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27 November 1995

Nicole Rafter
Brookline, MA 02146

Dear Ms. Rafter:

Thank you very much for your recent telephone call and the offer of the records of the Division on Women and Crime of the American Society of Criminology.

As I indicated on the phone, because there are now so many more active women contributing to many fields than in the past, and because the Schlesinger Library is offered so many collections, we must consider each offer carefully, and in most cases must see either the collection or a sample of its contents before making a decision.

As a first step, we would appreciate having the following information, in as full and accurate detail as you are able to provide without taking an inordinate amount of time or trouble.

1. What is the total quantity? The usual measure is cartons (roughly the size of a liquor carton) or file drawers (usually 2 ft. deep; please specify if not 2 ft., or if not full).

2. What is the approximate growth in volume per year?

3. What topics are documented in the records? What makes them of particular or unusual interest?

4. What places are documented?

5. What period do the records cover?
6. What types of records are there: correspondence, minutes, photographs, scrapbooks, speeches, financial records, audio- or videotapes, etc.? Roughly how much of each type is there?

7. Are the records in fairly good condition or have some been damaged by mildew, insects, exposure to light, etc.?

8. Do any of the records contain sensitive information, so that use should be temporarily restricted?

9. Have the records been offered to any other repository?

Your replies to the above questions will be very useful in helping us to decide what the next step should be. Thank you for thinking of the Schlesinger Library in looking for a home for these records. Some literature about the library is enclosed, and we look forward to considering this collection as a possible acquisition.

Sincerely,

Eva S. Moseley
Curator of Manuscripts
1983 - Nothing
1984 - First Division Meeting & No Host Party
1985 - ""
1986 - Business Mtg
TO: Chris Rasche  
FROM: Nicole Rafter  
RE: Enclosed memo re Archives Project  
DATE: 17 May 1996

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Can you think of other ways to bring the announcement to the attention of people who might have records?

I hope all is going well there and send best wishes.
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Please let me know if it will not be possible for you to distribute this memo. Otherwise, I will assume you will include it in a future mailing.

Thank you in advance for your help. I send best wishes.

To : Nicole Rafter
From: Sarah Hall
Date: May 24, 1996

Nicky, the best place for this announcement may be in the next issue of THE CRIMINOLOGIST (July/August). I will be happy to forward this to Miriam DeLone, editor, for her to include in that issue.

My next mailing may not be until the first of August with the Chicago meeting materials, so the newsletter may be the best place for it due to time constraints.

Call me and let me know if that is o.k. with you. The deadline for copy to Miriam is June 1, although she usually has a few days leeway.
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NEWS FROM THE DIVISIONS

DIVISION ON CRITICAL CRIMINOLOGY

At the 1995 ASC meeting in Boston, the Division on Critical Criminology honored two criminologists; one with its Lifetime Achievement Award, and the other with its award for the Critical Criminologist of the Year. Bill Chambliss, Professor of Sociology at George Washington University received the Lifetime Achievement Award in recognition of his role over the last 30 years as one of the most influential and productive students of the relationship between law and systems of power. Walter DeKeseredy, Associate Professor of Sociology at Carleton University, was selected as the Division's Critical Criminologist of the Year for his exceptional scholarly productivity, and particularly his extensive writing in the area of domestic violence.

At its 1995 business meeting, the Division agreed to institute a student paper competition to select the best contribution in the area of critical criminology by a student - either graduate or undergraduate. If you know of a student with a high quality paper that should be considered for this recognition (or if you are a student with such a paper), please send it to Dr. Jim Thomas, Professor, Department of Sociology, Northern Illinois University, De Kalb, IL 60115.

Also on the student front, the Division authorized funding of one room/suite in upcoming meeting hotels that could be used by graduate students as a hospitality room during the day, and as a sleeping place for several students at night.

The Division's social event followed in the tradition of past gatherings with its unique combination of sociability and homemade music provided this year by a shifting ensemble of critical pickers, harpoon players, and spoon slappers. We are hoping for more of the same in 1996!

Ray Michalowski

DIVISION ON WOMEN AND CRIME

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ASC CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The ASC Nominations Committee announces the call for nominations from the membership for the election slate of officers for 1996. Positions for election include President-Elect, Vice President-Elect, and two Executive Counselors.

Please use the nominations form. All nominations should be received by September 23, 1996 and should be sent to the address below. To assure that your nominee gets full consideration by the Committee, please attach a resume summary of one or two paragraphs to the nominations form.

1997 ASC NOMINATIONS

For President Elect: __________________________
Name __________________________
Nominee’s address __________________________
Reasons for nomination __________________________

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For Executive Counselor: __________________________
(you may nominate two)

Signature of Nominator: __________________________

Please forward your nominations by September 23, 1996 to:

Jeffrey Fagan
School of Public Health
Columbia University
600 West 168th Street
New York, NY 10032
FAX (212) 305-8280
DIVISION’S ARCHIVES

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To: Nicole Rafter
From: Fred Adler
Re: Archives Project
Date: September 29

Hope your selection goes well -- I'm forwarding a copy of the program (if you need the original for Schlesinger Library, I'll send it) where the ASC had the first panel on female crime (see p. 13). Given that very few people were expected to attend, we were assigned a room "out of the way" -- on the top floor.

As you can see from the photo, we had an overflow crowd -- some even standing behind the panelists and others listening from the hall as far back as the elevator. Some came to listen; others came out of sheer curiosity!

Comparing our one panel in 1975 to our very large panel presence in recent ASC programs, we can surely demonstrate the division's evolution over 21 years.

Hope this is helpful. Many thanks for putting it all together.
TO: Christine Rasche/ President, Division on Women and Crime/ ASCe
FROM: Nicky Rafter, Vice-President
DATE: 12 November 1996
RE: Archives Project

I am writing to update you on the archives project.

As you will recall, at the last annual business meeting I volunteered to investigate the possibility of housing the archives of the DWC in the Schleisinger Library at Radcliffe. I did so, only to be told that since so many collections are offered to the Schlesinger, they do not consider acquisitions until they have a full picture of the volume of the materials and their nature. Thus to pursue this possibility we would have to collect everything before being assured that we would have a home for the materials.

As that possibility seemed probably ill-advised, I spoke to Joan Krizack, the head of Northeastern University's archives. She is quite interested in the possibility of acquiring our archives but said she first much know how much material there is and whether it is representative of the the Division's founding and development.

Before we proceed any further, we need to answer a preliminary question: Do we want our archives to be blended with those of the ASC as a whole, or do we want to be independent? I think the ASC has begun preliminary planning for its archives, perhaps to be housed at Newark; but I have not been able to get firm information on this point.

Second, if we want to work independently, would our members consider Northeastern to be a satisfactory repository?

Third, if Northeastern is satisfactory, is anyone willing to help me with this project? I can be the coordinator, but I think the project is too big for me to handle alone. This past year, I put notices in both the Criminologist and the DivisionNews, but I have received very few items. Nanci Koser Wilson, who is also interested in the archives project, may have collected some other items, but I think we will have to be proactive in our collecting. For instance, we will need one person to collect copies of past newsletters, another to contact past presidents and other officers for their papers, and yet another to collect drafts of by-laws and minutes of meetings.

Finally, we need to decide what to do with materials if it turns out that we do not have a representative enough collection to be of interest to an archive.

Please put these matters on the agenda for discussion at our forthcoming business meeting in Chicago.

Thank you for your attention. I will be looking forward to seeing you next week.
MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 1, 1996

TO: Officers, Executive Counselors, and Committee Chairs of the Division on Women and Crime:

Lynne Goodstein, Past Chair
Nicky Rafter, Vice Chair
JoAnne Belknap, Secretary
Susan Caulfield, Exec. Counselor
Phoebe Stambaugh, Exec. Counselor
Brenda Miller, Special Events
Susan Krumholz, DWC Constitution
Revision Committee
Nancy Jurik, Division Programming
Nancy Wonders, Task Force on the Role of Men in the Division

FROM: Chris Rasche, Chairperson

RE: Upcoming Executive Board Meeting and Division Meetings in Chicago

In just six weeks we will be gathering together in Chicago for the annual ASC meetings and our two annual Business Meetings. It is extremely difficult for me to believe that a whole year has gone by so quickly!

This is to remind you that the DWC Executive Board will meet on Wednesday, November 20 from 2:15 to 4:45 pm in the O'Hare Room on the 10th floor. All DWC officers and Executive Counselors are expected to attend if at all possible. Committee chairs are also welcome and encouraged to attend. Our special Plenary Session on "25 Years of Women in Criminology" will follow at 5:00 pm, which will be followed, in turn, by our annual Social Hour which will also celebrate 25 years of women's participation in criminology. I certainly hope you have all made your reservations for the Social Hour!

The main purpose of the Executive Board meeting is to set the agenda for the two DWC Business Meetings which will occur on Thursday and Friday mornings, November 21 and 22, from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. While there is a general agenda which we always follow, in accordance with parliamentary procedure, the specifics of the business to come before the Division in our
needs to be reviewed and any problems anticipated. This is an opportunity for the leadership of
the Division to raise and discuss issues which need to be presented to the larger membership—
or which might be otherwise resolved. It is very important for Division officers and Executive
Counselors to attend, but all Division leaders are invited and welcome.

Committee Chairs, it is requested that you be prepared at the Division Meetings to submit your
report (or at least a summary thereof) in writing to the DWC Secretary. If your committee has
something on which the membership needs to vote, it is advisable to have it also in writing, with
at least 40 copies to pass out to the membership during the meeting. This is particularly true for
resolutions or other items in which the specific language is important. Having items in writing,
with copies enough to pass around, merely facilitates the membership considering and voting on
matters.

If you are not going to be able to be in attendance in Chicago, please send me your written
committee report and any action items at least one full week in advance of the ASC meetings.
You may also ask another member of your committee to make your report for you, but your
written report sent to me in advance will still be appreciated. If your committee has been inactive,
or there is some other problem, just let me know.

You can contact me at the University (904-646-2758/2850), at home ( ) or by e-
mail (crasche@unf.edu). Let me know how things are going! I look forward to hearing from you
and to seeing you in Chicago.
Today, 11 October 1996, I called NU archives to inquire whether they'd be interested. Talked to Nancy Richard. She said the person to walk to is Joan Krizack, x2351, who will be in again next Tuesd. I left my name and ext. and message w. request for her to call. Call her too.
Today I talked to Joan Krizack, x 2351, who is head of NU archives. She is quite interested in the possibility of accessioning the DWC archives but has various prelim questions.

Most import issue: How much material is there, and is it representative re the organization's founding and dev?

If this comes to pass, the president and or board of the division will have to sign an agreement saying that people won't try to take their docs back.

She said twice that she wants me to come and see the facility. Call ahead to be sure she's free.

I asked how to collect the material, and she emphasized need to be systematic. Find out:

What materials exist
Are they impt to save?
How to save?

We need as complete a record as possible.

Use newsletter to determine when the newsletter began, what issues we have, which are missing; and put out call for missing issues.

Contact all former presidents and other officers re what they have, espec for drafts of bylaws, minutes of meetings.

I can either ask them for a list or to send stuff. Latter is prob easiest [but what if this didn't work out and I had to return? could I then just give to big ASC?] Keep all material from each individual separated, in a folder for Joan Smith, etc.