

11/5/92

DR. LENNON:

Again, thanks so much for granting the recent interview. I enjoyed our conversation immensely: you provided an incredible amount valuable insight that will surely enrich my NM piece slated to run 11/15 in the TL.

As per your request, I haven enclosed copies of the AP piece on the Mailer/Rushdie/Styron Pittsburgh appearance. The enclosed appeared on the AP wire 10/31/92 pm. It did not run in The Times Leader.

Hope to chat with you again soon. I am.

G. Smith

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Rushdie Speech Is Canceled

OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL  
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PITTSBURGH (AP) — Representatives of author Salman Rushdie canceled his appearance in Pittsburgh because news of the trip leaked out in England. The Carnegie Library said.

Rushdie has been in hiding since 1989, when the late Ayatollah Khomeini of Iran called for his execution because of Rushdie's book, "The Satanic Verses."

Iranian lawmakers recently affirmed Khomeini's order, which said the book was blasphemous toward Islam.

Rushdie and authors Norman Mailer and William Styron were to speak at The Carnegie Music Hall at 7:30 p.m. on Nov. 15, according to the library. It arranged the appearance with Article 19, a Rushdie support group.

"This cancellation further illustrates the shocking circumstances in which Mr. Rushdie finds himself," library director Robert Croneberger said Friday.

Rushdie's speech was to be kept secret until the library distributed flyers at the door on the night of the speech. Styron and Mailer waived speaking fees to support Rushdie's trip.

Scotland Yard officials told the library Rushdie has been forced into hiding because threats have increased in recent weeks, Croneberger said.

Pittsburgh, Allegheny County and federal officials had arranged for Rushdie's protection at Pittsburgh International Airport and at Rushdie's hotel.

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ALSO FYI: THIS APPEARED 11/1/92 ON THE AP WIRE. A "BRIEF" VERSION APPEARED IN THE TIMES LEADER.

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Iranian Group Ups Reward for Rushdie's Death

Eds: New throughout to UPDATE with condemnation by British, no comment from Iran's government.

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP) — A government-run Iranian religious charity is boosting its \$2 million reward for the killing of British author Salman Rushdie, a Tehran newspaper said Monday.

The Khordad 15 Foundation said it increased the reward because of a public appearance Rushdie made last week in which he asked Germany to intercede with Iran to annul the death sentence, the newspaper Jomhuri Islami said. It did not say how much the reward was increased.

The group offered the reward in 1989 after Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini issued a "fatwa," or religious edict, ordering the Indian-born author's death for allegedly blaspheming Islam in his novel "The Satanic Verses."

In London, the British Foreign Office condemned the Iranian action.

"It is totally unacceptable — a gross infringement on his human rights," a Foreign Office statement said. "The bounty was already a monstrosity and its increase makes it even more of one."

Rushdie, now 45, went into hiding under British police protection after Khomeini's edict and has made only rare, unannounced public appearances.

Since Khomeini's death three years ago, Iranian President Hashemi Rafsanjani has tried to shed Iran's radical image and improve relations with the West. But neither he nor Khomeini's successor as spiritual guide of Iran, Ali Khamenei, have publicly renounced the death edict.

The announcement by the Khordad 15 Foundation said the bounty was raised "because of the infidel Salman Rushdie's arrival in Germany and the row by the press in that country about the cancellation of the historic ruling."

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To: English Faculty  
From: Patricia Hearnan  
Date: November 8, 1992  
Subject: Norman Mailer Visit

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OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR  
FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Please encourage your students, especially English majors, to get involved in activities planned in conjunction with Norman Mailer's visit to Wilkes on November 19-20.

On Wednesday, November 11, students and faculty are invited to join in the following activities in the E. S. Farley Library:

1. "Norman Mailer: An Exhibition on the Man and His Works," curated by Jon Lindgren, University Librarian, will open formally on the main floor of the Library. (It will remain on display in the Library until November 19, when it will be moved to the lobby of the Dante Center.)
2. At 7:30 p.m., Dr. J. Michael Lennon will give a lecture, "A Four-Square Mailer," in the Media Room of the Library. The lecture will be followed by a response panel of English faculty and students and an informal discussion.
3. The Manuscript Society will host a reception in the Media Room to follow the opening, lecture, and discussion.

On November 19, the reading in the Dante Center will begin at 7:30 p.m. Seating will be on a first-come, first-served basis. The doors to the Dante Center will open at 6:30; the doors to the auditorium will open at 7:00. The exhibition will be on display in the upper lobby.

Following the reading and question and answer period, there will be a reception, sponsored by the Jewish Community Center, in the upper lobby of the Dante Center. At the reception, Mr. Mailer will sign books, which will be on sale in the lobby. Several of his books are currently on display and available at the University Bookstore.

Mr. Mailer will meet with students of creative writing and American literature on Friday, November 20.

cc: Cultural  
Affairs Committee



TO: Chairpersons, School of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences  
FROM: Robert J. Heaman *RJH*  
DATE: November 11, 1992  
RE: Upcoming Events *plc*

Please announce to colleagues and students that Kenneth Haltman will present a slide lecture on Thursday, November 12 at 7:30 pm in the Schaeffer Lecture Hall, SLC 101. The presentation will be on "The Artist as Explorer: The Long Expedition to the Rocky Mountains" and should be a nice complement to the Virgin Landscapes exhibition currently at the Sordoni Gallery.

On Wednesday, November 11 at 7:00 pm there will be a panel discussion on Norman Mailer and his works: panelists include Mike Lennon, Bonnie Bedford, Pat Heaman, Larry Kuhar, and Tracy Youells. This discussion, held in the Media room of the library, will serve to open officially the spectacular exhibition on Mailer's works curated by Jon Lindgren.

All of this, of course, leads to the highlight of our lecture series, an evening with Norman Mailer, Thursday, November 19, 1992 at the Darte Center. Encourage those who really want to be part of this historic evening to come early: seating is available on a first come, first served basis.

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cc: Dr. J. Michael Lennon, Vice President for Academic Affairs ✓

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FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Mike:

I think things are under control for Mailer visit.

Bruce + Carl put down the cable yesterday. I'll get another monitor over there tomorrow. WVIH arrangements have been worked out between Bruce + Bob Salzburg.

I met with Bruce, Jim + Jewish Community group on Friday about reception, etc.

The press coverage has been great.

Here's a copy of the program.

~~WVIH~~

I'd like to talk to you about stage + seating arrangements: Mrs Rifkin asked Bruce to hold a few seats + I got a call from the President's Office - I think on behalf of the Weisses.

Hope your trip was good. I heard great responses to the lecture / panel / exhibit.

Patricia

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FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

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FROM: \_\_\_\_\_

Michael Lennon  
President for Academic Affairs

memorandum next fall.

Enclosed is the  
announcement address I  
gave in January. No  
masterpiece, but some  
thoughts on television  
you might find useful.  
as quoted on p. —.

Love to Norris  
/ Anna sends best (MEL)



WILKES UNIVERSITY  
WILKES-BARRE, PENNSYLVANIA 18766  
PHONE (717) 831-4200

MEMO FROM: \_\_\_\_\_

J. Michael Lennon  
Vice President for Academic Affairs

11/23/92

Dear Haman,

Thank you again for  
coming to Wilkes and giving  
full measure. The feedback  
has been strong and positive.  
I've had eight or ten calls  
so far today - it's 11 AM.  
You started a hum and  
buzz that will go on for  
awhile. There is a movement  
to get me to teach a master



WILKES UNIVERSITY  
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November 27, 1992

Dear Mike and Donna,

The day after Thanksgiving is a lazy day--I went Christmas shopping for my beloved granddaughters, and repaired a bracelet I found at a flea market. Life is quiet and empty when Norman is away--his absence certainly leaves a large hole in our lives. Barbara made a gargantuan turkey dinner and we all had a great time, but it wasn't the same. He's coming home three days early, December 6th, so I'm sure he is having an even harder time in scenic Minsk.

I must tell you that our time with you was one of the best few days we've spent in quite a while. You made the visit so relaxed, and everyone at the school made us feel like visiting minor royalty (major royalty would have been too egotistical a metaphor). We desperately needed those days away, and perhaps fell in love a little deeper under the warm kleig lights of the Lennon's friendship. Thank you.

And thanks for the funny piece by Anthony Liuzzo. I got in trouble with an American Indian for calling him an Indian (Native American), and asking him what tribe (Nation) he was, and in spite of the fact that my great-grandmother is a full blood Cherokee, he was not impressed, said with a sniff that the Cherokee would claim **anybody** who had even one-one hundredth drop of their blood, and I wound up buying a pair of his handmade silver feather earrings for \$80.00 that I could ill afford.

Keep in touch. Call and let us know when you will be in town.

Love,

Norma

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FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

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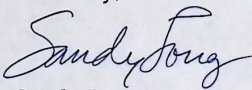
Dr. Michael Lennon  
Vice President for Academic Affairs/  
Dean of Graduate Affairs  
Wilkes University  
PO Box 111  
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18766

Dear Dr. Lennon:

During a poetry reading conducted at Wilkes University in February, I approached you seeking Norman Mailer's mailing address, which you kindly supplied. I had written a poem in response to Mr. Mailer's November talk/reading which I thought he might like to read. At the time, you expressed an interest in reading the poem as well. I have enclosed a copy for you, and have sent a copy to Mr. Mailer. I hope you both enjoy it.

Thank you again for your role in bringing Norman Mailer to campus. It was a very meaningful experience for me.

Sincerely,



Sandy Long  
Director of Marketing and Alumni  
Luzerne County Community College

## Hey, Norman

You white-tufted Billy Goat Gruff.  
Strutting barrel-chested  
Sassing the faces  
Aiming pen-weapon  
Firing word-pellets  
Blasting a landscape  
Carved from the air --  
You take me.

Where is it you go,  
retrieving a sack bursting with stuff  
for your fine mind to mull?

A'smolder with keen desire  
to split sky  
and minds,  
to open a crack.

*Listen here,  
Life is short,  
Time fleeting.  
I won't repeat myself  
and strangle soul.*

*Care greatly --  
this alone is all.*

Stabbing your hand at the air  
I reach from the other side  
And touch as on two sides of glass  
And feel fire  
And burn with the bright menace of your mind.

Hey Norman, I'll be fine.

Sandy Long  
November, 1992