

## **Reporting Violence**

### **A FACS/Western Justice Center/Associated Student Press Discussion Paper**

#### **Mission:**

To prevent violence through the quality of information reaching the public through the news.

#### **Problem:**

- The images and information in the news and mass media affects the behavior of the public
- First amendment law inhibits the arbitrary laws and regulations to eliminate violence in media
- The public, particularly children, are not prepared to avoid violence and violent behavior caused by violence in the media.
- Journalists and their information resources are not prepared to report on violence and inform the public about violence in the context of major issues and tradition news beats.

#### **Methods:**

FACS proposes to conduct conferences, seminars and presentations to provide journalists with the knowledge to understand violence, its causes and preventatives. And how to accurately report violence in the context of traditional news beats in their communities and schools.

In addition working with the Western Justice Center, FACS will increase the number of conflict resolution and alternative dispute resolution experts working as information resources to journalists. through continuing academic education.

FACS/WJC/ASP will work with news organizations and community business, academic and nonprofit organizations to develop self-funding publications, internet, education programs and news and information resources.

#### **Evaluation:**

FACS/WJC/ASP will develop faculty and curricula for conferences, institutes and seminars. The faculty will assist FACS/WJC/ASP staff with the editing and writing of newsbackgrounders, development of media contacts and pre-screened Internet sites.

Education Programs will be self-funding through registration fees and sponsorships

Publications and Internet content will be funded by grants

#### **Budget:**

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| Program Direction:             | \$75,000 |
| Faculty Advisor and curricula: | \$25,000 |
| FACSNET/ASPWIRE Section        | \$50,000 |
| NewsSource Programs            | \$30,000 |