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Professor brings literary journal to NMSU

It's held by every Ivy-league university in the United States, by the top 10 Midwestern universities and by libraries and universities abroad such as in London, Tokyo and Frankfurt. It publishes Pulitzer Prize winners and national book-award winners. Its advisory board boasts great literary figures like Paul Zimmer, Samuel French Morse and the late John Gardner.

It's "Paintbrush," a literary journal of poems, translations and letters, and it's being published at and by Northeast Missouri State University.

First-year Associate Professor of Language and Literature Ben Bennani founded "Paintbrush" in 1974 when he was an instructor at the University of Wyoming-Laramie. The name reflects Bennani's aesthetic bias—poetry must be imagistic, words must paint pictures—as well as the birthplace of the journal—Wyoming's official flower is the Indian Paintbrush.

"Paintbrush" publishes Pulitzer Prize winners alongside total unknowns. "Paintbrush" takes risks with new styles and new names," Bennani said. The journal

is Bennani's response to other little magazines that he said publishes safe and stale poetry.

Bennani sifts through works submitted from every region of the United States and from all over the world to pick the manuscripts he publishes.

"I don't have a devised system of evaluation, but the images have to grab me, move me, say something to me right away," Bennani said.

The University's image and movement drew Bennani to Kirksville. The Lebanon native studied English at Dartmouth College, received a master's in poetry writing from the University of Massachusetts-Amherst and a doctoral degree in comparative poetics at the State University of New York-Binghamton. He said he was impressed with what he had read about NMSU, and the University offered the needed advancement to his career and the future of "Paintbrush."

"The good offices of the president, the dean of instruction and the division head have made University support of the journal possible," he said.

"Paintbrush" and Bennani will add value to student education; they will also provide prestige for NMSU.

"The recognition (of 'Paintbrush') is worldwide. As publisher and supporter, Northeast will get such recognition," he said. "Paintbrush" is a biannual publication that has an advisory board of 19 to 20 literary figures from around the world.

The first University published "Paintbrush" is in preparation and will be available in early spring in Pickler Library, Campus Book Store and the Language and Literature Office. Copies of past volumes will soon be available in the library.

ELECTION RESULTS:

HOMECOMING KING FINALISTS:

Jeff Drinkard-Delta Chi
Dave Kramer-Purple Pride
Mike Odneal-Pershing Society
Tom Wehde-Sigma Phi Epsilon

HOMECOMING QUEEN

FINALISTS:

Beth Cunningham-Alpha Sigma
Alpha & Student Nurses
Association
Deb Webb-Sigma Sigma Sigma
Tammy Crist-Phi Kappa Theta
Anne Eiken-Cardinal Key &
Centennial Hall

STUDENT SENATE RESULTS:

FRESHMAN REPRESENTATIVES:

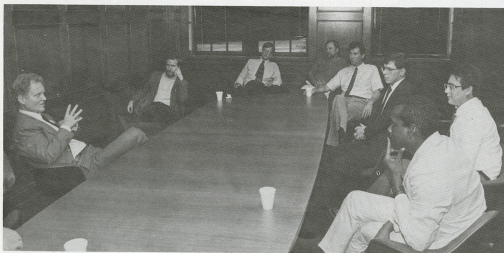
Sean Hausman
Angela Kern
Mike Schrage
Eric Dodson
Mark Dorpinghaus

SENIOR REPRESENTATIVE:

Bridget Trainor

AMENDMENT: PASSES

YES - 367
NO - 129



Lester C. Thurow, noted economist and professor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge, speaks at a seminar to invited faculty members Sept. 10. With Thurow are Richard Holt, assistant professor of economics; Hugh Harcourt, assistant professor of economics; Larry Stephens, assistant professor of history; Terry Smith, dean of students; Scott Fouch, assistant professor of accounting; Charles Boughton, assistant professor of business administration; and Seymour Patterson, associate professor of economics. Thurow also spoke in Baldwin Auditorium at 7 that evening on "Can America Compete in the World Economy."

University maintains selective enrollment

In April 1986, the Admissions Office at Northeast Missouri State University stopped accepting applications for the fall 1986 freshman class. More than 5,500 students had applied to fill a class of approximately 1,650 students.

Kathy Rieck, executive assistant to the president—Admissions, said it was a record-setting number of applicants for this fall's freshman class. Northeast's popularity has grown since it was designated last year as

Missouri's public liberal arts and sciences University by the Missouri General Assembly.

The projected enrollment figure for freshmen shows an 18 percent increase in enrollment over last year's 1,420.

Preliminary figures for all enrollment at NMSU indicate a very slight increase over last year for undergraduates. For the fall semester 1985, enrollment was 6,008; this year it is 6,095.

Enrollment is down slightly for graduate students; 450 enrolled this year as compared to 507 last year.

Total enrollment at the University remains approximately 6,500. The University plans to stay within the Missouri Coordinating Board of Higher Education's mandate of being a small, select, affordable public undergraduate institution with a rigorous academic program.

Student marches with Mickey

Walt Disney once said of education, "We have long held that the normal gap between what is generally regarded as 'entertainment' and what is defined as 'education' represents an old and untenable viewpoint." Nonetheless, senior Randy Budd combined entertainment and education this summer at Disneyland in Anaheim, Calif., as a member of the All-American College Marching Band.

More than 1,200 college musicians from across the country auditioned for the 22-member band. Other schools represented in the program included Arizona State, University of North Texas and University of Indiana.

"I didn't know how I would rank against them (other schools). I guess that I was doing okay because the first day I played first-chair in the trombone section. I wasn't lacking in talent," Budd said.

NMSU has had seven other music students involved in the Disneyland Entertainment Work Experience Program. One student was Budd's former roommate, Marty McDonald ('85), who participated in the program during the summer of 1983. Budd learned about the Disney program through McDonald. Dan Peterson, NMSU band director, said the Fine Arts Division receives information about this program and similar programs each year.

"We post them (notices) and it's up to the student to read them. But I do write recommendations for those interested," Peterson said.

"The reputation of our music program helps (students get accepted), I think. We are consistently rated in the top 10 college marching bands and jazz bands. I think that our students have an edge because of this. Also, the hard-working rural work ethic is important to the Disney people," Peterson said.

Budd said the most important thing he learned during his 11-week experience was what goes on in the entertainment business. "We were able to see phases of the business from studio playing to giving a live concert with 'Days of our Lives' star Gloria Loring. I also received lessons from Jeffrey Reynolds, a well-known symphonic musician," Budd said.

"One thing that we stress in our music program is diversity. It is vital for a professional musician to be able to do everything," Peterson said.

After graduation in May, Budd plans to

either teach at a university or play professionally.

"The experience of playing every day in front of audiences made me learn to deal with people. I had to go out there every day and smile, but I liked it," Budd said.

Here, Budd is a music performance major, involved in the Showboat Gamblers marching band, symphony orchestra, brass choir and wind symphony. Outside the University, Budd and some of his friends have formed a band, The Grove Merchants, formerly the jazz band, The Creators. They perform at a local night club Monday and Thursday nights. David Kobberdahl, Budd's roommate, is also a member of the band.

"Randy is a top-notch trombonist. If you think of someone who is always involved in something big, that would have to be Randy," Kobberdahl said.

Fluff fails to make the grade

Forget the old high school days of "fluff" writing in essays and reports.

At NMSU, there is no skirting the issues. Students are not only required to take two writing courses—one during the freshman year and another during the junior or senior year—but everyone has to take the Writing Competency Test to graduate.

The Writing Competency Test is the ACT College Outcomes Measurement Program: Writing Assessment. Students write three letters for 20 minutes each. Criteria for grading are writing for the audience, organization and language. The writing test is administered 18 different times per year; three of the tests were given Sept. 16 and 17. Students must take the test as a prerequisite to Composition II, as well as to graduate.

The test is a value-added tool. It evaluates student writing so efforts can be made to improve student writing.

"That's the whole purpose of value-added, to get better thinkers. How can we encourage good writing if we don't find the problems and correct them?" Associate Professor of English Shirley Morahan said.

Morahan said students have a general fear of writing courses which hurts their writing ability. Students who use the Writing Center, located in AVH 303, do three to four times better in composition classes than those who don't, she said. Morahan's goal this year is to evaluate the competency test to see how helpful the program is and where it is going.

Students who don't pass the test the first time must meet with Morahan, get needed help and re-take the test.

NMSU has been evaluating student writing for six years. The first four years, the tests were locally devised and not required for graduation. Three NMSU English instructors separately evaluate the tests. The results are double-checked and analyzed by American College Testing in Iowa City, Iowa, to ensure accuracy.

Freshman James Adkins, an accounting major, took the Writing Competency Test, Sept. 17. Adkins said he thought the third section of the test was the hardest, but overall it was easy.

"Read the directions well. Just write your best," he said.

Gender bender becomes pile-up

If Jaime Miller feels uncomfortable about being referred to as a he, (Remember, she was the scholarship winner reported in last week's Northeast Today whose hometown newspaper confused her gender), imagine how David Partenheimer feels about being identified as his wife by the same Northeast Today.

David Partenheimer is a first-year Assistant Professor of English. His wife, Maren, is a new Assistant Professor of foreign language.

Sorry, Partenheimers.

"Birds of America" on display

There are birds in Pickler Memorial Library at Northeast Missouri State University. These are rare birds, about 1,100 of them. There is a bright Pink Flamingo that even with its long neck bent stands more than a foot tall, the ugly gray California Vulture looks more comical than menacing, a poised Bemauculated Duck cranes its neck ready for flight.

Library staff and University personnel are proud of their new collection of birds. They display them in the Special Collections Room on the second floor of the library. Although not real, these birds are reproductions of lifelike proportions and colors. They are featured in the 19th Century artist John James Audubon's four-volume double elephant folio, "Birds of America."

The colorful drawings are sometimes more

than two feet tall, printed on the largest paper produced in the 19th century, double elephant size, 26 1/2 by 39 1/2 inches. Audubon traveled throughout North America in the 1800s creating an artistic and ornithological portfolio of American birds.

The volumes are rare, only 350 facsimile editions of Audubon's work were produced by the National Audubon Society and Abbeville Press. Besides the four large volumes of drawings, the set includes five volumes of Audubon's original commentaries on the birds in their natural habitats and further comments and updates by modern leading ornithologists.

The reproductions are close to the real thing. Abbeville Press tried for an average match to Audubon's original drawings of 80 to 85 percent.

"Modern technology has made reproduction of original works possible. We felt we should take advantage of this," George Hartje, head of the Division of Libraries and Museums, said.

The purchase of the works is just one more way of furthering NMSU's new mission as the statewide public liberal arts and sciences university. The administration sees students benefitting not only from the fine artwork, but also from the ornithological importance of the work.

"We feel students, particularly with our new mission, should have exposure to such things," Hartje said.

The Special Collections Room is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Group tours can be set up through Odessa Ofstad, 785-4537.

Greeks kick off fall semester

(upper right) Twelve-year-old Mark DeShazer, a victim of cerebral palsy, is given a ride around campus by Assistant Dean of Students Zel Eaton to begin this year's Pi Kappa Theta P.U.S.H.-a-thon. The Pi Kaps push University students in a wheelchair around Kirksville for 100 hours to raise money toward their \$32,000 goal to build a learning center for handicapped children.

(bottom right) NMSU's Alpha Kappa Lambda fraternity and Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority members participate in the 11th annual Teeter-Totter Marathon, Sept. 15, on the north side of the Old Towne square. Juniors Cindy Chaon and Tom Stevens keep the drive going as sophomore Monty King, junior Scott Phillips, and seniors Julie Underwood and Kim Powell provide support. The 168-hour marathon raised money toward the purchase of a van for the Chariton Valley Learning Center.

(bottom left) The Delta Chi lightweight tug-of-war team tastes the muddy agony of defeat at the Intramural tug-of-war preliminaries, Sept. 16, behind the baseball field.



22 MONDAY

Ticket sales for Second City comedy troupe begin, SUB, SAB office. The troupe will perform at 8 p.m., Oct. 4, in Baldwin Auditorium.

- 11 a.m.—4 p.m.—Red Cross Blood Drive, sponsored by Medical Technology Club, SUB, Activities Room. Drive will run through Wednesday.
- 4 p.m.—University Ushers informational meeting, SUB 6
- 5 p.m.—Homecoming Pep Rally skit registrations due, A/H 204
- 5 p.m.—Homecoming Bed Race entry deadline, A/H 204
- 7 p.m.—Women's Volleyball vs. Quincy College, Pershing Arena
- 7 p.m.—Delta Sigma Pi meeting, SUB, Alumni Room. Doug Harbison, Southwestern Bell Telephone Co., will speak.

23 TUESDAY

Homecoming King and Queen campaigning begins

- 6:30 p.m.—Kirksville American Marketing Association chapter informational meeting, Violette Hall 119. All interested students are encouraged to attend.
- 7 p.m.—Alpha Sigma Gamma service sorority informal rush, Violette Hall 140. Any female who is in good standing with the University is eligible for membership.
- 8 p.m.—Big Brothers and Sisters campus volunteers meeting, SUB, 2&3. Applications are due, and personal interview times are to be scheduled.

24 WEDNESDAY

- 1:30 p.m.—Women's Soccer vs. Principia (Ill.) College, soccer field
- 3:30 p.m.—Homecoming Meeting, A/H 309
- 3:30 p.m.—Open Forum to discuss five-year teacher education at NMSU, Violette Hall 248. Daniel Ball, head, Division of Education, will discuss the new program.
- 5:30 p.m.—Phi Theta Kappa honor association for junior colleges informational meeting, SUB 4. To be eligible for membership, a student must have been a previous member of Phi Theta Kappa or

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be a transfer student. All interested people are invited.

- 8-9:30 p.m.—Alpha Phi Sigma national honorary scholastic fraternity open house/informational meeting, SUB, Conference Room. To be eligible for membership, a student must have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.25 upon completion of 30 credit hours. All interested students, faculty and staff are invited.

25 THURSDAY

- 7 p.m.—Windfall Literary Magazine fall issue meeting, A/H 307. All interested people are encouraged to attend.

26 FRIDAY

- Graduation Applications for undergraduates (1- & 2-yr. cert., degree) due
- 5 p.m.—Homecoming Banner Decoration Registration due, A/H 204
- 7 and 9:15 p.m.—"Down And Out In Beverly Hills," Baldwin Auditorium. Admission is \$1.50 or free with an SAB sticker.

27 SATURDAY

- 8 a.m.—Education Specialist Degree Test Battery, Violette Hall 248
- 3 p.m.—Men's Soccer-Bulldog Classic, soccer field
- 7-7:30 p.m.—"Lunar New Year in Taipei," a documentary film sponsored by Chinese Student Association, Violette Hall 121. Admission is free.
- 7:30-9:30 p.m.—"Portrait of a Fanatic," a movie sponsored by the Chinese Student Association, Violette 121. Admission is free.

28 SUNDAY

- 2 p.m.—Men's Soccer-Bulldog Classic, soccer field

OCT. 3, FRIDAY

Homecoming Dance, following coronation ceremonies, SUB, Activities Room. Admission is free.

Antique Car Show, sponsored by Phi Alpha Theta honor society in history and the Historical Society. Time and location will be announced. Students, faculty and staff are encouraged to show their antique cars. Trophies will be given for "people's choice" and "best of show." For information, call Bonnie Neuner, 785-4745 or 785-4193.

OCT. 4, SATURDAY

8:30 a.m.—A 5-Kilometer "Fun Run," co-sponsored by the Alumni Association and ROTC. Entry forms are available in the Alumni Office, A/H 112, or the Hardman Building. Medallions will be awarded to the first three places in 10 different age and sex divisions. T-shirts will be given to all entrants. Entry fee is \$5 prior to the day of the race and \$6 at the race.

NOTES

Who's Who Among Students In American Universities and Colleges applications are available in the Student Activities Office, A/H 204. Requirements for eligibility: (1) minimum GPA 2.75, (2) leadership qualities demonstrated through participation in academic and co-curricular activities, (3) enough hours to graduate by summer 1987.

The Student Health Clinic is offering counseling services from 8 a.m.—1 p.m., Monday through Friday. Call 785-4376 for an appointment.

Big Brothers and Sisters campus volunteers are hosting their first Formal Homecoming Dance for all students from 9 p.m.-1 a.m., Oct. 4, at the Bonfoey Inn. Tickets are \$5 per person or \$7 per couple. Tickets will be on sale Sept. 23, 24 and 25 in the residence hall cafeterias on a rotating basis. Watch for posters for more information.

Students yell a greeting from Northeast Missouri State University in front of Kirk Memorial, Sept. 11, to be aired Sept. 30 on "Good Morning America." KTVO taped the 15-second spot that was sponsored by the Alpha Sigma Tau sorority.

