**LOOKING AHEAD**

March 4-9
Spring Break—No Classes

March 10
Daylight Saving Time Begins—set clocks ahead 1 hour

March 11-15
Brain Awareness Week, details on P3

**THE ORACLES PRINT SCHEDULE**

*The Oracles* will not publish spring break week, March 4-9.

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**Student, Faculty Members Join Presidential Search Committee**

Alamance Community College Trustees, at the direction of a consultant, are asking outside community representatives for help during the College’s Presidential Selection process.

Representatives from the following will be asked to join six trustees in screening presidential candidates in March and April: Alamance County Government, Alamance Chamber of Commerce, Alamance-Burlington School System, Alamance Regional Medical Center, Glen Raven, Inc. and LabCorp.

In addition, trustees recommended the following from the College to join that Presidential Selection Committee: SGA President Chelsea Greenhaw, Faculty Affairs Committee chairman Ben Shirley, and Business Technologies Associate Dean Scott Queen.

Dr. Donny Hunter, a consultant with the North Carolina Association of Community College Trustees, has been tasked with initially culling the list of applicants for the job and providing the Presidential Selection Committee with the names and resumes of approximately 25 semi-finalists. Hunter will then lead the selection committee in screening that list to 12 and then to six.

Board Chairman Carl Steinbicker is leading the trustee search committee, comprised of Dwight M. Davidson III, Dr. Richard N. Fisher, Catherine R. Smith, Russell R. Wilson and Dr. G. Reid Dusenberry III. The College is taking a unique step by engaging the larger community in choosing the College’s next president.

The full Board of Trustees is expected to evaluate finalists in May and is tentatively scheduled to approve a new president by July.

ACC President Dr. Martin H. Nadelman, who has served the College since 1999, announced his retirement, effective Oct. 1 this year.

Last month, College Trustees solicited feedback and suggestions about the selection process during two public forums.

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**“Write to Succeed” Will Benefit Students**

**Hoodwinked” to Screen on Wednesday**

**Campus Life: AED Training; Horticulture Students at NCSU; New ACCF Board**

Joining the College’s Presidential Selection Committee are (l-r) Chelsea Greenhaw, Ben Shirley, and Scott Queen.

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**“Life of an African American Slave... on Stagville Plantation”**

The Diversity Committee is sponsoring a guest speaker to talk about the lives of African American slaves at Stagville Plantation in Durham County, NC. One of the largest plantations in the American South during the 18th and 19th centuries, Stagville covered 30,000 acres and was home to almost 900 enslaved Africans in 1860. It is open to the public for visits and tours.

**WHEN:** Thursday, Feb. 28, 12:30 p.m., Auditorium

**GUEST SPEAKER:** Beverly J. McNeill has volunteered and served on the board of the Historic Stagville Foundation for more than 12 years. A graduate of Duke University, she earned her master’s in education from Syracuse University and taught elementary education for 35 years. Since 1997 she has helped develop materials about African American history to train teachers in bringing that content to their classrooms through the work of the Thomas Day Education Project and the Apprend Foundation.

*Student attendance forms will be available.*

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Beverly J. McNeill
“Write to Succeed” Initiative Will Benefit Students

Sixteen faculty members comprise ACC’s Writing Across the Curriculum cohort.

“What is the difference between “low stakes” and “high stakes” writing?
A: Low stakes writing is usually informal and ungraded within the classroom. High stakes writing is formal and usually involves academic research papers. Both styles of student writing will be addressed by faculty in the classroom.

Q: How is the plan being implemented?
A: A QEP team, comprised of ACC faculty and staff, conducted a literature review and consulted other educational institutions on best practices. In January 2013, ACC launched its first Writing Across the Curriculum (WAC) cohort as part of its Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) titled “Write to Succeed.” The cohort features 16 faculty members who want to learn more about using writing in their classes. The year-long training includes six sessions this spring, led by consultant Dr. Tom Hearron of Caldwell Community College & Technical Institute, that focus on using writing as a tool for learning and critical thinking, developing a variety of writing assignments and responding to students’ writing. In the fall, the group will meet again several times to share ideas and classroom strategies as they implement writing activities.

ACC will open a Student Writing Center on campus this August to assist students. Documentation on these initiatives will be submitted by summer 2013.

Q: What is the College’s QEP (Quality Enhancement Plan) team responsible for?
A: Creating a five-year plan to enhance student learning.

Q: What plan has the QEP team chosen?
A: The College has chosen the following goal and objectives for the QEP:

- **Goal**—To develop students’ written communication skills by creating an institutional culture of writing where the value of writing is emphasized in all curriculums.

- **Objective #1**—To enhance the ability of faculty to develop and assess students’ written communication skills specific to their discipline.

- **Objective #2**—To provide programs and services for students to enhance their writing skills.

- To accomplish this goal, ACC will implement a Writing Center and a Writing Across the Curriculum program on campus over the next five years.

Q: How was ACC’s QEP plan developed?
A: Through a survey in 2010, faculty and staff chose to focus on enhancing students’ writing skills in an initiative called “Writing Across the Curriculum” (WAC). This was confirmed by institutional data including results of placement tests, and upon the advice of advisory committees which suggested the importance of writing skills in today’s job market.

Q: What are the specifics of Writing Across the Curriculum?
A: WAC includes:

- increased frequency of student writing
- integrated strategies throughout different content areas
- implementation of “low stakes” writing and “high stakes” writing

“Write to Succeed” is a centerpiece of the College’s reaffirmation of its accreditation with SACS (Southern Association of Colleges and Schools), a process currently underway. Here’s the lowdown on “Write to Succeed.”

**PTK WANTS STUDENTS**

**PTK’S NEXT MEETINGS:** Monday, Feb. 25 & Monday, March 11, 12:30 p.m., Room 230, Student Activities Center

Potential members will receive an email invitation via their Access email or can see 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) on the first and third Wednesday of each month, 12:15 p.m. in Room 230 of Student Activities Center.

**DANCE WORKSHOP FRIDAY**

**WHAT:** East Coast Swing Dance Workshop

**WHO:** All interested dancers on campus

**WHEN:** Friday, March 1, 1:00 p.m., Student Activities Center

Sponsored by Music & Dance Club

**FROM THE LIBRARY...**

**CHOOSING CIVILITY**

ACC’s library staff is exploring aspects of the book, *Choosing Civility* by P.M. Forni, which contains 25 rules of civility.

“Rudeness is the weak man’s imitation of strength.”
—Eric Hoffer, (1902-1983)

**EMPLOYEE NEWS**

Four employees received service pins at the February faculty/staff meeting for their years of service to the College.

- **Dr. Marla Dunham—20 years**
  *English Instructor*

- **Ellen McBane—5 years**
  *Coordinator, Community Service/ Continuing Education*

- **Brenda Brower—5 years**
  *Small Business Center Secretary/ Continuing Education*

- **Jo Shoffner—5 years**
  *Secretary, Continuing Education*

**WAC includes:***
My late sister, Sandy, whom I never met. I’d ask her what heaven is like.

Q. Your curriculum and why you chose it?
A. Pre-nursing to become an EMT, like my sister who’s had that career for 20 years.

Q. What you wish people knew about you—but probably don’t?
A. I’m loving and outgoing.

Q. Your 15 minutes of fame (a time when you received recognition/won a contest/performed, etc.)?
A. When I was accepted to ACC.

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

Q. Something you can’t live without?
A. Food! I love to eat.

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

Q. TV program you never miss?
A. Bunheads (ABC Family channel).

Q. What person (living or dead) would you most like to have dinner with, and what would you ask him/her?
A. My late sister, Sandy, whom I never met. I’d ask her what heaven is like.

Black History Month

Notable Firsts: Part 3

(Part 1 was featured Feb. 4; Part 2 was Feb. 18)

- **1950:** Ralph Bunche received the Nobel Peace Prize for mediating the Arab-Israeli Truce. In 1964, Martin Luther King Jr. became the second African-American Peace Prize winner.

- **1966:** Robert C. Weaver became the first African American member of the White House Cabinet, appointed to head the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) by President Lyndon Johnson.

- **1967:** Thurgood Marshall became the first African American named to the U.S. Supreme Court, nominated by President Lyndon Johnson.

- **1966-1979:** Edward Brooke (R-Mass.) became the first African-American U.S. senator to serve since Reconstruction.

- **1967:** Carl Stokes elected mayor of Cleveland, Ohio, making him the first black mayor of a major U.S. city. Tom Bradley became the first black mayor of Los Angeles in 1973, and David Dinkins became the first black mayor of New York City in 1989.

- **2002:** Actress Halle Berry becomes the first African American woman to win Best Actress at the Academy Awards; at the same ceremony, Denzel Washington is the second African American to win Best Actor since Sidney Poitier’s 1963 win.

Financial Aid/Scholarships News

Scholarship Opportunities

- Apply online for these scholarships at: [www.scholarshipexperts.com/apply.htm](http://www.scholarshipexperts.com/apply.htm)
  - Superpower $2500 Scholarship—Deadline: March 31
  - The Jeannette Rankin Foundation Scholarship—Non-profit organization dedicated to raising funds for and awarding scholarships to low-income women, ages 35 and older. For application sign on to [www.rankinfoundation.org](http://www.rankinfoundation.org). Deadline: March 1.

- Crumley Roberts Founder’s Scholarship—Applicants: North Carolina high school seniors attending a four-year college or university in the fall.
ACC STUDENTS HOLD THEIR OWN.
Ten Horticulture Technology students taking “Landscape Design” recently participated in an outdoor learning environment workshop in Raleigh alongside design students from NC State University and NC A&T State University. All the participants integrated six groups to brainstorm ideas on how to create environments to prevent obesity in children, an initiative funded by a grant from Blue Cross Blue Shield. Each group was tasked with finding a solution for a childcare facility’s outdoor learning area. Said ACC Horticulture instructor Carol Kawula: “It was an amazing day and our students kept up with master’s landscape architecture students to contribute ideas.” ACC students who participated were Randall Gerringer, Caleb Hunt, Heather Littlejohn, Stephanie Loman, Suzanne Lucier, Alex Nisbet, Heather Page, Cameron Palmer, Patrick Powell, and Renae Wilson.
ACC graduate Ben Roush, now a master’s student at NC State after earning his BS in landscape architecture at A&T State University, was a participant. The Natural Learning Initiative, an arm of the Landscape Architecture program at NC State, sponsored the event. (Photos submitted)