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“CREATIVITY WEEK”

Our first annual "Creativity Week" was a great success for those who participated. Some missed the chance to attend or participate, but it was their loss. Thanks to some talented, energetic people, Creativity Week was launched in a very short amount of time with positive results for a fuller week next year. Thanks are specially due to Norman Rodriguez, SGA President, for initiating the idea.

Starting with the opening reception in the Student Lounge, and ending with the Wine & Cheese party, a core of enthusiastic students, faculty, and staff made the week an enjoyable experience. Special recognition goes to Dale MacDaniel who received the "Best in Show" award for her painting in the Arts and Crafts Exhibition. Other Awards went to Jill Levey and Christos Ellinides for their performance in the NISA talent show. During the week there was also a Cognitive Theme movie, The Agony and the Ecstasy, and a wonderful Poetry Reading at the Einstein Library. One of the best products of this week was the publication of Nebulae. This booklet contains examples of the writing and artistic talents that our students, faculty, and staff possess. You can still purchase Nebulae for \$1.00 per copy. The money goes to SGA, so please pitch in and buy one or two.

Some good suggestions for next year are already being presented: Ms. Bohnsack-Lee offered the idea of an environmental project that could take place on campus grounds, beautify them and remain a part of Nova College's contribution to the University as a whole! Let the ideas be heard!!

Announcements: 1) The University School is presenting the 50's rock and roll musical GREASE. The performances will be on April 28, 29, and 30. You can purchase your tickets in the Day Division office.

2) Nova University's first annual Paper Presentation of Research by Undergraduate Psychology Students will take place on Friday, May 6 from 1:00 - 2:00pm in Parker 210. Matthew Hartsfield and Jill Levey will be presenting their research. All are invited to attend. Please read the bulletin boards for details.

1st ANNUAL NOVA CHESS TOURNAMENT

The Nova International Student Association is proud to sponsor a chess tournament under the patronage of Professor Pedro F. Pellet.

Date: April 30 (Saturday),

Place: Parker Building - Main Floor,

Time: 1:00pm

Deadline

for entries: April 28 (Thursday),

Prize: Chess board with pieces

The tournament is open to all members of the Nova community (faculty, students, staff, and guests). The tournament will follow the F.I.D.E. (International Chess Federation) rules. To enter the tournament, get in contact with the Day-Division office, or NISA office (Parker Library).

Report on the Cognitive Theme Questionnaire

Out of a student body of approximately 150, 24 students were responsible enough to fill out the questionnaire and be thoughtful about their answers. The consensus in those responses is that we should continue the Cognitive Theme Movies, that they are a source of information and knowledge not gained in the ordinary classroom experience, and they serve to show the interrelatedness of all knowledge.

The most consistent comment (on 12 responses) to the question of what was most annoying or distracting about the movies was "other students talking and laughing during the presentation." Those who feel it necessary to talk in a darkened movie are just revealing their own immaturity, but it is very annoying to everyone trying to understand what is being presented!

Some comments on the value of the movies and discussions: "sharing different points of view and becoming aware of what we often take for granted", "provided an insight to the themes presented--it made me think more--see other views", "the chance to hear the opinions of others", "a better understanding of past and present", "they provide a multi-faceted view of approaches to issues that we don't always encounter in the class room", "they make you think thoroughly", "helps in the learning process", "developed an awareness of the present threat to our civilization", "provocative--mind expanding", and "they brought all the classes together and made one understand the theme more fully--really the interdisciplinary approach."

One of the most interesting statements deserves to be read thoughtfully: "...unless man can learn to love his(her) fellow man, this world will end. And it will be our own fault. It sounds impossible, but if everyone puts his(her) own two cents in, it could work for we might not be able to have an earth under one political philosophy, but we can learn to love and respect our fellow man. ...It is no longer a race for strength, but a race for survival."

If any student would like to suggest material--movies, books, etc.--for upcoming themes, or suggest the themes themselves, please see Dr. Nadel.

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EPCOT

This past Saturday (April 23) the Student Government Association sponsored a Day-Division trip to Walt Disney World's Experimental Prototype Community of Tomorrow (EPCOT). A total of 22 went on the trip (13 students, 6 guests, and 3 faculty and staff). They left at 6:30 in the morning and got back at 1:00 the next morning. According to Edward Artau, trip coordinator, EPCOT was a success. Although it rained awhile, everybody sought shelter in the various exhibitions and foreign countries of EPCOT. It is reported that Eddie sought too much shelter in the German Beer Halls, and Eric Frank didn't seek enough shelter on the trip up! All in all it was an enjoyable experience. The SGA would like to thank everyone who put in so much time and effort to insure the success of the trip.