



November 4, 1992

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Mailer
142 Columbia Heights
Brooklyn, NY 11201

Dear Norman and Norris,

The campus community is getting charged up for your visit. The newspapers are calling and everyone wants to meet you. Here is what we have planned, subject to your changes:

November 19	11:00 a.m.	Pick up the Mailers in Philadelphia, arriving U.S. Air, Flight 793
	1:00 p.m.	Arrive Lennon's home for lunch, R & R - no meetings
	7:30 p.m.	Reading at Dorothy Dickson Darte Center for Performing Arts (seats 450)
	9:00 p.m.	15-minute press conference, Darte Center
	9:15 - 10:30	Book signing and reception, Darte Center
	10:30 - midnight	Small party, Lennon's
November 20	10:00 a.m.	Meet with Creative Writing Class of Dr. Patricia Heaman
	11:00 a.m.	Meet with Honors students of Dr. Paul Adams
	12:00 p.m.	Farewell Luncheon hosted by President - President (Chris) and Mrs. (Jane) Breiseth - Mike and Donna Lennon - Dean of Arts and Sciences, Bob Heaman - English Chair, Patricia Heaman - Trustee, Arnie and Sandy Rifkin - Mrs. and Mrs. Weis
	1:30 p.m.	Lennons drive Mailers to Brooklyn

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You have corresponded with Bob Heaman, and Pat Heaman (as you remember) was your guest at dinner two weeks ago. The President is a big fan as are the Rifkins. The Weises own a chain of supermarkets and are being brought into the Wilkes family by the Rifkins as possible supporters.

The classes you'll meet will not be large, 20-25 in each, I estimate. The first class will be interested in the art and craft of writing; the second will have read your New Republic essay and will be more interested in politics.

The local public radio station, WVIA, will tape your presentation. If you approve the tape (sent to you later), they will broadcast it one time only. I'd be glad to listen to it and decide, if you wish.

The auditorium is a sweet little bandbox with fine acoustics. We have a "Jazz at Wilkes" series that runs its shows there. The musicians love it. It will be packed. The overflow crowd will see you via closed circuit television. The brief meeting with the press and the reception (sponsored by the Jewish Community Center) will be in the lobby/reception area of the auditorium. So, there will be no delays in getting from place to place. I'll be with you throughout the day, as will Pat Heaman and maybe Donna.

I can't tell you how excited this town is about the event. Many who saw you at Scranton a few years ago are coming to Wilkes. It is clearly the largest event on the city's cultural calendar.

Please call me if you have any questions, problems, etc. I've enclosed three copies of this letter so Judith can have a copy. Finally, thanks for burnishing my reputation in Northeastern Pennsylvania.

Alf, best,



J. Michael Lennon
Vice President for Academic Affairs

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Enclosures

P.S. I will give a lecture, "A Four-Square Mailer," on November 11th and several faculty (including Pat Heaman) will respond. We also have eight display cases of photos, manuscript pages, first editions and memorabilia.