradford, Lock Haven, California, New Castle, and Pittsburgh. Each covers the same basic curriculum, but the part-time sessions are held two nights a week and all day Saturday over an 11 month term.

Four permanent staff members based at IUP are supported by contracted help from approximately 100 state-certified instructors to

run the academy, as well as to conduct Act 180 mandatory in-service training for Pennsylvania Municipal Officers.

"We provide over 50, two day, in-service training sessions to between 2,500 and 2,700 officers at various locations throughout central and western Pennsylvania each year," White said.

The Criminal Justice Training Center is located on the IUP campus. The Center is housed under the Criminology Department of IUP, and both are a part of the College of Health and Human Services." When the Department of Criminology transferred to the College of Health and Human Services in 2004, the Criminal Justice Training Center became a part of the Department. "We conduct two full time academies a year from January to May and from July to November at IUP."

"Our participants are not necessarily IUP undergraduate students," White said. "Most enrolled in the full time academy are otherwise employed and training for a career in law enforcement." Students who complete the academy are eligible for continuing education units, are certified as First Responders in Pennsylvania, and have completed the required coursework for police certification by the state.

The Criminal Justice Training Center provides a

very stringent and demanding program for its attendees, with approximately 80 percent of the work completed in the classroom. Classes include criminal law, civil law, criminal procedure, search and seizure, vehicle code enforcement, defensive tactics, CPR/First Aid/ AED certification, and emotional readiness. Outside the classroom, students take basic fitness training, patrol vehicle operation training on the driving range, and firearms training.

"We have the largest patrol vehicle operator training program in the state," said White. "Basic and advanced levels of in-depth accident investigation are also available to students and municipal police officers"

"Getting accepted into the academy requires more than filling out an application," he said.

"Applicants must meet the minimum physical requirements to be accepted into the academy, which include a timed 1 ½ mile and 300 meter runs, performing one bench press based on a percentage of the individual's body weight, and doing a required number of sit-ups based upon one's age."



From left; Fred Kline, Dr. Dennis Giever, and Roger White

Qualifying is difficult, and it gets tougher from there—physically and mentally, he admitted.

"This is a tough course. We generally lose a few students due to academics and/or physical requirements. The standards are very high. Students are required to take and pass 22 written examinations and complete 5 practical evaluations during the training. One failure is permitted. The student must retake the failed section of training and pass the exam. A second failure at any time during the academy requires dismissal with no credit for any work completed. The student can start again from scratch."

Dr. Tammy Castle, Dr. Michael Arter, and Dr. Kareem Jordan were awarded the Doctor of Philosophy in Criminology at the May 2005 Graduation. Dr. Troy Gilbertson was missing from the photo.



With approximately 1,100 undergraduate, master's and doctoral students and sixteen full time faculty, the Criminology Department is the largest academic department in the College of Health and Human Services. Under the leadership of Dean Carleen Zoni, the Department has continued its commitment to academic excellence and expanded its role on campus. In the Fall of 2003, the Department successfully implemented a curriculum revision of the undergraduate program. Students have the opportunity to take courses in areas ranging from criminological theory to cyber crime and security.

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