A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

With this issue, the Southern Journal of Criminal Justice enters its fourth year of publication on dual high notes. First, the Journal is, for the first time, "perfect" bound, a major step forward in terms of production. From the standpoint of production quality, we now have parity with the other major regional and national academic-professional journals in the field.

Second, this issue contains excellent articles of several distinct types. Carter critiques current delinquency theory and articulates "a radical alternative." Gryski considers current criminal justice planning and advocates moving toward "comprehensive planning," despite the technical and political pitfalls along such a route. Baumann and Mabry report the findings of their empirical study of jails, while Howard reports on his probe of juries. Comparative studies are provided by Hirschel (English juvenile detention vs. U.S.) and by Lingamneni (juvenile justice in India and the U.S.). Book reviews include a new police text, a practicable study of police investigation, and an edited collection on discretion, "the invisible justice system."

Several other promising articles are currently in the review process. Let's not let down now. Send us your best work and encourage your colleagues to do the same. Again, you are reminded that student articles are welcome. They will be subjected to the review process; to do otherwise would be unfair both to the students and to our readers, but experience shows "excellent" student work does well in the review process.

With this issue, the editor feels the Southern Journal has "arrived." Finally, we are publishing a first-rate product of which we can all be proud. Let's keep it that way.

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