Radio Personality Speaks to Annandale Campus Students

On March 24, Sara Fraser, morning D.J. from the Kane Show on Hot 99.5, spoke on women in the workplace at the Annandale Campus. She talked about four main points that she believed were critical to her success. In addition, she spoke about how to obtain internships with the popular radio station.

Students enjoyed her message. Many stayed after her speech to get a picture taken, obtain her autograph or ask additional questions. Fraser has had the opportunity to interact with many celebrities including Ashley Simpson, whom she recounted her interactions with during her speech.
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Manassas Campus Phi Theta Kappa Honors Study Event

Timothy D. Godfrey (MA), 1st Sergeant in the U.S. Army and assistant dean of Automotive, Welding and Diesel Technologies, gave a presentation on the “Power Struggles in Afghanistan,” on March 27 in the Colgan Theater.

The presentation and discussion was sponsored by Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) as part of their honors study topic, “Gold, Gods, and Glory: The Global Dynamics of Power.” PTK President Abigail Friedman introduced 1st Sgt. Godfrey and Vice President Endy Yan presented him with the honorary membership in PTK at the end of his presentation.

1st Sgt. Godfrey is a graduate of both NOVA and Virginia Tech. From July 2004 to July 2005, he was on leave from his duties at the College to serve with the Army in Afghanistan. In addition to his other duties in Afghanistan, he participated in humanitarian missions. He also ran Camp Cherry Beasley for over 600 soldiers at Bagram Air Field.

1st Sgt. Godfrey is truly a decorated hero, receiving the Combat Infantry Badge, two Bronze Stars and five Army Commendation Medals.

Books about Afghanistan were available for the students, thanks to the grant Linda Simmons (MA) received through Reading Across the Curriculum. Some of the fiction and non-fiction titles included, “The Kite Runner,” “Three Cups of Tea” and “Afghanistan: A Short History of Its People and Politics.”

The Intercom Wants to Hear from You!

The Intercom is for and by the faculty and staff of NOVA. So you are welcome to e-mail your articles and news to intercom@nvcc.edu! The deadline is EACH Friday at 5:00 p.m. for the following week’s edition (note: as usual during the summer, the Intercom is published every other week).

For complete submission guidelines, go to http://www.nvcc.edu/plp/guidelines.htm. Send your news!
Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning Faculty Focus Workshops

The following Faculty Focus workshops are sponsored by the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning (CETL):

- **“When Your Office is Your Auto”** - Phil Tirpak, adjunct professor, will lead a discussion of ways to manage time and expectations for sane adjunct teaching. This will be held on (Saturday) **April 12 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** in the Provost’s Conference Room, CG 202 (AN). **Register by contacting Nan Peck at npeck@nvcc.edu.**
- **“An Introduction to Lexis-Nexis”** - Kevin Simons will introduce faculty to a powerful database available through our Library. This will be held on **April 16 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.** in the Annandale Campus Library Instruction Room, 3rd Floor. **Registration is required. Register by contacting Peck at npeck@nvcc.edu.**
- **“Generation Gen NeXt”** - Carol Sinwell will share tips and challenges millennials bring to college and to the workplace. This will be held on **April 22 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.** in the Provost’s Conference Room, CG 202 (AN). **Register by contacting Peck at npeck@nvcc.edu.**

The NOVA Woodbridge Theatre Group Presents a Collection of One-act Plays

To attend the NOVA Woodbridge Theatre Group production, titled "Stranger Shores: Riders to the Sea, Impromptu, The Indian Wants the Bronx, The Still Alarm," you can contact the Theatre at the Woodbridge Campus (15200 Neabsco Mills Rd., Woodbridge, Va. 22191-4099) at 703-878-5750. Play dates are **April 11, 12, 18 and 19 (Fridays and Saturdays) at 8:00 p.m. and April 13 and 20 (Sundays) at 2:00 p.m.**

Ticket costs are $10 for general admission, $5 for students, faculty, staff, seniors and children. Tickets are available at the door, or to reserve tickets visit our Web site at [http://www.nvcc.edu/nwtg](http://www.nvcc.edu/nwtg).

Faculty of the Year Reception

The NVCC Alumni Federation Board of Governors cordially invites you to attend the 2007-2008 Faculty of the Year Reception to be held in the Richard J. Ernst Community Cultural Center on **April 18 at 6:30 p.m.** One faculty member from each campus will be honored at this annual reception. Additionally, one adjunct award will be presented. Winners are nominated by alumni and students and selected by the NVCC Alumni Federation Faculty of the Year Committee. Please notify Bonnie Idle, alumni director, at 703-323-3749 or e-mail bidle@nvcc.edu no later than April 15 if you plan to attend.

MICROSOFT OFFICE 2007 is coming... See flyer in page 11
Last Lyceum Event of the Year

The last Lyceum event will take place on April 15 at 12:30 p.m., in the CE Forum (AN). Dr. Laura Browder, author and professor of English at Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU), will speak on the subject of her book “Slippery Characters: Ethnic Impersonators and American Identities” (2000). This event is free and open to all.

Browder earned her doctorate at Brandeis University and now teaches creative writing and American Studies at VCU. She is the author of “Her Best Shot: Women and Guns in American” (2006) and “Rousing the Nation: Radical Culture in Depression America” (1998). Browder is a talented playwright as well. Her “Sheep Hill Memories, Carver Dreams” (2000) was supported by the Virginia Foundation for Humanities and Public Policy. She is currently producing a series of documentaries based on her current book.

Browder’s Lyceum lecture deals with the “impersonator autobiography,” in which authors like James Frey, Asa Carter and others create false memoirs in which they assume the voice of an ethnic, economic or other minority group. Some of these books have achieved great success, deceiving publishers, reviewers and audiences alike. She will examine the nature of these books and attempt to determine their place in an old American tradition. Please join us for this event and help get the word out about this program.

Science Seminar

Presented by the Science Seminar Committee MSE Division (AN) and also supported by the Lyceum

Abe Eftekhar (AN), dean of Mathematics, Science and Engineering, is the scheduled speaker on April 18 from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the CE Forum, Ernst Cultural Center. The seminar title is “Positron Annihilation Spectroscopy (PAS), Nanotech & PET Applications.”

PAS is a nondestructive nuclear physics method used for investigation of nano-structural characteristics of material in scale of a few tenths of a nanometer. The annihilation process involves combination of positron-electron (antimatter-matter) releasing energy according to Einstein's well-known equation. The measured life-times and energies are used by scientists, researchers and medical practitioners to study material, assess chemical or physiological changes related to metabolism and applications in oncology, neurology and cardiology.

Eftekhar has a Ph.D. in mathematical science. Before coming to NOVA, he worked in academic institutions and the U.S. government in areas ranging from physics, nuclear engineering, bio-mathematics and computer science. He also researched at NASA. All students, staff and faculty are cordially invited.

Professional Development Opportunity

Accomplished author Dr. Gary Howard is scheduled to present at NOVA. His workshop, titled “Cultural Competence and Courageous Leadership: Creating Inclusive Institutional Environments” is an opportunity to supplement your skills while earning credit for professional development, through interactive sessions on multicultural issues. This event will take place on April 25 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Bisdorf Buidling (AL) in Room 158. Please see the flyer in the attachment section.
NOVA Disability Services
- A Word to the Wise -

Dear Faculty and Staff:

Witnessing an individual going through a seizure due to epilepsy can be a trying experience - especially if we have no idea how to respond. Fortunately, there is knowledge available that can be used to prepare for such an event.

First aid for epilepsy is basically intended to keep the individual safe until the seizure completes its natural course. It is important to know the steps to take in response to all kinds of seizures, including the most visible kind - the grand mal seizure. First aid information and step-by-step procedures are available at the Epilepsy Foundation Web site at the following link: http://www.epilepsyfoundation.org/about/firstaid/index.cfm.

For questions, please contact Carol Sweetser, special assistant for College Disability Services, at csweetser@nvcc.edu.
Health and Flexible Benefits Open Enrollment  
April 16 - May 16, 2008

Open Enrollment begins next Wednesday, April 16 and will run through May 16. Are you ready? This is the period each year to make decisions about your health benefits and flexible reimbursement accounts (FRAs). Please be sure to base your choices on what is best for you and your family.

Remember that during Open Enrollment, you may:

1. **Take no action** – Your current health plan and membership will remain the same. Your current FRA participation will end.
2. **Make changes to your health care** – You may enroll in or change your plan, and/or add or remove family members.
3. **Enroll in a Medical and/or Dependent Care FRA** – Enrollment in an FRA is not automatic. You have to enroll each year.
4. **Apply or re-apply for the E-Z Reimburse Master Card** – Continued use of this card is not automatic. You must submit a new application for the new plan year.

The Benefits Team will be coming to visit your campuses during this period to assist you in logging in to Employee Direct and making your open enrollment changes. We will also be able to answer any questions that you might have related to other benefits topics. Below are the dates and times that we will be visiting your campus. We are looking forward to seeing you soon!

- May 6 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. - Alexandria Campus (AA159)
- May 7 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. - Loudoun Campus (LR 208)
- May 8 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. - Manassas Campus (MC 229A)
- May 9 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. - Annandale Campus (CT 107)
- May 12 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. - Medical Education Campus (HE 330)
- May 13 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. - Woodbridge Campus (WO 412)

For more information, watch for your “Spotlight on Benefits” arriving at your home this week.
Dr. Gary Howard comes to NOVA—an opportunity to supplement our skills while earning credit for professional development, through interactive sessions on multicultural issues.

__PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITY__

Friday, April 25

AL CAMPUS,

Bisdorf building, room 158

9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Earn credits for Professional Development and supplement your understanding and competencies for communicating across cultures. The Diversity Committee and the Provost at the Alexandria Campus invite interested administrators, faculty, and staff members to attend a unique workshop on April 25 led by Gary Howard. Dr. Howard is the author of numerous articles on race, justice, and multicultural issues and he has developed collections of curriculum materials that are being used internationally. His workshop titled “Cultural Competence and Courageous Leadership: Creating Inclusive Institutional Environments” will be held in the Bisdorf Building from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For the past 35 years, Gary Howard has been working with leaders and educators throughout the United States and Australia on issues of diversity, social justice, and equity. Since the 1999 publication of his best-selling book, We Can't Teach What We Don't Know (Second Edition, 2006), this work has centered on building the kind of culturally competent leadership skills that are necessary if we are to be successful in our efforts to create inclusive and equitable institutions and communities. In this interactive session, Gary Howard will provide a conceptual framework and demonstrate several processes, workplace strategies, activities, and conversations that have been fruitful for many in guiding their journey from rhetoric to reality and toward building dynamic, just, and pluralistic institutional cultures.

Reserve your place (by April 23) for this interactive experience with Dr. Gary Howard by contacting Dr. Brenda Lewis-Holmes at 703-845-6162 or blewisholme@nvcc.edu.

9-11:30 “Teaching and Leading for Equity and Excellence”—Interactive Forum (College-wide all faculty and administrators)
11:30-1:00 Lunch in the cafeteria or bring your own
1:00-2:00 Keynote Speech by Dr. Gary Howard
   “Passion for Equity—Engaging the Social Justice Agenda”
2:15-4:00 “Race, Gender, and Social Justice”—Interactive Forum
Alexandria Campus hosts
A HBO documentary

ALIVE DAY MEMORIES
HOME FROM IRAQ

About the film: Executive Producer James Gandolfini interviews ten Soldiers and Marines who reveal their feelings on their future, their severe disabilities and their devotion to America. This is not a political film. The film illustrates and depicts how ten people deal with their disabilities and overcome life’s obstacles.
Alexandria student, Michael Jernigan is one of the featured Marines in the film. Mike will tell his story and will be available to answer any questions.

Tuesday, April 29th 5:30pm       Bisdorf Room AA 158

Light refreshments will be provided.
For more information, call 703.845.6222
WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!!

ARE YOU AVAILABLE FRIDAY, MAY 2ND?

We need help with the following areas:
- Ushers
- Ballot counters
- Concession stands
- Stage crew/Set-up
- Hosts to judges

Please contact Shonta Woodbury at 703-933-5041, via email at swoodbury@nvcc.edu or stop by Room 148.

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Alexandria Campus
Dr. Jonathan Gueverra requests the pleasure of your company at the Retirement Reception for Dr. Gene Brown, Dean of Science and Applied Technologies.

Wednesday, April 30, 2008
1:00—4:00 pm
Large Conference Room 158

Donations will be accepted by Lisa Moran and Aleise Selby in the SAT Division Room 352, ext. 16341.

- Light refreshments will be served.
- Please feel free to bring dessert or other specialty items to share.
Microsoft Office 2007 Is Coming...

To Northern Virginia Community College!

FYI:

Beginning June 2, 2008!

On Monday, June 2, 2008, we will begin our College-wide upgrade to the Microsoft Office 2007 product suite. The new version offers many new and exciting features along with a brand new appearance!

Orientation and training will be available at each Campus (details to be announced shortly) for those of you who are interested.

You can also find more information about the Microsoft Office 2007 enhancements and the new “Ribbon” (which replaces the “Toolbar”) by visiting the training section of the Microsoft Office website: http://office.microsoft.com/training

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Order delicious, fresh, melt in your mouth Krispy Kreme glazed doughnuts from the Office of Student Activities (CF 226 or 703-323-3147 or 703-323-3484). Doughnuts are $6 per dozen and must be paid in advance. Cash or check only. Checks must be made out to Northern Virginia Community College.

Pick up doughnuts from the Office of Student Activities (CF 226) at the following days and times:

Wednesday, April 30, 8:30 - 12:30 p.m. & 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 1st 8:30 - 12:30 p.m.