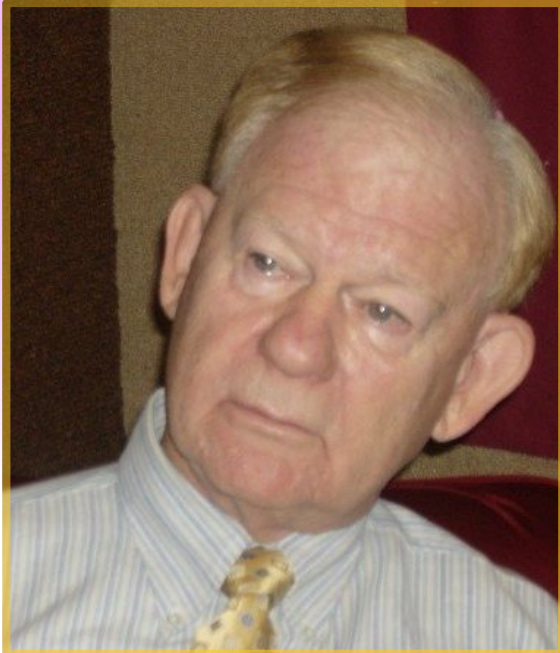


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REFLECTING ON THE CAREERS OF TWO DEPARTMENT GREATS



**Professor Art
Dew**

Professor Arthur Dew graduated from Northwestern State University with his Bachelor's degree in Speech in 1965. He went on to earn his Master's degree in 1969 while also working as a Graduate Assistant. He taught at Natchitoches High from 1969-2007, while also teaching evening COMM 1010 classes for Northwestern. In 2007 he began his teaching career at Northwestern State. His favorite courses to teach were radio and television broadcasting, his specialty.

Mr. Dew has made countless memories with the department, but some of his favorites were the eight years he spent as faculty advisor for KNWD. One student also stands out after all these years; a young lady who enrolled in his class and would attend up until it was time to give the first speech. She did this three different semesters until she absolutely needed to pass the course to graduate. Professor Dew motivated the student, and she went on to give wonderful speeches. Before she graduated, she returned to tell Mr. Dew she had decided to be a speech teacher.

It takes professionals like Mr. Dew, with a passion for education, to truly impact students. His experiences and expertise are unmatched, and he is a vital member of the NMJCA faculty. In his own words, "I love NSU, and I have to say I love my students. My family says, 'why don't you retire?' I say, 'because I've never worked a day in my life.'"

Dr. Ronald McBride has been associated with NSU for 40 years. His faculty career started in 1985, and he moved to the Communications department in 1996.

One of Dr. McBride's most memorable moments was in 1994 when the department, along with the science department, produced a national award-winning program, "Science, Out of This World," delivered by satellite to middle school students around the country. This won the department and University the New York Festivals Non-Broadcast Media Award for the best science class delivered via satellite in the nation. Students were able to accomplish this due to exceptional, quality instruction and state-of-the-art equipment. He also had the honor of teaching a communication class in Kongju National University in Gongju, South Korea as part of a scholar exchange program between NSU and Kongju.

Dr. McBride plays a vital role in the NMJCA department, and he has always been valued. He believes that in the future, "The potential is huge. When you have a world-class faculty, production and post-production facilities and equipment, a state-of-the-art multi-purpose television studio and production facility, the program can accomplish anything it desires."



Dr. Ron McBride

Latino Living – Student Podcast Hosted by Lia Portillo and Isabel Juarez



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Latino Living is the student-led, award-winning, podcast hosted by Lia Portillo and Isabel Juarez. First published in February of 2023, the podcast highlights the lives of Latinos at both NSU and in Natchitoches. Hosts zero-in on topics that affect the Hispanic community and share their culture with the audience. Host Lia Portillo says, "As our saying "un podcast para todos" (a podcast for all) we aim to connect our community with other communities and celebrate our unique perspectives."

During the Spring Semester, Latino Living placed second in Division II at the College Media Association Apple Awards in New York. Over the summer, the podcast received two Bronze Telly awards from episodes "American Dream" and "La Carrera." Currently, the podcast is a finalist for the College Media Association Pinnacle Awards for Best Podcast.

Latino Living has recently released the first episode of its third season. You can find the podcast on YouTube under the HSJA NSULA channel, or by copying this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/@hsjansula>

Recent Graduate Named One of "50 Most Influential Figures in Sports" by Sports Illustrated

Hayes Fawcett, recent graduate of the NMJCA department, earned his spot on the Sports Illustrated "50 Most Influential Figures in Sports." Mr. Fawcett is a national recruiting expert with On3 Recruits. He creates stunning visuals and edits for the nation's top football prospects and is always the first to know of any news in the recruiting world.

May this impressive achievement be the first of many successes.



Hayes Fawcett

