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As some of you may be aware there has been some confusion about our next conference, which is scheduled to be in El Paso. Our original site coordinator, David Woods, has disappeared. David left Sul Ross University suddenly and did not leave any forwarding address with his department or anyone else that we have been able to identify. With David's disappearance all of the information about hotel contracts disappeared as well.

While this seems like a serious problem there is no reason to be alarmed. One of David's colleagues at Sul Ross, Lorie Rubenser has agreed to step in to fill the void. Lorie has started over and has been able to obtain a hotel at a very reasonable rate. She has an agreement with a Holiday Inn that is only five minutes from the airport and that provides a free shuttle service to and from the airport. The hotel has a restaurant, nightclub and all of the necessary meeting space for our conference. The hotel can also arrange for a shuttle service into Mexico for those soles who wish to sample the nightlife south of the border. El Paso is a very reasonable city in terms of both hotels and restaurants. Your conference dollars will stretch a long way at the reasonable prices in the El Paso area. It will be a pleasant experience after the sticker shock many of us experienced in New Orleans. If you have the desire to splurge at a conference, steak and wine instead of burger and coke, hold off until the El Paso meeting and you will be pleasantly surprised.

Shortly after spring break I will be updating the SWACJ web page and will put up all the hotel information and things to do in El Paso so people can make their plans. For those of you that have never been there, El Paso is much bigger than most people realize and offers a wide variety of entertainment opportunities even if you don't cross the border. The reasonable cost will make this a great conference for students; they will be able to attend with out taking an additional student loan. Please encourage your graduate and undergraduate students to consider attending and presenting a paper. The future success of SWACJ ultimately depends on the next generation of scholars, so lets get them involved now.

Looking forward to seeing you in El Paso

First Vice President Report

Wes Johnson

Sam Houston State University

If you were unable to attend this year's annual conference in Fort Worth, Texas you missed a lot of fun. Thursday night's Past Presidents' Reception was a success with over fifty attending festivities. We hope to provide similar amenities next year on the border in El Paso, Texas. Hotel details will be forthcoming and published on the SWACJ web page, <http://www.cj.swt.edu/Swacj/intro.html> We are hoping that new and returning members from the western areas of the SWACJ, New Mexico, Arizona, and Colorado, will be able to join us there. Tory has worked hard to update our mailing list and hopefully they will get the message that we have missed their participation, want their involvement, and look forward seeing them in El Paso. In October, 2000, we plan to return to San Antonio, Texas. Friday's Plenary Session was well attended by over 80 conference participants. The weather cooperated throughout the weekend and conference participants were seen "Sundancing" around the west side of Ft. Worth.

In making your plans for next year, don't forget to pre-register. In attempts to facilitate conference planning, a "soft science" at best, the organization approved a late registration fee of \$10. Also, don't forget the student paper competition. In Fort Worth, the SWACJ awarded over \$700 in prize money to student papers and 30 students attended from throughout the region. Our annual meeting is an excellent opportunity for both graduate and undergraduate students. I appreciate your efforts to get students involved and I am sure it was memorable experience for them as well.

Efforts are being made to develop a complete list of SWACJ Presidents from our origin in 1976 to the present. This incomplete list is posted on our web page. If you are aware of any inconsistencies in that list, or can help us fill in some of the blanks, please contact me.

A special thanks goes out to those participants who chaired panels and presented papers. Without your help we couldn't have had a conference. Major kudos to Tory Caeti, our secretary/treasurer, who worked through a difficult personal year, and all those at the University of North Texas who worked to put on an excellent conference.

See you in El Paso. Bring a friend!!!! Ole'

SWACJ CONFERENCE 2000 IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Please fill out and submit the paper abstract sheet located on page 9 of this newsletter as soon as possible. This allows us to have a reasonable accurate count of how many attendees we can count on for the President's Reception, lunch, and other functions (remember we ran out of food in Fort Worth). In addition, please fill in the number of students (if any) you will be bringing with you.

Important Dates:

Papers due to Program Chair:	September 1 st , 2000
Student papers due to First Vice President:	September 10 th , 2000
Cutoff date for the SWACJ rate at the hotel:	September 15 th , 2000

2000 SWACJ STUDENT PAPER COMPETITION

WHO IS ELIGIBLE: Graduate and undergraduate students currently enrolled (and those who will be enrolled September 2000) in a University, College, Junior College or Community College within the Southwest Region.

PRIZES: We have increased the awards for both graduate and undergraduate paper award winners.

	Graduate	Undergraduate
First Prize	\$250	\$100
Second Prize	\$150	\$75
Third Prize	\$100	\$50

JUDGES: Judges will be selected from the active membership role of the Association. The judges may or may not elect to award all of the prizes available depending on the number of entrants and quality of the papers.

ENTRY RULES AND REGULATIONS:

1. The paper must be authored by student(s) only. No faculty/student joint papers will be considered.
2. The paper must be an original work. It may be especially prepared for the 2000 SWACJ conference or it may be a revision of a paper prepared for course work at the student's home university or college.
3. Three copies of your paper must be submitted to **Wes Johnson, College of Criminal Justice, Sam Houston State University; Huntsville, Texas 77341** before **September 10, 2000**. No papers will be considered that are received after the established deadline.
4. The paper must meet standard publication formats as established at the student's home university or college.
5. The title page of the paper should include the student's full name and address, their school affiliation and their status as either graduate or undergraduate. The authors name and affiliation *should not appear* on any other page of the submitted paper.

PRESENTATION OF SUBMITTED PAPERS: Students are not required to attend the conference or to present their papers to be eligible for the awards. We do encourage students to consider presenting their papers and those students that wish to do so should **fill out the call for papers** form available in the spring newsletter or the form can be downloaded from the SWACJ web page at www.cj.swt.edu/swacj/intro.html. In addition, students that wish to submit papers for presentation **are not obligated** to enter the paper contest. The paper competition is strictly voluntary.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE WINNERS AND PRESENTATION OF THE AWARDS
WILL BE MADE AT THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE BANQUET.

**Please encourage your students to participate, we typically don't
give out all of the monetary awards available!**

Trustee Report

Jody Crowley

New Mexico State University

This is my last report as regional trustee. I want to thank all of the people I've worked with during the past three years, both in ACJS and SWACJ. You have made this a rewarding and educational experience.

The ACJS midyear meeting was held in Alexandria, Virginia. One highlight of the meetings was a session at the new ACJS offices and meeting with the new ACJS support staff. After a chaotic year, it appears that we are on the way to stability.

Our investments are doing well, and with the increase in dues the academy appears to be financially sound. As of midyear, the academy had 2257 paid members, with 825 on a prospective members list. The office staff is developing a database which will provide much tighter accounting of membership, including dues status.

ACJS is moving onto the web. By now, I hope everyone has visited the new web page and seen the improvements implemented by our new Webmaster, Richard Holden. The board discussed the possibility of putting the Employment Bulletin on line. This would allow members immediate access to new listings, rather than waiting for the mailed edition. This would probably involve a small additional fee to advertisers who are not institutional members of the academy.

JCJE was mailed late. This had nothing to do with ACJS. There was a mechanical breakdown at the printer.

Trustees discussed relationships between the academy and the regions. With more office staff, regions should experience better support. Gary Cordner is reviewing the needs of sections and the resources they require from the national office. In particular, liability issues need to be clarified with both regions and sections. Going into the new millenium, ACJS is working on developing a new vision statement to direct policy for the next several years. There will be several different strategies tried in order to get ideas to the Strategic Planning Committee.

We discussed ways to increase the number of students who get involved with ACJS, since these are our future members. Reducing student membership fees is probably not feasible, since we lose money on student memberships. Each member costs \$42 in direct services, including the various publications. A new Graduate Guide is under preparation. Programs, especially new programs, are encouraged to contact the national office.

As always, there were extensive discussions of arrangements for the annual meetings. We looked into changing the way we book space, but it appears that our current relationship with Conferon is our best option. We are having to book further and further out into the future in order to get first option on desirable facilities. We have signed a contract to meet in Boston in 2003, and it is most likely that we will be in Las Vegas in 2004 and Chicago in 2006. We may be in Dallas in 2005, but that is still up in the air. At the October SWACJ meetings, Alida Merlo and Jody Crowley toured Dallas sites and found that the city has improved its nightlife and other facilities to make it an attractive and viable location.

The board approved the Ethics Standards, with minor modifications from the version distributed in ACJS today based on member comments.

In the elections, Barbara Hart of the University of Texas at Tyler was elected your new trustee. Give her your support and your suggestions so that she can represent you for the next three years. In particular, work with her to get SWACJ members involved in the various activities of the academy.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you.

New and Returning 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! Please encourage your department or college to become an institutional member. Please send your check or money order to the Secretariat. If your name, address, affiliation, or e-mail information needs to be updated, please contact Tory J. Caeti Secretary / Treasurer.

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Gene Bonham Jr.	Sam Houston State University	James Morris	Sam Houston State University
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John Boyd	Stephen F. Austin State University	Patrick Mueller	Stephen F. Austin State University
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Myrna Cintron	Sam Houston State University	Peter Phillips	University of Texas-Tyler
Joan Crowley	New Mexico State University	Gerald Piechocki	Stephen F. Austin State University
Steven Cuvelier	Sam Houston State University	O. Polk	University of Texas Arlington
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A. Dietz	University of Texas-Austin	Linda Reyes	Texas Youth Commission
Jerry Dowling	Sam Houston State University	Philip Rhoades	Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi
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Charles Friel	Sam Houston State University	Patti Salinas	Sam Houston State University
Eric Fritsch	University of North Texas	Caryl Segal	University of Texas Arlington
Randy Garner	Sam Houston State University	John Sharp	Houston Community College-Central
Barvette Garrett	University of North Texas	Sam Souryal	Sam Houston State University
Jurg Gerber	Sam Houston State University	Glory Staffeld	Stephen F. Austin State University
Amber Gill	University of Tyler	Mark Stelter	Montgomery College
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Ken Kerle	American Jail Association	Tara Whitley	Sul Ross State University
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James Marquart	Sam Houston State University		

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, 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.

Membership is welcomed from individuals involved in:

- Higher Education
- Criminal Justice Agencies
- Criminal Justice Training
- Criminal Justice-Related Private Enterprises
- Anyone Else Interested in Criminal Justice Education, Research, and Training

For more information about membership in SWACJ, please visit our web page:

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Secretary / Treasurer Report

Tory J. Caeti

University of North Texas

Annual Meeting Minutes Fort Worth, Texas (October 1999)

The meeting was called to order by Jim Golden. Nominations were taken for 2nd Vice President and Al Patenuade of the University of Arkansas—Little Rock was nominated and elected to serve. Jim turned the meeting over to Bill Stone, the new President of SWACJ. Bill present Jim with a plaque for his service as President for 1998 – 1999.

Jody Crowley gave the trustee's report from the ACJS mid-year meeting in Washington, DC. She noted that Laura Monaco is settling in to her new job at ACJS. ACJS has a new policy and procedures manual as well as new ethical standards. The Academy is encouraged to review these material, they are available at the ACJS website www.acjs.org. The schedule for upcoming ACJS meetings was announced: 2001 in Washington, DC; 2002 in Anaheim, CA; 2003 in Boston, MA; 2004 in Las Vegas, NV; and 2005 in Chicago, IL. Jody also noted that ACJS is in the process of purging and updating the membership list.

The membership voted to hold the annual SWACJ conference in certain cities for two years in a row. The first of these two year blocks will be in San Antonio for the 2001 and 2002 conferences. Other cities will be discussed at future meetings. The membership also voted to impose a \$10 fee for late registration at future conferences. The fee will be imposed for at conference registrations and registrations sent in less than two weeks prior to the conference date. The fee will be waived for students wishing to attend the conference.

Mid-year Meeting Minutes New Orleans, Louisiana (March 2000)

It was announced that the 2000 conference will be held in El Paso, Texas at the Holiday Inn Airport Hotel. Jody Crowley informed the meeting that students from Alpha Phi Sigma at New Mexico State will assist in running the conference at El Paso.

Jody Crowley gave the trustee's report. She noted police quarterly had been sold to Sago for distribution. She also noted several other items which are summarized in the trustee's report on page 4 of this newsletter (not repeated here to save space). She thanked SWACJ for allowing her to serve as trustee to ACJS and then turned over the trustee position to Barbara Hart of UT Tyler.

Barbara thanked Jody for her service to SWACJ. She noted that 1751 people had registered for ACJS in New Orleans. She also summarized several items from the ACJS meeting. Issues have arisen from people submitting articles to more than one journal. It was noted that articles should be submitted to one and only one journal for consideration. The ACJS monograph series is being brought back, however the final details are still being worked out. At the next ACJS meeting, there will be certain panels that will have 3 participants with a true discussant. These papers must be submitted early to the discussant.

Todd Clear, President of ACJS addressed the meeting. He noted that the ACJS office in Washington is resulting in a more effective presence of the organization in the capital. In addition, he noted that ACJS is becoming a better vehicle of information on national issues and will continue to be in the future. He will be attending the SWACJ annual meeting in El Paso.

The idea of bringing professional development series lectures to regional meetings was brought up by Phil Rhoades. Costs and participation issues were discussed. The idea was tabled pending an assessment of the membership regarding whether or not people would be interested in attending these seminars. A questionnaire of the membership is included in this newsletter with the membership form and paper submittal form. The membership is encouraged to fill these out as soon as possible.

Tory Caeti gave the Secretary / Treasury report. The SWACJ account is in good shape. We broke even at the annual meeting in Fort Worth. The membership was asked to help in reporting how many people would be attending future conferences so that we do not run out of food again. Tory has updated the membership list to include over 1000 names, the membership is encouraged to circulate the newsletter for new members as well as notifying the secretary of address changes. A list of publishers has been put together and we will be accepting advertisements in future newsletters to help defray the costs of publication. Tory thanked Glencoe / McGraw-Hill and Copperhouse for sponsoring SWACJ in 1999.

It was announced that Laura Myers of Sam Houston State University is the new editor of the Journal of Criminal Justice Education. Rick Holden of Central Missouri is the new ACJS webmaster.

Bill Stone noted that he is actively working to get us a hotel in San Antonio for the 2001 and 2002 meetings. At this point, the negotiations are still in progress.

The meeting was adjourned so that the membership could enjoy the amenities New Orleans had to offer.

It was proposed at the mid-year meeting that SWACJ offer some professional development seminars at our annual meetings. These seminars would be the same as those conducted at ACJS.

SOUTHWESTERN ASSOCIATION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE***CALL FOR PAPERS***

The annual meeting of the **SWACJ** will be
October 5th—7th, 2000

Holiday Inn Airport Hotel El Paso, Texas

This 2000 conference theme is:

***JUSTICE IN THE NEW MILLENNIUM:
SETTING NEW STANDARDS***

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We have negotiated a room rate of \$49.00 per night at the hotel. **Please mention that you are with the Southwestern Association of Criminal Justice when making your reservations.** This will assure you of the low rate and assure that we meet our room quota for the conference. **ALSO, PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO FILL OUT THE REGISTRATION FORM LOCATED ON THE NEXT PAGE OF THIS NEWSLETTER. EVEN IF YOU DON'T WANT TO PRESENT A PAPER, WE NEED AN ACCURATE COUNT SO THAT WE DON'T UNDERESTIMATE HOW MANY PEOPLE WILL BE ATTENDING THE PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION AND THE LUNCH.** See you in El Paso.

A review of the hotel complete with pictures, directions, activities, and descriptions of the services can be found at http://pts.placestostay.com/gen_prop.asp?hotel_id=6067&n=1595

Information on El Paso from the El Paso Visitors and Convention Bureau: <http://elpasocvb.com/>

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