

# Calling

were to read *Portrait of a Killer: Jack the Ripper Case Closed*, in which author Patricia Cornwell provides substantial evidence that Jack the Ripper was a disturbed artist by the name of Walter Sickert. However, many theories have been written giving equally adequate evidence on other members of society at the time. The most popular theory of Jack the Ripper was the queen's surgeon, because everyone loved a good scandal in the royal family.

Surprisingly, Whitechapel is not publicized as the killing grounds of Jack the Ripper. The people of the area like to think of their home as normal.

"I can't believe Whitechapel doesn't commercialize on the Jack the Ripper murders," said Michelle Wolfgang, 25, criminal justice.

Sitting in a prison cell, visiting the room where rape kits are used and experiencing the thick atmosphere of sound proof walls of interrogation rooms is definitely an experience. The students did this at the Bulvaria Police Department and also received a personalized tour of the control center where all of the emergency calls come in. During the visit, a frantic call came in about a lost child.

Highlights of the police department tour included taking pictures inside the prison cells to scare their poor parents and checking out the BMW police cars.

The trip to the police department was not all fun and games. The students received a lecture about privacy, surveillance and terrorism and England's laws regarding these issues, which proved to be very

similar to the U.S. A hot topic for them is CCTV, where everyone entering certain public facilities such as a mall gets a face scan for security purposes. The issue is whether or not this violates human rights.

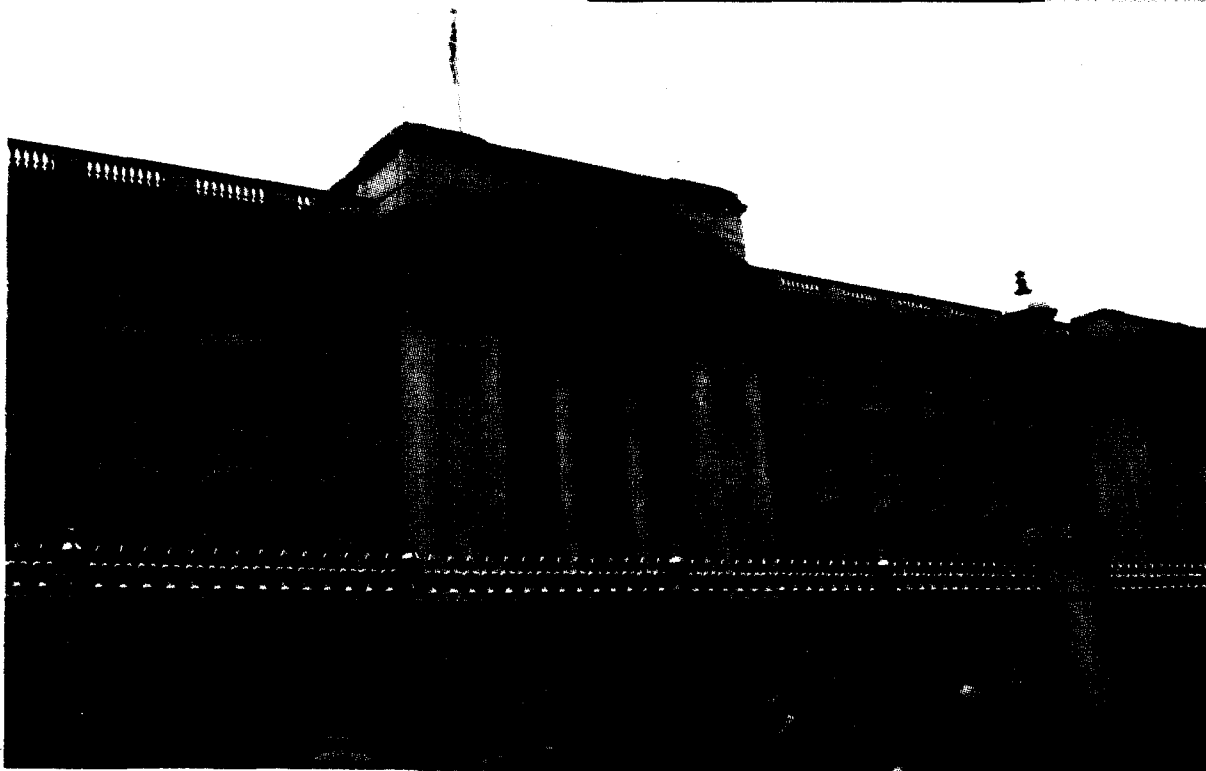
During their free time, the students enjoyed visiting London's best museums, experiencing London theater, sightseeing, pub hopping and shopping.

The National Gallery, which sits on the beautiful Trafalgar Square, consists of priceless works of Da Vinci, Michelangelo, Monet, Renoir, Degas and many other artists. The British Museum displayed the Rosetta Stone in their intriguing Egyptian exhibition.

Unfortunately, when the group visited Buckingham Palace, the queen was not home.

Known as the world's most famous clock, Big Ben refers not to the clock tower itself, but to the thirteen ton bell hung within. It looks most spectacular at night when the clock faces are illuminated. You know when the parliament is in session, because a light shines above the clock face.

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Buckingham Palace was built for the Duke of Buckingham in 1703. It was not until 1837 that Queen Victoria made Buckingham Palace the royal family's principal London residence. Unfortunately, for the group, the queen was not home.

## Upcoming study trips

- Destination: Cuernavaca, Mexico
- When: May 15 - June 24
- Students can earn up to 4 credits
- Course: Spanish I, II, or III
- Cost: \$2,150 + 4 credit tuition