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(August 10, 2006) — A group of 14 students and faculty from the National Technical Institute for the Deaf are in southern England this week for an international leadership conference for deaf students.

They heard of the alleged terror plot early today.

"We're aware of what's happening, but everyone is calm and we're moving forward with conference activities," said NTID President and Chief Executive Alan Hurwitz, who was among those attending the conference at Herstmonceux Castle in East Sussex. About 54 people -- college students and interpreters -- from five countries were attending the 10-day event.

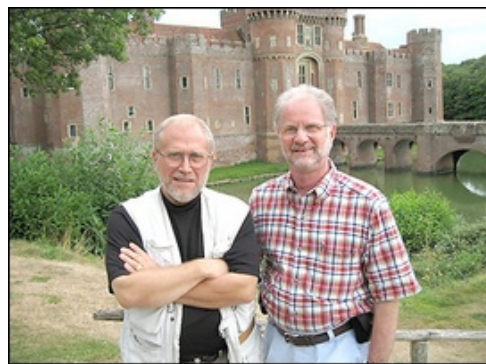
Hurwitz said he and other faculty members had been in contact with colleagues and students' families today, as had the students themselves. Conference organizers also gave attendees news stories from CNN and BBC to inform them about today's incident.

Former NTID Dean James DeCaro, who organized the conference, said he and others faculty members were keeping tabs on the latest developments.

He already made arrangements to transport students to Heathrow on Saturday -- the day they expected to leave England -- several hours before they originally planned to depart. He said he wanted to make sure they had plenty of time to get through security checkpoints at Heathrow.

"We've also warned the students to pack everything in their checked luggage -- not their carry-ons," he said.

"But we're hoping things will be sorted out a bit by Saturday."



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James DeCaro, former dean of the National Technical Institute for the Deaf, and Alan Hurwitz, dean and CEO of NTID, pose in front of Herstmonceux Castle in southern England today. They were attending an international leadership conference for deaf college students and faculty when they heard of the British terror arrests.

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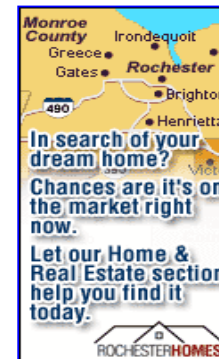


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NTID group is 'calm,' returning Saturday

They've kept up with airline rules during conference in England

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"We're aware of what's happening, but everyone is calm and we're moving forward with conference activities," said Alan Hurwitz, NTID dean and chief executive officer who is among those attending an international leadership conference for deaf students at Herstmonceux Castle in East Sussex.

About 54 people — college students, interpreters and faculty members — from five countries are attending the 10-day event. The local contingent expects to fly back to Rochester on Saturday.

Hurwitz said he and other faculty members had been in contact with colleagues and students' families, as have the students themselves. Conference organizers also gave attendees printed copies of news stories from CNN and the BBC to inform them about the foiled terrorist plans and the impact on airports and airline passengers.

NTID student Jeremy Quiroga, 30, said he called his wife back home in Avon, Livingston County, early Thursday morning, to tell her he was safe and aware of the news.

"It's sad that there are people in the world whose goal is to make other people afraid," Quiroga said through an interpreter by telephone. "I appreciate everything that the U.S. and British governments are doing, but our lives are going on. We aren't going to be paralyzed by this."

Former NTID dean James DeCaro, who organized the conference, said he already made arrangements to transport students to Heathrow on Saturday — the day they expected to leave England — several hours before they originally planned to depart. DeCaro said he wants to make sure they have plenty of time to get through security checkpoints at the London airport.

"We've also warned the students to pack everything in their checked luggage — not their carry-ons," he added.

Quiroga said he's not nervous about flying home, but predicts he'll be a bit bored during the flight after packing all of his belongings in his suitcase.

"But we're hoping things will be sorted out a bit by Saturday," DeCaro said.

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NTID students back home from Great Britain

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Staff writer

(August 14, 2006) — A group of 14 students and faculty from the National Technical Institute for the Deaf returned from Great Britain on Sunday, after being held up by added security at London's airport after last week's terrorism scare.

The security delayed flights, causing them to miss a connection in the United States and spend a night in a hotel, members of the group who had attended an international leadership conference.

"We arrived at the Heathrow Airport about five hours ahead of time and ended up waiting nearly 3½ hours in a long line," said Alan Hurwitz, NTID dean and chief executive officer, who was among those who attended the conference for deaf students in East Sussex.

"The security was very, very tight. We had to pack everything in our suitcases and checked them in. We could only bring our passports, boarding passes, pocket-size wallets, and keys, without key fob, in a plastic bag. We couldn't bring any reading materials with us."

The travelers understood the need for security, said one of the students, Jeremy Quiroga, 30, of Avon, Livingston County.

"I definitely felt more safe but it was a very long trip," he said.

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