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President's Report

In keeping with many fond memories of Professor Jim Hooker, this issue of Region IV's newsletter is dedicated to Jim. With Jim's passing on June 25, 2005, ACJA-LAE lost one of the Dean's of the organization. Jim was a mentor par excellence to countless ACJA-LAE members. Over many decades, Professor Hooker promoted ingredients of chapter advisor leadership, supported organizational change within ACJA-LAE and developed an extensive repository of ACJA historical facts. Over many years of ACJA membership, Jim Hooker was honored with numerous accolades, including the award of Star membership in 1964. Professor Hooker's passing leaves a very large hole in Region IV since Jim served honorably as Region IV Treasurer, Region IV Newsletter Editor and author of insightful ACJA-LAE Knowledge Exam questions taken during the Fall Region IV conference. Important details of how Region IV will carry on and preserve Jim's legacy will be shared during the upcoming October 20-23 Region IV Conference in Richmond, VA.

The challenges that face Region IV are many! Our most immediate need is to support Conference Director Anton Daniel and Phi Lambda members who have constructed a "first rate" regional conference on "Behavioral Science: Beyond Violent Crime and Criminal Behavior". If you do not have a conference packet with all the conference details—hotel accommodations, conference fee(s), schedule of activities, firearms, obstacle course and written competition information—please e-mail Anton at: tonton5041@yahoo.com

Other challenges we face include the founding of new Region IV chapters, retaining current members and promotion of meaningful chapter activities sponsored by Region IV chapters. This newsletter contains the names and contact information for 53 Region IV chapters. Please utilize this listing to reach out to other chapters to resolve organizational dilemmas and learn practical fundraising strategies. In this regard, Region IV would like to offer a hearty "welcome" its two newest chapters:

Chi Phi Chi at Central Pennsylvania College, Summerdale, PA
and
Omega Psi Beta, ECPI Technical College, Richmond, VA

Lastly, "thank you" to those chapter advisors and chapter officers who responded with chapter news for this issue of Region IV's Newsletter!

Looking forward to seeing you in Richmond!

John Wilt

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Vice President's Report - Steve Atchley

Mentoring, Teaching and your Professional Career:

When I was asked to write an article for the Region IV newsletter what immediately came to mind was one of my favorite topics which is mentoring. My second thought was that I had lost one of mine, that person being Jim Hooker who passed away on June 25th of this year. I met Jim about eight years ago when I accompanied four students to a Region IV Conference at Radford University. We went as members-at-large as I was not sure that there was sufficient interest in ACJA-LAE to support a chapter at my campus.

I really knew very little about the organization but liked the idea of competing against other chapters in crime scene search and academics. I didn't know that I could compete at the professional level so I did not. Since my professional background is corrections, I knew nothing about crime scene search and that was evident when my students came to me with questions. Two of the students took 1st place academic awards at that regional conference, and I was very happy for them as their names and awards were announced. Of course they also were announced as members-at-large when they happily went up to receive their awards.

Afterwards, Jim came over to the table, where we were sitting, congratulated the students, asked what school we represented, and why we weren't a chapter. Not knowing Jim, I gave some short babble of an answer. I very clearly remember how enthusiastic he became as he said, "Well, you might want to consider forming a chapter and this is why....." I spent about an hour with Jim that evening, listening to his stories extolling the virtues of LAE, finding out that my first division director and he knew each other, and learning about ACJA-LAE.

I have really only had four jobs in my life. In the U.S. Air Force, I was an aircraft electrician. When I worked for the Department of Corrections for the State of Delaware, I worked as a Correctional Officer and later a Probation Officer. Then I was fortunate enough to begin teaching at Delaware Tech where I was also a student and continue to have a wonderful career. In each of those very different jobs, I find myself attracted to people who are passionate about their work, enthusiastic about themselves and others, who show personal and professional integrity.

Regardless of where I have been employed, people with those characteristics have been mentors and teachers to me. They did not so much tell or order or direct me, as they told me what they did, or they showed me through their actions and those actions reinforced their words. Their enthusiasm about themselves, others around them and their organization raised the level of excellence and performance for everyone. Ideally, integrity is the incorruptible and unbreakable vault where ethics are safely preserved and protected. (Borrell, Law and Order, Vol. 53, No. 1, January 2005). I have watched people who have been my mentors and teachers when confronted with a difficult problem, making the right decision despite adverse consequences. Teachers to me are everyone who I came into contact with in my life. People are either teaching me qualities that I would like to possess, or they are teaching me how I do not want to be.

Your professional career and reputation has already begun during your journey through academia. State, federal and local agencies will call your professors asking questions about you. Having been on the receiving end of those calls and interviews dozens of times in the last 27 years, I can state unequivocally that at this point in time in your life, how others perceive you is very important. Agencies will ask numerous questions about personal integrity, drug and alcohol use, attendance, completion of what you begin, relationships with other students, organizations and frequently how you are perceived by others.

I consider mentoring and teaching to be a part of both my personal and professional life. I used Jim as an example in ACJA-LAE but there are many others. I call these people in my life significant others as they have made a difference for me. It is my responsibility to give others what was so freely and generously given to me. That is the unspoken way that I repay those that helped me along the way. So when you are on campus, who can you help when you see a need? Perhaps it is in helping someone write a paper and helping them avoid plagiarism. Maybe you are a person of influence among your peer group and you model acceptable use of alcohol at functions or conferences. Instead of arrogantly telling someone what to do in a personal situation, thereby assuming the moral high ground, if applicable, you tell them what a difficult situation that is and tell them how you struggled and what you did to resolve it.

That is how I will remember Jim. His warmth and enthusiasm, suggestions, sense of humor and his love of the organization that he was a member of for 41 years made him a mentor for me. How do you want people to remember you?

Announcement of the 2006 ACJA/LAE National Scholarship & Student Paper Competition

Applications will be available to apply for the **2006 National Scholarship and Student Paper Competitions**. Entries for the National Student Paper Competition must be original papers dealing with issues and problems in areas of criminology, law enforcement, juvenile justice, courts, corrections, prevention, planning and evaluation, career development, or education in the field of criminal justice.

Applications for both Competitions may be obtained by calling or writing the National Office after April 15, 2005. Members can also request applications by e-mail at acjalae@aol.com. The **deadline** for submission of the papers for the **2006 National Scholarship is December 31, 2005**. the **deadline** for submission of papers for the **2006 National Student Paper Competition is January 31, 2006**. Papers are reviewed by separate committees and winners will be announced at the 2006 National Conference.

All papers must be accompanied by an application. Incomplete applications will not be considered for the awards. Also, you must be a member-in-good-standing at the time of submission for the respective awards and at the time the awards are made. Members can compete for both awards.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the **National Office at P.O. Box 601047, Sacramento, CA 95860; telephone (916) 484-6553; Fax (916) 488-2227; email: acjalae@aol.com**.



Key Awards

As a member of ACJA/LAE, you are entitled to receive our Scholastic Honor Awards. In recognition of outstanding scholastic attainment in the field of the administration of criminal justice. Keys (a distinctive charm/pin with the ACJA/LAE logo) and a Certificate are awarded to members who exemplify themselves academically. Members who qualify can obtain their awards by submitting a Certified Grade transcript, with a cover letter, to the National Office. The letter must state which Key Award you are applying for. Upon verification that the candidate meets the requirements for the Award, the Certificate and Key Emblem will be mailed to the recipient. the qualifications are as follows:

Graduate Keys - are awarded to those members who meet the requirements with a Graduate/ Masters Degree. In order to qualify for a Graduate Key, a member's GPA average must be at least 3.5 on a scale of 4.0.

Gold Keys - are awarded to those members who meet the requirements with a Bachelors Degree. In order to qualify for a Gold Key, a member's GPA average must be at least 3.5 on a scale of 4.0.

Silver Keys - are awarded to those members who meet the requirements with an Associate Degree. In order to qualify for a Silver Key, a member's GPA average must be at least 3.5 on a scale of 4.0.

ACJA/LAE Continues to Grow

The Association is continuing to experience steady growth in membership and number of active collegiate and professional chapters. Between 1990 and 2004, paid membership increased from 1,850 to 2,725 members, an increase of 47.3%. The total number of active chapters climbed from 75 to 116 over the same period (+55%). At the end of 2004, the number of active members and chapters included:

	Members	Chapters
Region 1	368	15
Region 2	397	18
Region 3	206	11
Region 4	693	35
Region 5	602	18
Region 6	459	19
Total 2004	2,725	116



Written Competitions for Region IV Conference

The textbooks for the written competitions are as follows:

Juvenile Justice Exam:

Juvenile Delinquency: Theory, Practice and Law by Larry J. Siegel, Brandon C. Welsh and Joseph J. Senna; 9th Edition, Thompson-Wadsworth Publishing, 2005, ISBN 0-534-64566-6 AND Juvenile Delinquency by Peter C. Kratcoski and Lucille Dunn Kratcoski; 5th Edition, Pearson-Prentice Hall Publishing, 2004.



Corrections Exam:

American Corrections by Todd Clear and George Cole, 6th Edition. Thompson-Wadsworth Publishing, 2003.

Criminal Law Exam:

Criminal Law by Joel Samaha, Thompson-Wadsworth Publishing, 8th Edition, 2005. ISBN: 0-534-62991-1.

Police Management & Operations Exam:

Management and Supervision in Law Enforcement by Bennett and Hess, 4th Edition, Wadsworth Publishing, ISBN: 0534616054

ACJA/LAE Knowledge Exam:

National Bylaws

National Standing Rules

National Brochure

ACJA/LAE History

National Oath & Symbolis Booklet

(These items are available from the National Office.) (ACJA/LAE History, Bylaws and Standing Rules are available on our website.)

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Chapter Reports

Region Lambda Omega Highlights

After returning from the 2005 LAE National Conference in TN. The Lambda Omega members of Region IV once again returned home with several



winner and very proud Advisors. As the summer season kicks off, the members of Lambda Omega have been meeting regularly to champion our summer fundraising activities. It has

become an annual event for LO to host a car wash event.

We have found that for a couple of hours of stress-free, fun-in-the-sun patrons eagerly line up to have their cars washed the old-fashioned wayby hand, with no worries of heavy machinery scratching their paint or if they will still have their radio antenna upon the completion of their wash. Our team uses this opportunity to stay connected with one another, and contribute to the overall success of our fundraising efforts.

In addition, Lambda Omega has started exploring activities with community-based events to help further develop our relationship within. We are looking to participate in various walk-a-thons to show our support, and take the time to interact more with the community that continues to provide unconditional support Lambda Omega's efforts.

As preparations are underway to map out travel arrangements for the up-coming Regional IV conference, we are also busy with the planning stages to welcome the return of the National ACJA conference to *Delaware*. We are *VERY* excited to have this opportunity to be your hosts in 2007, and hope to maintain the level of experience, educational growth, networking, and overall fun that we have all come to expect annually!

Alpha Beta Sigma

Peter Cecere, a Criminal Justice



Graduate of Lehigh Valley College and an active member of the Alpha aBeta Sigma Criminal Justice club, became the youngest police officer at age 20 to ever serve with the Washington Township Police Department in New Jersey.

Peter successfully completed the requirements of his college internship with the Mansfield Police Department before being selected from a pool of 75 applicants to the Washington Township position. Peter was an outstanding student who consistently stood out amongst his peers. He was well-respected and admired not only by the criminal justice faculty but also by his fellow peers. After Peter completes the 22-week training academy, he will be assigned to a training officer in the patrol division. He will remain under the guidance and direction of a training officer for three months before assuming the regular duties and responsibilities of a patrol officer.

Congratulations Officer Cecere!

Another successful Criminal Justice graduate of Lehigh Valley College.

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Chapter Reports

CHI LAMBDA CHI



In April, Chapter Advisor Jerry Lane and six CHI LAMBDA CHI students visited the Police Officer's Memorial and Supreme Court building in Washington, D.C. From Washington, D.C., the group traveled to Philadelphia where they toured the Curran-Fromhold Correctional Facility, Eastern State and Holmburg Prisons. A previous trip to Southwest Virginia included a tour of Red Onion Prison. Photos of CHI LAMBDA CHI members, including one of the police



Communications Center in Lynchburg, VA are included with this chapter report. According to Jerry Lane, students had a greater appreciation of the prison tours because of enrollment in ADJ 150, Introduction to Corrections.



Emergency Center

OMEGA ALPHA OMICRON

Greetings everyone! Omega Alpha Omicron at Danville CC has had a lot of exciting events going on. We've had several fundraisers this year. For example, we had a great fish fry here at DCC, second annual rummage sale, car washes, parked cars at an air show, and sponsored a highly successful Fourth Annual "Run for Justice." The past year was busy and this coming Fall and Spring look equally busy. Our first fundraiser in September is a "50-50" fundraiser at the South Boston speedway. That event will be followed by a Fall Fish Fry at the DCC campus in early October. After regionals, we



will concentrate on an "Evening of Giving" at the Piedmont Mall in November.

Every \$5.00 ticket sold to mall patrons is a \$5.00 profit for our chapter. Chapter members also enjoyed a very educational field trip last Fall to our sister state, North Carolina. Some of our "field trip" photos have been included in this newsletter. In sum, our hard work and dedication allowed six Omega Alpha Omicron members to attend the ACJA-LAE's National Conference in Memphis, TN. At our "kick off" chapter meeting, we will focus our efforts on recruiting new members to our chapter and selection of chapter members to attend the Regional Conference in Richmond, VA. It is our sincere hope that we see all of you at the October 20-22 regional conference in Richmond!

DCC Justice Club members at the Office of the Sheriff, Forsyth County, Winston-Salem, NC.



Front row (L-R): Chris Austin, Chris Talley, Jeremy Fowler, Sgt. Larry Handy, Linda Poke. Back row (L-R): John Wilt, Brittany Davis, Kim Ford, and Byron Henderson.

Region IV Caucus Minutes

March 22, 2005 - Marriott East Hotel - Memphis, TN - 7:00 p.m.

Mike Snow, Region IV President called the meeting to order. Roll call/Region IV chapters: (1) Omega Alpha Omicron, (2) Chi Chi Nu, (3) Lambda Omega, (4) Chi Omega Pi Sigma, (5) Sigma Tau Omicron, (6) Lambda Theta Xi, (7) Kappa Pi Sigma, (8) Gamma Mu, Phi Lambda, (9) Member-At-Large. Forty-one (41) individuals were in attendance at the caucus.

Because of a miscommunication in the pizza order (plus a delivery error) Region IV members were not provided with pizza and drinks before the official start of the caucus.

The following national board members provided caucus members with association news:

Abby Schofield (candidate for national president), Chuck Kenyon (outgoing national president), Joe Davenport (candidate for re-election as national vice president). Two individuals—Laura Bedard and Preston Koelling—have been nominated to receive their respective Star Award. National Student Representative Lori Carman also addressed the caucus and mentioned the significant growth in ACJA-LAE membership, plus other conference items.

A copy of Region IV's financial status was circulated. The financial report covered the period from November 2001 to March 15, 2005. Current balance: \$4,625.18. The issue of the Region IV President not signing financial statements for reimbursement (from the national office) was discussed. John Wilt obtained a current financial report from Jim Hooker, Secretary-Treasurer. Members were also apprised that Mike Snow had written a personal check to cover monies due Region IV from the national ACJA office which were forfeited because periodic financial reports were not signed in a timely manner.

Anton Daniel provided extensive details of the Fall Region IV conference to be held in Richmond, VA. Anton selected "Behavioral Science: Beyond Violent Crime and Criminal Behavior" as the conference theme. Dates for the conference (October 21-23), conference speakers, hotel information (including room rates) and conference fees (\$85.00) were discussed and questions answered by Anton Daniel. Region IV conference registration details will be posted to not only Region IV's web page, but also on the national ACJA web site.

The rationale for holding a Region IV election was that Mike Snow had served as Region IV President in excess of two terms (two years each). After extensive discussion (including input from ACJA-LAE Vice President Joe Davenport), a majority voted to allow Region IV to follow tradition, and not be restricted by ACJA national bylaws for voting purposes. There was, however, a consensus that Region IV should adopt a set of by-laws. A motion was made and it was voted favorably that Region IV begin the process of by-law construction. Those present were reminded that a January 2005.

Region IV newsletter had requested that voting for the office of president, vice president and secretary-treasurer would require two-thirds of active Region IV chapters to submit their vote to Jim Hooker. That effort failed necessitating voting at the national conference Region IV caucus.

Election Results:

Region IV President -	John Wilt (18 votes)	Mike Snow (13 votes)
Region IV Vice President -	Steve Atchley (by acclamation)	
Secretary-Treasurer -	Jim Hooker (by acclamation)	
Sergeant-at-Arms -	Nicole Koban (30 votes)	Amy (1 vote)
Student Representative -	Amanda Hayes (19 votes)	Shaun Gibbons (12 votes)

The 2006 national conference was discussed, followed by comments from newly elected Region IV President John Wilt who pledged to work hard to improve Region IV. John thanked Mike Snow for not only his dedication, but also all his contributions to Region IV.

Meeting adjourned at 9:24 P.M.

Recording Secretary: Linka Poke (Omega Alpha Omicron)

69th National Conference

March 19 - 24, 2006

Conference Theme:

Challenging Today's Juveniles: Incarceration or Freedom

Location: St. Charles, IL

Pheasant Run Resort & Spa

4051 East Main Street

St. Charles, IL

Call for room reservations (630) 584-6300

Tentative Conference Schedule:

Sunday, March 19:	Executive Board Meeting Registration (sign-up for crime scene & firearms) Advisors' "Get-Together" Ice Breaker
Monday, March 20:	Registration (sign-up for crime scene & firearms) Academic/Written Competitions Crime Scene Competition Job Fair Opening Banquet and Dance
Tuesday, March 21:	Firearms Safety Meeting (sign Waivers) Firearms Competition Physical Agility Competition Regional Caucuses
Wednesday, March 22:	Chapter Officers' Breakfast Meeting Chapter Advisors' Breakfast/Meeting Workshops Star Member Reception 15th Annual Lip Sync/talent Contest
Thursday, March 23:	FREE DAY
Friday, March 24:	Voter & Proxy Registration National Business Meeting Awards Banquet & Dance

Conference Registration Fee:

Member Pre-Registration fee will be \$140 until February 3, 2006

Guest/Spouse Pre-Registration fee will be \$90 until February 3, 2006

Member Registration fee will be \$175 after February 3rd and on-site

Guest/Spouse Registration fee will be \$125 after February 3rd and on-site

The Registration Fee covers participation in all competitions, the Opening Banquet Dinner, Star Member Reception, and Closing Banquet Dinner/Dance.

Guests ARE NOT ELIGIBLE to compete in the competitions

Pre-Conference registration packets will be mailed to all members in December

2005 National Conference Winners Region 4

LAE Knowledge

Lower Division

3rd Place **Johnny West**
2nd Place **Bryon Henderson**
1st Place **Linda Poke**

Professional Division - Region 4

1st Place **John Wilt**

Juvenile Justice

Professional Division

2nd Place **Steve Archley**

Police Administration

Upper Division

3rd Place **Nicole Simmons**

Police Administration

Professional Division

1st Place **Robert Austin**

Physical Agility

Female under 25

3rd Place **Nicole Nero**

Female 26 to 35

3rd Place **Sarah Coriello**

Female 36 and over

3rd Place **Linda Poke**

Male 36 and over

1st Place **John Wilt**

WANTED: ACJA/LAE HISTORIAN

- * Needs to keep a history of the ACJA/LAE
- * Make History information available to the membership
- * Capability to store ACJA/LAE materials
- * Staying power in the ACJA/LAE organization

Interested? Email:

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2005 National Scholarship Awards Region 4

Upper Division

3rd Place **Sherri Harmer**
1st Place **Nicole Simmons**

2005 Student Paper Awards Region 4

Upper Division

3rd Place **Janice Harper**

Region IV Annual Regional Conference October 20-23, 2005

Thursday, October 20th:

3:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Registration
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Hospitality Suite
8:00 p.m. Mandatory Safety Meeting for
Physical Agility and Firearms
Competition

Friday, October 21st:

8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Written Exams
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Firearms Competition
(Dominion Shooting Range -
\$5.00 Range fee will apply)
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Physical Agility Competition
(Virginia State Police Academy)
3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Regional Meeting
5:00 p.m. - 11:30 p.m. Crime Scene Competition

Saturday, October 22nd:

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. **Mr. Arthur E. Westveer, Jr., -**
FBI
11:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. Discussion
9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Career Fair
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Lunch
1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. **Dr. Robyn Diehl Lacks - VCU**
2:00 p.m. - 2:15 p.m. Discussion
2:15 p.m. - 3:15 p.m. **Dr. Carl J. Jensen, III - FBI**
3:15 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Discussion
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Social Hour
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Dinner and Awards Presentation
Guest Speaker -
Dr. Robert D. Holsworth -
VCU
9:00 p.m. - 12:00 p.m. Dance

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In Memoriam

A Tribute to Professor Jim Hooker.....

Earlier this year a husband, a Star Member, and a LAE mentor was called home to rest. Professor Jim Hooker, well known for his friendly antics and warm-welcomes, will be sorely missed. On behalf of the Delaware Technical and Community College Lambda Omega chapter, again, we wish to express our deepest sympathies to Professor Hooker's wife, Pat and his surviving family.

As the President of the LO Chapter, I am honored to submit an article detailing my fondness of Professor Hooker. I met Professor Hooker at the 1999 National LAE conference in New Orleans during the Star Membership reception. I recall that I was waiting my turn to congratulate and shake the hands of all the Star members in attendance that evening. Professor Hooker was the warm-hearted member that refused a handshake, and opted for a hug instead. Needless to say, initially, I was rather shocked by his actions, as I had never before met Professor Hooker, but felt at ease with him. He was fully aware that I was new to the organization, and welcomed me with open arms, literally! From that moment going forward, I could not escape the good-natured arms of Professor Jim Hooker.

Years later, at the last evening of our Chapter's Regional conference in 2001, Professor Hooker stated, ".....*she gives the best hugs in Delaware*" in front of several of his constituents. These words, although most would consider minimal, gave me the soothing comfort I needed during the midst of our conference. His words reassured me that everything was going well and to relax. This cherished memory will forever remain, and remind me of just one of the numerous reasons why I continue to be an active ACJA member. Professor Hooker was one of those patient and caring members that makes being apart of this organization so worthwhile.

I know Professor Jim Hooker is smiling down on us with overwhelming joy at all the successes of ACJA!

Nicole Simmons, President
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