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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Tom Hawley
Mesa Community College

As some of the membership may have noticed at the conference in Houston, I was conspicuous by my absence. During the summer I was presented with an opportunity to teach at the Haitian National Police Training Center in Port-Au-Prince, Haiti. For those of you who have not taught abroad, especially in an emerging nation, if your interests lie in multi-national justice, do it if you have the chance. It will provide you with a wealth of insight into the effects culture and politics have on the formation of a justice system while, at the same time, afford you a time to reflect and compare the trials and tribulations experienced by the United States and other countries during the development of their systems of justice.

Since returning, my time has been spent readjusting to life in America, catching up with four months of developments and changes, and preparing for the upcoming semester. While considering a topic for this newsletter, I began going through past editions and programs of the Association. The inaugural edition dated November 1, 1992, included past-president Sam Souryal's message which focused on tradition.

As our newsletter enters its fourth year, I thought it befitting to reflect on that message and take stock of where we are and the direction we are following. When the Association was formed, we built upon an existing national tradition

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1996 ANNUAL CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN TUCSON, ARIZONA September 26-28, 1996

Janet K. Wilson, Second Vice President
University of Arkansas at Little Rock

Tucson, Arizona will be the site of the 1996 annual meeting of the Southwestern Association of Criminal Justice. The conference theme is "The State of the State of Justice." Kind of catchy, isn't it? The Hotel Park Tucson is a beautiful facility located near a wide variety of activities to keep us busy in the "after conference hours." To give you an idea of what is available, site committee members Tom Hawley (Mesa Community College) and Joe Jimenez (Pima County Community College) have mentioned Tombstone; The Biosphere (simulates living in outer space); *San Xavier del Bac* (a Spanish Mission); several wineries (for wine and cheese tasting); Bisbee (an old mining town that is now an historic district); Pima Air Museum; Nogales, Mexico, etc. Joe is even working on a package deal for us at a local Mexican restaurant for dinner and a Mariachi floor show! To get an early taste of the "west," visitor packets for Tucson and the surrounding area will be made available on March 14th at the Mid-Year meeting during the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences conference in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Tom reports that Southwest, Americawest and Continental airlines fly into Phoenix and/or Tucson. For those of you flying into Phoenix, there is a shuttle bus service to Tucson which costs about \$25. In addition, rates for the Hotel Park Tucson will be \$70 for single and double rooms and \$80 for a suite. Additional information for making reservations will be provided in the Call for Papers. Hope to see you there!

HOUSTON CONFERENCE

Joycelyn M. Pollock, 1st Vice President
Southwest Texas State University

The 1995 SWACJ conference in Houston had close to 50 presenters and 14 panels. Presenters came from as far away as Delaware, indicating the diversity of participants. Although this was a regional conference, the participation extended beyond the region's borders. The conference was financially supported by Houston Community College, Sam Houston State University, Southwest Texas State University and the University of Houston—Downtown. Jay Albanese, ACJS president, was the luncheon speaker, and Ellen Halbert, a member of the Texas Board of Criminal Justice was the plenary speaker. Everyone seemed to enjoy the hotel and surrounding amenities. The Culinary Institute of Houston

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of bringing together practitioners, academicians, and students sharing a common bond of criminal justice. Because the membership is divided among six states, the annual conference was the only opportunity many of us had to meet with other members to discuss recent developments and new theories.

The creation of our newsletter built upon another tradition of bringing people together and providing a place to exchange information. Yet, like promises, traditions are sometimes broken. When done with purpose and forethought, the breaking of one tradition may develop into a more productive and meaningful purpose. By our very nature we are creatures of habit who look at change with foreboding. Yet, we live in a world of change as reflected particularly in our discipline. As Union Colonel Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain wrote, "... even Constitutions move with the march of man with wider interpretations and to their appointed goals"

At the Houston conference the Association underwent a name change. This may have seemed a break with tradition and a forecast of impending doom. However, a name does not make the organization. Only its members are capable of that. The purpose of the name change was to acknowledge that our membership is all inclusive—academicians, students, and practitioners. The diversity of our organization is healthy because it provides an avenue for enhancing the relationship between theory and practice. It allows us an opportunity to work together to address the ills of our current justice system and plan for its improvement.

Like the newsletter, the annual meetings have become an established tradition for the exchange of ideas and updates on the current state of affairs in our respective states and institutions. Our membership has increased at a steady pace over the years due in large part to the members who have taken it upon themselves to advertise our purpose and benefits. Our annual meetings continue to be well attended, even in times when our institutions are in the throes of fiscal conservatism.

However, one proposed change does concern me, as well as other members of the Association. During the past two years, participation in the student paper competition has dwindled. This part of our annual conferences has proven to be a benefit to the students because it allows them a platform on which to have their research presented and critiqued by both peers and academicians. Just because participation in this segment of the conference has declined, we should not succumb to knee-jerk reactions and begin listening for the death rattle.

I believe that presenting a paper at the conference, even when not an award recipient, adds to the student's overall educational experience. I encourage our members to examine this situation closely and determine if the decrease in participation has been due to a lessening in interest by students or a lack of encouragement and guidance on our part.

As we enter a new year and proceed toward a new millennium, let us carry on and strengthen the traditions that we have established and be futuristic in our thinking so that this Association may continue to widen its contribution to our chosen discipline and the criminal justice system.

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Community College hosted a dinner in the park and we have John Sharp of Houston Community College to thank for helping to set up that event. Bob Walsh and Lynne Phelan and their local arrangements committee did a great job in selecting the hotel and making sure things ran smoothly. The several publishers present with tables also contributed to the conference. The panel with the largest attendance seemed to be the roundtable on "Teaching Criminal Justice, The Common Core and Assessment." Thus, one might conclude that even though "Educators" is no longer part of our name, education is still the central theme and purpose to our Association.

STUDENT PAPER COMPETITION

Joycelyn M. Pollock
1st Vice President
Southwest Texas State University

At the 1995 Business Meeting of SWACJ, it was decided that students may enter the student paper competition without the requirement of attending the conference and presenting the paper. Although we all feel that presenting a paper is an excellent learning experience and serves as an introduction to the field, we also realize that budget constraints are even more severe for students than faculty, and just as we've seen attendance affected by faculty's inability to get funded for regional conferences, we know, too, that students probably have even more difficulty managing to fund regional conference travel. Since we value full participation in the student paper competition, the requirement to present was abandoned. With this change we hope to see more applicants to the competition. If you have a student—either a graduate or undergraduate student—who has written an exceptional paper, please encourage them to submit to this competition. If you are a faculty member who would like to participate as a judge, please get in touch with me at (512) 245-2174.

1996 SWACJ ANNUAL MEETING PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS INFORMATION FORM

Interested individuals are requested to provide the following information to the program chair by **June 21, 1996.**

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(501) 569-3195

PLEASE TYPE

1. Name _____

2. Affiliation _____

3. Mailing Address _____ City _____ State _____

4. Telephone _____

5. Paper Title _____

6. Paper Abstract (Abstracts should be edited to 100 words.)

Type in complete sentences and as one paragraph. Do not use references, figures, tables or quotations. Use space provided below; do not attach separate sheets.

7. List Names and Addresses of All Co-authors

8. Indicate if you wish to:

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| _____ chair a panel | _____ organize a panel |
| _____ present a paper | _____ serve as a discussant |
| _____ present a student paper | _____ organize a workshop or roundtable |

1996 SWACJ STUDENT PAPER COMPETITION

WHO IS ELIGIBLE? Graduate or undergraduate students currently enrolled (and who will be enrolled September 1996) in a university, college or community college within the Southwest Region.

PRIZES? \$150 will be awarded to the winning graduate paper, and \$100 will be awarded to the winning undergraduate paper.

JUDGES? Judges will be faculty members of SWACJ.

ENTRY INSTRUCTIONS? If the student desires to present the paper at the conference, he or she must follow the guidelines in the Call for Papers Program Announcement. The following instructions apply to the paper competition *only*.

Deadline? Entries must be received no later than **July 15, 1996**.

Address? Send *three* copies of your paper to:

Joycelyn M. Pollock, Ph.D., J.D.
Chair, Department of Criminal Justice
Southwest Texas State University
San Marcos, TX 78666

RULES AND REGULATIONS:

1. The paper must be authored by student(s) only. No faculty/student co-authored papers will be considered.
2. The paper must be an original work. It may be especially prepared for the 1996 SWACJ conference, or it may be a revision of a paper prepared for course work at the student's home university.
3. The paper must be submitted to the above address before the final deadline of July 15, 1996. No papers will be considered that are received after the established deadline.
4. The paper must meet standard form requirements as established by the student's home university.
5. Indicate on the front of the paper whether it is prepared by an undergraduate or graduate student. Also, make sure author's name and affiliation is included in title page, *and only appears on title page*.

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF WINNERS AND PRESENTATION OF AWARDS WILL BE MADE AT THE CONFERENCE.

Please Note: Students are not required to participate in this paper competition in order to present a paper at the 1996 SWACJ conference. The competition is strictly voluntary in nature.

SECRETARY/TREASURER REPORT**Janet K. Wilson****University of Arkansas at Little Rock**

The annual meeting of the Southwestern Association of Criminal Justice Educators was held at the Houston Plaza Hilton in Houston, Texas on October 5-7, 1995. A number of items were on the agenda.

1. Wesley Johnson (Sam Houston State University) was elected to a three year term as Secretary/Treasurer. In addition, the Secretariat will move to Sam Houston State University. Janet K. Wilson was elected Second Vice-President.
2. After many discussions at previous meetings, the dropping of the "Educators" from the Association's name was approved. We are now the "Southwestern Association of Criminal Justice."
3. Announcements—
 - a. Aliene Paboojien (Sam Houston State University) won the Graduate Student Paper Competition.
 - b. The following institutions were thanked for offering financial support for the conference: Houston Community College, Sam Houston State University, Southwest Texas State University, and University of Houston—Downtown
 - c. There was \$1,774.65 in the checking account and \$3,195.41 in the interest bearing account.
 - d. The 1996 annual meeting will be in Tucson, Arizona on September 26-28, 1996. Room rates will be between \$70-80 per night.
 - e. Elisabeth Roszmann (Anderson Publishing Company) presented the Association with a check for \$353.53 as part of the royalty return program.

REGION FOUR TRUSTEE REPORT**Mary Parker****University of Arkansas at Little Rock**

The primary focus of this Spring for most of us is preparation for the ACJS Annual Conference being held in Las Vegas, Nevada, March 12-16, 1996. The Las Vegas Riviera will serve as the host hotel for the conference which will consist of over 340 panel sessions, roundtables, workshops, and poster sessions related to this year's theme "The Future of Crime and Justice."

As the regional trustee for ACJS, I encourage you to attend this year's conference and participate in as many of the offered activities as possible. The calendar for the conference is choked full of information that is of interest to us all, and I am sure that there is something on the program that will spark your interest. I want you to take special note of the five plenary sessions scheduled and the professional development seminars that are available within the conference time frame.

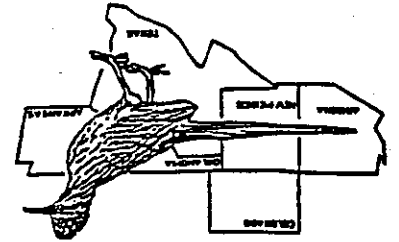
I would also like you to take note of the fact that the ACJS awards presentation is scheduled for late Friday afternoon with a reception to follow. This change is in lieu of the traditional awards luncheon, and I hope you will react favorably to the change—it's an experiment so let me know what you think!!!

Finally, make sure you reserve time in your busy schedule during the conference to attend our regional meeting scheduled for Thursday evening at 6:30 p.m. Check the conference program for the room. I hope 1996 is a good year for you and I hope to see you in VEGAS!

NEW MEMBERS

SWACJ welcomes the following people who have joined (or re-joined) the Association. A reminder—now is the time for you to update your membership! If you attended the 1995 annual meeting in Houston, Texas, then you paid your membership fees for 1995-96. Otherwise you may pay \$10 for regular membership or \$5 for student membership. Please send your check to the Secretariat.

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