A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

The Southern Journal of Criminal Justice takes an international perspective in this issue with an article by Lee-jan Jan and Cecilia O. Jan on the Chinese social system of managing criminality that existed prior to the 20th century introduction to Western concepts. The inclusion of this article expands further the stated purpose of the Journal to explore the entire "interdisciplinary field of criminal justice."

Other articles in this issue also delve into the broad reaches of the field, from constitutional law to crime victimization, police, pre-trial intervention and juvenile justice.

Nancy Travis Wolfe examines the constitutional question of whether state governors have an obligation to extradite adult felony suspects to other states and examines the effectiveness of the Interstate Compact on Juveniles in handling extradition problems for juveniles.

James E. Smith and Jerome A. Wolfe examine crime prevention programs for the elderly and warn that further efforts to reduce crime among this group "may well foster social isolation among the elderly."

David L. Smith and Stephen D. Webb review the literature on police stress and argue that the state of the art is too "rudimentary" to suggest a causal approach at this time; they suggest instead some research strategies that could lead to a better base for causal analysis.

Linda A. Foley and James H. Fortenberry analyze the effectiveness of a Citizens' Dispute Resolution Program as an alternative to criminal prosecution and find it to be an acceptable means of alleviating the congestion in the courts.

Three articles examine the juvenile justice system. Sandra K. Darnell, in her article submitted as winner of the SACJE Outstanding Undergraduate Student of 1979 competition, examines alternatives to incarceration for juveniles; Stanley L. Swart compares and contrasts the "criminal justice system" with the "juvenile justice system; and Thomas E. Reed reviews the changes in the identification and handling of juvenile delinquents and argues that new perspectives are appropriate for the near future.

Finally, Reed Adams reviews a controversial book that suggests the moon and tides effect human emotions, while George Larry Mays assesses the value of a new book on a "public policy approach" to Criminal Justice for use in the classroom.

It's an exciting issue that reflects the coming of age of our Journal.

Gene Stephens