



# *The Bison Criminologist*



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## **Welcome to Spring!!**

...Or at least to spring semester. There may still be snow on the ground, but the end of winter is in sight.

## **Important Dates and Deadlines**

Jan. 17      MLK, Jr. Holiday  
Feb. 21      Presidents' Day Holiday



Mar. 14-18   Spring Break!!



Mar. 15-19   ACJS Meetings – Chicago, IL

Mar. 25-28   Holiday/Recess  
Apr. 4        Fall Registration Begins  
May 6        Last Day of Classes  
May 9-13    Final Exam Week  
May 13       Commencement



## **Publications**

An article by **Jeff Bouffard**, **Shamayne Smith**, and **Jeff Bry** was recently accepted for publication in the Journal of Criminal Justice, a highly-regarded journal in the criminology and criminal justice field. The article is titled "Are the Rewards of Crime the Same for All? Individual Difference and the Perceived Benefits of Crime." These exploratory results suggest that individuals vary in the types of crime benefits they see as relevant and that they also vary in the extent to which they found various benefit types to be important to their offending decisions. Finally, the study also found that the types of benefits seen as relevant varied with the type of hypothetical offending behavior being considered.

## **Criminal Justice Figures**

As of January 2005, the Criminal Justice program has 257 criminal justice majors. This count contrasts with a figure of 120 majors as of April 2004 and demonstrates substantial and continued growth in our program.

## **Announcements**

**Dr. Carol Archbold** will be joining us in the Fall as a new faculty member. She received her Ph.D. from the University of Nebraska – Omaha, a very highly regarded program in criminology. She will be primarily responsible for the policing track, and we look forward to seeing her in a few months.