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Two students lend helping hands

Nachbar updates Western films resource

Filling an "obvious scholarly gap" was the intention of Dr. Jack Nachbar, popular culture, when he wrote his first bibliography of materials on Western films published in 1975. At the time no collective bibliography of that kind had been published.

Nachbar's decision to update the reference work has resulted in a second volume titled *Western Films 2: An Annotated Critical Bibliography from 1974-1987* released in May by Garland Publishing, Inc.



"The book is an attempt to describe and evaluate all the materials written in English about Western movies and their makers," Nachbar said. The book covers materials about Western films since 1974, but also includes earlier materials missed in his first book titled *Western Films: An Annotated Critical Bibliography*.

While Nachbar is the primary author and editor of the second volume, he received a lot of help from Jackie R. Donath, a former

American studies doctoral student, and Chris Foran, a former popular culture graduate student. The book was a three-way project in which all of the co-authors did the research and writing, although Nachbar was in charge of the final editing and the book's structure.

According to Nachbar, a half to one page commentary was written about each literary analysis they found dealing with Western films. Each commentary describes the thesis of the literary analysis, evaluates its contribution to scholarship and relates it to other pieces when appropriate.

The book contains both an author and subject index in the back and for each commentary written by the co-authors the original source is cited, including the title of the article, the author and the publication where it can be found.

Nachbar said he credits Donath and Foran with playing a key role in the book's development. "Originally, I wanted them to work on it largely as a learning experience. But the more we found, the more they wrote. So they ended up playing a larger part than expected," Nachbar added.

Working with Donath and Foran on the second volume proved so successful that as a

result the popular culture department instituted a research semester for its graduate faculty.

"A faculty member gets time off to work directly with graduate students on a research project," Nachbar explained. So far two books and an anthology have come out of these research semesters.

The recently released book took more than two years to complete. The project, which was started in the beginning of 1985, lasted longer than anticipated because of the large amount of material on Western films published in the past 13 years.

"Since 1974 Western movies have been in sharp decline and almost none of them were successful at the box office," Nachbar said. But as the Westerns' popularity has declined the criticism has increased, he added. Not only was more information available, but the sources needed to find the information also had improved.

The two bibliographies on Western films are basically arranged the same. The only major difference is that the category of the Western audience, which looked at various sociological and psychological studies of the Western

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Lightning strikes WBGU-TV tower, ruins computers

If lightning ever strikes the same place twice, the staff at WBGU-TV could be in trouble. A powerful bolt struck the television tower outside the station around 5:30 p.m. July 25 and things haven't been the same since.

Paula Davis, director of TV information at the station, said the tower itself was not substantially damaged and is still being used. However, the lightning traveled the length of the tower and into the building destroying the station's inhouse computer system and causing other damage.

Staff members were in the building and programming was on the air, but no one was injured. "The lightning striking the tower was dramatic enough for people inside the station to know something had happened," Davis said. "We noticed it immediately because we began experiencing broadcast problems."

The bolt didn't cause television screens to go black, but Davis said the station had some audio problems.

"Various studio equipment received some minor damage, but the biggest problem was the computer system," Davis said. "It was a total loss and had to be completely replaced."

She said almost every office in the building had a terminal hooked into the NCR Tower System. The system handles all of the station's word processing, accounting, scheduling of closed circuit taping and playbacks and other non-broadcast operations.

Back-up tapes for computer inputs are made each evening Monday through Friday. But Davis said that because the lightning struck on a Monday afternoon, all computer work done over the weekend or that Monday was lost. New equipment was installed Aug. 8.

"It has caused a number of problems not

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University Bookstore employees are busy these days unpacking books and other materials that students will need when classes begin Aug. 24. Steven Chan, a student bookstore worker, puts price tags on a new shipment of books, one of the many tasks that must be done before the annual "bookrush" gets under way next week.

Election set to decide union fate

The State Employee Relations Board has set Oct. 12 for an election to determine if the University's skilled/craft employees want to have the Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Warehousemen and Helpers Union, Local No. 20 in Toledo as their collective bargaining representative.

The election will be from 12:30 to 5 p.m. in the plant operations conference room in the Central Services Building on Poe Road.

The majority of the 105 employees in the proposed bargaining unit are in the Plant Operations and Maintenance area and include carpenters, electricians, plumbers, painters, building maintenance workers and heating plant boiler operators, stationary engineers

and equipment operators.

About 16 technicians in areas outside Plant Operations and Maintenance are also in the proposed bargaining unit. Those areas include biological sciences, University Union, computer services, Ice Arena, athletics, Firelands and Recreation Center.

The election will be the second this year to determine whether a segment of University employees want to be represented by a union. On Feb. 4, classified staff workers in the food service, telecommunications and custodial areas rejected representation by the Communications Workers of America by a 175-89 margin.

Positions are filled

The following individuals recently joined the full-time classified staff: **David Eschedor**, custodial worker, plant operations and maintenance; **Walter McKinnis**, cook 1, University Union; **Fred Smith** and **Florence Phillips**, both food service workers at the University Union.

Classified Employment Opportunities

The following classified positions are available:
Promotional Examinations
Posting expiration date for employees to apply: noon, Friday, Aug. 26.

- 8-26-1 **Building Maintenance Superintendent 1**
Pay Range 29
Plant Operations and Maintenance (Carpenter Shop)
- 8-26-2 **Building Maintenance Superintendent 1**
Pay Range 29
Plant Operations and Maintenance (Electric Shop)

Examinations will be given for the above classifications. Candidates will be ranked based on test scores and experience, and an eligible list will be established. As vacancies occur, names are referred from this list. Employees may apply and take the examination even if currently in a probationary period.

New vacancies

Posting expiration date for employees to apply: noon, Friday, Aug. 19. (* indicates that employee(s) from within the department is/are bidding and being considered for the position.)

- 8-19-1 **Administrative Secretary 1**
Pay Range 28
Continuing Education and Summer Programs
- 8-19-2 **Food Service Worker**
Pay Range 1
Food Operations
Academic Year Full-Time
- 8-19-3 **Library Assistant**
Pay Range 4
Libraries and Learning Resources (Circulation)
Permanent Part-Time
- 8-19-4 **Secretary 1**
Pay Range 26
Firelands (Instructional Media Center)
Academic Year Part-Time
- 8-19-5 *** Technical Typist**
Pay Range 25
Psychology
Academic Year Full-Time

Faculty/staff positions

The following faculty positions are available:

Romance Languages: Instructor, Spanish (temporary). Also, instructor, French (temporary). Contact Diane Pretzer (2-2667). Deadline: Immediately, to be filled in August.

School of Mass Communication: Director (re-opened). Contact Ray Laakaniemi (2-2076). Deadline: Oct. 1 or until position is filled.

The following administrative positions are available:

College of Education and Allied Professions: Assistant director of field experiences and standards, in the Office of Field Experiences and Standards Compliance. Contact Annmarie Heldt (2-2558). Deadline: August 22.

Graduate College: Assistant to the dean of the Graduate College. Contact Annmarie Heldt (2-2558). Deadline: August 15.

Institute for Great Lakes Research (Library and Learning Resources): Assistant archivist. Contact Kathryn Thiede (2-7891). Extended Deadline: August 17.

Intercollegiate Athletics: Director of the golf course. Contact Chair of the Search and Screening Committee, c/o the athletic department (2-2401). Deadline: Sept. 16.

Office of the Vice President for Operations: Vice president for operations. Contact Kay Meier (2-2211). Deadline: Position expected to be filled by Sept. 1.

Philosophy: Project coordinator (part-time). Contact Annmarie Heldt (2-2558). Deadline: Aug. 26.

New book looks at college leaders

Eighteen successful college presidents give their views on the requirements for effective leadership in a book co-edited by Dr. Martha W. Tack, educational administration and supervision.



The 107-page text, *Leaders on Leadership: The College Presidency*, is edited by Tack and James L. Fisher, president emeritus of the Council for Advancement and Support of Education.

The new book is part of the series, "New Directions for Higher Education," published by Jossey-Bass Inc. Tack and Fisher were invited to edit the text as a result of their two-year study of the personal characteristics, professional background and attitudinal differences of the nation's most effective college presidents.

The book contains essays by 18 college presidents who assess the qualities necessary for effective leadership of an institution of higher learning. The authors represent a cross-section of educational institutions--two-year and four-year colleges, private and public

universities, large research institutions and community colleges.

The group includes two women and 16 men, all of whom were identified by the study and other surveys as being highly successful administrators.

"These are all people who have been an energizing force in their respective colleges," Tack explained. "They have shown innovation in moving their institutions forward in achieving their missions."

The essays are as varied in perspective as the men and women who wrote them, but Tack notes that some common themes emerged.

"Nearly all of the presidents indicated the importance of having a vision--of having an idea where the institution is going," she said.

The essays also reveal an almost universal willingness to work long hours to see that an institution achieves all that it can achieve, and a firm belief that higher education will be better as a result.

Most of the essays also cite the challenge and the difficulty of leadership in today's changing times. Many note the importance of courage and having the ability and confidence to stand up for what one believes is right, even in the face of adversity.

Tack notes that the tone of each of the manuscripts is upbeat and the contributors indicate that "being a college president is exciting, challenging and rewarding work."

Registration begins for evening classes

Fall registration for evening students, those who attend classes only after 4:30 p.m., will be held Aug. 16-17.

Undergraduate and graduate student registration will be held from 6-8 p.m. Aug. 16 and from 6-7:30 p.m. Aug. 17 in the Lenhart Grand Ballroom of the University Union.

Those eligible to register at that time include individuals who are fully admitted into the Evening Credit Program and non-admitted students at least one year out of high school and who are only taking evening courses.

During the registration period, students can sign up for classes, pick up parking permits and pay fees, according to Joan Bissland, director of the Evening Credit Program.

College advisers and a financial aid adviser will be available to help students select courses and learn more about financial aid beginning at 5:30 p.m. both evenings.

Fall semester classes begin Aug. 24 and end Dec. 9.

More information about registration and a list of course offerings can be obtained by calling 372-8181 or by visiting the continuing education office.

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having a computer system for so long, but we've been able to do some work on the computers in the NWOETF (Northwest Ohio Educational Technology Foundation) labs next door. The lightning didn't affect them," she said.

Other equipment damaged by the lightning included three studio cameras and a closed circuit television. The station's remote truck was hooked up to the building and the bolt burned up the truck's connector. Staff members were able to make all the needed repairs which amounted to approximately \$300.

Davis said the tower has been a storm target in the past and is a likely target for lightning. "There is equipment available to prevent damage from lightning, but it isn't cost effective for us," Davis said.

Nachbar from the front page

audience, was dropped in the second book and in its place was put the category of theses and dissertations, Nachbar said.

"I am happy that the book is out because it's a necessary resource," said Nachbar, who has been a full-time faculty member with the University since 1973 and is currently director of the Film Studies Program.

Presently, Nachbar is working on an anthology of materials about the film *Casablanca*. According to Nachbar, the book will include a chronology of *Casablanca* events, a bibliography, articles on the performers and film makers and articles "analyzing the film's importance as a cultural artifact."

Nachbar, who received his doctoral degree in English from the University in 1974, has produced several other books as well. He co-edited *The Popular Culture Reader* (second and third editions), an anthology of articles intended as a textbook for popular culture introductory courses. The third edition, co-edited with Christopher Geist, popular culture, is currently used in Popular Culture 160 at the University.

Nachbar also edited *Focus on the Western*, an anthology of literary criticism on Western films. *Currents of Warm Life: Popular Culture in American Higher Education*, and *Movies as Artifacts: Cultural Criticism of Popular Film* are two other works Nachbar has to his credit.

Nachbar is currently the co-editor of the *Journal of Popular Film and Television*, a quarterly, scholarly publication with an editorial emphasis on the relationship between film and culture. --Kari Hesburn

For sale

The Faculty Senate office has for sale one IBM Wheelwriter V typewriter with a feature adapter, spell check and sound hood for \$418. For more information, call Hazel at 372-2751.

The biological sciences department has for sale a Hewlett Packard laser printer, presently being used with Multi-mate, for \$900. For more information, call Lorraine at 372-8552.