

# Making connections at the FBI

By Marge Proell

## Former FBI academic dean helps SCSU students secure criminal profiling internships

Every semester students from across the country compete for just 8-10 openings in the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Academy's internship program.

But due to the strength of its criminal justice program, and the credentials of professor John Campbell, SCSU has been winning more than its share of the valuable FBI Academy slots.

Campbell, former Academic Dean of the FBI Academy, came to SCSU with 28 years of experience with the FBI. While at the Bureau, he managed the Behavioral Science Unit and developed the Bureau-wide distance learning and video-conferencing program which SCSU has been able to access.

Campbell helps students with the application process, but he is quick to note that the reason so many SCSU students win these prized internships is because of the caliber of the SCSU program and

the hard work of the students.

"It's a very competitive selection process," said Campbell. "Our students work very hard for these positions."

Chosen students work in the FBI's Behavioral Science Unit and the National Center for Analysis of Violent Crime, agencies known for their criminal profiling work.

Shawn Thompson, SCSU senior, interned at the FBI Academy last spring. He worked on the problem of homicide of elderly women.

In the fall, graduate student Alissa Clark worked on crime analysis, gathering data on a bank robber who was then featured on America's Most Wanted.

Also at the FBI Academy during fall semester was intern Jeff Ehrich. The SCSU senior, who worked in the Behavioral Science Unit, completed his senior thesis on his work at the FBI Academy.

This spring SCSU graduate student Cassie Polai, who now works in security at the Twin Cities Metropolitan Airport, will be at the FBI Academy working on her master's degree.

"We're very proud of the young people we have in the crim-

inal justice program," said Campbell. "They have a terrific work ethic, and, along with the quality coursework they complete across SCSU, they're well prepared for criminal justice careers."

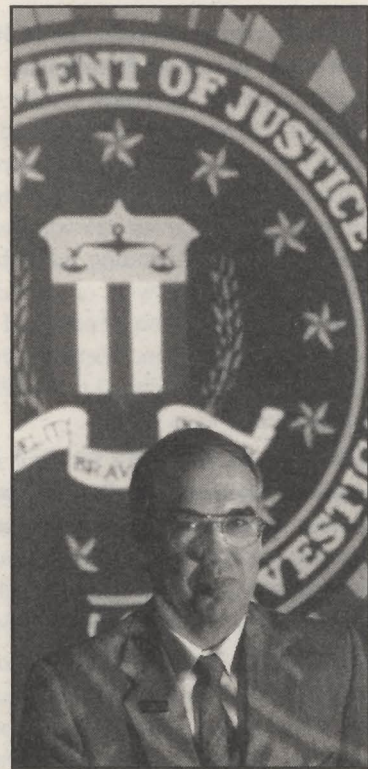
## Up close with the experts

In addition to these FBI experiences, Campbell knows it's important to bring a variety of speakers into the classroom so students can consider many options.

"We want students to see that there are great career possibilities out there," Campbell said.

These professionals include:

- Retired St. Paul Police Department Deputy Chief James Griffin, the first black sergeant, captain and deputy in the department's history
- The chief public defender of the Northeast District of Minnesota, who recently was engaged in a battle with the trial judge over his handling of the Donald Blom case
- An SCSU graduate student who survived extensive physical, emotional and psychological child abuse
- Attorney General Hubert H. "Skip" Humphrey



**John Campbell, SCSU criminal justice professor, spent 28 years with the Federal Bureau of Investigation. He is now helping SCSU students earn prized internships at the Bureau.**

- Tony Bouza, then Chief of the Minneapolis Police Dept.

As SCSU graduates become established in their careers, Campbell hopes to have them back as speakers as well.