Kaine, Carville Talk Politics in Alexandria

Governor Timothy M. Kaine recently paid a visit to James Carville’s political science class at the Alexandria Campus. Carville, who brings his political connections and insightful analysis to a packed lecture hall each week, first began teaching at the College in 2005.

Anyone who didn’t get the chance to be there in person, or would like to catch the event again, can watch streaming video of the event from the Television Center’s Web site: mms://NOVAMEDIA.nvcc.edu/PUBLIC_VIDEOS/Carville_Lectures/Carville11.wmv.

Two Popular Authors to Speak at Woodbridge Campus

On April 24, award winning novelist Jane Hamilton, author of two Oprah book club selections, will visit the Woodbridge Campus to read from her work, discuss the writing process and sign books. Hamilton’s first novel, The Book of Ruth, won the PEN/Ernest Hemingway Foundation Award for best first novel. Her second novel, A Map of the World, was an international bestseller which was made into a feature film. Her latest novel, When Madeline Was Young, was released with high praise in September 2006.

On April 26, novelist and memoirist Joyce Maynard will return to the Campus to read from her work and answer questions. Maynard first came to national attention with the publication of her New York Times cover story, “An Eighteen Year Old Looks Back on Life,” in 1973. Since then, she has been a reporter, columnist and NPR contributor. She is the author of eight books, including the novel To Die For and the best-selling memoir, At Home in the World. Her novel, The Usual Rules, was chosen one of the 10 best books for young readers in 2003. This year, she published Internal Combustion, a non-fiction account of one of the most bizarre criminal cases in motor city history.

Both events are sponsored by the communications and humanities division of the Woodbridge Campus. For more information, contact Robert Bausch at 703-878-5664. Readings begin both days at 7:15 p.m. in the Campus Theater and are free and open to the public. Parking restrictions in legal parking areas will be suspended for these events.
Alexandria Band, NOVA Chorus Say “Farewell, Dr. Bob”

On April 27, the 80-piece Alexandria Campus Concert Band, under the direction of Dr. Robert Petrella and the 85-voice NOVA Community Chorus, directed by Dr. Mark Whitmire, will present “Farewell, Dr. Bob” in honor of Petrella’s last concert as director of the Alexandria Band. The 30th anniversary concert will take place at 8:00 p.m. in the Schlesinger Concert Hall. Special guest performers will be The United States Army Band Herald Trumpets, tenor soloist and voice faculty member John Lackey and retired announcer for the U.S. Army Band, Sergeant Major Bill Fox. The program will include Shostakovich’s Festive Overture, Nessun Dorma by Puccini, the first movement of Carmina Burana and much more. Mark your calendars for this exciting free event.

NOVA Prepares for National Library Week

NOVA libraries are gearing up for National Library Week 2007. Started in 1958, National Library Week is sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries across the country each April.

From April 16-21, NOVA libraries will be marking the occasion with various events and activities. Some libraries will display “READ” posters featuring faculty and staff from their own campuses. Stop by to see the familiar faces and celebrate your freedom to read.

Left: The MEC’s Bev Recny and Jane White urge students and patients alike to read.
Heishman Serves as Science and Engineering Fair Judge

Ric Heishman, assistant dean of computer science and information technology (MA), served as chair of the engineering judges group for the 2007 Virginia State Science and Engineering Fair (VSSEF) at George Mason University on April 7. The all-day event featured projects from high school students throughout the state, many involving work associated with internships from leading companies and government agencies. “Best of Show” winners were Ava Mainieri (James Madison High) for her project “School Arabinose Metabolism of Halobacterium sp. NRC-1” and Erin Hopke (Thomas Jefferson High) for “Creation of Ultra High-Temperature Cermets: ZrB2 + Mo and ZrB2 + W.” Other winners can be viewed on the VSSEF Web site at: http://vssef.gmu.edu/schedule.php.

Golding Named to US Postal Group

John Golding, postal and distribution services (CS), has been asked by the United States Postal Service (USPS) Mailers Technical Advisory Council to serve on a work group as one of two National Association of College and University Mail Services representatives.

Golding will represent community colleges and smaller higher education institutions on the work group, which is tasked with establishing first class mail service standards and performance measurement methods for the USPS and the Postal Rate Commission under the new rate classifications.

Congratulations, John!

On behalf of the NOVA community, we extend our thoughts and prayers to the entire Virginia Tech family during this time of profound loss.
Some Goodwin Conversation

Students from Professor Ed Delean's ITE 130 and ITD 110 classes at the Alexandria Campus had a chance to meet and mingle with Professor Agnes Malika's ESL class during an afternoon coffee break on April 4. Delean's students, who are all residents of Goodwin House, the continuing care retirement community on Fillmore Avenue, were invited to the reception by the ESL students, who were eager to practice their conversation skills. The two groups had a wonderful time exchanging stories and are planning another get-together before the end of the semester.

(Top photo): Professor Agnes Malika, Marwa Ali (Egypt), Marjorie Abramson and Teresa Carroll (Goodwin House), Professor Ed Delean and Alessi Bland, business division. (Bottom photo): Teaching Assistant Nadia Harfoush and Alessi Bland hand out cookies to the group.

Red Cross to Offer Free Training to Employees

Every Friday in May is employee training day for American Red Cross Adult CPR and AED certification. These classes fill quickly and space is limited, so don't delay making your reservation. More details about the class and registration instructions are attached to this edition of Intercom. Contact Kathy Weiner in the human resources office for additional questions.
NVCC-TV Takes Home Two Telly Awards

NVCC-TV was a big winner at the 28th annual Telly Awards, a prestigious national competition for film and video professionals.

Audio master Lance Graham (pictured, right) won in the Use of Music category for music used in “Draw the Line: An Animator’s Showcase,” an original production spotlighting regional animators. Producer Richard Attix won for his production of “The 60-Second Chef,” a series of shorts featuring NOVA instructor and chef Mike Herbert.

The Telly Award is one of the most sought-after honors by industry leaders, from large international firms to local production companies and ad agencies. Way to go, NVCC-TV!

Orchestra to Present Music of the British Isles

The NVCC-Annandale Symphony Orchestra will perform a concert of music centered on the British Isles on April 20 at 8:00 p.m. in the Ernst Center. The orchestra, made up of NOVA students and community members, will be conducted by Christopher Johnston, music director and adjunct instructor. The program will include Music of the Royal Fireworks by Handel; Irish Rhapsody No. 1 by Charles Villiers Stanford and Max Bruch’s Scottish Fantasy. The concert will also feature a world premiere, the Suite for Electric Guitar and Orchestra, composed by students at the Fairfax Academy for Communication and the Arts. This unusual work is the result of a Wolf Trap Foundation grant awarded to Johnston last year.

Introducing the concert will be Dr. Mark C. Beattie, Annandale information technology professor. Tickets are $15 for adults and $10 for NOVA students with ID. Children are admitted free. For more information, call the Annandale music department at 703-323-3114.

Annandale Business and Public Services Division to Honor Graduates

The 16th annual Student Recognition and Awards Reception for Annandale Campus business and public services division graduates will be held on May 7 at 12:00 p.m. in the Ernst Center forum. All business and public services graduates are invited to attend. Graduates with GPAs of 3.8 or higher, scholarship recipients and students who have been identified by the faculty for program awards will be honored. That afternoon, the faculty will also present the 13th 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 Distinguished Alumni Award will be given to Richard Schwartz, a 1995 travel and tourism alumnus. Schwartz is the owner of Dream Travel in Fredericksburg, Virginia.

Introducing the ceremony will be Adrienne Hinds, acting division dean, will preside at the ceremony. NOVA President Robert G. Templin, Jr. will extend greetings from the College community and Annandale Campus Provost Barbara Saperstone will welcome graduates and their guests to the Campus.

Attention: New Tuition Assistance Policy Changes

The College has recently revised its tuition assistance policies, which are now available on the HR Web page at http://www.nvcc.edu/hr/training.htm. Note that the policies have changed significantly, so read them carefully before applying for tuition assistance. One of these changes is that all employees will now use a single request form: 105-043 (rev. 3/2007), a copy of which is attached to this edition of Intercom.

These changes are effective immediately and may impact summer session requests. Also note that the deadline to submit requests to HR is April 20. The Professional Development Committee worked to ensure that the new policies offer greater opportunities to all employees and would like to thank President Templin and the Administrative Council for their approval.
Prof Shelley Stevens,  
ART (ceramics)  
Receives 2007 Humanities Division  
Adjunct MVP Award  
From Asst Dean for Art & Interior Design David Whipple

Since the Loudoun Campus ceramics program was launched, in 2002, thanks to the vision of Asst Dean Whipple and the support of campus provost Dr Anthony Tardd, Prof Stevens has trained and mentored her students with uncommon energy and devotion. Thanks to her, our studio is constantly humming and the resulting student artworks are outstanding... many are currently on display in our Annual Student Show, Waddell Gallery.

Thanks, and hearty congratulations, Shelley!
American Red Cross
Adult CPR & AED Course

The purpose of this course is to train lay responders to overcome any reluctance to act in emergency situations and to recognize and care for life-threatening respiratory or cardiac emergencies in adults.

Space is limited in each session. Pre-registration at least one week prior to class date is needed.

All NOVA faculty and classified staff from all campuses may participate. All sessions are being held centrally at the Annandale campus.

On-line registration by sending e-mail ...

TO: HRDtraining@nvcc.edu
CC: ( your supervisor )
SUBJECT: American Red Cross Training
BODY: Just ask to be registered for the session date you want to attend this training class.

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Key training objectives for this course and upon successful completion of it participants will be able to:
- Describe the purpose of Good Samaritan Laws
- Respond appropriately to finding an unconscious adult victim
- Demonstrate how to minimize the risk of disease transmission when giving care
- Identify when and how to call 9-1-1 or the local emergency number
- Determine whether the victim is breathing and/or has a pulse
- Demonstrate how to give cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR)
- Demonstrate how to care for a heart attack
- Effectively use an automatic electronic defibrillator

A safety training opportunity provided by NOVA HR Professional Development
Spring 2007 Seminar Series—April Workshop
Sponsored by the LRS Faculty/Staff Resource Center, CG 413
Register early as space is limited.
Call Susan Hollins, ext. 23771 or e-mail shollins@nvcc.edu

“Concept Maps in the Research Process”
Friday, April 20, 2007, 11 a.m. to 12 noon
Library Classroom—CG Third Floor

Presenters:
Kevin Simons and Irene Osterman - Annandale Campus Library

Most students believe that research is finding information. We know research to be a
discovery process of patterns and relationships that builds upon itself by incorporating
one’s previous knowledge with insights obtained throughout the process. One tool that
can help students learn this process of discovery is concept mapping.

Concept maps help to reveal relationships visually and can help students see and un-
derstand complex research concepts. This Faculty Focus will present the use of con-
cept maps in the research process and demonstrate Inspiration, a concept mapping
software.

Discussion will include

- Types of concept maps
- Their use in brainstorming researchable topics
- Their relationship to searching electronic databases

We are here to assist you in reaching your professional development goals.
Visit us on the web at http://www.nvcc.edu/annandale/tlc
Call Susan Hollins at 23771 for more information.
Northern Virginia Community College
EMPLOYEE EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE
REQUEST FORM

Employee name: ___________________________ Original hire or appointment date:________

EMPLID: ___________ NOVA Campus: ___________ Position title: ___________

Division: ___________ Teaching field (for faculty): ___________

☐ After hours study
☐ During hours study (classified employees should attach an adjusted work schedule)
☐ Leave of absence with pay (promissory note must be completed)
☐ Leave of absence without pay (if educational expenses are being paid, promissory note must be completed)

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*Limit of six credit hours per semester

Tuition total

Purpose of assistance (check one)
☐ Job-related (supervisor’s signature verifies that course is related to current position responsibilities)
☐ Degree requirement: (verification of acceptance into a degree program must be on file)
☐ Personal development

Payment option (check one) Note that IRS tax regulations apply
☐ Reimbursement (contingent on receipt of a grade of “C” or better and supporting documentation)
☐ Up-front payment (promissory note must be completed and must be on file)
☐ NOVA course (free)

Date of request: ___________________________

Employee signature ___________________________ Provost or Vice President signature ___________________________

Academic Dean or Department Manager signature ___________________________ Human Resources Administrator signature ___________________________