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Dear Bill:

I am writing both as a member of the ASC Nominations Committee and as a co-chair of the nominations committee of the ASC's Division on Women and Crime.

As you will recall, when you requested nominations at the end of May, I wrote on behalf of the Division to stall until we could canvass members for their suggestions. The stalling is over; here is our list:

President: Barbara Price  
Vice-President: Rita Simon  
Executive Counselors: Lynne Goodstein, Merry Morash, Peggy Giordano

Please understand that these nominations are being made not by me as an individual but on behalf of all the members of the Division on Women and Crime.

I look forward to seeing you at the annual meetings.

Sincerely,

[Nicole Hahn Rafter]

P.S. Congratulations on your election.
November 12, 1986

Dr. Phyllis Jo Baunach, Chairperson
Division on Women and Crime
12203 Winder Place
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Dear Dr. Baunach:

Thank you for your kind remarks concerning my appointment as Editor of Criminology. I can assure you that every effort will be extended to maintain the journal's standing as the premier publication in our discipline.

I am sympathetic to your concern regarding the low representation of women scholars as members of the editorial board of Criminology: a concern which is well grounded in both current and historical realities. To the best of my knowledge, women members of the society have never constituted more than ten percent of the editorial board of the journal. This represents an unfortunate oversight in my judgement. It will be my goal to have each submitted manuscript reviewed by at least one Associate Editor and one or two outside referees. Thus, under my tenure as Editor, members of the editorial board will be critical in shaping the substantive contents of the journal.

I am currently assembling a list of twenty scholars whose work I respect and whose judgements I would value. If all of these individuals accept my invitation to become members of the editorial board, you will see a significant increase in the number of women serving as Associate Editor of Criminology.

Thank you again for your kind remarks and for expressing your concern regarding the appointment of women as Associate Editors to the journal.

Respectfully,

Douglas Smith
Editor-Elect, Criminology

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cc: Edith Flynn
Chairperson ASC Publication Committee
Dear Division Executive Board Members and Committee Chairpersons,

On behalf of the Division, I would like to congratulate the three recently elected Executive Board members, and the newly elected Vice-Chairperson, and Secretary. In addition, many thanks to those of you who are not currently serving on the Executive Board but have graciously volunteered your time and talents to chair committees. Given all of your many and varied skills and talents, we should have a very productive year.

Based on the annual business meeting, the following are committees and responsibilities for each of us:

1) **Newsletter**: Chris Rasche. We need to chat about the contents, timing, and especially, cost of the newsletter. There are a number of things you might consider including, such as, a list of recent books on gender and crime, book reviews, names and addresses of organizations with which the division has been networking, minutes of the annual division meeting, other conferences/workshops featuring gender and crime issues, new research, funding sources for research on gender and crime, and brief blurbs from Division committee chairpersons about the work, progress, or needs of the committees. In addition, I think there is a need to let people know the Division is not just for women but encompasses interests of all those who are concerned about gender and crime issues. If you would like me to write something "from the Chair", I'll be glad to do so. I'll call you shortly. Other board members, please let Chris know your ideas as quickly as possible.

2) **Fellows Committee**: Merry Morash. We succeeded in getting Rita Simon selected as a Fellow, and have passed along to Joan McCord the name of Rosemary Saari for consideration this year. Last year's committee consisted of Laura Crites and Meda Chesney-Lind. Suggestion: Contact Meda to learn how they approached the task last year and what criteria they used. I think Meda has several resumes that you might want to consider. Please generate a slate of persons for the Division Executive Board to consider. Since we already nominated one person for this year, (based on the work of Laura and Meda), you may want to consider preparing a list to be presented to ASC's Fellows Committee for next year.

3) **Nominations Committee**: Virginia Morris. Since you were heavily involved on this committee last year, you are well aware of time constraints for nominations. The new ASC Nominations Chairperson is John Hagan, University of Toronto. You might want to call him to find out his deadlines. Sarah Hall thought he would have a July deadline for ASC nominations. Division nominations, would, of course, be earlier. Other issues to
resolve: should the division support all the women on the current slate? write in others? encourage individuals to send letters in support of anyone? At the annual meeting we decided that the Division will serve as a "League of Women Voters" to encourage Division members to vote. My thought would be to include something to this effect in the newsletter closest to the mailing of the ballots and for me to send a letter on Division letterhead stationery to all Division members from the Division Executive Board. What do you think?

4) **Awards Committee:** Lynne Goodstein. Last year Clarice Feinman chaired this committee. You may want to call her to determine the best strategy for determining who the Division should nominate for each award. Last year I sent a letter from the Division to all members asking for nominees' names to be sent to Clarice. You may want to ask her how much of a response she got. Maybe the newsletter would be a good place to advertise for names of candidates. I suggest you call Terry Thornbery at Suny Albany, Chair of the ASC Awards Committee, to learn the deadlines for the ASC Awards Committee. My suggestion would be to devise a list as early as possible.

5) **Student Outreach Committee:** Donna Hale. At the annual meeting, there were a number of suggestions to enhance the ASC experience for students, to make them aware of the Division, and to encourage their continued participation in both ASC and in the Division. These included: having an informal meal with students so they can meet those engaged in gender and crime research and discuss ideas; mailing information about the Division, etc. directly to students in ASC encouraging their participation and specifically inviting them to attend next year's Division business meeting; hosting a "take-a-grad.-student-to-dinner" evening, where individual Division members would pay the cost of the student's meal; asking Sarah to put an identifier — like a red dot — on the name tags of students (or, for that matter, any persons who have not attended ASC in the past), so we can easily identify these persons, and introduce ourselves; and having a table at the ASC registration desk next year with Division newsletters, and flyers, and someone to talk with students (or other new faces) about the Division. There are, I am sure, many other ideas you want to consider. As with the other committees, I suggest you devise a strategy as soon as possible so we can present it to the ASC Executive Board at the meeting (May 1-2, 1987) for approval.

6) **Publications Committee:** Nanci Wilson. Based on our discussion recently, I understand that the publications committee is planning to do: 1) an anonymous survey of all Division members on their experiences with journals in presenting articles with gender and crime issues, and on their experiences as reviewers; and 2) a tally of the number of articles in a selected set of journals that include gender and crime in the titles. Please send me a copy of the survey instrument to circulate to other Executive Board members before you send it to the Division membership. I called the National Criminal Justice Reference Service to obtain a printout of journals and other materials that have included articles relating to gender and crime. I will send you a copy of what I get. I understand the composition of your committee includes: yourself, Brenda Miller and Kathleen Daly. Is this right?

7) **Membership Committee:** Clarice Feinman. We haven't yet done much to increase membership. You may want to contact Chris Rasche about using the brochure in mass mailings, and Sarah Hall re. how to mass mail. I would also recommend obtaining mailing lists from other organizations with an interest in women's issues.
8) **Liason with ASC Program Committee:** Phyllis Jo Baunach. At ASC, I talked with Edith Flynn, Program Committee person for gender and crime issues, about having someone from the Division work with her. She agreed, and Kathleen Daly accepted the invitation to take on this role. Hopefully, by now Kathleen and Edith are in touch with one another. In addition, other items to follow up on from the Division meeting include: 1) possibly having a sign at a table to encourage people to join the Division; Carole Garrison said she might provide such a sign; 2) working with Donna Hale to determine a strategy for identifying students and other new faces at ASC; 3) maintaining contact with John Goldeamp, Program Chair, about needs of the Division for next year's ASC (ie., requesting non-overlapping panels; scheduling panels on gender and crime issues at times other than the Division annual meeting; etc.).

Other items of interest:

1) I wrote a letter to Doug Smith regarding women as Associate Editors/reviewers for the ASC journal. Enclosed is a very favorable response.

2) I sent Bill Chambliss a letter with the names of those persons attending the Division meeting who wished to be considered for various ASC committees during Bill's tenure as ASC President.

3) I will ask Sarah Hall to send each of you a copy of the list of committees for this year; you may find this information useful in your endeavors this year.

4) Nanci Wilson received some negative feedback about the Division based on the ASC Nominations Committee meeting on Saturday, November 1. Apparently, some ASC Executive Board members assumed that the slate set forth by the Nominations Committee reflected the Division's candidates. That slate included Julia Schwendinger for President and other radical criminologists for other posts. Apparently some Executive Board members associated that slate with the Division because Nicki Rafter presented the list to the Executive Board.

I sent Nanci a letter from Nicky Rafter to Bill Chambliss with our nominees. Enclosed for your information and files is a copy of the letter Nicki sent, just in case you also receive some flack about the Division. What we don't need is rumors to discredit the Division.

The slate the Division finally decided upon includes includes the following persons:

**President:**
- Joan McCord, Drexel University
- Barbara Price, John Jay College of Criminal Justice

**Vice-President:**
- Roland Chilton, Univ. of Mass. at Amherst
- Marvin Krohn, SUNY Albany

**Executive Counselors:**
- Robert Crutchfield, Univ. of Washington
- Ruth Peterson, Ohio State Univ.
- Rosemary Gartner, Univ. of Iowa
- Ted Ferdinand, Southern Illinois University
You will shortly receive a list of these nominees from Sarah along with the statement that additional names will appear automatically on the ballot if a person receives 2% or 27 nominations by early February, 1987. In deciding whether you want to nominate other persons, consider whether you think the ballot is stacked against the women candidates currently listed. Note that the 2 women listed are far less well known than the 2 male candidates. Just a thought.

5) You may wish to read and share with your colleagues and classes, a very interesting debate on gender and crime issues and methodology in court processing research between Josephina Figueira McDonough and Kenneth Adams in the Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency, Vol. 23, No. 3, August 1986, 295-319. I highly recommend it.

6) Please let me know the composition of your committees as soon as you put them together. I will pass this information along to Chris for the newsletter and to Sarah Hall for her records. In addition, I often get calls asking about activities of the Division.

7) Before you send out materials to the Division membership or to other parts of ASC, please let me know so that I may circulate the materials to all Executive Board members first. The collective wisdom of the Executive Board members has proven valuable in the past. In addition, all board members should be apprised of and have the opportunity to provide feedback on materials the Division sends out and on actions the Division takes. Similarly, if you plan to spend Division funds, please check with me first; encumbering the Division entails a Division Board decision.

8) If you would like some Division letterhead stationery and envelopes, or if you want an advance for postage, please let me know. If you can use postage through your University, that is preferable. Some of us don't have that option — in my case, for example, Uncle Sam would not appreciate my using government letterhead and postage.

As you develop strategies and get results, please keep me informed. I would appreciate an update every few months. If I may assist you in your work, please let me know.

Networking is so critical for us. Thus, for your use, the names and addresses of other Division Executive Board members and Committee Chairpersons are as follows:

1) Chairperson: Phyllis Jo Baunach
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   Ft. Washington, MD 20744
   phone: 202/724-7755 (office)
   301/292-2037 (home)

2) Vice-Chair: Chris Rasche
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   University of North Florida
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3) Secretary:  
   ✓ Clarice Feinman  
   Department of Criminal Justice  
   Trenton State College  
   CN 4700  
   Trenton, N.J. 08650-4700  
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4) Executive Counselors: ✓ Lynne Goodstein  
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   Penn State University  
   University Park, PA 16802  

   ✓ Donna Hale  
   Department of Criminal Justice  
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   Baltimore, MD 21201  
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   ✓ Merry Morash  
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   524 Baker Hall  
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   East Lansing, MI 48824  
   phone: 517/355-2228  

5) Nominations Committee:  Virginia Morris  
   John Jay College of Criminal Justice  
   445 W. 59th Street  
   N.Y., N.Y. 10019  
   phone: 212/489-5049  

6) Publications Committee:  Nanci Koser Wilson  
   Southern Illinois University  
   Center for the Study of Crime  
   Carbondale, Ill. 62901  
   phone: 618/435-5701  

In addition, since Nicki sits on the Executive Board, you may want to bounce ideas around with her:  

   Nicki Rafter  
   134 Fuller Street  
   Brookline, MA. 02146  
   phone: 617/437-3362
Again, my sincerest appreciation for your willingness to take on the added burdens of Division matters. It is especially rewarding for me to see the Division grow and gain the benefit of your participation and expertise. Call or write me at any time.

My very best wishes for a peaceful and joyous holiday season.

Sincerely,

Phyllis Jo Baunaen, Chairperson

cc: Nicki Rafter
Phyllis Jo Baunach  
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Ft. Washington, MD. 20774

Dear PJ,

Enclosed please find some rough drafts of possible mastheads for our new Division newsletter, as per your request.

These are certainly not the only possibilities—indeed, sometime it might be neat to get an art class to take on this challenge and create some designs for us. As I already told you, I think it would be good to have a "name the Division newsletter" contest just among the Division participants sometime later this year; this new name could then be the subject of graphic competition.

In the interest of getting the first issue published, however, I am proposing that we go with one of these variations. Or at the very least one of these variations with perhaps some minor modifications. I is my intent to include the ASC logo on the return address of the address panel, as in the case of our brochure. Please look these drafts over and call me ASAP with your preference among the four!

I am sending a copy of this letter and the choices to the other Division officers with a similar request for their input. Whatever the voting majority opinion is by January 31st is what we will go with for the first issue.

Thanks for your support during this transition phase. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Chris Rasche
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First choice #2
and #4

Chips - I guess my vote is based on primarily subliminal messages I think are communicated, so is very subjective.
But I'd like #2 or #4 best. Good luck! Merry Morash