

CIGLER: Beyond the Classroom

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She attended Thiel College for her bachelor's and Penn State University for both her master's and doctorate.

Cigler teaches from a choice of six courses once every three semesters. They include local government, state administration, planning law and policy, intergovernmental relations, policy and governance, and emergency management that she will teach next year.

Besides being a professor at PSH, Cigler takes part in several extracurricular activities as well. Her most recent one is the American Society for Public Administration that she was appointed last month for the Katrina Disaster Chapter.

She is one of the nine person panels who will coordinate research, teach, and write for the public and professionals in the field to help the government work better.

Other activities, just to name a few, include the National Academy of Public Administration which is chartered by the U.S. Congress to identify emerging issues of governance and provide practical assistance to national, state, and local governments on how to improve their performance.

Cigler has also been asked to organize economic development by the Speaker of the House of Representatives for her own academic input.

To this day, Cigler said that she has two proud achievements. One is her decision to go to college, despite the financial problems that she had. Her second achievement is the marriage relationship of over 35 years that she has with her husband, Kent Crawford. In addition, Cigler's goal is to be distinguished by the National Academy of Public Administration. This organization identifies people who have done many things in part of public

administration and the person chosen is given the opportunity to work with high level studies that Cigler says she would love to do.

And hobbies? What are some things that Cigler enjoys doing? "Public speaking," she replied. She is a frequent speaker to several elected officials and groups. "I do a lot of writing too," said Cigler. "But I enjoy sharing my knowledge with others. It's very rewarding, which is one of the reasons I love teaching so much. The personal rewards that you get from teaching others." And she wouldn't have it any other way, either, she said.

As far as food goes, "I love Italian food," she responded. "It's definitely my favorite." And her favorite drink? It's not easy to guess. It's milk. "I don't know why but lately I've been drinking a lot of milk. So I guess you could say that I like it the best."

There is even something about Cigler that her students probably didn't know about. She is from a Czechoslovakian family, so she spoke Czech before English. And she was in a rock band in high school called the Sun Setters where she played the drums and her guitars.

In college, she was a part of Sigma Phi Epsilon where she sang and played instruments while everyone else was out partying, she said, with a smile on her face.

Cigler said that she would not want her life to change at all 10 years from now. She said that even in the year 2016, she wants to still be teaching, researching, writing, public speaking, living a happy married life, owning two beagles, eating home cooked meals and still owning every note ever sung or written by Paul McCartney.

Cigler also said that the one thing in life she really values is honesty in anything and everything.

WASHINGTON (AP) - Anti-war activist Cindy Sheehan and the wife of a powerful GOP lawmaker are free women, with apologies from the Capitol Police chief for ejecting them from President Bush's State of the Union address because they wore T-shirts with war messages.

"The officers made a good faith but mistaken effort to enforce an old unwritten interpretation of the prohibitions about demonstrating in the Capitol," Capitol Police Chief Terrance Gainer said in a statement late Wednesday.

"The policy and procedures were too vague," he added. "The failure to adequately prepare the officers is mine."

The extraordinary statement came a day after police removed Sheehan and Beverly Young, wife of Rep. C.W. "Bill" Young, R-Fla., from the visitors gallery Tuesday night. Sheehan was taken away in handcuffs before Bush's arrival at the Capitol and charged with a misdemeanor, while Young left the gallery and therefore was not arrested, Gainer said.

"Neither guest should have been confronted about the expressive T-shirts," Gainer's statement said. Gainer added that he was asking the U.S. attorney's office to drop the charge against Sheehan. The statement also said he apologized to the Youngs and "share(d) the department's plans for avoiding this in the future."

"A similar message has been left with Mrs. Sheehan," Gainer said. For his part, Bill Young said he was not necessarily satisfied.

"My wife was humiliated," he told reporters. He suggested that "sensitivity training" may be in order for Capitol Police.

The statement did not address the removal of a third person, a



Security escorts Peace activist Cindy Sheehan from the U.S. House of Representatives before President Bush's State of the Union address on Capitol Hill, Tuesday, Jan. 31, 2006, in Washington. Sheehan, the mother of a fallen U.S. soldier in Iraq who reinvigorated the anti-war movement, was arrested and removed from the gallery, a police spokeswoman said.

foreign-born American citizen who was the guest of Rep. Alcee Hastings, D-Fla.

The congressman met with Gainer and House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., about the incident.

"I'd like to find out more information," Hastings said in an interview, identifying the man only as being from Broward County in Florida. "He is a constituent of mine. I invited him proudly."

Sheehan's T-shirt alluded to the number of soldiers killed in Iraq: "2245 Dead. How many more?" Capitol Police charged her with a misdemeanor for violating the District of Columbia's code against unlawful or disruptive conduct on any part of the Capitol grounds, a law enforcement official said.

She was released from custody and flew home to Los Angeles on Wednesday.

Mrs. Young's shirt read: "Support the Troops - Defending Our Freedom."

"They violated my civil rights, they humiliated me," Sheehan told reporters when she arrived in Los Angeles on Wednesday night.

"They treated me like instead of having just a T-shirt on I had a weapon."

Asked whether she was causing a disturbance, she said, "I just unzipped my jacket. ... I wasn't boisterous. I didn't say anything. I just sat down."

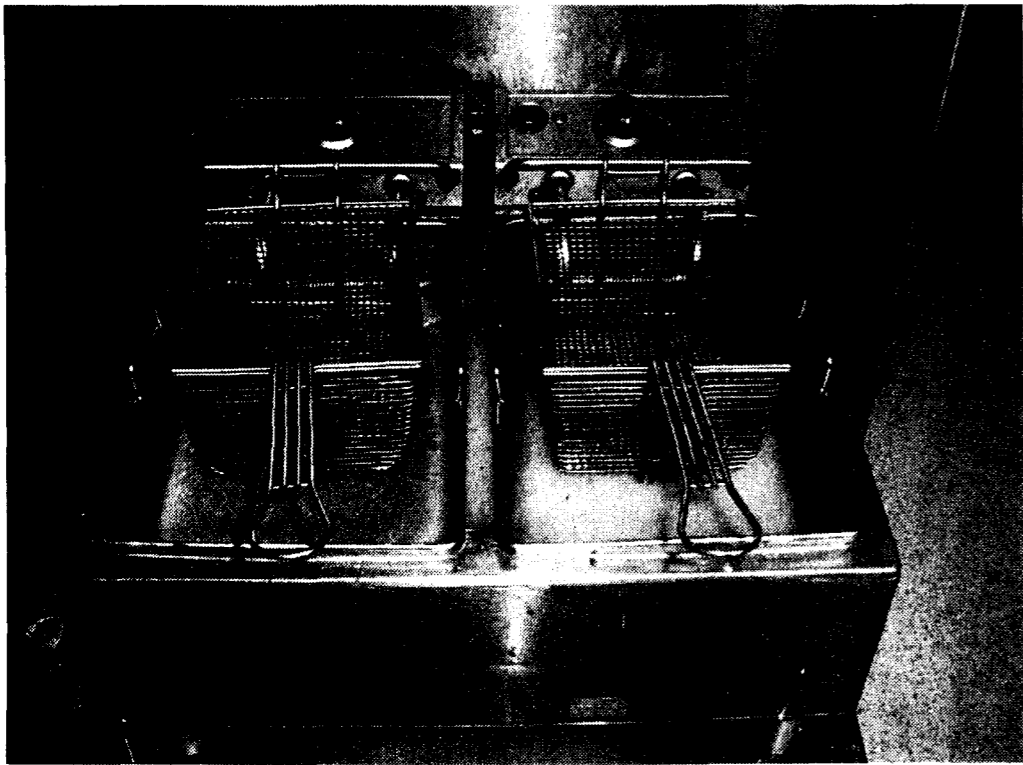
The two women appeared to have offended tradition if not the law, according to several law enforcement and congressional officials. By custom, the annual address is to be a dignified affair

in which the president reports on the state of the nation. Guests in the gallery who wear shirts deemed political in nature have, in past years, been asked to change or cover them up.

Rules dealing mainly with what people can bring and telling them to refrain from reading, writing, smoking, eating, drinking, applauding or taking photographs are outlined on the back of gallery passes given to tourists every day.

However, State of the Union guests don't receive any guidelines, said Deputy House Sergeant at Arms Kerri Hanley. "You would assume that if you were coming to an event like the State of the Union address, you would be dressed in appropriate attire," she said.

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