

*Employee Corner*

A favorite quote from Bob Swisher :

*"You win with people."*

*~Woody Hayes*

# Monday Memo

## New Employee Focus: Dan Aultman

Dan Aultman is OCJS' new Law Enforcement Liason. Most recently, he was a Regional Director for a company called Block-by-Block, a provider of clean and safe programs for special improvement districts around the country. He has been a police officer in Ohio since 1991, working for Xenia Police Division, Xavier University Police, and Madeira Police Division, and currently for Westerville Police.

Dan also worked for the Greene County Juvenile Court for four years as a Diversion Hearing Officer and Detention

Counselor. He also does training, teaching and lecturing.

Dan received his Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from Miami University and his Master's Degree in Criminal Justice from Xavier University. He has a lovely wife Tammy, and a brand new son Rowan, born December 20! He grew up in the Beavercreek and Xenia areas, but he and his family currently live near Delaware at Dornoch



Estates - but he says it sounds much more posh than it is!

An avid rugby player, Dan has played for the past eighteen years. When asked about his new position at

OCJS, he says: "I am very excited about the position. I have finally found a place to put all my criminal justice experiences together. The only thing I need now is a phone in my office – ha!"

## January is National Mentoring Month

National Mentoring Month is a celebration that commemorates mentoring and its positive influences on young lives. Parents are their child's best and most influential mentor; however, parents are encouraged to honor other positive role models in their kids' lives and help them identify opportunities to develop beneficial relationships with other trusted adults.

Middle school children were recently surveyed, and results were published in the [2003 Primary Prevention Awareness, Attitude &](#)

[Use Survey \(PPAAUS\)](#) conducted by The Safe and Drug-Free Schools Consortium. Statistics from the survey include:

- The average age of first use of alcohol and tobacco was 11.
- Four times as many children in 7th and 8th grade report drinking alcohol at least once a week as compared to 6th graders.
- 3% report smoking tobacco at least once a month.
- Four times as many children in 7th and 8th grade report smoking cigarettes daily as compared to 6th graders.
- The average age of first use of marijuana was 12.
- Smoking marijuana once a month or more increased from 1% of 6th graders to 5% of 7th and 8th grade children.

## OCJS Weekly Trivia



Often talked of, never seen; Ever coming, never been; Daily looked for, never here; Still approaching, coming near; Thousands for it's visit wait, but alas for their fate, though they expect me to appear, they will never find me here. What is this poem about?

**Congratulations to Mark Later who answered last week's trivia correctly!  
Answer: The woman was a minister who performed the ten ceremonies.**

*Email Kristen Justice when you think you have this week's answer!*

## Using the GRAD to Power Consumer-Based Research: OSU Partners with OCJS

From the *Ohio State Center for Family Research Newsletter*:



As both a producer and consumer of criminal justice research, OCJS has taken an interest in the applicability of the GRAD's focus on court-involved youth and their families in order to provide useful information to the criminal justice field. OCJS has provided funding to the CFR in order to support both a part-time graduate research associate, Jennifer Bostic, and a part-time Honors undergraduate research associate, Pam Seger. The goal of these two positions is to utilize information generated from the GRAD in order to develop research-based information that is useful to OCJS and its constituents.

Each research assistant is responsible for the development of two

deliverables. Jennifer's interim deliverable involves the development of a codebook for the GRAD that will allow OCJS researchers, among others, to understand the breath and depth of the GRAD database. Jennifer's final project will involve the construction of a research paper using the GRAD database in order to address criminal justice issues and concerns of interest to OCJS constituents. Pam's interim deliverable is a set of fact sheets about specialized dockets. In turn, her final project involves the development of a paper that will use the GRAD database in order to focus on issues that are central to the juvenile drug court.

Jennifer and Pam have met with various OCJS staff members as well as becoming increasingly familiar with the types of publications that OCJS regularly produces. These

research associates have been educating OCJS staff regarding the GRAD instrument and related website, as well as providing information about current projects that are accessing the GRAD database for various research purposes.

As research-based practices increasingly become a priority in the criminal justice field, the evolving relationship between OCJS and the CFR will highlight the important role that the university can play in meeting the empirical needs of a public agency dedicated to reducing and preventing crime. This joint endeavor is thought to provide a model for future collaborations with agencies and organizations committed to other issues impacted the youth and families of Ohio.

### 2005 State Holidays

Martin Luther King Day	Monday, January 17, 2005
President's Day	Monday, February 21, 2005
Memorial Day	Monday, May 30, 2005
Independence Day	Monday, July 4, 2005
Labor Day	Monday, September 5, 2005
Columbus Day	Monday, October 10, 2005
Veterans' Day	Friday, November 11, 2005
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday, November 24, 2005
Christmas Day	Monday, December 26, 2005

### 2004 CCC Update

An update on last year's Combined Charitable Campaign was recently sent out to all agencies. According to the update, among agencies or boards with 50 or less employees, OCJS out-raised each one of them! To top it, OCJS out-raised the agency with 50 or fewer employees that came the closest, the Ohio Arts Council, by more than 17%! Among the 64 agencies or boards with 100 or fewer employees, only four out-raised OCJS.

***Please head into 2005 feeling great about the work you've done for others!***



Happy Birthday!

Kristen Justice—January 4 Jane Herman—January 5

