The reports also note that Spencer Weaver, manager of Safety and Security, coordinated with Kemo to send the packages to 25 soldiers they knew from the 98th Institutional Training Division of the Army Reserve. They are both retired personnel who served in the Army Reserve together.

Among those who will be receiving the packages are students Steven Forsyth, Joshua Hammill, Daniel Saldutti, Security officer and part-time student Jason Swingle, and Capt. Margaret Brescio, a human services and administration graduate.

“I either know them, worked with them or trained them,” said Hanf, of the soldiers receiving the packages. “They’re not strangers.”

Student Jeff Stout, whose father is stationed 30 miles outside of Baghdad, paints a bleak image of the living conditions of American soldiers there: soldiers live out of tents, use a pot on the floor as a latrine and the food they eat is prepared by Iraqi soldiers.

“They [his father’s unit] will eat anything, but all they have to eat is Iraqi food,” said Stout. “All of them are losing weight.”

Both Stout’s father and the soldiers in his unit need starchy, carbohydrate-rich foods and jerky to help them through the cold Iraqi winter, said Stout.

Apart from food and medicine, the packages include Rider basketball hats and water bottles and “Winter Weekend” t-shirts. According to Hanf, trading college hats has become a common practice amongst soldiers in Iraq. Also included within the packages are Valentine’s Day letters from the students.

Donations are still being accepted for the next batch of packages in room 137 of the Bart Luedeke Center.

By 6:30 a.m. the information extension and website is updated to announce the status of the University—whether or not the University has closed or issued a delayed opening.

Students should call x. 2000 for the Lawrenceville campus or x. 2001 for the Princeton campus to hear updates about school closings.

“Do not call Security to find out if classes are cancelled,” said Weaver, because the lines will be left open for cases of emergency and students will be redirected to call the information extension regardless.