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OCT. 23
Priority Registration Opens

OCT. 23-24
Flu Shot Clinics, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Powell Building, 2nd Floor Conference Room

Student Success Workshop, 11:15 a.m., Room 230

OCT. 31
Halloween Bloodmobile
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NOV. 1
Deadline to Apply for Fall Graduation

NOV. 2
Reinhartsen 5k Run/Walk
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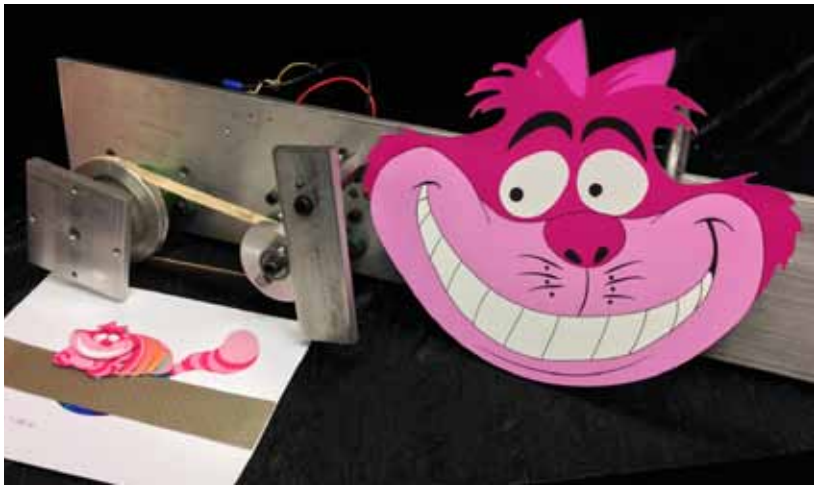
NOV. 3
Daylight Saving Time Ends–set clocks back 1 hour

Tail-Twitching, Mechanical Cheshire Cat?

It Takes a Village



The Cheshire Cat in progress.

How do you get a mechanical Cheshire Cat to twitch its tail and change colors? Imagination and collaboration.

Each year students in Horticulture Technology, under the guidance of Dept. Head Justin Snyder and instructor Carol Kawula, aim for the sky with their eclectic garden designs that compete at the NC State Fair in Raleigh. The program often comes away with winning ribbons. For this year's state fair theme of 'Alice in Wonderland,' Horticulture invited five other programs at the College to collaborate on creating a mechanically-operated Cheshire Cat to greet visitors at the garden entrance: Advertising & Graphic Design, Mechanical Drafting, Computer-Integrated Machining, Industrial Systems and Welding.

The challenging project served as a class assignment for the students in each participating curriculum.

Instructor Denise Archuletta and her students in Multimedia Design I (Advertising and Graphic Design) designed not only the Cheshire Cat, but 'card people' and signs. Tasked with creating an animated Cheshire Cat, they used the machine shop's laser engraver to make prototypes. Computer-

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ACC Student Making Name for Herself at State Level

Makenzie Bollinger is a very busy student these days. Aside from her studies and participation in the College's C-STEP program that will send her next fall to UNC Chapel Hill as a junior, she spent much of her fall break in event-planning mode.

That's because Makenzie, as Vice President and Central Division Representative of the NC Student Government Association, is charged with putting together an early November state conference in Charlotte. Close to 400 student leaders from all 58 community colleges in the state are expected to attend.

Makenzie is working with Crystal Thomas, SGA senior advisor at Montgomery Community College, on the event. But make no mistake–Makenzie's in charge.

The theme of the conference is "Someone like you…to lead the future." SGA advisors from other community colleges are scheduled to conduct leadership workshops to provide an understanding of different leadership styles, she says.

"Another thing I'm working on is bringing in vendors to the conference which gives the students great campus activity opportuni-

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Makenzie Bollinger

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STUDENT CLUB EVENTS

Win NFL Tickets, Gift Cards to Support Troops

NFL FOOTBALL TICKET RAFFLE: Enter a chance to win a pair of tickets to an NFL game: Carolina Panthers vs. Atlanta Falcons in Charlotte on Sunday, Nov. 3.

- History Club members are selling raffle tickets: $1 for one ticket, $5 for arm's length of tickets (15 ticket minimum).
- First name drawn wins tickets for the NFL game tickets; second name drawn wins $50 Best Buy gift card; third name drawn wins a $25 BoneFish Grill gift card.

WHERE TO BUY? Purchase tickets from History Club table (outside bookstore) Mon.-Fri., 10 a.m.-noon, or from faculty advisors Sherri Singer (B309) and Dave Crane B113. Raffle drawing is October 25.

GOOD TO KNOW: Proceeds go toward postage for care packages to U.S. troops overseas.

PTK WANTS STUDENTS

PHI THETA KAPPA'S NEXT MEETING: Monday, Oct. 21, 1:45 p.m.

WHERE: Room 230, Student Center

WHO: Students are eligible to join PTK if they have completed more than 12 credit hours and have a GPA of at least 3.5. Potential members will receive an email invitation via their Access email.

CONTACT: Ms. Kassler (Laura.Kassler@alamancecc.edu) or Ms. Holland (Melinda.Holland@alamancecc.edu) for more information.

SIGMA PSI MEETINGS

Interested in sociology or psychology? Join Sigma Psi (ACC's psychology/sociology club).

WHEN: First and third Wednesday each month, 12:15 p.m.

WHERE: Room 230, Student Activities Center

What's the ABSS Middle College All About?

Have you noticed those students taking classes in the hallway behind the campus mailboxes? They are members of the Alamance-Burlington Middle College (ABMC) whose home is on the ACC campus. ABMC is a high school that is a result of the continuing partnership between the Alamance-Burlington School System and Alamance Community College. ABMC is designed for students who desire an alternative to the traditional high school setting. Students take classes while they are still completing high school at the Middle College.

Middle College Principal Bonnie Roane talks to some of her students.

Says Bonnie Roane, principal: "We always begin about one week before ACC classes start in August so the students can get adjusted before they begin taking their college classes."

Roane, principal since August 2011, responded to questions about the Middle College.

Q. What are some typical reasons why students choose to attend the Middle College?

Many students are attracted to Middle College because they want to get ahead in pursuing the next step in their education after high school. Whether they want to attend a four-year university or obtain certification in a particular field, they want their elective credits in high school counting toward their goal. We are a small campus, and our size appeals to many students who may feel overwhelmed at a big school.

Q. What are entering students told about studying on a college campus?

Students must apply to attend Middle College. Part of the application process is an interview. During the interview process, students and parents are informed about expectations for both Middle College and ACC classes.

Q. Is a certain behavior emphasized?

Our students and their parents are informed that students must be mature enough to handle themselves in college classes, which also means that they have to become comfortable asserting themselves. The biggest challenge many of our students face is setting up conferences with their instructors. In a typical high school class, teachers approach students who are struggling to see how they can help them. In college classes, students must initiate a conversation if they are struggling in the class. Some of our students are barely sixteen, and we have to work with them on seeking out assistance.

Q. What are some advantages for students attending Middle College versus a typical high school?

Our students are able to show they are capable of being responsible for themselves. They get themselves to college classes

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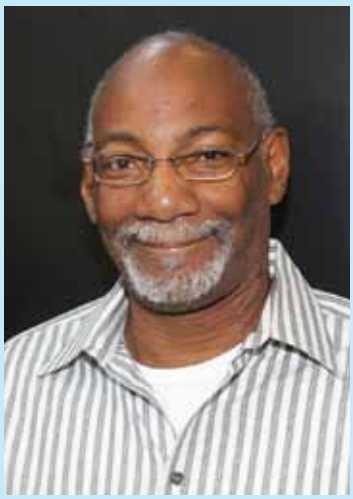
student snapshot



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Q. Your curriculum and why you chose it?

A. After many years of self-study, I'm taking English and courses in ancient history.

Q. What you wish people knew about you–but probably don't?

A. I'm a peaceful, understanding, and listening man.

Q. Your 15 minutes of fame (a time when you received recognition/won a contest/performed, etc.)?

A. It's now because I'm in school, and want to succeed.

Q. Something you always wanted to do–but haven't yet?

A. Visit historic sites of the ancient world.

Q. If you could visit any place in the world for free, where?

A. Middle East.

Q. Something you can't live without?

A. Water.

Q. TV program you try not to miss?

A. Reruns of The Rifleman.

Q. What person (living or dead) would you most like to have dinner with, and what would you ask him/her?

A. Socrates. I'd ask him: Where did you get your wisdom?

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ties," says Makenzie. "Then they take some of those vendor acts back to their own campuses to put into action."

As if that weren't enough, Makenzie serves as public information officer for the state SGA board, a role that mandates she put her marketing skills into action.

Makenzie's ambitions were ignited by serving as SGA secretary at ACC for two years. Deciding to branch out, she was appointed as a representative to the state SGA board's central division, then was elected as vice president this year.

Makenzie continues to study via the C-STEP program, in which selected students are guaranteed admission to UNC by adhering to certain criteria. Next fall, she plans to double-major in art and psychology with an ambition of developing a career in art therapy.

"I was interested in occupational therapy, but I'm also kind of artsy," says the Efland, NC native. "[ACC instructor Caroline Scharlock] suggested it because she knew I was heading to Carolina, and it's something personal to me because I have a brother who is autistic. I think working in art therapy will be gratifying and fascinating."

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and to our classes without bell systems or hall monitors. Our students are able to complete high school requirements while they are earning credit at ACC. We've had students graduate and go on to four year universities with 25 college credits–a year of college credits under their belt. We've also had students graduate and stay here at ACC to complete certification programs or continue with their university transfer classes.

Machining instructor Dan Quatrone (center) assists second-year students John Drake (left) and Brandon Brown with the Cheshire Cat mechanism.

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Integrated Machining instructor Dan Quatrone worked with the design students on a linking mechanism to create movement. Machining student Jon Greeson produced a full-size print to use as a template. Industrial System instructor Don Utberg-Hood assisted with the motor to drive the color wheel and tail, and Welding helped out with the cam mounts. TDS, an Alamance County printing business, assisted in the final stages.

ACC's Cheshire Cat garden can be seen at the NC State Fairgrounds, now through Oct. 27.

Sign Up for ACC's Reinhartsen Run–Get Fit, Raise Funds

Sign up to walk/run or volunteer with the ACC Foundation's Reinhartsen 5K Walk/Run to raise funds for the Steven Reinhartsen Memorial Scholarship.

Reinhartsen 5k Run

Steven Reinhartsen, Director of Counseling and Career Services at ACC since 1987, passed away on Sept. 14, 2012, following a full day at the college, playing golf at lunch, and running after work. Steven served as an ex-officio member of the ACC Foundation Grants Committee, providing advice and information about the financial aid needs of ACC students.

411 About the Walk/Run:

WHEN: Saturday, Nov. 2, beginning at 8:00 a.m.

WHERE: Alamance Community College–Carrington-Scott Campus, Graham; Exit 150, Interstates 40/85.

FEE: $25 registration

RACE DETAILS: Chip timed race and Fun Run/Walk. Runners, walkers and volunteers are needed! To register, go to www.sportoften.com and search for "Reinhartsen."

SPONSORS: Lead sponsors are Burlington Honda, ACC Follett Bookstore; secondary sponsors are ACC Student Government Association, Manpower, Chandler Agency, and Biz-Mari Hair.

MORE INFO? Contact Natalie at 336-506-4102 or Natalie.Miles@alamancecc.edu.

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NURSING'S HALLOWEEN BLOOD DRIVE IS OCT. 31

The Nursing Department's annual Halloween Blood Drive needs donors. To make an appointment, sign up at Red Cross.org or contact Nursing instructor Jerrel Clark at Jerrel.Clark@alamancecc.edu to request appointment time.

WHEN: Thursday, Oct. 31, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

WHERE: Powell Building, H211

BEST BET: Donors are entered into a drawing for a chance to win a $1,000 American Express gift card. Don't miss the Nursing students' annual snack sale during the blood drive.

WRITING CENTER–NEW CONSULTATION HOURS

To better meet students' scheduling needs, more hours are now available for consultations in the Writing Center:

Monday: 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
Tues.-Thurs.: 8 a.m.-6 p.m.
Friday: 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

Make an Appointment: Come by the Writing Center (Room 354 in Skills Lab) or call 336-506-4190. Walk-ins are acceptable when appointment calendar is not full.

OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES & COUNSELING

The following clinics are held in the Academic Advising Center. Appointments not needed.

Career Clinic: Each Monday 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

- Career Exploration
- Career Preparation
- Career Search

Resume Clinic: Each Thursday 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

- Resume Writing and Editing
- Job Specific Resumes
- Cover Letters and Applications

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Artists

Students in instructor Robin Walker's Drawing I class spent time earlier this month enjoying the autumnal warm weather while sketching on the hill overlooking the Gee Building faculty parking area.

Leaders-in-Training

Six students in Phi Theta Kappa attended the regional Leadership Development Conference at James Sprunt Community College in late September. Students learned how to develop leadership skills and worked on a PTK honors project. Attending included (front, l-r) Dehnora Mendez and Chelsea Greenhaw; (back, l-r) Dillon Gantos, Cindy Palomo, and Carlos Mosqueda. Not pictured but present at the conference was Abigail Helms.

New Exhibit at ACC's Scott Collection

An opening reception for the new exhibit "Alexander Wilson and His Schools" was held Oct. 10 at the Scott Family Collection in the Gee Building. The exhibit, on display throughout this fall, provides biographical information on the 19th century educator who founded the historic Melville School, and for whom the current ABSS elementary school is named. Among the items on display are photographs and memorabilia, including vintage textbooks and educational materials more than 125 years old. The Scott Collection is open 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday except 1:30-4:30 p.m. on Wednesday.

The President Meets SGA

New ACC President Dr. Algie Gatewood had his first meeting with more than 20 members of the Student Government Association, at which time they had an opportunity to introduce themselves and discuss SGA matters. With Dr. Gatewood here is SGA President Chris Seip (center) and SGA Vice President Jeff Webster.