News organizations are grappling with the twin goals of having correspondents close to the action and having them come back alive. Many insist that their reporters and camera crews are one of their few obstacles to unfettered power. Another is that repressive governments, from the smallest town to national capitals, know that an independent press is targeted rather than being treated as neutral non-combatants. The nature of armed conflicts since the year 2001—an average of one every 10 days—has sharpened all this. For all that, the U.S. news media has done a mediocre job of explaining the world. The attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon highlighted how little U.S. citizens knew about embittered Muslim populations (those "why-do-they-hate-us" headlines were evidence of that). We didn’t know why they hate us, in part, because U.S. news organizations pulled back from foreign coverage with the end of the Cold War. Daniel Pearl’s colleagues say that he didn’t fit either stereotype. He was driven to write about the kinds of stories that might have explained to U.S. readers why “they” hate us. He was drawn to the thrill of battle. Ian Stewart, a Knight Fellow this year, puts it this way: “So many people are drawn to the thrill of battle. Ian Stewart, a Knight Fellow this year, puts it this way: “So many people are drawn to the thrill of battle. But Pearl did not fit this stereotype. He was known as a reporter’s reporter. Ian Stewart might have been described as a “junkie or hardened investigative reporter. No, Pearl had a taste for the rush of adrenaline that comes in life-threaten- ing situations. In the years to come, that taste would become unbearable, until it nearly killed him.” Stewart himself was shot in a head in an ambush in Sierra Leone in January 2002. He is still recovering from the wound.

Yet another concern journalists should allow themselves to stop them from investigating corrupt institutions—but sometimes the price is high. Sometimes it’s the govern- ment that strikes back, sometimes it is a guerrilla or guerrilla forces. Alfredo Molano, a senior research fellow of the Knight Fellowship program, said that the Colombian guerrilla forces kidnapped him for life. pearl was shot in the head in an ambush in Sierra Leone in January 2002. He is still recovering from the wound.

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“Planning is now under way to provide the blueprint for a Social Sciences Center at Stanford as a hub for social science scholars to pursue their work in a collaborative, interdisciplinary environment.”

In this newsletter we highlight some of the new accomplishments of our social science faculty and departments. We look forward to hearing from all of you for future issues of the newsletter. We plan to use it as a way of communicating broadly the achievements, needs and goals of all the social science departments and programs on the campus.

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Akeakoom: Program co-director Ian Morris (professor of classics and history) is one of two Stanford recipients of this year’s Guggenheim Memorial Foundation Fellowships. He was also awarded a research fellowship from the National Endowment for the Humanities. Morris will study democracy and ethnic conflict in the Americas.

Comparative Studies in Race and Ethnicity. Center director Al Camarillo (professor of history) was appointed the Mexican and Peter Haas Centennial endowed chairholder Morris Fiorina, professor of political science.

Economics. Douglas Bernheim, recipient of a 2001 Guggenheim Memorial Foundation Fellowship, has been on sabatical at Stanford’s Center for Advanced Studies in the Behavioral Sciences conducting research on a theory of legislative policy making and how legislatures select from among different economic programs. Timothy Bresnahan was appointed the Landau Professor in Technology and Economics. Stewart Myers professor (continues pg. 4)

International Relations/International Policy Studies. Program director Norman Naimark’s book, "Fires of Hatred: Ethnic Cleansing in Twentieth-Century Europe," was named fourth best in the 2001 Sharon Stephens Book Prize competition held by the American Historical Association. Last year, the Society for Cinema Studies named him best book of the year. Stacey Monzo is a 2002 faculty recipient of the Stanford Asian American Program, which is based by the advisory board of the Stanford Asian American Center. Renato Rodill has been appointed the Nina C. Crocker Faculty in Urban Anthropology at Stanford University Libraries in areas of special interest to the recipient. James PALTER was named the first Distinguished Fellow in the Ceramics and Society Program. Morris Fiorina was appointed the Nina C. Crocker Faculty in Urban Anthropology at Stanford University Libraries in areas of special interest to the recipient. James PALTER was named the first Distinguished Fellow in the Ceramics and Society Program.

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