Afghan-based U.S. Troops Savor ACC Care Packages

Continuing a semiannual tradition, students in the History Club last semester boxed up 24 gift packages for a U.S. military unit serving in Afghanistan. Now the soldiers have sent back photos and a thank you letter.

The items for the soldiers’ care packages were donated as part of last fall’s “Fill the Hat” campaign (that is, an Uncle Sam-style hat) and postage was raised through fund raising. The club members packaged items such as toiletries, snacks, socks, and magazines that filled 27 boxes weighing 300 pounds and costing $363.15 in postage. Also included were letters from students at a local elementary school.

Adopted by the History Club was the 384th Military Police Battalion, Army Reservists from Indiana, who are currently based at Camp Sabalu-Harrison in Bagram, Afghanistan. Sgt. Daren Armstrong, Chaplain Assistant, recently sent a letter to club faculty advisor Sherri Singer. It reads, in part:

“Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness in remembering the soldiers…Next to the chaplains’ offices, we have a ministry center…a place soldiers come when they have down time—we have usually around 120 soldiers come through on any given day…There are shelves and bins where we sort, organize, and display items we receive in care packages…Just a few minutes ago, we replenished the shelves and bins with items you sent!…We hear daily reports from the soldiers about how much they appreciate having the items—both the necessities and the fun items!…We appreciate all you are doing to bless and brighten the lives of those serving their country here…”

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Longtime ACC Foundation Member Dies

A longtime member of the ACC Foundation Board has passed away. William “Bill” Ingold, 85, died January 7 following several months of failing health. The Alamance County native founded Burlington Lincoln-Mercury in 1964 and later expanded with Burlington Honda and Bill Ingold Mazda where he served as owner and President. He also participated in service to numerous community groups.

Ingold was a member of the ACC Foundation Board for 15 years, from 1989-2004. He began his tenure with the Foundation Board when he was asked to serve as the Campaign General during the Foundation’s 1988-89 Annual Fund Drive. A year later, he served as its vice president, 1990-91, and as president 1993-94. He provided leadership to the Foundation on its executive committee, planned giving committee, and nominating committee. In 2004, he was elected as Board Member Emeritus, reflecting his many years of service to ACC. He was instrumental in creating the Jake King Automotive Scholarship in 1996 and was a vocal supporter of ACC and its automotive department throughout his professional life.

Said Carolyn Rhode, Executive Director of the ACC Foundation: “A few days before he passed, I visited him and read a thank you note from a student and he smiled. Mr. Ingold was a good, good man, who cared about ACC students.”

The Ingold family asks that memorial donations be made to the ACC Foundation, the YMCA or to Hospice.
CAMPUS RULES FOR STUDENTS

Parking
- All vehicles must be registered with the College. The 2012-13 maroon decals must be displayed with the number visible. Decals may be picked up at the Information Desk in the main entrance.
- Students are not permitted to park in Visitor Parking unless pre-authorized. If you are driving an alternate vehicle, park in the designated student parking lots and not in visitor spaces. Obey traffic signs and security directing traffic. The campus speed limit is 10 mph.
- Do not leave books, CDs, purses or other valuables visible in your vehicle. Secure these items out of sight. Do not leave vehicles unlocked.
- Students may pick up a copy of the ACC campus security brochure, available at the Security Office near the main entrance.

Smoking
- Smoking is in the designated gazebo smoking areas only. Use the trash receptacles provided in these areas.

Miscellaneous
- Please tidy up after yourselves in the commons and snack bar areas. Dispose of trash in the provided receptacles and return cafeteria trays to the designated return areas.
- Children are not permitted in classrooms during instructional hours; nor are children to be left unattended.

Need a Security Officer?
Call 2286 on campus and 506-4286 from your cell phone or off campus.

Meet New Employees

Kelly Tate joins the College as Associate Dean of Health and Public Services. Tate has a B.S. in Nursing from the University of the State of New York at Albany, and a Master of Science in Nursing (Family Nurse Practitioner) from Duke University. She has 22 years of related work experience, most recently serving as the Dean of Health Sciences and Human Services at Piedmont Community College.

Ken Dobbins is ACC’s new Registrar in the Admissions Office. He comes to the College after serving as the librarian and registrar for 15 years at Oak Ridge Military Academy. Prior to his work at Oak Ridge, he served as an officer in the U.S. Army for 18 years. Dobbin has a Bachelor of Science degree from The University of Arizona and a Master’s in Library and Information Studies from UNCG.

Elizabeth Irizarry is Distance Learning Coordinator. She comes to the College from Davidson County Community College where she was an Instructional Designer since 2009. Irizarry has a bachelor’s degree in Early Childhood Education from Universidad del Este in Puerto Rico; and a Master of Education, Summa Cum Laude, from Strayer University in Greensboro.

Dr. Al Miller joins the English faculty on a permanent basis after teaching at ACC since last summer. He has also taught English at Rockingham Community College, and served as a lecturer in English at UNCG and UNC Chapel Hill. Dr. Miller has a bachelor’s in English from the University of Louisiana at Monroe, and an M.A. and Ph.D. in English from UNC Chapel Hill.

Bill Crabtree is now a full-time/permanent instructor in Automotive Systems Technology after teaching for nearly two years at ACC. Since 1997 he has owned and operated Crabtree’s Service Center. He previously worked as Body Shop Manager at Nichols Dodge. Crabtree earned his Associate in Applied Science in Automotive System Technology from ACC in December.

Dr. Jessica Harrell joins ACC as the Coordinator of Research & Institutional Effectiveness. She has served as a Visiting Assistant Professor in the Political Science Dept. at the University of Iowa; and while earning her master’s and Ph.D. at Emory University, she filled the roles of graduate fellow, research assistant, and library fellow. In addition to her graduate degrees from Emory, she has a bachelor’s in Political Science from NC State University.

Rebecca Paskins is ACC’s new Supervisor in the Duplicating Center and mailroom. A 2011 graduate of ACC’s Advertising and Graphic Design program, Paskins brings more than 18 years’ work experience to the position. She has been employed as a NexPress operator at Meredith-Webb Printing, a press operator at PIP Printing, and recently as a Graphic Designer at National Agents Alliance.

Dana Johnson, a technician in the College’s Information Services department since 2001, is the new Instructional Support System Administrator. Johnson has a diploma in Technology/Networking from ECPI College of Technology, and last summer earned her associate’s degree in General Studies from ACC.
BOOK DONATIONS NEEDED FOR SALE

Books are being collected now for the 8th Annual Jean Slaughter Scholarship Book Sale, set for February 6. All proceeds from the book sale go toward supplementing the Jean Slaughter Memorial Scholarship Fund, awarded to students with financial need who are enrolled in the university transfer program. Jean Slaughter, English instructor and longtime head of university transfer, died in 2004.

DONATION LOCATIONS: Bring books now through early February to the office of Anne Helms (B206).

BOOKS NEEDED: General fiction, cookbooks, children’s books, how-to books, travel books, biographies and comic books.

TAX RECEIPT: Anyone who wishes to receive tax credit for their donations may pick up a Non-Cash Gift Acceptance Form from the ACC Foundation office in the Gee Building.

ACC GRANT TO HELP AT-RISK NURSING STUDENTS

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The grant funds will help with retention in ACC’s Nursing program, targeting non-traditional and foreign-born students, who need additional assistance acclimating to the academic environment.

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ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGE COUNSELORS

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

- ACC Counseling Staff will meet on January 17, 2013, at 2:00 p.m. in M209.
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- ACC Admissions Faculty will meet on January 18, 2013, at 10:00 a.m. in M209.
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CAMPUSS HIGHLIGHTS

REPTILES ON PARADE
Students in the Animal Behavior class (Animal Care and Management program) last month welcomed Chad and Cristina Griffin, operators of CCSB Reptile Rescue & Adoption Center in Winston-Salem. The couple taught the class how to handle and restrain reptiles. Pictured here are:

PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT. Five Culinary Arts students conducted practice sessions last week prior to the 2013 American Culinary Federation NC Junior Hot Foods Competition in Charlotte on January 12. The ACC team competed against the likes of Johnson & Wales and Central Piedmont Community College. This year’s ACC team is comprised of students making their debuts in this competition: DANIEL BROWN, DUSTIN POE, JAIME CUBINO, ELIZABETH CRESPO, and DALTON COLLINS.

SUMMER VEGGIES IN JANUARY. Horticulture Technology’s hydroponic greenhouse is producing red tomatoes, lettuce and micro greens through soilless growth methods. Recently, faculty and staff were treated to tours and samples of these vegetables to take home. Students PAGE ALLMOND and RYAN WINKLER assisted.

Above, GRETCHEN BIEHL and CRYSTAL HOLLEMAN pose with a python. Below left, JERILYN FREE, Animal Care Department Head, cuddles a Caimen (member of alligator species) named Aries; and below right, students COTY RICH and GRETCHEN BIEHL take their turn with a large Burmese python named “Popcorn” for its striking yellow-white coloring.