NPS Co-Hosts First Educational Film Symposium

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To promote global awareness among the military and local community, the Naval Postgraduate School (NPS) recently partnered with the Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center (DLIFLC) and the Monterey Institute of International Studies (MIIS) to host "Windows to the World," an educational film symposium that showcased 15 documentaries from more than a dozen countries.

The four-day symposium, hosted by a different institution each day beginning Oct. 16, highlighted international themes of political activism, democracy, cross-cultural conflict and economic struggle through documentaries provided by the Independent Television Service Internationals' Global Perspectives Project.

"A major emphasis from the Defense Department of Defense today is increasing partnership capacity, and the way to do that in a more effective manner is to be aware of the culture and language in the environments which you’re operating," said Caitlin Allion, the Monterey Maritime and History Museum (at Cusino Park). "And cultural awareness is important for everybody, not just to the military community."

On Friday, Oct. 17, Windows to the World hosted a community screening of "Iron Ladies of Liberia." The Golden State Theater in downtown Monterey. Filmed in 2006, the documentary followed the inaugural year of Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf, the first female president ever to be elected in an African country.

"I am excited to be part of this pilot and the challenges her predominately-female administration faced as they worked to rebuild the war-torn country of Liberia," said presenter Retired Navy Capt. Bill Shewchuk, the Executive Assistant to the Dean of the NPS School of International Graduate Studies.

Immediately following the screening, Army Capt. Susan Sandusky, Commandant of DLIFLC, moderated a discussion with Jonathan Stack, the films Emmy award-winning executive producer. Sandusky said the film presented an important view into the realities of governing a failed state - a common and unfamiliar to most Americans. "The phrase ‘failed state’ is frequently used in the press and foreign policy discussions, and I think that seeing ‘Iron Ladies’ was important so American audiences could get a little glimpse of what it means to be a failed state and all the difficulties that the president had to face – lack of institutions, a government that can’t govern for all the various reasons depicted in the film, the problems of poverty, and the difficulty of having to handle constituents when you don’t have resources," she explained.

Stack said he was excited to bring the film to a new audience, particularly one with such a significant role to global matters. He believes that understanding international affairs and the reality of other cultures is important for all Americans, "because the country cannot claim the mantle of world power if it does not know what is going on."" A few remarks from the Monterey Peninsula Chamber of Commerce were also included."

For a complete version of the article, go to www.nps.edu. For more information about Windows to the World, visit www.windows-to-the-world.org.

IN BRIEF

• Rear Adm. Gary Blore, Acquisition Director of the U.S. Coast Guard participated in the graduation of 30 students in the one-year graduate course in Acquisition Program. The program provided the opportunity for civilians of the U.S. Coast Guard and Customs and Border Protection Office within the Department of Homeland Security to become certified as Level 3 program managers.

• NPS led a two-week sea trial in Horten Norway involving ASW sensors from SPAWAR Systems Center Pacific and Norway’s Forsvarets forskningsinstitutt. NPS provided technology to integrate these undersea sensors as nodes in a Seaweb network. This work is part of the NATO Next-Generation Autonomous Systems Joint Research Project.

• Flu vaccines (flu mist or flu shots) will be administered to active duty and government civilian personnel on Nov. 14 and Nov. 21 from 0800-1200 and 1300-1500 in King Hall auditorium. Flu vaccines are mandatory for all US active duty military. The vaccine is optional for international students. Please ensure you bring your ID card and the completed flu screening form which can be found at: http://www.nps.edu/med/AdmDts/FluScreening2008.doc. Family members get their flu vaccine from their primary care manager/provider. If you have questions, please contact Lt. Lisa Casley, and Ext. 8366.

Reunion Weekend Planned for May 2009

By Erica Olsen

The Naval Postgraduate School will kick off its centennial celebration May 22-25, 2009, with a Reunion Weekend. Events will take place on campus and at several nearby off-campus locations.

For alumni, the weekend events will include a golf tournament, brunch and class photographs. An evening gala, campus tours and special edition of Concert on the Lawn will be open to the entire NPS community—students, faculty, staff and friends, as well as alumni.

Families of reunion attendees are welcome as well. During Reunion Weekend, the school plans to honor 100 years of NPS history with the unveiling of a time line along the Root Hall walkway and an exhibition at the Monterey Maritime and History Museum (at Custom House Plaza, near Fisherman’s Wharf). The timeline and exhibition will feature historic photographs and artifacts from NPS Special Collections.

"Reunion Weekend is a great opportunity to celebrate the accomplishments of the school," said Caitlin Allion, Coordinator of Alumni Relations.

The Alumni Relations Office is seeing a high level of interest in the school’s centennial from alumni of all years. Recently, the office received an email from retired Navy Capt. C.A. Zimmerman, who asked, "Are graduates of the NPS Annapolis included in the Reunion Weekend? I spent two years (1950-51) at the PG School when it was still on the grounds of the Academy." The answer is yes! We are delighted to welcome alumni from the Annapolis days.

In fact, "alumni" includes not only graduates of NPS degree programs in Annapolis and Monterey, but also participants in certificate and non-degree programs such as those offered through the Distributed Learning Program. The Naval Postgraduate School has more than 60,000 alumni.

For anyone who would like a head start on showing their centennial spirit, the NPS Foundation’s Peacock Shop in Herrmann Hall has several new logo products available (The regular NPS coin and pin are still available). Centennial logo clothing will make its debut over the coming year.

The reunion will take place over Memorial Day weekend, so we recommend that people who are traveling out of town make their arrangements well in advance.

A complete schedule of Reunion Weekend events will be available in early 2009. For more information or to find out how you can get involved, contact the Alumni Relations Office at alumni@nps.edu or 831-510-6566. By Carol Peltier

NPS Update

• Supporting documentation and data are being collected for the Capacity and Preparatory Review report which will then be sent in for publication. Submission to WASC is on Dec. 17.
Throughout our history, the Naval Postgraduate School has preserved an unwavering commitment to providing only the highest quality graduate education and relevant research. As part of that commitment, NPS maintains several processes, one of which is the reaccreditation process. NPS’s Accrediting Commission for Senior Colleges and Universities (ASC) accredits the campus and window washing at various locations throughout the school. The school has been granted accreditation for two reasons: the school’s academic programs, and the school’s financial and physical resources. The accreditation process is conducted every 10 years, and it is reaccreditation that ensures that the school is meeting the standards set forth by the ASC.

Two task forces, led by University Librarian Eleanor Uhlinger and Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Doug Moses, are actively engaged in the required self-examinations. The first of two required self-studies, the Capacity and Preparatory Review (CPR), requires NPS to thoroughly review, analyze, and document its ability to successfully execute its mission. The focus is on the resources—financial, physical, technological, research, and human—that enable NPS to provide the finest graduate education. The Capacity and Preparatory Review self-study has reaffirmed my belief that NPS is fully prepared for the reaccreditation process. Both NPS and our sponsor, the U.S. Navy, have made significant changes to and investments in the NPS organization and infrastructure support. The CPR draft was reviewed by the campus community and I have been impressed with the level of support and feedback. The CPR draft was presented to the Board of Advisors at their October meeting.

The second of the required self-studies is the Future Evolving Enterprise Review (EER), a meticulous examination of our curricula and educational programs. The EER determines if the learning outcomes for our curricula are clearly and specifically established. In addition, it will ask us to provide evidence that our students truly are achieving the objectives we have set for them, and will ensure a process of continual review and improvement is effectively in place. An initial survey on Academic Practices and Policies has already begun.

The reaccreditation process is a substantial task, encompassing years of research and analysis, but the exercise will prove truly invaluable. Not only does it reaffirm our commitment to providing the highest quality education available to our students, it will also prepare our organization to successfully achieve the goals outlined in our 2008 Strategic Plan, Vision for a New Century, ensuring our university warrants its global reputation for excellence as the Navy’s graduate research university.

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Prof. Joe Rice and Dale Green, Chief

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Message From NPS

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