Looking Ahead

November 7
Early Registration Open for All Students

November 20
Last Day to Drop with WP
Faculty/Staff Meeting, 2:30 p.m., Auditorium

November 21
Thanksgiving Break—No Curriculum Classes

November 22-24
College Closed for Thanksgiving Holidays

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History Club Shipment to Battle Soldier Wounds

When former ACC student Jesse Spolerich was deployed to Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2004-05, he learned that his U.S. Marine unit leader had distributed feminine hygiene products to the warriors, telling them to use the tampons to “plug the bullet hole if you get shot.” Feminine pads, he said, should be used to compress the wound.

Said Spolerich: “I don’t think this was standard practice in the Marines, but I knew several fellow warriors who did get shot and used these effectively.”

Flash forward to the ACC campus in summer 2012, when the Kotex company sent 1,000 feminine pads and 500 tampons for free distribution to female students. With a lower summer enrollment, the items instead were repackaged for shipment to U.S. troops serving in Afghanistan.

Spolerich tipped off instructor and History Club advisor Sherri Singer to the products’ use in war zones. Shipments of needed items such as toiletries, magazines, and hard candies have been the norm for a couple of year as part of the History Club’s ongoing service project. But the next shipment this fall will include these life-saving Kotex products.

Sherri Singer says the items will be equally divided between U.S. troops in Afghanistan and Our Sister’s House, a local domestic violence shelter for women.

Come Learn & Listen...Native American Flute Music

Wednesday, November 7, 2 p.m.
Student Activities Center
Sponsored by the ACC Diversity Committee

*Students: Ask your instructors about extra credit for attendance. Attendance slips will be distributed at the event.

ABOUT OUR GUEST: John Kincheloe III teaches at Meredith College, including an honors seminar on American Indian history and culture. He has collaborated on projects with North Carolina Indian tribes for many years, and has contributed his expertise to museum exhibits and was appointed by the Brunswick County Supervisors to serve as historical consultant to the Fort Christanna Historical Site Planning Committee.

As an artist, poet, and musician, Mr. Kincheloe’s work has been featured at regional galleries and museums. He is co-founder of the Neuse River Flute Circle, an organization that promotes an appreciation of Native American Flutes. His original Native American Flute music was used for the soundtrack for both the Saponi and the Occaneechi tribal videos. His music, performed on traditional rivercane flutes, has played in the NC Museum of History. He has recorded three CDs for the Native American Flute.

Guest: John W. Kincheloe III
Meredith College Professor/Musician

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Sigma Psi Sponsors Christmas Cheer Drive

Sigma Psi is collecting items for Alamance County’s Christmas Cheer campaign, a nonprofit dedicated to helping underprivileged children (up through 8th grade) and the elderly (60 years and up).

**Collection Dates:** Now – Dec. 5

**Items Needed:** Toys for children; food and warm clothing to the elderly. Each collection bin posts a list of specific items needed.

**Drop-Off Sites:** Bins next to Information desks in Main building, Gee lobby, Dillingham Center

**Questions?** John Neathery, 506-4242

**“ACC’s Got Talent” Coming**

ACC’s Music & Dance Club hosts “ACC’s Got Talent” as a fundraiser. All money raised will help support a needy family for the holidays. Donations are welcome.

**Talent:** Students and faculty/staff are invited to showcase their talents: singing, juggling, comedy, or anything they wish.

**When:** Tues., Nov.13, 12:30-2:30 p.m.

**Where:** Student Activities Center

**Rules:** $5 per person or group. Prizes to the winners. Vocalists must provide own music (instrument or CD player).

Join Music and Dance Club

The Music and Dance Club of ACC will meet on Friday, Nov. 9 at 12 noon in Room 230, Student Activities Center. Tenets of the club include:

- Music and/or dance collaboration and discussions
- Organizing musical and/or dancing events
- Assisting with music/dance education at ACC and surrounding community

For more information, contact a club officer or advisor Lori Heiger, office B309 (506-4235).

Want to Win an iPad?

Rotaract Club members are selling raffle tickets for a chance to win an Apple iPad 2 (with Wi-Fi - 16GB). Proceeds go to the Rotaract Club to facilitate service projects this year.

**Raffle Tickets:** Members are selling at a table outside the bookstore, see a club member, or a Rotaract advisor, Rooms A331, A317.

**Ticket Prices:** 1 ticket/$2, 4 tickets/$5, 9 tickets/$10, 20 tickets/$20

**Drawing:** Nov. 15, 12:15 p.m. outside the bookstore

Veterans Day Events—At a Glance

ACC’s History Club is honoring the service of U.S. troops past and present in honor of Veteran’s Day, Nov. 11.

**Breakfast for ACC’s Veterans**

**Who:** ACC students and employees who are military veterans are invited to a complimentary full breakfast this Friday, Nov. 9 in honor of Veterans’ Day. This event is sponsored by the History Club. Come share a meal with fellow veterans.

**What:** Complimentary full breakfast

**When:** Friday, Nov. 9, 8:30-10 a.m.

**Where:** Room 230, Student Activities Center

**‘Fill the Hat’ Care Packages**

Items collected in the red, white and blue “Uncle Sam” hats will be sent to U.S. soldiers in Afghanistan. Items may also be delivered to Sherri Singer (B309) or Dave Crane (B113).

**Needed:** Hard candies, packaged snacks, toiletries, small handheld games, glow sticks, bug repellent/sun screen, magazines, etc. For a more detailed list, check out the red Uncle Sam bookmarks attached to each “hat” box.

**‘How Many Flags’ Contest**

American flags will be planted along Jimmie Kerr Road the afternoon of Thursday, Nov. 8.

**Contest:** Correctly guess how many flags and win gifts from the History Club. In case of a tie, winner to be determined by lottery drawing. Submit your guess with name and contact info to the Information desk, main entrance between 8 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 9 and 12 noon on Monday, Nov. 12.

**Veteran’s Day History Display**

Look for it along the windows of the bookstore and in the student lounge’s TV room.

Writ’n Iz Emportant…Right?

Take our word for it, the ability to write well is crucial to getting and keeping a job. No matter the position, most jobs involve writing. The quality of writing can often determine whether an applicant is hired or not.

ACC’s Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) is a five-year plan to enhance student writing across all curriculum.

**Vote to Name New Writing Program**

Now that the nominees to name ACC’s new writing program have been submitted, it’s up to students and faculty to determine the winning entry.

**How to Vote:** Voting will take place the week of Nov. 12-16 via Survey Monkey. A link to the Survey Monkey voting will be sent in an email to students and faculty.

**What is ACC’s Goal?**

The goal of QEP is to develop students’ written communication skills by creating a “Culture of Writing” where the value of writing is emphasized and reinforced college-wide. The College wants writing to be seen as an important tool for thinking and learning in all classes. ACC instructors will train on how to create, use and grade different types of writing assignments to help students learn and be prepared for the workforce.

**How Will This Help Students?**

- ACC will create a campus Writing Center by Spring 2013.
- The Writing Across the Curriculum Program will provide workshops, a writing style guide and classroom interventions to help students enhance their writing skills.
- ACC will implement an early alert system for writing deficiencies.

If students are struggling with writing, ACC will help them find the resources they need.
STUDENT SNAPSHOT

SARAH McLENDON

Q. Your curriculum and why you chose it?
A. Nursing, because I want a career helping people.

Q. What you wish people knew about you—but probably don’t?
A. I play the guitar.

Q. Your 15 minutes of fame (a time when you received recognition/won a contest/ performed, etc.)?
A. When I walked across the graduation stage and saw my parents.

Q. Something you always wanted to do—but haven’t yet?
A. Travel the world.

Q. Something you can’t live without?
A. Chocolate.

Q. If you could visit any place in the world for free, where?
A. Egypt (but in a calmer time).

Q. TV program you never miss?
A. The Big Bang Theory.

Q. What person (living or dead) would you most like to have dinner with, and what would you ask him/her?
A. Selena (singer). I’d ask her what was her motivation to strive toward her goals.

STUDENT SNAPSHOTS

The 2011 Heritage Craft Fair was a huge success.

ACC Heritage Craft Fair Earns Award

ACC’s Heritage Craft Fair, originated and coordinated by Continuing Education’s Community Services division, was awarded an Honorable Mention in competition for the 2012 NCCCAEA Innovation Award. It was among eleven nominees.

The NCCCAEA (NC Community College Adult Educators Association) Innovation Award is based on “Creativity and Innovation in Programming, Management Practice, Communication, Marketing, or Customer Service in Continuing Education Programs.”

Ellen McBane, Coordinator of Community Services, created the Heritage Craft Fair in fall 2011 as a requirement for enrollment in Heritage Craft classes. McBane enlisted the assistance of the local arts council and a marketing consultant who had taught the students through the auspices of ACC’s Small Business Center. Another fair took place last spring.

Says McBane: “It was a fun way for the students to learn the skills needed to market and sell their crafts as well as a way to network with others sharing their same interests. As a result, student enrollment in craft classes has increased since then. We have a wonderful group of arts and craft instructors in Continuing Education and this award would not have been possible without their dedication and support of our students.”

FINANCIAL AID SPONSORS “MONEY MONDAY WEBINAR”

This webinar will show the importance of personal budgeting, how to create a budget and how to stick to it.

WHERE: Room 119, Gee Building—check in at Financial Aid Office

WHEN: Monday, Nov. 12, 2–3 p.m.

TO REGISTER: Call 506-4109 or 506-4340 by Friday, Nov. 9 (seating is limited).

BEST BET: Attendance automatically enters your name into a drawing for a $100 ACC Bookstore gift card at the end of the semester.

IMPROVE SCORES WITH 3-WEEK MATH CLASS

Here’s a way to improve your COMPASS math scores and enter college level classes more quickly.

WHAT: Free 3-week, math-only Placement Test Prep class, sponsored by Literacy Dept.

WHEN: Nov. 12-29, 9 a.m.–12 noon

REMINDER: Final 2-week sessions for 2012: Dec. 3-13, 9 a.m.–12 noon & 6–9 p.m. Math and English will be offered morning and evening. Students may sign up for one time slot if they need only one subject, both time slots if they need both subjects.

TO REGISTER: Call 506-4376 or email assessment.center@alamancecc.edu to register for any of these.
The DENTAL ASSISTING CLUB hosted a bake sale and pink toothbrush sale recently with all proceeds going toward a local foundation for Breast Cancer Awareness. Club members seen here are (l-r) NIKKI OVERMAN, REBEKAH SWeger, and CRYSTAL BLACKBURN.

GOOD CAUSE. The History Club raised $665 in its football ticket raffle, with funds going toward sending care packages to soldiers serving in Afghanistan. Military veteran DANNY TEIXEIRA (left) was recruited to draw the winning names. Football ticket winners were CHAD HUGGINS and KAREN OAKLEY for, respectively, UNC/State and UNC/Maryland games. Runner-up DAMIEN CELEDON won a gift card for Bonefish Grill.

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The Nursing Department’s ANNUAL HALLOWEEN BLOOD DRIVE brought out not only donors but nursing students who sold baked goods to raise funds for club projects. Seen here is Nursing student KIMBERLY LUTTERLOH preparing to give blood while studying notes for a test. Selling for a Nursing fundraiser in the Powell Building lobby were (l-r) STEVE SNIDER, CARRIE JOHNSON, JORDIN SCHENk, and KATIE NEWSHOLME.

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ALUMNI OF ACC’S MEDICAL ASSISTING program came together recently for its first reunion since the program began in 1998. More than 50 Medical Assisting alumni returned to campus to reconnect with fellow graduates and their faculty. KAYE ACTON, department head, was presented with a gift for her upcoming retirement this December. The event included an open house in the Medical Assisting department, located in the Powell Building.