

Announcements

General Social Survey Student Paper Competition

The National Opinion Research Center (NORC) at the University of Chicago announces the first annual General Social Survey (GSS) Student Paper Competition. To be eligible papers must: 1) be based on data from the 1972–1993 GSSs or from the GSS's cross-national component, the International Social Survey Program (any year or combination of years may be used), 2) represent original and unpublished work, and 3) be written by a student or students at an accredited college or university. Both undergraduates and graduate students may enter and college graduates are eligible for one year after receiving their degree.

The papers will be judged on the basis of their: a) contribution to expanding understanding of contemporary American society, b) development and testing of social science models and theories, c) statistical and methodological sophistication, and d) clarity of writing and organization. Papers should be less than 40 pages in length (including tables, references, appendices, etc.) and should be double spaced.

Papers will be judged by the principal investigators of the GSS (James A. Davis and Tom W. Smith) with assistance from a group of leading scholars. The winner will receive a cash prize of \$250 and a commemorative plaque. In addition, winning papers will be eligible for publication in the GSS Student Report Series. Honorable mentions may also be awarded by the judges.

Two copies of each paper must be received by February 15, 1995. The winner will be announced in April, 1995. Send entries to: Tom W. Smith, General Social Survey, National Opinion Research Center, 1155 East 60th St., Chicago, IL 60637; Phone: (312) 753-7877; Fax: (312) 753-7886; or e-mail nnrtws1@uchimvs1.

National Military Intelligence Association

The National Military Intelligence Association (NMIA) has an Academic Assistance program to aid graduate students who are doing either a doctoral

dissertation or master's thesis in the area of intelligence. If a student is working on such a topic, he can contact the NMIA and get a list of retired and active intelligence officers willing to be interviewed concerning this subject. Students receiving help are encouraged to develop an article based on their work and to send it to NMIA's publication, the *American Intelligence Journal*. Those interested can contact Kenneth J. Campbell, 3701 S. George Mason Dr., Apt. 103 North, Falls Church, VA 22041; Phone: (703) 578-4476, who serves as the point of contact for this program.

America's Defense Monitor: Bring Issues to Life in the Classroom

America's Defense Monitor is a 30-minute program which provides an in-depth look at our nation's military and security-related policies. Episodes can be used to supplement regular classroom material or to introduce new topics. By bringing topics to life through the medium of video, this award winning series can help arouse student interest in crucial issues.

Topics range from the social costs of wasteful military spending to nuclear proliferation, the arms trade, and the impact of the military on society, the media and the environment. Each program features interviews with important policy makers.

America's Defense Monitor is produced by the Center for Defense Information, a research organization analyzing military-related issues. The program is broadcast nationwide on the Public Broadcasting Network.

For more information and a free catalogue, contact: Center for Defense Information, 1500 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005; or call 1-800-CDI-3334; Fax (202) 862-0708; e-mail: cdi@igc.apc.org.

Report on Historical Diplomatic Documentation

The State Department Advisory Committee on Historical Diplomatic Documentation has published its report

which summarizes the committee's work over the past 18 months and provides an assessment of the current status of the *Foreign Relations of the United States* (FRUS) series and the State Department's program for making its historical record available to the public. The report highlights the growing problem of gaining access to the historical record due to the declassification policies of such agencies as the State Department and Central Intelligence Agency.

Those interested in obtaining a copy of the committee's report may write to William Z. Slany, Historian, Office of the Historian, Bureau of Public Affairs, United States Department of State, Washington, DC 20520.

New Master's Program

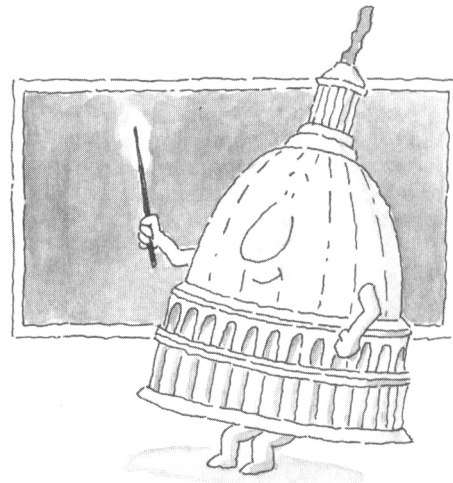
The University of Sydney offers a unique one-year master's degree in International Studies. The program concentrates on the politics, political economy and international relations of the Asia-Pacific region. It provides those with a background in these subjects the scope to gain further qualifications (including a path to a PhD). For those interested in acquiring a general understanding at postgraduate level, the program offers an opportunity to develop a basic grounding in these areas. Entry is at three distinct levels: the Diploma (by coursework only), Master's Pass (by coursework and a 25,000 word thesis) and Master's Honours (by coursework and a 50,000 word thesis). The program also allows students to conduct their coursework and research at a combination of three locations: Australia (The University of Sydney), Malaysia (International College, Penang) and Indonesia (Universitas Satya Wacana, Salatiga). Teaching and supervision are carried out by University of Sydney staff or, in some cases, by specialists appointed by the University. Applications are accepted for February and July entry. In addition to formal entry into the program, the University encourages students already enrolled in Master's programs elsewhere to apply to study at the International College, Penang. Part of their coursework or supervised research (especially in Southeast Asian Politics/Political Econ-

omy) can be completed at the College and accredited to their existing programs. Enquiries should be directed to The Program Director, Master of International Studies, International College, Bukit Jambul, Penang, 11900 Malaysia. Fax: (60-4) 840 156.

New E-Mail Discussion Group

COCTA-L is an internet discussion list for people interested in the philosophy of the social/human sciences and with basic conceptual and methodological issues in the social/human sciences. To subscribe, send a message stating <subscribe cocta-l> followed by a space and your name to <listserv@nosferatu.cas.usf.edu>. Postings to the list should be made to <cocta-l@nosferatu.cas.usf.edu>

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