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1985 ANNUAL MEETING

HOTEL: We have received very positive looking information about hotel facilities. The Town and Country Hotel and Convention Center is a 32 acre resort complex located 15 minutes from the San Diego airport, and within walking distance of a major shopping site - Fashion Valley (fine stores such as Neiman-Marcus, Joseph Magnin, Nordstroms and Buffums). The hotel has scheduled airport transportation (for a nominal fee), and an array of shops on the premises, including a 24-hour coffee shop, and three restaurants. It also boasts 4 swimming pools and a sauna bath, in addition to the Atlas Health Club, which has 6 lighted tennis courts, a volleyball court, jogging track, a 25-meter outdoor 3 lane lap pool, 7 indoor handball/raquetball courts, exercise rooms, massage rooms and locker facilities, which are all available to hotel guests at a nominal fee. This particular site definitely says, "Welcome to Southern California!"

RESTAURANTS: If your work up an appetite from physical (as well as intellectual) activities, you will be pleased to find that San Diego also offers some excellent dining spots (lots of Mexican food, too). At present, our "underground gourmets" are busy assembling their best restaurant picks which will be made available to the membership. Our goal is to provide a selection of foods and prices that have been carefully scouted by local folks. The hotel also provides a rather comprehensive listing of restaurants with price ranges and locations.

TOURS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES: There is a lot to do in San Diego. It has some of the most beautiful beaches on the continent, in addition to attractive parks, historical landmarks, and the world famous San Diego Zoo. It is also about 20 miles from Mexico. We are at the stage of preparing to contract a company which will offer us special tours at group rates. Details will be publicized in a few months, but some of the tours in preparation include: Sea World, the San Diego Zoo, the Wild Animal Park, the Metropolitan Correctional Center, Tijuana, San Pasqual Vineyards, shopping tours, evening and day cruises (with dinner and/or cocktails), Tijuana jail, and general site-seeing tours. All tours will include transportation to and from the hotel, and are reasonably

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37th Annual Meeting
Set for San Diego

The 1985 annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology will be held at the Town and Country Hotel from Wednesday, November 13 through Sunday, November 17. The theme this year is "Taking Stock: Current Knowledge and Future Priorities."

At this time, over one hundred sessions, roundtables, and workshops have been organized. They include such diverse topics as historical and comparative studies of crime, terrorism and guerrilla warfare, theoretical developments in conflict Criminology, alternatives to formal justice, women as victims and offenders, and quantitative advances in Criminology. Several sessions are being planned on the victimization surveys.

Didactic sessions are being planned on inventories of knowledge in a particular area as such knowledge is related to crime. The areas are culture, economics, politics, and psychology. Didactic sessions are also being planned on theory and organized crime. Because the Breakfast Roundtable was so well attended last the International Division is planning two for this year.

Several plenary sessions are

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and my office, requests for participation in the annual meeting are sometimes lost or misplaced. To avoid these occurrences, I am suggesting that any member who has mailed a proposal for a paper, panel, etc. and has not received a decision on program participation by July 1, 1985 should contact me. Marc Riedel, Center for the Study of Crime, Delinquency, and Corrections, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Illinois 62901. (618/549-0660) or (618/453-5701).

Organized Crime Syllabi Requested

The International Association for the Study of Organized Crime (IASOC) is compiling academic and training syllabi on organized crime. The association plans to publish the syllabi in order to make available examples and models for presenting courses relating to organized crime. IASOC is an organization of researchers, investigators and educators interested in the study of organized crime; groups such as traditional crime families, yakuza, outlaw motorcycle gangs, triads, cocaine families. The purposes of the association are:

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- To encourage both limited and long term research into organized crime.
- To establish a vehicle capable of providing research assistance and evaluate services to agencies of the criminal justice system.
- To establish a center for the accumulation and dissemination of information for courses on organized crime and related subjects.

IASOC publishes a quarterly newsletter and is planning to publish a journal devoted to articles on organized crime. The first annual meeting of the association will be November 9, 1985 at the Town and Country Hotel in San Diego, California.

Persons who have developed organized crime syllabi and who would like to have them published by IASOC should send materials to: International Association for the Study of Organized Crime, Saint Xavier College, 3700 W. 103rd Street, Chicago, IL 60655.

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We function within a rather lethargic field of study. By the time our collective books and articles get into print, many of the “pressing issues” about which we have written have faded from the public’s general attention. In an attempt to infuse some degree of spontaneity into the American Society of Criminology, the Editors of The Criminologist wish now to begin a contemporary issues column. I have been fortunate enough to have been asked to take the first swipe. I have, in this brief essay, clearly bitten off more than I can chew, and request that interested readers respond to this piece or to any contemporary justice issue by writing The Criminologist, c/o the Editors.

CRIME MANAGEMENT: Criminology’s Proper Role

by Chris W. Eskridge, University of Nebraska-Omaha

Criminologists should write all postulates and hypothesis in soft chalk that can be easily erased, for the perspectives and theories which have been developed in this field of study have undergone continual alteration and adjustment. As Norman Carlson has suggested, the unfortunate truth of the matter is that we do not know very much about the causes and cures of crime. Undaunted, we criminologists have continued the search for the Holy Grail. It is time to end that search. Criminology as a field of study has been guilty of asking the wrong questions. If we have learned anything from our research, it is the empirical validity of the constancy dictum. The nature of crime may change, but the extent seems to be relatively constant. We must cease and desist our quest for the causes of crime as if to discover and eliminate. Criminological research must center upon ways to manage crime, and when possible focus on ways to reduce the severity of the nature of crime. Furthermore, criminological research must take on a far more practical slant than it has heretofore taken, and the focal point of that contemporary research should be the criminal justice system.

The single most cause of crime in America is our criminal justice system. The further individuals are thrust into the justice system, the worse they become. It is time that we focus more of our research on this fragmented discretionary network. Our system is so flawed, a body of Saints could not run it well. It is truly amazing that the system even functions at all. But the great evil of our system is not that it fails to “work well.” The great evil of the justice system is not that it unable to eliminate crime. The justice system was never meant to eliminate crime. It does not have the capacity to eliminate crime. The great evil of the system is that the public is told it can eliminate crime. The great evil is that the public is told the system can work. The great evil of the justice system is the lie.

Will and Ariel Durant have noted that the foundations of any society are its schools, churches and families. Justice systems are created and designed primarily to muffle and postpone social conflict, and to provide a quick response to that conflict. Justice systems are like the little Dutch boy who has his finger in the dike. The little Dutch boy does not have the capacity to solve the problem of an eroding dike. He does, however, provide a quick response, and he is able to temporarily address the visible aspects of the problem. In essence, the little Dutch boy buys time. Likewise, justice systems do not have the capacity to eliminate crime. They provide quick answers, remove problems from public sight, and buy time by shoving their fingers into the cracks in societies foundations.

Our justice system has all ten of its fingers in the dike of society and more leaks are appearing. Our system must decide which leaks are the worst, identify optimum alternatives given the financial, moral and political constraints, and respond, recognizing that all of the holes cannot be plugged. The role of our justice system is not to eliminate crime. The role of the justice system is to manage crime, to use its scarce resources in the most optimum and humane fashion possible. Criminological research must shift its collective focus into ways our justice system might better fulfill this role. But we must not think that these new reforms are going to cure. Like the little Dutch boy, a justice system simply does not have the capacity to cure. It can only plug temporarily. Reforms function merely as new ways to position the fingers in the dike. But that is not an unimportant function. Indeed, reforms are quite important, for the system must be capable of responding to new and/or bigger holes in the dike, to new and/or more widespread crimes of certain varieties. We must be able to hold our fingers in different ways. Justice system reforms are necessary, but we must recognize them for what they are, temporary stop-gaps.

The implications of this perspective are somewhat disheartening to we criminologists. For so many years, we have lived through delusions of grandeur. We have believed our role to be an eminent one, for we have convinced ourselves that through our collective research we would solve the crime problem. I suggest that the entire concept of crime causation has become moot. The fact that so little is known regarding the causes of crime is no longer a cause for lament, for the role of criminologists is no longer to find the causes and cures of crime. Our primary role as criminological researchers is to discover ways to manage crime, and ways to reduce the severity of crimes committed. As previously suggested, our criminal justice system tends to do just the opposite. The justice system is in fact an extremely efficient manufacturer of criminals. The great challenge of the crime management role is to not make things any worse. To do as little damage as possible. The system must enforce society’s inequitable laws in the least inequitable fashion possible. It must select the least worst alternatives and administer them in the least worst fashion possible. We cannot count on the justice system to have much of a positive impact. We can only hope that it does not have much of a negative impact.

As the field of criminology begins to research ways to manage crime in the least worst fashion possible within the public sector, researchers must keep in mind that every reform which has a potential for success, has a potential for abuse equal yet opposite in degree. A new program or reform that can yield a +5 can also yield -5 if implemented incorrectly. And as if affected by gravity, programs seem to naturally fall to the lowest possible level – a type of bureaucratic gravitation phenomenon. continued on page 4
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Unless energy is continually driven into a new program, the program will fall to the lowest possible level and will yield an impact precisely opposite that which was planned. Unless we are willing to give a maximum effort to the reform, the least best alternative (+1) emerges as the least worst when actually implemented (−1), and is thus the best. In short, good ideas do not always make good public policy. The grandest of proposals and the finest of reforms often fall prey to problems of implementation which may render the reforms worthless, and even counterproductive. Bureaucratic forces within the justice system have a particularly powerful ability to overwhelm reforms, regardless how rational or empirically sound those reforms may have appeared to be at the outset. We must not merely research crime-management type reforms, we must fashion those reforms in such a way their actual impact is at least a respectable facsimile of their desired impact. Criminology as a field of study must conduct research with an eye fastened directly upon the reality of public policy.

In sum, these can be discouraging thoughts, not just to criminologists, but also to justice officials who have been deluded into thinking that they too had a noble mission, that they could cure, that they could eliminate crime. Criminologists are guilty of bringing these false expectations into the field. Let us now correct our historical error. Instead of perpetuating the myth that crime can be eliminated, that we can cure, let us openly admit that this is simply not the case. Let us openly admit that our criminal justice system harms far more often than it cures, that it is incapable of curing on a macro basis, that it is actually breeding crime. Let us openly confess our role as crime managers.

But if nothing can cure, if nothing works, says John Conrad, why try? We must still try, for if the system fails to hold its collective fingers in the dike, society would drown in the onslaught. But let us strip away our delusions of grandeur, and get on with managing crime in the most efficient and humane way possible. It may be harder to work knowing that ours is a rather putrid profession.

That much of our research and proposed reforms are merely new ways for the justice system to hold its fingers in the dike. It is a less glamorous role that we have painted for ourselves in the past, but a far more honest portrait.

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The Society is pleased to announce that advertising and exhibits will be administered in-house for the 1985 Annual Meeting in San Diego, California. ASC members who have published works in the past year are requested to notify the ASC executive office of such publications. This is a valuable opportunity to bring titles of interest to your colleagues. It is a regular feature at the Annual Meeting that member publications be displayed at the combined book exhibit. Members are also being asked to contact their publishers to encourage them to arrange for booths at the meeting. Please send title, year of publication, and publisher to Sarah Hall, ASC Executive Office, 1314 Kinnear Road, Suite 212, Columbus, OH 43212 (614/422-9207).

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The Criminal Justice Program and the Division of Continuing Education at Utica College of Syracuse University have instituted the Humanities in Criminal Justice Summer Institute developed at Boston. Scheduled for two weeks in mid-July 1985 the institute seeks to enable participants to develop curricula that incorporates the Humanities into their Criminal Justice programs. For further information contact: Michael Greenfest, Utica College, Utica, New York 13502.

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Participation in the program can begin in July. Applications should be submitted as early as possible before that date. For further information and application forms, please write to Professor Alfred Blumstein, Director, Urban Systems Institute, School of Urban and Public Affairs, Carnegie-Mellon University, Pitts-burgh, PA 15213.

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State of Washington Adopts Sentencing Guidelines
by John McCloskey and Cynthia Kempinen

Sentencing guidelines were implemented in the State of Washington on July 1, 1984. The guidelines were developed by the Washington Sentencing Guidelines Commission and approved by the state legislature last year.

The nineteen-member commission was established by the legislature in 1981 and was directed to develop a "presumptive sentencing system which would "emphasize confinement for the violent offender and alternatives to total confinement for the non-violent offender." The Washington commission was the third legislatively created commission to publish guidelines. Minnesota promulgated guidelines in 1981; Pennsylvania's were promulgated in 1982.

Judicial Authority Broadened

Under the new guidelines, the time a defendant serves in prison will be set by the judge, subject to possible reduction for "good time" which is earned in prison. Formerly in Washington, the State Board of Prison Terms and Parole set the actual length of time that a prisoner served when the sentence exceeded 12 months.

There is no parole or other post-release supervision for defendants sentenced under the guidelines. However, a voluntary post-release "community support" program is available to assist the prisoner in adjusting to society and in finding employment.

Guideline Format

As in Pennsylvania and Minnesota, the guidelines consist of an "Offense Seriousness Score" and an "Offender Score." The combination of these two scores determines the guideline sentence range which is applicable to the case.

An "Offense Seriousness Score" is assigned to each offense based on the commission's assessment of the crime's seriousness. There are 14 categories of offense seriousness.

The "Offender Score" has nine categories and measures the number and type of prior felonies, and the number and type of certain juvenile adjudications. Misdemeanors do not count in the Offender Score (with limited exceptions when the current offense is a vehicle violation). In Washington, a misdemeanor is defined as any offense which is punishable by fewer than 12 months incarceration.

The weight given to a prior conviction in the "Offender Score" varies according to the seriousness of the current offense. For example, if the current offense is first or second degree murder, or first degree rape, assault, or kidnapping, any prior conviction for these crimes counts three points. If the current offense is some other violent crime, each prior violent felony conviction counts two points.

Prior convictions for the most serious felonies are always counted in the Offender Score. Prior convictions for other felonies are not counted after 5 or 10 (depending on the grade of the current offense) crime-free years in the community.

Prior juvenile adjudications are counted in the Offender Score, but are given fewer points than prior adult convictions. To be counted, a prior juvenile adjudication must have been for a felony committed after the offender's 15th birthday, and the defendant must be under 23 at the time of the current offense.

The Washington guidelines have a deadly weapon enhancement for cases in which there is a special verdict that the defendant or an accomplice was armed during commission of a kidnapping, rape, possession or distribution of a controlled substance, or while committing some grades of robbery, burglary, and escape. Depending on the crime committed, the increment is 12, 18, or 24 months.

Departures from the guidelines are permitted for "substantial and compelling reasons." In such cases, courts must provide written findings of fact and conclusions of law which justify the departure. Either defense or prosecution may appeal sentences which depart from the guidelines.

Guidelines for Prosecutors

The Washington statute requires the commission to develop standards for prosecutors when charging and plea agreements. Since Washington is the first state to attempt such standards, the commission chose to adopt provisional, broad standards, and to conduct future research on charging and plea bargaining practices.

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