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President's Message

Will Oliver

It was a pleasure seeing everyone in Fort Worth and I trust everyone had a good conference. I must again commend Chip Burns for finding a suitable location for the conference after the originally contracted hotel cancelled due to renovations. I spoke with a lot of you at the conference and you all agreed the location definitely had "character!" My family and I enjoyed it as the location had plenty for them to do while I was in the conference and we all enjoyed the rodeo – our first since moving to Texas.

I said it when I took the reins from Chip, but I would like to say it again: it has really been a pleasure being involved with SWACJ. Everyone has been extremely nice and very supportive. Chip and Pat have been great to work with and I have appreciated the help of George, David, and Wes. I also want to thank Phil for helping me with the on-site planning for the next conference in Corpus Christi and for agreeing to become the First Vice-President. I would also like to welcome Tracy Andrus, Jr. on-board. Tracy was elected Second Vice-President at the meeting and his college, Wiley College, was well represented at the meeting. I hope to see all of them again in Corpus.

Speaking of the conference in Corpus – Phil and I are planning some nice events, most of which will be revealed at the business meeting in Seattle. So, please mark your calendars for **October 4-6, 2007 for the annual meeting of SWACJ at the Omni Hotel – Marina**. For those of you needing to fly into Corpus Christi, the airport is only 10 minutes from the hotel and the hotel will provide a complimentary shuttle on request. The rates for a single will be \$85.00 a night and for a double, triple, or quad – the rate will be a flat \$115.00. In addition to the fact that the hotel overlooks the bay and there will be plenty of panels and presentations to attend, I am told there are some great attractions nearby as well, including the Texas State Aquarium, a very nice art gallery, and the U.S.S. Lexington Aircraft Carrier and Museum. Please mark your calendar for that weekend and join your fellow members of SWACJ in Corpus Christi.

In the meant time, I hope all of you are planning to attend the annual meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences in Seattle from March 13-17, 2007. Please come show your support for our fellow SWACJ member and ACJS President, Jeff Walker. Also, don't forget to attend the SWACJ business meeting while you're there.

And remember, as the old Perry Como song says, there is "the bluest sky you've ever seen in Seattle; and the hills the greenest green in Seattle."

See you in Seattle!

Will

Past President's Report Chip Burns - Texas Christian University

Hello SWACJ.... I hope you returned safely from the annual meeting in Fort Worth. We certainly made the most of a difficult situation when forced to relocate our meeting. I hope all enjoyed the meeting. I wish to begin by commenting on the quality of the presentations and the level of student involvement at the meeting. Numerous attendees commented to me on the high quality of research presented at the meeting, and for that I thank all who presented. I had the pleasure of sitting in on a few panels and I concur. Great stuff. I was extremely pleased with the level of student involvement at the meeting. Our impressive students were thoroughly involved with the meeting from Thursday afternoon's Undergraduate Quiz Bowl through Saturday's presentations. My unofficial tabulation of program participants suggests 79 of the 175 (45%) names on the program were students. I was also encouraged by the level of practitioner participation in the meeting. Representatives from five separate non-academic entities presented papers, and numerous others attended but did not present. SWACJ should continue encouraging practitioner involvement. Thanks to all who contributed to the Tory Caeti Fund. We raised \$234 for Tory's children. Special thanks goes to Bob Taylor and Wes Johnson for the kind words shared during the tribute to Tory at our Past President's Reception.

Upon assuming the SWACJ Presidency I made a list of things I wished to accomplish. Tops on the list were to select a new editor of our journal and to revise the SWACJ Constitution. Toward this end, Will Oliver and Wes Johnson were selected as editors and have done an outstanding job with the Journal's development. As you know, the revised constitution was approved at the annual meeting. I am thankful to all who assisted with these tasks, particularly the ad-hoc Constitution Committee consisting of Joy Pollock, Camille Gibson, and Phil Rhoades. As president, I also wished to encourage student and practitioner participation in the association, and promote SWACJ in the traditionally underrepresented states within our region. As noted, I'm pleased with the level of student and practitioner participation, although there is much work left to do. I revised the mailing list of regional departments and programs and used that information to encourage meeting participation from all states. Please peruse the online Membership Directory and let George Eichenberg know of any program or department absent from that list.

Looking forward, I see several areas where SWACJ could become stronger. For example, identifying specific criteria for the student paper competition would assist those who graciously evaluate the papers, and clarifying (establishing?) criteria for determining what gets posted to the SWACJ Website are among the items to be addressed. Having a recognized parliamentarian at the meetings is also something we should consider (wasn't it nice having George Eichenberg enforce Robert's Rules of Order?).

I'd be remiss if I didn't recognize Patrick Mueller from Stephen F. Austin State University for his service to SWACJ. As mentioned at the meeting, Pat will soon retire from academia and, in light of that, earlier resigned his SWACJ officer position. Pat offered much to SWACJ and his accomplishments should be acknowledged. Congrats, Pat!!!

Finally, I'd like to thank everyone for contributing to SWACJ, particularly last year's officers. I've met many wonderful people during my time in office and look forward to continued involvement. I have no doubt the current SWACJ officers will do an outstanding job. I wish them the best. See you in Seattle and Corpus Christi.

Chip

Tracy Andrus, 2nd Vice President Wiley College

Dear SWACJ Members,

I pray that this letter finds all of you in the best of health as we focus on the completion of our fall semesters. I want to first thank all of you for your votes of confidence in me during the annual meeting in Ft. Worth. It is my sincere desire to serve SWACJ to the best of my abilities. I would like to take this time to tell you a little about myself and ask for your assistance in helping me to decide on a site for the 2008 conference.

I am from Crowley, Louisiana and graduated from high school with the class of 1981. I am the 12th child of Alice and the late Warren Andrus Sr. I developed an interest for criminal justice after having spent three years in the Louisiana Department of Corrections from 1991-1994 for check kiting. While in prison, I decided that I did not want to spend the rest of my life or

any additional time locked up in prison. Once released on March 23, 1994, I started working and enrolled in Louisiana College, Pineville, Louisiana in the spring of 1995. I graduated from Louisiana College with a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice in 2000. I then attended and graduated from the University of Louisiana at Monroe with a Master's in Criminal Justice in August 2001. I entered Prairie View A&M University in September 2001 and became the first African American in the U.S. to earn a Ph.D. in Juvenile Justice on May 7, 2005.

I am the author of three books and am currently finishing my first CJ intro textbook; it should be available by fall 2007. I am the director of the Lee P. Brown Criminal Justice Institute at Wiley College and serve on several criminal justice committees and boards. My research interests tend to focus on ex-felons' rights, poverty and crime, the history of incarceration, and Marxist and conspiracy theories. Finally, and most important, I am married to Dr. Sonya Burnett-Andrus who is also part of the faculty at Wiley College. We have two children, ages 21 and 23, Desmond and Tracy, who are both students at Wiley.

One of my first duties as 2nd Vice President is to select the conference location for the fall 2008 meeting. I would like to ask your assistance in making recommendations for our site selection for that meeting. If anyone has suggestions, please email them to me at tandrus@wileyc.edu. I have received several site recommendations and would appreciate all of your input. Possible sites for the fall 2008 conference include Oklahoma, New Mexico, Arizona, Colorado, and Arkansas. Once again, thanks for your vote and I hope to serve you well over the next three years.

Tracy

Treasurer's Report
David Montague
University of Arkansas-Little Rock

This year, SWACJ had a record 176 individuals/organizations as participants in the Fort Worth meeting. As of this writing, I have processed \$12,775 in conference related fees. Of note this year is that sponsors played a major role in the amount of money brought into the organization. Our overall total received and processed to date is \$13,035.00. The amount of known conference related expenses incurred was \$8,917.92. Subtracting the expenses from the monies received and processed brings the total processed profits from the conference to \$4,117.08. There is still \$2,480 outstanding in monies owed to SWACJ from conference participants and a detailed list has been completed on all monies.

As of 11/10/2006, we have a balance of \$10,095.21 in savings and \$13,826.48 in savings for a total of \$23,921.69.

Respectfully submitted,
David

SWACJ Annual Meeting Minutes, Ft. Worth, September 29, 2006
M. George Eichenberg
Tarleton State University

Chip Burns called the meeting to order at 4p.

Chip briefed the assemblage on the voting procedure for officer elections and the new constitution.

He thanked the past year's officers.

He thanked the constitution revision committee.

He thanked all those who had helped in one form or another during his year as president.

He asked for contributions to the Tori Caeti fund.

Chip then turned the meeting over to Will.

Will presented Chip with a plaque commemorating his service to the Association with our thanks for a job well done.

Will announced elections for the position of both first and second vice-president.

He described the duties of both positions.

He then opened the floor to nominations for first vice-president.

Pat Mueller nominated Phil Rhodes citing how much work Phil had already put into planning next year's meeting in Corpus Christi. This nomination was seconded by Dorothy Bracey.

There were no other nominations. The motion was made, seconded, and passed that nominations be closed. This act elected Phil to the position of first vice president.

Will then opened the floor to nominations for second vice president.

Lori Rubenser was nominated by Wes Johnson, seconded by Albert Keys.

Tracey Andrus, sr. was nominated by Michael Champion, seconded by Andrea Talley.

Phil Holley was nominated by Chip Burns, seconded by Harrison Watts.

Wes Johnson moved that nominations be closed; this was seconded and passed.

Paper ballots were issued, collected, and counted by Tom Darden and Phil Rhodes.

The initial vote resulted in a technical tie forcing a second ballot between Lori Rubenser and Tracey Andrus, sr.

Tracey Andrus won the second ballot.

Will then gave Chip the floor for the ACJS trustee's report.

This report is printed elsewhere in the newsletter.

Will presented the treasurer's report, David being absent.

Wes motioned the report be accepted as read; motion seconded and passed.

Will reported on the Association's journal advising that Napoleon Reyes was the new managing editor. Will announced that as part of the agreement with SHSU, a limited run of printed copies of the Journal would be available. Will had copies available for distribution. He advised the spring on-line edition would be available in hard copy at each fall's SWACJ annual meeting and the fall on-line edition would be available in hard copy at the ACJS annual meeting each spring. He repeated the call for papers.

Will recognized Lori Rubenser as the co-editor of the ACJS Police Journal.

Will announced that next years meeting would be held in Corpus Christi and that Phil Rhodes was on-site coordinator. He then gave Phil the floor. See Phil's letter.

Phil yielded the floor to Will who announced that sight selection for the 2008 meeting would occur at the ACJS meeting this spring. In keeping with the policy of two years in Texas followed by one year elsewhere in the region, the 2008 meeting will be held other than in Texas.

Will recognized the two state associations, Oklahoma and Texas, and stated that their association meetings would occur at 5:30p. Will stated special recognition was in order for the Oklahoma folks who had built an association since this time last year.

Will gave Chip the floor for discussion and voting on acceptance on the revised constitution.

Chip had developed a rather complex plan for voting on each change individually using an elaborate paper ballot. After explaining the revisions and the voting process, Wes motioned that the revised constitution be ratified *in toto* by a voice vote. There were too many seconds to this motion to document; however Pat Mueller's was the loudest so he is the second of record on this motion. The motion to ratify the new constitution passed unanimously.

Will recognized Wes who thanked Chip and Pat for a job well done in this year's annual meeting.

Will asked if there was any other old business.

There being none, Will asked whether there was any new business.

Tomi Lee Grover asked for the floor. Professor Grover stated that a group of interested persons were petitioning ACJS to form a "Restorative Justice" section. She asked that persons sign on to the petition. She also advised there will be a national restorative justice conference in San Antonio. Details may be found at www.restorativejusticenow.org

A motion was made by Will to adjourn. Again there were numerous seconds to the motion. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

George

And the winners are...

The winners of the 2006 student paper competition were...

Graduate Paper winners:

Bitna Kim
College of Criminal Justice
Sam Houston State University

Virginia Kilby Erwin-Raptopoulos
University of Arkansas
Little Rock

Tusty Zohra
University of Arkansas
Little Rock

Undergraduate:

April Jones
University of Arkansas
Little Rock

Ashleigh L. Sorrell
University of Oklahoma City

Emily Humphreys
Texas Christian University

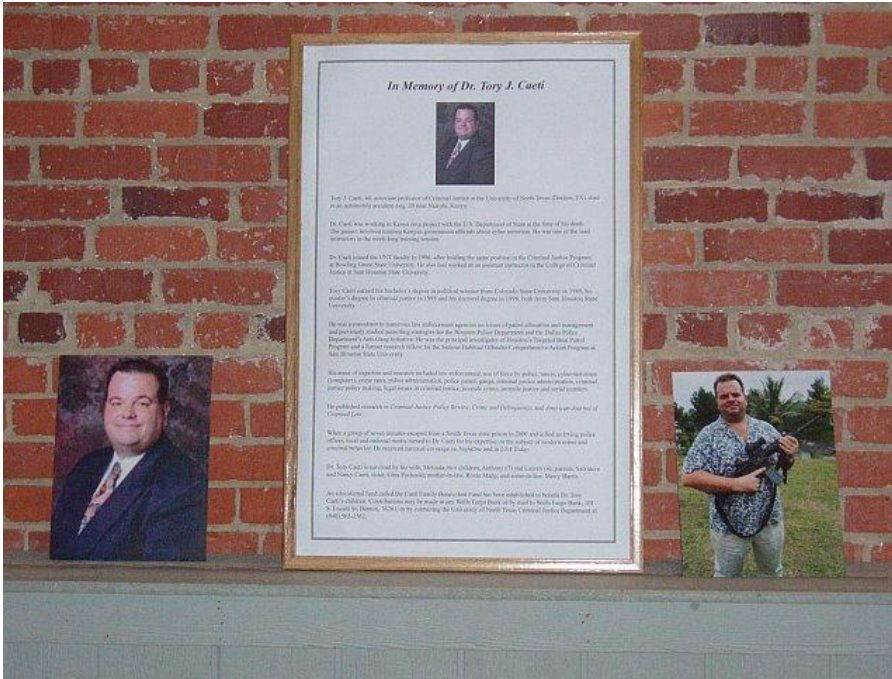
The winners of the undergraduate quiz bowl were,
From left to right; Tanji Fisher, Tawanna Jackson-Miles and LaShondra Dabbs.



Pam Spells and friend running the registration desk at our annual meeting in Ft. Worth. Thanks, Pam.



In Memoriam...



Tori J. Caeti, Ph.D.
Professor of Criminal Justice
University of North Texas
SWACJ member and officer

Robert Taylor of UNT shares a few words in memory of Tori



Call for Papers: “Restorative Justice Research and Teaching”

National Conference on Restorative Justice

“Real Life, Real Problems, Real Answers”

June 24-27, 2007

Schreiner University

Kerrville, Texas

We invite you to participate in a national conference on restorative justice to be held on the campus of Schreiner University in Kerrville, Texas, about 80 miles from the San Antonio International Airport in the beautiful Texas Hill Country. The conference will bring together academicians, educators, community leaders, politicians, practitioners, judges, policymakers, faith leaders, and concerned citizens to explore the application of restorative justice principles and practices within communities to meet local needs. Keynote speakers for the conference will include some of the leading scholars in the field – Howard Zehr, Mark Umbreit, Gordon Bazemore, Kay Pranis, Elaine Enns, Ched Myers, Mike Dooley, and Leigh Garrett.

This is a unique opportunity to meet and learn from leading researchers, educators, and practitioners of restorative justice. For detailed information about the conference see www.restorativejusticenow.org.

Scholars from any field are welcome to submit a proposal for a paper of original scholarship related to one of the following broadly defined areas:

- Teaching Restorative Justice Principles and Practices
- Restorative Justice as Community Crime Prevention
- Restorative Justice as an Alternative to Traditional Justice
- Restorative Justice as Correctional Treatment
- Restorative Justice as Reentry Preparation and Support
- Repairing Harms: Victims and Restorative Justice

Specific panels will be developed based on those proposals selected for presentation.

Paper proposals must include the following information: author(s), contact information (mail, phone, e-mail address), working title, and an abstract of 150 words or less. Paper proposals must be submitted electronically to Dr. Michael J. Gilbert, Coordinator of the Research and Teaching Track, at mgilbert@utsa.edu. Dr. Gilbert may also be contacted at (210) 458-2683.

Key dates:

Proposals must be submitted by:	December 1, 2006
Notifications of Acceptance:	January 31, 2007
Submission of Working Papers:	May, 18, 2007

All accepted papers must be submitted as “working papers” by May 18, 2007 so they may be provided to panel chairs. Working papers may be collected into a proceedings document as part of the record for the conference.



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Submissions or inquiries are invited by the editors at SWJCJ@shsu.edu .

CALL FOR BOOK REVIEWS

Care to share your views on a particular book? The Southwest Journal of Criminal Justice is enthusiastically seeking book review contributors. All are invited to share reviews, but graduate students are particularly encouraged to submit their work. The Journal is actively seeking to increase the number of quality book reviews published. The guidelines for submitting a book review are similar to those prescribed by ACJS:

Provide a review that will help the readership determine the utility of the book for teaching particular courses.

Identify how the book is applicable to criminal justice, criminology, sociology, and/or related curriculums.

Identify the courses for which the book will be useful.

Identify the level of students most likely to find the book useful.

Reviews should be no more than three (3) single-spaced pages with references in APA style.

Submission of a review to the SWACJ newsletter implies the review has not been published elsewhere nor is it currently under submission to another publication.

Submissions should be made directly to the editors, Willard Oliver and Wes Johnson, at SWJCJ@shsu.edu. Inquiries are also welcome.

ABOUT OUR ASSOCIATION

The Southwestern Association of Criminal Justice (SWACJ) is a regional affiliate of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences. It is composed of criminal justice educators and practitioners from Arkansas, Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas. We are committed to developing the highest standards in education, training, practice, and research in criminal justice and criminology.

The Southwestern Association of Criminal Justice encourages participation from criminal justice agencies, community and junior colleges, four-year colleges and universities in the process of furthering the criminal justice system through research and education. The organization strongly encourages the participation of students in our annual meetings.

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- *Criminal Justice Training*
- *Criminal Justice Agencies*
- *Private Enterprises Related to Criminal Justice*
- *Others Interested in Criminal Justice*

To join, see the membership application on Page 10; for additional information regarding membership in SWACJ, please visit our web page at: www.swacj.org or contact SWACJ Secretary George Eichenberg (eichenberg@tarleton.edu).

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