

Prof investigates jail life from inside

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Ben Crouch, associate professor of Sociology at Texas A&M University, is into prisons — literally and figuratively.

Crouch might be better described as the campus criminologist and justice department all rolled into one.

Since coming to Texas A&M seven years ago, Crouch is the only professor specializing in criminology here.

When he came to Texas A&M, only one course concerning criminology was being taught. Three others have been added as results of his efforts, Crouch said.

Crouch teaches all four courses. The courses concern juvenile delinquency, criminology, deviant behavior and corrections.

Crouch said all four courses are very popular among students. He

said since the criminology course was begun, over 100 students have taken the course each semester. He added that the course is open to students of any major.

Crouch said some students say the courses are about "Nuts and sluts and pervers."

While teaching is one of his prime concerns, Crouch said he also enjoys doing research.

He said "I don't believe teaching and research have to be enemies." Crouch said teaching aids in his research because it gives him the opportunity to compile and consider his results.

Crouch said he likes studying the personnel of the criminal justice system and is primarily interested in prison guards.

Crouch said his latest research project was done near Huntsville at the Ferguson unit of the Texas De-

partment of Corrections. For the project, Crouch donned a guard's uniform and worked as a prison guard for about five weeks.

During that time, Crouch said, only the warden and Personnel Director knew who I was."

Crouch said that his captain asked "if I had ever had any Sociology or Psychology or any of that crap." Crouch said the captain added that, "I was gonna find out what it was really like inside."

During the five weeks, Crouch said he did such jobs as opening and closing cell doors, counting inmates and listening to their requests.

"It was an overwhelming experience," Crouch said.

"I didn't walk a mile in their (the inmates) shoes, I walked a yard or two," Crouch said.

He said he would like to do the same thing again except in another prison.

Crouch said last summer he toured prisons in Louisiana, Arkansas, Oklahoma and Mississippi. At a prison in Mississippi, Crouch visited the Maximum Security Unit commonly known as death row.

After the tour, Crouch said he wrote a paper comparing prisons in the four states.

Crouch is presently seeking funds for a research project to study the occupational socialization of prison guards.

Crouch said he will use both observations and statistics in the study.

Crouch is also writing a book which he hopes will be published by the end of the year, titled "The

Keepers, Prison Guards and Contemporary Corrections."

The book is about guards and is told from the guards' point of view, Crouch said.

He doesn't expect the book to sell well because even though "the guard has the greatest impact on prisoners, they have long been the forgotten man," he said.

Most research is done on subjects involving prisoners, he said.

Crouch said all of his research is "my effort to expand what I know about prisons."

Crouch said he does research rather than just teach because he thinks it is necessary in order to be able to write things which can be applied.

Returning from overseas

Re-entry shocks executives

United Press International
NEW YORK — An American executive who is sent overseas often experiences "culture shock," but when the assignment runs out the executive is hit with "re-entry shock" that is just as severe, says Jim Gallagher, chairman of Career Management Associates, Inc.

Gallagher's firm does outplacement work, which includes finding new jobs for executives and professionals whose overseas jobs have run out for various reasons — including replacement by a citizen of the country where the executive worked. The companies who are dispensing with these peoples' services pay for finding the new jobs.

Re-entry shock is not a new story but inflation has aggravated the problem enormously, said Gallagher.

"Perhaps the executive, whose home sold for \$40,000 when he or

she was sent overseas, now finds a similar house now costs \$100,000."

Even if the executive lands a job with a base salary 20 to 30 percent higher than that received overseas, it may seem a come-down because of the loss of perquisites and cost-of-living allowances that were enjoyed abroad.

The re-entry shock is currently so severe — and it is by no means all financial — that around 10 percent of returning Americans cannot adjust to conditions at home and insist on being out-placed in a new foreign assignment.

However, there are two sides to the story.

In the past two years, the Internal Revenue Service has been taxing Americans overseas so heavily on perquisites and cost of living on allowances that many felt they were forced to come home. Congress now has passed a bill to restore tax allowances to the 1975 level and Gallagher said because of this U.S. firms may send and keep more Americans abroad.

He said the re-entry shock is currently so severe — and it is by no means all financial — that around 10 percent of returning Americans cannot adjust to conditions at home and insist on being out-placed in a new foreign assignment.

"Psychological adjustment is an equally important factor," he said. "Executive and middle-management employees working abroad often become 'over qualified'

in the view of the home office for U.S. positions of similar rank."

"This can be particularly severe if the executive has been working in underdeveloped countries, where he has had broader responsibilities and is used to dealing with people on high levels," Gallagher said.

And there are other reasons why re-entry into the home office may be difficult or impossible. Many overseas management people never have worked in the home office and are totally unfamiliar with its climate.

Sometimes, there simply is no job on the home corporation comparable to what the executive or professional has been doing abroad. One example of this situation is when a foreign operation is phased out. Often the overseas employee took the job knowing it had a limited time span that would not necessarily lead to another post with the company.

Gallagher said though, that virtually all Americans who have worked with any success abroad do get relocated either in the United States or in another country.

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"They have to adjust to what is available and they do, no matter if it is somewhat painful," he said.



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MSC ARTS SHOW: Lea and Terrence, featuring middle Eastern dance, mime, magic and more. Tickets can be purchased at the MSC Box Office at \$1.50 for students and \$2 for non-students. The show will be at 8 p.m. in the MSC Ballroom, Room 201.

MARKETING SOCIETY: "The Aggeland" pictures will be taken 7:30 p.m. in Zachry. Suits and dresses are required.

BRAZOS COUNTY A&M CLUB: Dr. J.M. Prescott, vice president for academic affairs at TAMU, will speak on current academic programs and future plans. Activities include a 6:30 p.m. social and a p.m. buffet at the Texas A&M Quonset Hut. Admission is \$5 per person.

BAKE SALE: OPA pledges will be selling cereal, cookies and brownies from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Corps Quad and Academic Building today and tomorrow.

TAMU ROADRUNNERS: Will meet at 6 p.m. in G. Rollie Williams Coliseum.

RUSSIAN FLU VOLUNTEERS: Volunteers are needed for a vaccine study aimed at preventing Russian influenza. Participants must be 18-25 years old and in good health and may earn approximately \$100 for the study. There will be an informational meeting at 1 p.m. in Room 118, Heldenfelds Hall, for those who are interested. Information may also be obtained from John Quarles at 845-1313.

GRANTS FOR SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH: Mark Barnes, a Texas archaeologist with the Grants-In-Aid Program of the U.S. Department of Interior's Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service, will speak on various federal assistance programs that can be helpful in archaeological research as it relates to cultural resource management. He will also present slides of several archaeological projects. Barnes will speak at 2 p.m. in Room 226, Rudder Tower.

BUBBLE-CUM BLOWING CONTEST: There will be a bubble gum blowing contest at noon by the Rudder Tower Fountain for the first 25 people to enter. First, second and third place prizes will be awarded. Contest rules are available at the Off-Campus Center.

GOLF: The women's team will play in the Tulsa Tournament at Tulsa, Okla., today through Saturday and the men's team will play the Bill Bass Intercollegiate in Brownsville today through Saturday.

AGGIE CINEMA: "Seven Samurai," a movie about skilled fighters who are recruited to free a farming village from a bandit army, will be shown at 8 p.m. in Rudder Theater.

Thursday

ROOMMATE SESSION: There will be a roommate session 3-5 p.m. in Room 137A, MSC, for women and in Room 137 for men. Students may also stop by the Off-Campus Center now if they need roommates for the spring semester.

CLASS OF '80: Will have a meeting in 340, MSC at 7:15 p.m.

CAMPUS CRUSADE FOR CHRIST: There will be a College Crusade meeting with Paul Carter will speak on "The Good Ag" at 7 p.m. in Room 145, MSC.

BAHA'I CLUB: Welcomes everyone to their public meeting "New Teachings For a New Age," at 7:30 p.m. in Room 407, Rudder Tower.

CHOIR CONCERT: Combined Bryan High School and elementary choirs will hold their annual fall concert at 7:30 p.m. in Room 144, Bryan High School. Tickets may be purchased for 50 cents at the school or from choir members.

RUSSIAN CLUB: Plans for a Thanksgiving dinner and party will be discussed in Room 305AB, Rudder Tower. New members are invited to attend.

WATER SKI CLUB: Will have a meeting and show films at 7 p.m. in Room 510, Rudder Tower.

VOLLEYBALL: The women's team will host Sam Houston State at 7 p.m.

GYMNASTICS: The women's gymnastics team will host Southeastern Texas at 7 p.m.

CEPHEID VARIABLE: "Doc Savage," starring Ron Ely as the Man of Bronze in this saga of the famous 1930's superhero, will be shown at 8 and 10:30 p.m. in Rudder Theater. Doc and his five aides journey to the South American republic of Hidalgo to investigate the mysterious death of Doc's father.

Friday

"EAT THE HELL OUT OF RICE CONTEST": The fifth annual "Eat the Hell Out of Rice Contest" will be held at noon at Rudder Fountain and is open to all. Those interested in participating should register at the secretaries desk in Room 206, MSC. Prizes include two reserved seats at the upcoming "Bread" concert sponsored by the Town Hall. Second and Third Place prizes will also be awarded.

MAID OF COTTON APPLICANTS: Applications for Maid of Cotton may be picked up in the Student Activities Office, Room 226, MSC, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. To be eligible, a candidate must never have been married, be between the ages of 19 and 23, be a cotton-producing state or moved to one prior to age 7, and be at least 5 feet, 5 inches tall. Applications must be postmarked no later than midnight, November 12 and be accompanied by three glossy photographs.

AGGIE CINEMA: "Julia," the true life story of Lillian Hellman, American playwright, and her friend Jane Fonda, starring Jane Fonda, Fessika Redgrave and Jason Robards, will be shown at 8 p.m. in Rudder Theater. The film is set in the 1920's and 30's against a backdrop of wealth and Nazi brutality.