NOVA Steps it Up for Fox 5 at Schlesinger Center

NOVA’s own Nancy Stafford, media processing services, is a member of the Boomerangs, a group dedicated to teaching modern Western square dancing. When Fox 5 News reporter Holly Morris agreed to feature the organization, Stafford recognized a good opportunity to spotlight the College and contacted the office of Public Information and Publications. Public Information Officer Tricia Holser arranged for the live broadcast from the Schlesinger Center (at this writing, the video is posted on Fox 5’s Web site: http://www.myfoxdc.com). Many thanks to Center Director Leslie White, who agreed to open the facility at 5:30 a.m.

Top: Fox 5’s Holly Morris (left) poses with Brenda Lewis-Holmes, speech and drama (AL), and Alexandria Provost Jonathan Gueverra. The group was on hand to observe the festivities but resisted requests to join the dancers.

Right: Nancy Stafford and her husband Tom bust a move along with other members of the Boomerangs during the Fox 5 News broadcast on January 17.

Photos by Kevin Mattingly

New TV Center Video Available - Communication Theory

Richard Attix of the Television Center sends along a Web link featuring eight instructors commenting on various aspects of communication theory. This series was produced by Steven Fischer for Nan Peck (AN), as supplemental content for NOVA’s communication classes. The videos contain a wealth of interesting information for anyone who’d like to improve their communication skills. The videos can be found at http://www.nvcc.edu/TVCENTER/Communication_Theories.htm.
Cross-Campus Day Focuses on Global Learning

On January 11, NOVA faculty converged on the Ernst Center for Cross-Campus Day. The theme of this year’s event was teaching and learning in a global community. After introductory remarks by President Robert G. Templin, Jr. and Executive Vice President John T. Dever, a keynote address was delivered by Ambassador Greta N. Morris, dean of the School of Language Studies at the Foreign Service Institute.

The morning also included workshop sessions and a display of international materials and teaching resources. Box lunches were provided, followed by cluster meetings for individual disciplines.

Left: Dean Paul J. McVeigh (AL), who heads up the College’s Internationalization Task Force, chats with Ambassador Greta Morris during the breakfast hour.

Paperless Transcripts Heading to George Mason University

January 16 marked a leap forward in NOVA’s ability to serve students who are transferring to George Mason University (Mason). On that day, 19 paperless transcripts were sent from the Central Records Office to Mason. The transmission of those transcripts through electronic document imaging (EDI) was the culmination of a two-year project coordinated by Art Cavanagh, director of NovaConnect support services. Cavanagh and his fellow team members, technical lead Oscar Larson and programming analyst Jeff Petrarcha, worked with David Hepler at the VCCS and Jennifer Flagler at Mason to bring the project to fruition. The EDI transcript project is the latest product of the close collaboration between NovaConnect Support Services and Student Services.

Students who plan to transfer to Mason can now request transcripts over the Web and know that they will arrive electronically at the appropriate office within 24 hours. NOVA is the first college in Virginia to offer EDI transcript service. By working closely with the VCCS, the team designed the project so that it can be replicated by other colleges in the system. Because of the success of the NOVA team and colleagues at Mason, it is possible that within a few years EDI transcripts will be available to community college students across the Commonwealth. The project has been nominated for a VCCS Technology in Education Award.

Call for Faculty of the Year Nominations

The NVCC Alumni Federation is once again calling for nominations for the 2006-2007 Faculty of the Year awards. College alumni and students may nominate full-time teaching faculty for these awards.

Nomination forms are available at campus information desks, Learning Resource Centers and on the Alumni Web site at http://www.nvcc.edu/alumni under “Faculty Recognition.” The deadline for nominations is March 30. A reception honoring nominated faculty and announcing the Campus winners will be held April 20 at 6:30 p.m. in the Ernst Center forum. For more information, contact Bonnie Idle, alumni coordinator, at 703-323-3749.

Woodbridge PE Faculty Raises Funds

On December 7, the Woodbridge physical education faculty raised $5,800 for ACTS, a local homeless shelter, at the 18th annual Aerobithon Charity Fundraiser. Students received pledges for their participation in a lively hour of aerobics led by Dr. Nancy Crippen. Supporters gave generously to help ACTS build a larger facility to handle their expanding services to the local community.

Crippen won the 2006 Women’s Grand Master’s Award from the Fredericksburg Running Club for the six best finishes in the Grand Prix series of 10 races ranging from a 5K to a half marathon. Way to go Nancy and team!
Evening Administrator Frances Villagran-Glover welcomed Alexandria’s adjuncts to the new semester with an evening of food, camaraderie and information. The cafeteria quickly grew crowded as attendees greeted old friends and made new ones. On the menu were pizzas, tossed salads and assorted beverages. Following the feast, Alexandria Provost Jonathan Gueverra addressed the group. Presentations covered topics such as library resources, Blackboard and intercultural communication in the classroom.

Above: Alexandria ESL instructor Kate Linehan-Kelley (middle) gets to know Arlington Center adjuncts Alian Amr (left), who teaches Statistics for Business and Economics, and Leslie Allen, Design for the Web.

Right: Zachary Williams, a self-professed “old timer,” teaches real estate at the Alexandria Campus. Christine Meloni—lucky door prize winner of a $25 Macy’s gift card—is in her fourth year of teaching credit ESL.

Turner Re-Elected to Veterans’ Board

Michael Turner, military counselor for the Annandale Campus, was elected to serve a second term as a member of the board of directors of the National Association of Veterans Program Administrators (NAVPA) during the 31st annual conference held in Vancouver, Washington. Additionally, Turner has been elected by the organization to serve as the U.S. Department of Defense liaison and member of the legislative committee.

Turner’s responsibilities will include establishing and maintaining working relationships with U.S. Congressional leaders and Senators for the purposes of keeping both the board of directors and membership informed of legislative actions and proposals which affect veterans and veterans’ programs within higher education.

Congratulations, Michael!

Right: Michael Turner represents NOVA at the NAVPA conference in Vancouver, Washington.

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