



The CJ Undergrad

a college of criminal justice newsletter

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Sam Houston
State University

Upcoming CJ Events

CSI: The Experience

When: Now to April 30
Where: Houston Museum of Natural Science,
1 Herman Circle Drive
Tickets: \$15 for Adults,
\$12 for Children 3-11,
seniors and college
students with ID.
www.hmns.org;
713.639.4629

Texas Public Service Association

When: February 24th-25th
Where: SHSU-CJ Center
Contact: Candice at
936.294.1702

ACJS Conference

When: March 11th-15th
Where: Cincinnati, OH

Spring Break: March 10th-14th

Good Friday: March 21st

Beto Chair Lecture

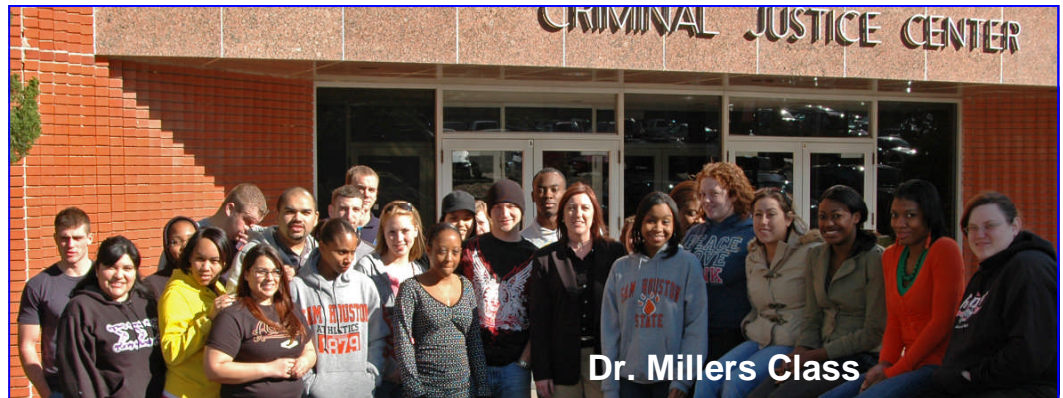
When: March 27th
Time: 9:30am
Where: CJ Courtroom

Miller Time

I welcome you to the first issue of *The CJ Undergrad*. I hope to utilize this publication to provide you, undergrads in CJ, valuable information on employment, graduate school, student organizations, and current events happening in our College and around campus. I will also be providing some interesting fact-oids on your fellow students, faculty, and staff. If you think of something that would be helpful to

see in the newsletter please let me know. Also, please note that there is a criminal justice trivia question located in the newsletter. The first student who brings the answer witten down with their name will receive a CJ t-shirt. This will continue in each newsletter. I wish you all a great beginning to the Spring 2008 semester!

Dr. Holly Miller, your Dean of Undergraduate Studies



Dr. Millers Class

CJ Advising Office Upgrade

The Criminal Justice advising office is currently under construction. The advisors ask that you be patient with us while we are going through some much needed changes...wouldn't you agree? In the meantime we are still available for advising. Our office hours are 8am to 4:30pm Monday through Friday.



Webb Words

Reflections from Dean Webb!

Liz, my daughter, started her freshman college year this past August, and as she was getting ready to start I found myself searching my memory to see if I could uncover some helpful tips from my own freshman college experience. Possibly the most useful advice that I could recall came from the professor who was teaching my intro to psychology course. He claimed that one of the strongest predictors of success in college was attendance, and that if a student did little else but attend class faithfully, there was a high probability that they would pass the course. I took his advice to heart, and I probably missed no more than 3 or 4 classes as an undergraduate student. Of course, it turns out that attendance was only part of the equation for success. I still had to study, but attendance was an important part of my success. And Liz, well she managed to come up with a schedule that has her first class on Mondays starting at 1:00 p.m. I guess she thought that this made it easier to take my advice!



Student-oid

I would like to introduce Ms. Ashley Clark who is a sophomore CJ student. Check out her accomplishments...



- From the Aldine area of Houston.
- Started college at the age of 16.
- A McNair Scholar.
- Double majoring in Criminal Justice and Psychology, double minoring in Political Science and Physics.
- Works for LEMIT

Staff-oid

I would like to introduce Ms. Candice Williams, who is our undergraduate advisor coordinator...



- Featured on the cover of Texas Monthly with Dr. Robert Gates... "Can this Guy Save the Aggies"
- Graduated from Texas A&M with a BS in Psychology.
- Member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc.
- Born and raised in Huntsville, TX.

Fact-oid

I would like to introduce Dr. Mitch Roth—he is one of our scariest profs...



- Hair today—Gone tomorrow! He used to have HAIR—LOTS OF IT, down to his back!
- Worked in the VIDEO biz for 10 years! He met John Travolta, Mike Douglas, Gene Hackman, and Steve Martin.
- Lived on a commune in the Ozark Mountains near Eureka Springs.
- Studied Chinese Language.

CJ Trivia ?... What legendary criminal justice pioneer said the following:

"The citizen expects police officers to have the wisdom of Solomon, the courage of David, the strength of Samson, the patience of Job, the leadership of Moses, the kindness of the Good Samaritan, the strategical training of Alexander, the faith of Daniel, the diplomacy of Lincoln, the tolerance of the Carpenter of Nazareth, and, finally, an intimate knowledge of every branch of the natural, biological, and social sciences. If he had all of these, he might be a good policeman."

The 1st CJ Undergraduate student to bring the answer written down with their name to Candice Williams in the advisement office will win a CJ T-Shirt.

National Association of Blacks in Criminal Justice

Chapter Objectives:

- To stimulate research and other documentation related to minorities and the criminal justice system.
- To actively encourage and support the development of local, community, state, and regional chapters.
- To network with other organizations and groups with similar objectives and interests.
- To educate students and others on criminal justice-related issues and how they relate to minorities.



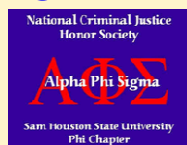
Membership:

- Anyone is able to become a member
- Membership dues are \$20 for 1 year.
- Members are required to complete 5 hours of community service per semester.

Meetings are every Wednesday @5pm. Location TBA. For more info., email org_nabcj@shsu.edu.

Alpha Phi Sigma

- 3.0 overall GPA
- 3.2 CJ GPA
- CJ major/minor
- Have 3 full-time semesters completed
- Must have completed a minimum of 4 courses in the CJ field
- Meet biweekly at 5pm in the CJ Café
- Our website: http://www.shsu.edu/~org_aps/



Thanks,
Fabian Bristow, APS President

Society of Forensic Science



- Society of Forensic Science is a special interest group open to any student who is interested in forensic science and is in good academic standing with SHSU.
- Membership is \$20 for the full academic year which includes a SFS Club T-Shirt
- Bi-monthly meetings at CFS Building Room 101 at 5:30pm
- Being a member of SFS not only expands one's own knowledge about Forensic Science, but allows an outlet to share what we have learned with others. SFS members have the opportunity to participate in demonstrations for high school tours who visit CFS and such events as Saturdays at Sam and Bearkat Family Weekend

For more information regarding our volunteer and fundraising events for our organization, visit <http://sfs.blaqorbit.net/> or contact SFS at shsusfs@gmail.com.

Thanks,
Ross Ehmann, President of SFS

CVSA



Crime Victim Services Alliance

'Putting Control Back into the Hands of the Victim'

- "The purpose of CVSA is to advance knowledge and awareness of victim Services as a movement and as a profession among students interested in the criminal justice system, crime victim rights, and crime victim Services."
- This is a registered organization and can be placed on your co-curricular transcript.
- We have many volunteer opportunities and many chances to make career contacts.
- We take various types of field trips in and outside of Huntsville and have hosted several career fairs.
- For additional information, e-mail CVSA@Shsu.edu or contact Natasha West, Organization President at Nrw004@Shsu.edu
- We are the only Criminal Justice organization that has a degree specified in Victims Studies.

Thank you,
Alicia A. Soto, CVSA Treasurer

Lambda Alpha Epsilon



We are a national criminal justice coed fraternity. We meet every Tuesday at 9:00pm in the LSC. We have roughly 60 active members and have an internship available through the fraternity. We have two competitions every year, regionals and nationals. In these competitions we compete in a firearms course, a physical agility course, crime scene, and several criminal justice tests such as juvenile justice.

Upcoming events: Relay for Life; National's competition April 6th through 11th; Pledge Retreat February 16th

Thanks, *Matthew Betterton, LAE President*

Need help developing study skills, improving time management, and kicking bad habits like procrastination? Well the study skills workshop series is the program you need. The Sam Center is offering six one-hour study skills sessions beginning March 17th on the following:

**Study Smart • Procrastination • Time Management
Reading Textbooks & Note Taking
Test-Taking Strategies • Stress Management**

Interested? For more information, call (936) 294-4444 or drop by the Student Advising and Mentoring Center, AB4, Room 210.



Have You Filed a Degree Plan Lately?

Criminal Justice students who have completed 32 hours or more need to come in and file a degree plan if they haven't already.

Why file you ask?

Only by filing a degree plan can you officially declare Criminal Justice as your major. Many students applying to Sam Houston State University choose Criminal Justice as their course of study thinking that they have officially declared CJ as their major...not quite.

What's the difference?

By filing an official degree plan in Criminal Justice you sign an agreement between you, the University, and the College of Criminal Justice. Filing this degree plan shows that you understand the degree requirements expected of you in order to graduate with a degree in Criminal Justice from Sam Houston State University.

How to file?

- Fill out declaration of official major application
- Once it has been reviewed, you will receive an email to come in and sign your declaration.
- Your declaration must be signed before it is processed by the registrars office.

Your official degree plan application will not be processed if:

- The student is currently on probation or suspension
- The student is not currently enrolled at Sam Houston State University
- The student has not completed 32 semester hours of credit
- Coursework from transfer institutions remains to be placed on the student's Sam Houston State University transcript.

"AND YOU KNOW THIS MAAAN..."

The CJ Advising Office asks that you have the following information available to make your advising experience successful.

- Sam ID #
- Know if you are getting a BS or BA Degree
- Minor
- Have you filed a degree plan and signed it lately?
- Have your Degree Audit printed out before you come for advising

Important Dates

- **February 1st** last day to apply for graduation for May graduates. Additional \$25 Late Fee Assessed if Filed After Deadline.
- **March 2nd** last day to apply for graduation for August graduates.
- **March 28th** advanced registration begins for Summer I, Summer II, and Fall 2008.