

Wilkes University News

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Two Time Pulitzer Prize-Winning Author Norman Mailer and Wife Norris Give Gift to Wilkes University

Wilkes-Barre -- Norman and Norris Mailer recently made a generous contribution to Wilkes University. The Mailers donated a large chrome-and-glass table, which was prominently on display in Mailer's 1984 film, "Tough Guys Don't Dance," for use as a seminar table in the newly refurbished Kirby Hall, home of the University's English Department.

The table was used by the Mailers as a dining room table for over a decade in their home in Provincetown, Mass. Prior to that, it belonged to Milton and Amy Greene in New York City. The Greens were friends of Marilyn Monroe, who he photographed many times. He also produced Monroe's 1957 film with Laurence Olivier, "The Prince and the Showgirl." According to Mailer, some of the luminaries who sat around at the table included Ryan O'Neal, Sammy Davis, Jr., Milton Berle, Lawrence Tierney, Liza Minelli, Tuesday Weld, Jack Haley, Jr., Milos Forman, Kurt Vonnegut, the designer Givenchy, and many other literary and artistic friends of the Mailers and the Greens.

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"It's a fabled table and could tell many tales if it could speak," said Dr. J. Michael Lennon, Vice President for Academic Affairs at Wilkes, and, with his wife Donna, old friends of the Mailers. "It will do good service for the English Department in its new incarnation."

The table will be the site of many conversations and debates. It compliments Kirby's new refurbished look, which included the brightening of the interior finishes, and renovations of the first floor lobby, dining room, morning room and library to simulate the original construction.

Norman Mailer was born in 1923 in Long Branch, N.J., and grew up in Brooklyn, N.Y. After graduating from Harvard, he served as a rifleman in the South Pacific during World War II. He published his first book, *The Naked and the Dead*, in 1948. Mailer won the Pulitzer Prize and the National Book Award for *The Armies of the Night* in 1968 and was awarded the Pulitzer Prize again in 1980 for *The Executioner's Song*. He has directed four feature-length films, was a co-founder of THE VILLAGE VOICE in 1955, ran unsuccessfully for mayor of N.Y. in 1969, and was President of American PEN from 1984 to 1986. His most recent work is an anthology of his writings, *The Time of ^{OW} His Time*, which was published in 1998.

His wife, Norris Church Mailer, is a painter and writer. Her first novel, *The Wind-Chill Factor*, will be published by Random House later this year. Mr. Mailer was awarded an honorary doctorate of Humane Letters by Wilkes in 1995.

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Photo:

Seated Left to Right - Dr. Patricia B. Heaman, professor, English, from White Haven, Pa.; Dr. Darin E. Fields, chairperson, departments of English, History, Philosophy, and Foreign Languages, from Wyoming, Pa.; Donna Lennon, from Shavertown, Pa.

Standing Left to Right - Paul Strunk, vice president, Alumni, Development and University Relations, from Scranton, Pa.; Dr. J. Michael Lennon, vice president for academic affairs, from Shavertown, Pa.

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Norman Mailer Named Guest Lecturer for the Twentieth Annual Max Rosenn Lecture Series

Wilkes-Barre – Two-time Pulitzer Prize-winning novelist Norman Mailer will be the guest speaker for the *Twentieth Annual Event of the Max Rosenn Lecture Series in Law and Humanities* at Wilkes University. The event is free and open to the public.

His lecture, **Norman Mailer on American Presidents: FDR to WJC**, will be held on Sunday, April 1, at 7:30 p.m. in the Dorothy Dickson Darte Center for the Performing Arts (corner of West and South River Streets). It will feature brief readings on five U.S. presidents, and Mailer will open the discussion up to questions from the audience. A book-signing will follow, with a limit of one book per person.

Prior to the lecture, the University will formally dedicate The Norman Mailer Room at a special ribbon-cutting ceremony at 4:30 p.m. in the Eugene S. Farley Memorial Library (corner of South Franklin and West South Streets). Located on the first floor, the room features a large chrome-and-glass table that was prominently displayed in Mailer's 1984 film "Tough Guys Don't Dance." Mailer and wife Norris donated the table to Wilkes in 1999.

"Norman Mailer's deepest urge has been to explore American identity and American society — the twin obsessions of his writer's life. In so doing, he has illumined our dreams and our nightmares and given us the courage to wrestle with both," said Wilkes University President Dr. Christopher N. Breiseth.

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"The sum of his achievements is biography, literary criticism, poetry, history, drama, essays of every kind, political analysis, sports reportage, newspaper and magazine columns, the philosophical dialogue, and of course, the novel is without equal."

The author of more than 40 books over 50 years, Mailer won the National Book Award and the Pulitzer Prize in 1968 for *The Armies of the Night* and was awarded the Pulitzer again in 1980 for *The Executioner's Song*. He was also a recipient of the Emerson-Thoreau Medal from the American Academy of Arts and Letters and an Emmy nomination.

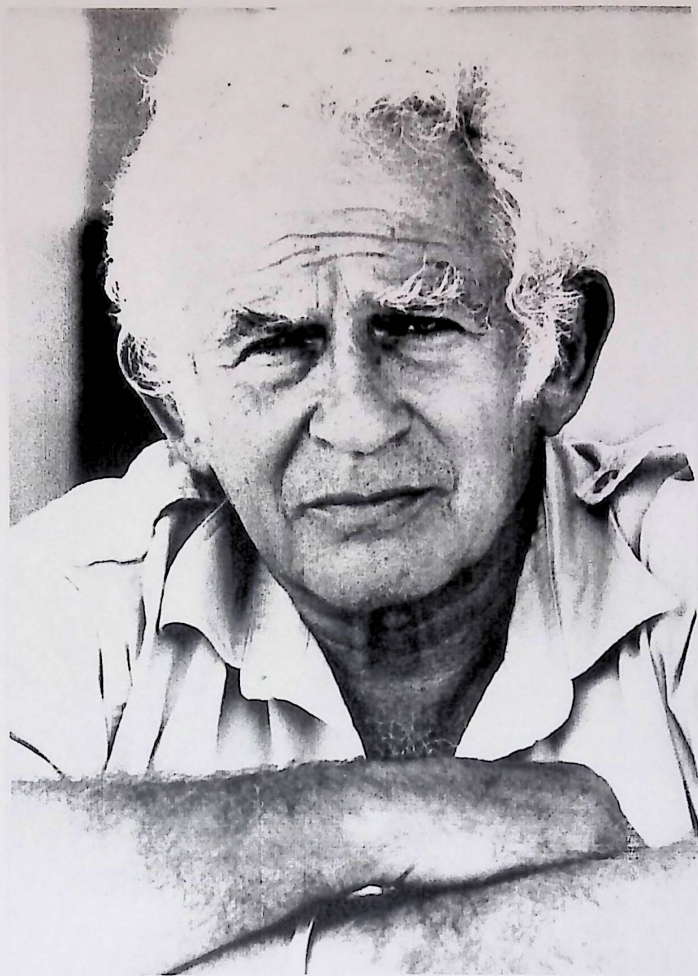
Mailer has directed four feature-length films and provided biographical studies of Marilyn Monroe, Muhammad Ali, and Gary Gilmore, and a study of the Kennedy assassination.

Mailer co-founded *The Village Voice* in 1955, was elected to the 50-member American Academy of Arts and Letters in 1984, was appointed State Author of New York in 1991, and received a Doctor of Humane Letters degree from Wilkes in 1995.

Born in 1923 in Long Branch, N.J., Mailer grew up in Brooklyn, N.Y. He earned an engineering degree from Harvard in 1943 and served as a rifleman in the South Pacific with the 112th Cavalry during World War II.

The Max Rosenn Lecture Series in Law and Humanities was established in 1980 by the judge's former law clerks, friends, and family in recognition of his 10th anniversary as Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. The annual event honors Judge Rosenn's many contributions to the field of law, to the United States judiciary system, and to the quality of life in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

For more information, contact Wilkes University's Special Events Coordinator Paula Gentilman at (570) 408-4306.



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Cultural Events...

- The Sordani Art Gallery presents: "Birds in Art," 60 avian artworks in oil and acrylic plus bronze, stone and wood sculptures through April 29.

The Gallery's hours are noon until 4:30 p.m. seven days a week. For more information, call ext. 4325. Admission is free.

- The West Virginia Wesleyan College Jazz Ensemble, under the direction of Dr. David A. Milburn, will appear in concert on Sunday, March 18, at 7 p.m. in the CPA. The concert is free and open to the public.

- Music at Mid-day, NEPA Philharmonic pre-concert lecture, will be given by Steven Thomas on Tuesday, March 20, from 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. in the CPA.

- Jazz at Wilkes featuring the Boots Randolph Band will be held on Tuesday, March 20, at 8 p.m. in the CPA. The performance is free and open to the public.

- In celebration of Women's History Month, the Humanities Department and Women's Studies is sponsoring "Women Garment Workers and the ILGWU in 20th Century Pennsylvania" lecture by Dr. Ken Wolsensky. The presentation, a program of the Pennsylvania Humanities Council, will be held on Thursday, March 22, at 7:30 p.m. in the Student Union Ballroom. For more information call ext. 4530. This presentation is free and open to the public.

FYI...

- The Student Activities Office is currently gathering information for the 2001-2002 Student Handbook/Calendar. If you have any meetings, activities or events that you would like listed, please contact Donna Thornton at ext. 4108 or e-mail the information to thornton@wilkes.edu by Friday, April 13.

Off Campus...

- The Bloomsburg Theatre Ensemble presents *Lebensraum* through March 25. The performances are being held on Thursdays at 7 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m.; Sundays at 3 p.m. There will be an audience talkback after every performance. Guest panel discussions will be held on March 18 and 22. For information and reservations call 784-8181 or 1-800-282-0283.

Adult CPR Class...

- Health Services is offering an Adult CPR class on Wednesday, March 21 at 4:30 p.m. in the Health Services waiting room. The class is open to all students free of charge and will be limited to 10 participants. To make a reservation call ext. 4730.

Tutors Needed...

- Upward Bound is seeking students who are interested in work study/tutoring high school students. Tutors are needed in earth sciences, physics and English. If you know of any student who would be interested, please have them apply in person at the Upward Bound office in Sturdevant Hall or call ext. 4230.

Rosenn Lecture...

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Library Hours

Mon.-Thurs.....8 a.m. - midnight
Friday.....8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturday.....11 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Sunday.....11 a.m. - midnight

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Assistant to the Dean of Pharmacy for
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This Week at Wilkes

Saturday, March 17

Baseball, King's (A) (DH), 1 p.m.
Men's Tennis, King's (A), 1 p.m.

Sunday, March 18

Baseball, Neumann (A) (DH), 1 p.m.
Men's Tennis, Moravian (H), 1 p.m.
The West Virginia Wesleyan College Jazz
Ensemble, CPA, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, March 20

Music at Mid-day, CPA, 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Men's Tennis, Lebanon Valley (A), 3 p.m.
Baseball, Muhlenberg (A), 3 p.m.
Jazz at Wilkes featuring the Boots Randolph
Band, CPA, 8 p.m.

**HAPPY
SAINT
PATRICK'S
DAY!!!**



Wilkes in the News...

• **Newspapers:** Tom Baldino quoted in "Winning and Losing in America is more Complicated Than it Seems," story on the 2000 Presidential election, *Times-Record News*, Fort Smith, AR, 11/29--*Columbian*, Vancouver, WA--*Capital Journal*, Pierre, SD--*San Angelo Standard Times*, San Angelo, TX--*News-Herald*, Willowghby, OH--*Bakersfield Californian*, Bakersfield, CA--*Kingsport Times-News*, Kingsport, TN--*South Bend Tribune*, South Bend, IN--*Texarkana Gazette*, Texarkana, TX--*Times Record*, Fort Smith, AR--*Muskegon Chronicle*, Muskegon, MI--*Patriot Ledger*, Quincy, MA--*Port Arthur News*, Port Arthur, TX--*Tyler Morning Telegraph*, Tyler, TX--*Daily Times*, Ottawa, IL, 11/30--*South County Journal*, Kent, WA, 12/3--*Rock Island Argus*, Rock Island, IL, 12/5--*Amarillo Sunday News Globe*, Amarillo, TX, 12/10, and "Perception of Loser in Presidential Battle Key to His Future," *Times West Virginian*, Fairmont, WV--*Tribune Chronicle*, Warren, OH--*Cecil Whig*, Elkton, MD--*Parkersburg News*, Parkersburg, WV--*Virginia Pilot*, Norfolk, VA--*Star Democrat*, Easton, MD, 11/30; Tom Baldino also quoted in "Stalemate=Survivor," *Philadelphia Daily News*, Philadelphia, PA, 12/8; Chinese New Year celebrated at Wilkes, *Times Leader*, 1/25; Tony Liuzzo quoted in the following: "In Buying Slump, Stores Try Sales," *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, Pittsburgh, PA, 12/18--"Holiday Sales Bring Little Joy to Either Buyers or Sellers," *NY Times*, NY, NY, 12/18--"Early Bargains Aren't Enticing Many Shoppers," story on Christmas Holiday sales, *Sacramento Bee*, Sacramento, CA--*Orange County Register*, Santa Ana, CA--*North County Times*, Escondido, CA--*Beaumont Enterprise*, Beaumont, TX, 12/18; Wilkes sends out 21st Birthday greetings to students, *Press-Enterprise*, Bloomsburg, PA, 12/9; Hank O'Neal exhibit at Wilkes, *Art News*, NY, NY, December 2000; "Tools for Evaluating Drug Action," article written by David Maize and James Culhane, *U.S. Pharmacist*, NY, NY, January 2001; Wilkes student, Victor Scelba quoted in "Meeting Goers Energized With a Purpose," story about Downtown Wilkes-Barre revitalization, *Times Leader*, 2/2; Dr. Joseph Gilmour named new President of Wilkes, *Citizens' Voice*, 2/3; "Blue and Gold a Fitting Match for Gilmour," *Times Leader*, 2/3; *Citizens' Voice* Salutes Dr. Gilmour, 2/4; "Welcome to Collegetown Dr. Gilmour," *Citizens' Voice*, 2/4; Wilkes students, Yueh-Ju "Melody" Hsiao and Mei-Har "Vincey" Chew interviewed in "Chinese New Year Marked by Friendship, Fine Food," *Hazleton Times Leader*, 2/4; Wilkes featured in "Looking to Make College Dorms Safer," story about installing sprinkler systems, *Citizens' Voice*, 2/7; Dr. Breiseth presents PA Environmental Council Awards, *Country Folks of PA*, Boiling Springs, PA, 1/15; Dr. Breiseth to head Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Foundation in Hyde Park, *Times Leader*, 2/14; "Dr. Breiseth tabbed as President of Roosevelt Institute," *Citizens' Voice*, 2/14;