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1990 ELECTION OF OFFICERS

DIVISION ON WOMEN AND CRIME
The American Society of Criminology

BALLOT

After voting, insert ballot in the enclosed addressed envelope. Do not include any other communications with the ballot. Be sure to print your name and to sign the return envelope to validate your ballot.

The ballot must be returned not later than October 25, 1990.

DIVISION ON WOMEN AND CRIME
1990 Election of Officers

FOR VICE CHAIR (Vote for One)
  Sue Mahan
  Kaylene Richards-Ekeh

FOR SECRETARY-TREASURER
  Virginia Morris
LYNNE GOODSTEIN

Lynne Goodstein is the Director of Women's Studies and Associate Professor of Administration of Justice and Women's Studies at Penn State. She is currently the Acting Chair of the Division on Women and Crime. She has served the division in other ways, including organizing the 50th Anniversary Recognition of Women in the ASC, serving as executive counselor (1986-87; 1990-92) and chairing the awards committee (1987-88). Her research interests include correctional institutions, victimization of women, and the relationship of the discipline of women's studies to higher education. As elected chair of the division, Dr. Goodstein would like to continue efforts to involve newer members in leadership positions, support diversity in the division, develop new programs and structures to meet the needs of division members, and maintain the division's high visibility in general ASC activities.
TO: Doris MacKenzie  Fax # 301-405-4733  
FROM: Nicole Rafter  
9/27/94  
RE: Revision of ASC, Women's Division, nomination statement  

At your suggestion I have revised my statement for the Women's Division's ballot. It is enclosed. Please let me know if you need additional information.
Nicole Hahn Rafter

Contact information: 134 Fuller Street, Brookline, MA 02146. Home tel. and fax: 617-739-5508. Every other weekend, Thursday-Sunday, I can be reached at 802-635-2483.

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Nominee's Statement

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Nicole helped organize the Division on Women and Crime; has served twice on its Executive Board (1984-85 and 1986-87); and last year co-founded the Division's Mentoring Program. She has also chaired Division awards committees (1989-92) and its Fellows Nominations Committee (1984-85) and served on its Task Force on Sexual Harassment and Nominations Committee. Within the ASC itself she has been a member of the Executive Board and numerous committees, and she introduced the ASC resolutions banning sexist language in ASC and National Institute of Justice publications. She is a member of the editorial boards of Criminology and Women and Criminal Justice and served on the Advisory Board for the Cambridge Documentary Films project Defending Our Lives, a film about battered women that won the 1994 Academy Award for Best Documentary.
TO: Lynne Goodstein  
FROM: Nicole Rafter  
23 October 1994  
RE: DWC ballot

I am writing to express some concerns about the ballot I received last week for the Division on Women and Crime's 1994 election.

Some of these concerns relate to the materials sent to Division members pertaining to my own candidacy for Vice Chair. The distributed materials are somewhat embarrassing. The materials I sent Doris MacKenzie (copy enclosed) referred to my "criminological research and writing"; in the distributed version, this has become ungrammatical ("criminology research and writing"). One sentence does not begin with a capital letter, and--most embarrassing of all--the write-up has me working on a "history of biographical theories of crime." Who would vote for someone with such a lunatic research agenda, not to mention so poor a grasp of the language?

Then too, my opponent's write-up contains a STATEMENT. Mine would too, had I been asked to provide one. Doris MacKenzie did contact me to suggest that I add to my original statement; I had taken her original request for a "brief" blurb too literally, and she wanted my materials to be as detailed as those of Pat van Voorhis. However, I didn't know that Pat had included a STATEMENT.

The ballot itself also raises some concerns. Pat's name, but not mine, is followed by a line to mark if one wishes to vote for this candidate. Obviously this is not intentional, for the Executive Counselors part of the ballot has no lines at all; yet in the case of the Vice Chair election, a careless or rushed voter would be guided toward Prof. Van Voorhis's name.

The instructions ask us to sign the ballot envelope and also print our names. However, the envelope I received, unlike most ballot envelopes, did not have spaces for signing and printing. I wondered whether this would lead to the invalidation of some ballots.

I certainly don't mean these observations to be critical of Doris MacKenzie or anyone else involved in generating the election materials. Those responsible for these materials are donating time out of very busy lives; and no one makes mistakes more frequently than I do. But I do wonder if the end result is fair. This is truly a question--one I'm asking you to decide. This election is important to me, and I can hardly be objective.
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DIVISION ON WOMEN AND CRIME
1994 Election of Officers

FOR VICE CHAIR (Elect One)

Nicole Hahn Rafter  
Northeastern University

Patricia Van Voorhis  
University of Cincinnati

____________________ (write-in)

FOR SECRETARY/TREASURER

Joanne Belknap  
University of Cincinnati

Christine Curtis  
San Diego Data Processing Corp.

____________________ (write-in)

FOR EXECUTIVE COUNSELORS (early career phase, vote for 1)

Susan T. Krumholz  
University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth

Chinita A. Heard  
University of Texas-Arlington

____________________ (write-in)
PATRICIA VAN VOORHIS
Associate Professor
Criminal Justice and Women's Studies
University of Cincinnati


STATEMENT: The American Society of Criminology's Division on Women and Crime plays vital roles in supporting women in academic and criminal justice professions and in advancing the research and advocacy needed to promote fair treatment of female victims and offenders in the justice system. Throughout many years as a member of ASC and of the Division, I have been the beneficiary of the Division's tireless efforts to build networks of feminist scholars, keep members informed of legislative and political developments and to develop mentoring relationships with graduate students and new scholars. I have found the Division's work in promoting feminist pedagogy to be especially valuable. And the friendships have been invaluable. But even with these accomplishments, women continue to face disadvantages as they seek advancement in the discipline, acceptance of their research, and fair treatment in the justice system and the economy. There is a crucial and an ongoing need to serve organizations that affirm women. I am pleased to be nominated for the position of Vice Chair in the Division of Women and Crime. If elected I will bring many years of experience working on women's issues: as a board member for our feminist bookstore in Cincinnati, a faculty member in the University of Cincinnati's Division of Women's Studies, a member of the board of directors for UC's Association of Women Faculty, and a facilitator of feminist consciousness raising groups.
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CHRISTINE CURTIS
Data Processing Manager
San Diego Data Processing Corporation

I have been an active member of a number of professional organizations, including the American Society of Criminology. I am currently the president of the Western Society of Criminology (WSC), and have served that organization as Program Chair for two conferences, as Vice President, and as an Executive Counselor. I also served as President, Vice President, Program Chair, and Board Member for the Association for Criminal Justice Research in California (ACJRC). In addition, I was the treasurer for California Women in Government for an 18-month term, which provided extensive experience with the requirements of a non-profit corporation. In this position, I relied heavily on my training in accounting.

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I support the goals of the ASC Division on Women and Crime, and have been a member for the past four years. This group has provided a supportive environment and an opportunity to network with other women in the academic and research field. I would like the opportunity to use my experience to serve the organization.
EXECUTIVE COUNSELORS

CHINITA A. HEARD
Assistant Professor
Criminology and Criminal Justice Program
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STATEMENT: It is an honor and a challenge to be nominated for Executive Counselor of the Division on Women and Crime. I am confident that I can successfully meet this challenge because I bring to this position years of participation in the American Society of Criminology and other professional criminal justice organizations. Membership with the ASC started when I was a student at Florida State University. My participation includes presenting numerous scholarly papers related to women issues, chairing panels, convening roundtables, participating in workshops as well as organizing special interest group meetings. As Executive Counselor, I would strive to include diverse perspectives of the entire membership.

I also meet this challenge because my participation in scholarly endeavors with the ASC has provided a foundation for me to move into the practical aspects of the criminal justice system in the state of Texas. In that regard I have provided specialized consultation to local and state criminal justice agencies concerning research and policy issues. I continuously face this challenge at a local and state level and have demonstrated that I have the experience to provide input at the national level. The passage of the Crime Bill poises the Division on Women and Crime to infuse their collective voices to examine more thoroughly the future direction of research and policies related to women as professionals, victims and offenders in the criminal justice system. As Executive Counselor, I would urge the Division to continue to meet this challenge.

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March 6, 1995

Nicole Hahn Rafter  
College of Criminal Justice  
Northeastern University  
400 Churchill Hall  
Boston, MA 02115

Dear Professor Hahn Rafter:

On behalf of the Division on Women and Crime of the American Society of Criminology, I am delighted to notify you formally that you have been elected Vice Chair of the Division. Your term is a two-year term which began with the recent ASC meeting in November, 1994.

Your already substantial contributions to the Division and the Society were clearly recognized in your election to this post. I look forward to working with you in the months ahead.

Sincerely,

Lynne Goodstein  
Professor and Chair,  
Division on Women and Crime
TO: Doris MacKenzie  Fax # 301-405-4733
FROM: Nicole Rafter
9/22/94
RE: ASC, Women's Division, nomination statement

At your request I have written up a short statement of my qualifications and experience for the Women's Division's ballot. It is enclosed. I am pleased to be listed as a candidate for Vice President and appreciate your help to the Division.

Let me know if you need additional information.
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