The Annandale Campus Advising Fair

The Annandale Campus held an Advising Fair for students on April 7 and 8 as part of NOVA’s Advising Week activities. Coordinated by Christine Holt, dean of Operations, and Bruce Mann, dean of Liberal Arts, the fair focused on helping students track their academic careers by means of the Degree Progress Report.

Students entering the Ernst Center Forum were assigned to tables where faculty members, counselors and staff members assisted them in printing their Degree Progress Reports, analyzing them and choosing appropriate courses for summer and fall terms. Several new forms were developed for the fair, including “Tips for Communicating with Your Faculty Advisor” and “FAQs for Students about the Degree Progress Report.” As a complement to the newly created forms, a student video was developed to showcase the importance of the report as a tool in managing academic success.

Among the attendees were Provost Barbara Saperstone; Deans Gerald Boyd, Abbas Eftekari and John Thrash; and Acting Dean of Business and Public Services Duncan Tebow. Other participants included Mary Atkins, Alison Bisson, Joseph Braccia, Liona Burnham, Nancy Chamberlain, Sumitava Chatterjee, David E. Conroy, Jennifer Daniels, Daniel Franssell, Behrouz Ghofrany, Amy Gilley, Trudy Gillevet, Talula Guntner, Nancy Chamberlain, assistant dean for Recreation and Parks, advises Brandon Bitancurt.

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Free popcorn was available, thanks to Annandale Student Services, and students who participated in the fair were eligible to enter a drawing for Barnes & Noble gift cards. The Campus plans to hold another Advising Fair in the fall.

Pictured right: Trudy Gillevet of Natural Science advises student Melat Tiruneh.

Two Manassas Art Shows Double the Pleasure

Pictured (from left): Pat Carrow and Marge Shaffer enjoyed a reception for the art exhibits at the Manassas Campus. Collages by artist Mary Hanna are on exhibit in Colgan Hall and student works are on display in Howsmon Hall. Both shows continue until May 2.

Photo by Carlene Mackereth
First Career Studies Certificate Candidate in Theatre at the Manassas Campus

Nicole Underwood of Sterling will successfully receive her Career Studies Certificate in Theatre this spring. She is the first graduate of the program which was created and implemented by Kathryn O’Sullivan (MA). Underwood has participated in many shows with the Theatre Department at the Manassas Campus. Many of the shows included: “Radio Plays of Yesteryear,” “Strange Boarders,” “The Man Who Came to Dinner” and the Student 10-Minute Play Festival.

She is currently in this semester’s production of “I Hate Hamlet” and will be shooting episodes of a television pilot soon. She has also appeared in a NOVA television commercial and independent film projects. In addition to her acting, she is currently working on her first screenplay in the playwriting/screenwriting class. Underwood plans on completing her associate degree in General Studies in the fall of 2008. She hopes to attend George Mason to finish her education degree.

Pictured right: Student Nicole Underwood as she takes on the role of Deirdre, the girlfriend of Andrew Rally in “I Hate Hamlet.”

Photo courtesy of Darcy Lee

NOVA Professor Screens Short Film at Festival

On April 4, Kathryn O’Sullivan (MA) and her husband Paul Awad screened their short film "Dracula’s Mother" at the Heritage Film Festival. The Festival was held in Largo, Maryland at Prince George’s Community College. Shot in the style of the 1930’s/1940’s Universal Pictures horror films, the movie takes a humorous look at what happens when Dracula brings his fiancée home to meet his overbearing mother.

The film premiered at the Manassas Campus in June 2007. “Dracula’s Mother” has since been an official selection at the Colony, Utopia and George Mason Film Festivals and the Horrorfind Convention. The film also won People’s Choice and Best Professional Film awards at the Colony and George Mason.
NOVA Annandale Symphony Orchestra Performance
Including a special composition by a NOVA student

The NOVA Annandale Symphony Orchestra will perform a program of classical favorites and the world premiere of a work composed by a NOVA student on April 18 at 8:00 p.m. in the Ernst Cultural Center (AN) located at 8333 Little River Turnpike.

Under the direction of conductor Christopher Johnston, the orchestra will perform the “Egmont Overture” by Ludwig von Beethoven, “Symphony No. 8” (“The Unfinished”) by Franz Schubert, “the Waltz” from “Masquerade Suite” by Aram Khachaturian, “Finlandia” by Jean Sibelius, Georges Bizet’s “Carmen Suite No. 1” and “21,” a new work by Philip Quy Mai, a tribute to the late Washington Redskins player Sean Taylor.

The composer of “21,” Mai, is a NOVA student who also works at the Washington Redskins Official Store in Fair Oaks Mall. He was motivated by the death of Sean Taylor to write a short, intense work for orchestra as a tribute to Taylor, whose jersey number was “21.” Mai describes the work as “very rhythmic” with “a lot of percussion.”

Mai, a percussionist in the orchestra, is a graduate of Westfield High School in Chantilly, and he was a student of Johnston’s, at the Fairfax Academy. Johnston is also an adjunct faculty member at Annandale.

Tickets will be $15 for adults and $10 for seniors, teens and NOVA students (with ID). Children 12 and under are free. For advance tickets, call 703-569-0973 or e-mail joseph@pincus.org.

Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning Faculty Focus Workshop

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

- “Generation Gen NeXt” - Carol Sinwell (AN) 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 Nan Peck at npeck@nvcc.edu.

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/pip/guidelines.htm. Send your news!
Manassas Campus Theatre Production of “I Hate Hamlet”

Students and members of the community at the Manassas Campus will perform “I Hate Hamlet” on April 18, 19, 25 and 26 at 7:30 p.m. and April 27 at 1:30 p.m. Performances will be in Colgan Theatre at the Manassas Campus. Admission is $5.00 for all performances and tickets are available at the door. For more information, contact Kathryn O'Sullivan (MA), professor of Speech and Drama and producer of the production at 703-257-6595 or kosullivan@nvcc.edu.

“I Hate Hamlet” centers around a young television star, Andrew Rally, who has decided to expand his acting horizons by playing the role of Hamlet in a Central Park production, but is apprehensive about whether he is up to the challenge. As fate would have it, he rents an apartment once inhabited by John Barrymore, whose performances as Hamlet were legendary. Following a séance, the ghost of Barrymore appears to offer guidance to Rally and prepare him for the role. Despite Barrymore's assistance, Rally's premiere as Hamlet does not go well, and in the end he must decide between the easy money he could make by playing shallow TV characters and the satisfaction to be gained from taking on challenging roles on the stage. The play finds great humor in its characters and circumstances, poking fun at actors, Hollywood producers, agents, realtors and Shakespeare. See flyer in the attachment section.

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 Building (AL) in Room 158. For more information, see the flyer in the attachment section.

Business and Public Services Division to Honor Graduates

The Seventeenth Annual Student Recognition and Awards Reception for 2008 Annandale Campus Business and Public Services Division graduates will be held on May 2 at 12:30 p.m. in the Forum of the Ernst Community Cultural Center (AN).

All Business and Public Services graduates are invited to attend. Graduates with GPAs of 3.7 and above, scholarship recipients and students who have been identified by the faculty for program awards will be honored. Also, the faculty will present the Fourteenth Annual William C. Hill Award to the most outstanding Division graduate. Hill, the first chair of the Annandale Business Division, served with distinction from 1965 until his retirement in 1989.

In addition, this year’s Business and Public Services Division Distinguished Alumni Award will be given to Kimberly Dunn Clements, a former Administration of Justice (ADJ) Program and Hill Award winner.

Duncan Tebow, acting division dean, will preside. President Robert G. Templin, Jr. will extend greetings from the College community and Barbara Saperstone, Annandale Campus provost, will welcome graduates and their guests to the Campus.
Francis J. Sheehan, Jr. (MEC) has taught at NOVA for 13 years—nine as an adjunct and four years as an associate professor and the assistant dean of Health Sciences. Since 1995, he has taught pharmacology and pathophysiology.

Sheehan received a Bachelor of Science degree from the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Allied Sciences (Boston, Massachusetts), a Master of Natural Science (MNS) from the Worchester College of Pharmacy (Worchester, Massachusetts) and a Doctorate in Medicine and Surgery from the Universidad Del Noreste (Tampico, Mexico).

He also served in the U.S. Army Medical Service Corps from 1958 to 1964. After medical school, Sheehan went on to work as a contract physician for the U.S. government. He loves fishing, golfing, reading, martial arts, handgun competitions and being a good grandfather.

Sheehan will be retiring at the end of May, and we wish him a very happy retirement.

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2008 Service Awards Luncheon

Over 200 NOVA faculty, staff and guests enjoyed the 2008 Service Awards Luncheon on March 31 at the Waterford in Springfield. This year saw one of the highest number of awardees totaling 199, ranging from 10 years to 40 years of service with the Commonwealth of Virginia. The luncheon was followed by President Robert G. Templin, Jr. handing out a certificate and pin to each of the 145 attendees. Immediately following, 13 of the 20 professors emeriti and six classified staff emeriti received engraved wooden plaques.

To review pictures from the event, go online to: http://www.nvcc.edu/home/kmattingly/. The photos will be available for viewing for the next two weeks.
**EVERYTHING IS ABSOLUTELY FREE!!!**

**Tuesday, April 22**

**Outdoor Upper Plaza**

**11:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.**

- Make Your Own Street Sign
- Air Brush Tattoos
- Caricatures
- Jump Shot Basketball
- Adult Moon Bounce
- Gladiator Joust

**NVCC Annandale Club/Organization Tables**

Learn about student groups, their programs, and how to become a campus leader next year!

**Vendor Tables**

**FREE Picnic!**

Music provided by battle of the bands winner **DIVINE CHAOS!**

For more information please contact Student Activities at 703-323-3147.
NOVA Manassas Presents

I HATE HAMLET

by Paul Rudnick

April 18, 19, 25, 26 at 7:30 pm
April 27 at 1:30 pm

Colgan Theatre
Tickets $5 at door
Free refreshments

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Manassas, VA 20109
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Contact: Kathryn O’Sullivan
703-257-6595
NOVA Manassas Symphony Orchestra
15th ANNIVERSARY SEASON

Anniversary Celebration
Saturday, May 3, 2008
8:00 PM

Capriccio Espagnol, Op. 34
N. A. Rimsky-Korsakov
Guest Conductor - David Mathers

Clarinet Concerto No. 2, Op. 74
C. M. von Weber
Clarinet Soloist - Carl Long

Symphony No. 3, Op. 56 ("Scottish")
F. Mendelssohn

CONCERT LOCATION:
Grace United Methodist Church
9750 Wellington Road, Manassas, Virginia
For information, phone 703-257-6500, x47737
www.manassassymphony.org

TICKETS:
Adults $10.00
Senior Citizens $5.00
Students/Children FREE
tickets@manassassymphony.org

Partial funding provided by the Prince William County Arts Council/Prince William County Park Authority.
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.

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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.

One of the greatest challenges since I came home is learning how to live independently and recuperating in a life without vision. - Mike Jernigan

Tuesday, April 29th 5:30pm  Bisdorf Room AA 158
Light refreshments will be provided.
For more information, call 703.845.6222
FREE Movie Showing! Watch it before it comes out on DVD!

Date: Thursday, May 1
7:00 p.m. CC 111
Rated: PG, 123 minutes

When a missing page from the diary of John Wilkes Booth surfaces, Ben’s great-great grandfather is suddenly implicated as a key conspirator in Abraham Lincoln’s death.
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.