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Upcoming  
DATES

**January 22**—Early Childhood Student Organization meeting, X-period, Room 117, Kirk Building, Pizza Provided

**January 22**—PBL meeting, X-period, Room 102, Business Technology Center

**January 26**—Last day to drop classes with 50% refund

**January 27**—Students R Heroes meeting, X-period, Room 203B, Business Technology Center

**January 28**—Deadline to sign up for "Get in Shape by Spring Break" contest

**January 28**—"Non-Trad" Chat, noon, Room 203B, Business Technology Center

**January 28**—Deadline to sign up for intramural 3-on-3 basketball, Admissions Office

**January 29**—"Non-Trad" Chat, X-period, Room 203B, Business Technology Center

**February 2**—*Get in Shape by Spring Break* contest begins

## Intramural B-Ball Coming up

It's almost time for intramural 3-on-3 basketball. Rosters are due by Thursday, January 29 in the Admissions Office, and play will begin on Tuesday, February 3. For those participating, there will be a mandatory managers meeting in the Admissions Office on Thursday, January 29 during X-period. At least one member from each team must attend this meeting. For more information or to sign up, drop by the Admissions Office. You don't have to have a full team to participate—you can sign up as a free agent and the intramurals staff will put together a team for you. See you on the court!

Need a FUN part-time job? Intramural sports is hiring a student worker! Duties include refereeing, set-up, publicity, and other duties as assigned. Stop by the Admissions Office by January 23 to fill out an application.

## Don't Trash it...Recycle

The UACCM chapter of Phi Theta Kappa is tackling the growing problem of electronic waste and turning it into cash. PTK is participating in the "Think Recycle" program, which gathers old print cartridges and cell phones in the community and exchanges them for money. The "Think Recycle" program has also paid for the planting of more than 50,000 trees, effectively removing 8,700 tons of carbon from the atmosphere.

You can drop off old cell phones or printer cartridges in the University Center, Business Technology Center, and Kirk Building. For more information, contact Lyndsey Daniel at (501) 977-2170 or at [daniel@uaccm.edu](mailto:daniel@uaccm.edu).

Tobacco-Free Campus  
Coming May 15, 2009

## 2009 Brings More Students and More Room to UACCM!

Whether you are just beginning your journey at UACCM, or if you have been here a while, welcome back! The semester is officially underway, and it looks like UACCM is on the way to breaking another enrollment record! Preliminary numbers show that the college has achieved an increase in the number of students of approximately 15.5 percent over the spring 2008 semester. Watch the UACCM Web site and the next issue of "The Campus Link" for a detailed look at this semester's student population.

Not only are our student numbers up, but our campus is growing, too. UACCM announced on Friday, January 16, that the University of Arkansas Board of Trustees has approved the purchase of the former Greer's Building located at 115 Broadway in historic downtown Morrilton. The 7,500-square-foot building will eventually house the UACCM Community Outreach Department.

Moving the Community Outreach Department downtown is expected to alleviate the competition for parking and classroom spaces to accommodate a growing student population. This will also give the college a much-needed presence in the downtown area, which will hopefully bring more business to downtown merchants and enhance the aesthetics and activities of the area.

An architectural renovation plan will be prepared following the transfer of the building's title to the University of Arkansas System, but initial planning indicates the possibility of a gallery area, offices, three classrooms, a computer lab, and a conference room.

The Community Outreach Program offers business and industry training, non-credit community education courses, seminars, and workshops. For more information on the ongoing project, watch the UACCM Web site at [www.uaccm.edu](http://www.uaccm.edu).

Good luck and enjoy this semester!

## You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown

The UACCM theatre department will produce its first spring musical, *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*, to be performed in the UACCM Fine Arts Auditorium on April 16, 17, 25, and 26.

Based on Charles Schultz's loveable *Peanuts* characters, this award winning musical is created from little moments picked from all the days of Charlie Brown.

Anyone interested in performing should attend the general audition on Tuesday, February 10, 2009 at 6:00 pm in the UACCM Fine Arts Auditorium. Auditions are open to the community, and no prior experience is necessary. Those wishing to audition should be prepared to sing a simple song of their choice (Happy Birthday, Mary Had a Little Lamb, etc.) without accompaniment. Readings from the script will be assigned at the audition. If you have any questions, or for further information, contact UACCM Speech/Theatre Instructor Jim Harris at (501) 977-2118 or at [harris@uaccm.edu](mailto:harris@uaccm.edu).

## "Essie the Blues Lady" to Present Free Concert

Essie Neal, better known as "Essie the Blues Lady," will present a free blues concert on Thursday, February 12, 2008 at 7:00 pm in the UACCM Fine Arts Auditorium. The concert, part of the college's Black History Month tribute, will be open to the public and free of charge.

Born to a musical family and raised in central Arkansas, she learned to play the guitar at twelve years of age. Neal says "When the chores were done and the sun set in the evening, it was music time." Her father played several instruments and her mother sang while she and her sisters and brothers would listen for hours. Determined to learn to play, Neal started picking her dad's guitar when he was at work. She formed an all-female blues band, "Queen Bee and the Soul Seekers" in the 1970's and toured Arkansas and surrounding states. Her performances showcase a great variety of blues styles and tunes, including her own compositions. In 2008, Neal was inducted into the Blues Hall of Fame, and she was quoted as saying "I was born into the blues, I was raised on the blues, and I'm a product of the blues."

All students are encouraged to attend what promises to be an entertaining event for the whole family. For more information, contact Jacob Ward at (501) 977-2142 or at [ward@uaccm.edu](mailto:ward@uaccm.edu).

## Off to The Orient

UACCM instructors Lyndsey Daniel and Karen Caig will lead students and community members to discover the mystery of Japan during an educational tour during the May 2010 intercession. Travelers may be able to choose to take a 3-hour humanities course on Japan in addition to the trip. Currently, Arkansas hosts many students from Japan at its major universities, and knowledge of the Japanese culture is becoming increasingly important in global business. UACCM recently created a Japanese Club (Otaku Club) to accommodate the growing interest in Japan.

Those who register with a \$95.00 deposit by January 31, 2009 can lock in the 2008 tour prices of \$2954 for students and \$3289 for non-students. The trip features round-trip airfare, 7 overnight stays in hotels with private bathrooms, breakfast and dinner daily, a full-time bilingual EF Tour Director, 2 sightseeing tours in Tokyo and Kyoto, and visits to the Meiji Shinto Shrine, Asakusa Kannon Temple, Nijo Castle, Heian Shrine and Garden, Gold Pavilion, Osaka Castle, a Sumida River cruise, and more.

For more information, contact Karen at [caig@uaccm.edu](mailto:caig@uaccm.edu) or Lyndsey at [daniel@uaccm.edu](mailto:daniel@uaccm.edu).

## PBL Says "Thanks!"

The UACCM Chapter of Phi Beta Lambda wants to send out a special thanks to all who contributed nonperishable food, paper products, and toiletries during their December food drive. The items collected went towards filling the pantry at Safe Place in Morrilton. PBL is grateful to the UACCM community who showed such interest, enthusiasm, and support for those in need!

## Get your Free Money Here

The UACCM Financial Aid Office in the University Center has information about the following scholarships. Drop by and see Stacy for more information on these and many other scholarships available.

- American Welding Society Scholarships are available to students enrolled in the UACCM Welding program. The deadline to apply is February 15, 2009
- The Oaklawn Foundation Scholarship is open to UACCM students originally residing in Garland County, and the deadline to apply is March 10, 2009

## Survey Says

UACCM students: we need your help! The UACCM Department of Institutional Advancement is conducting an online Media Survey to measure the media usage habits of typical UACCM students. Responses will be used to assist with future marketing and recruiting efforts for the College. All students are welcome and encouraged to complete the survey, and students enrolled in Freshman Seminar classes are required to complete the survey. Check your student E-mail account for a link to the survey.

## Students: Get in Shape by Spring Break and Win \$\$\$

Were the holidays unkind to your waistline? Has the luster already worn off your New Year's resolution to get fit? Would you like to lose some POUNDS and gain some MONEY in a competition against your fellow students? If any of the above applies to you, the *Get in Shape by Spring Break* contest is just for you. Sponsored by the UACCM Student Government Association, the contest will test your willpower and determination and can lead to better health, some extra money, and bragging rights when you step out on the beach for spring break. Read on for more info.

### The Basics

- Contest begins on Monday, February 2
- Contest is open to all UACCM students
- Deadline for entry is Thursday, January 29 (see more below)
- Winners will be determined using a percent of bodyweight lost system (we'll base it on the total percentage of your bodyweight lost, not just pounds...so even if you just need to lose a few, you still have a good chance to win!)
- Contestants weigh-in with "The Weighmaster" at the beginning and end of the contest (don't worry, it'll be just the two of you—watch your E-mail for specific weigh-in dates)
- The top three winners (or losers) in the contest will win prizes as follows:
  - 1st place-\$100.00
  - 2nd place-\$50.00
  - 3rd place-\$25.00



### The "Rules"(some serious, some not so much)

- No shoes, coats or pocket weights (including excessive change) allowed during weigh-in
- You MUST weigh-in on our pre-approved scale each week
- Contestants are encouraged to utilize the UACCM Walking Trail at the west end of campus and the Fitness Center in the Kirk Building during the contest. Weight Watchers also meets each week in the Business Technology Center for anyone interested in joining.
- Contestants are encouraged to sabotage fellow participants by bringing doughnuts, cookies, or other calorie-laden foods to class
- Binge and purge is NOT an acceptable diet plan—violators will be disqualified
- Comments like "Wow! Looks like you packed on a few over the holidays!" and "Aww when's your due date?" can really help motivate fellow participants.  
**WARNING: Do this at your own risk.**

Seriously, we want to motivate contestants to have fun and be healthier in 2009. This is meant to be a fun, competitive contest, so plan accordingly. We are conducting this contest in conjunction with the *Slim and Trim with KVOM* contest, so your participation will not only benefit you, but will also show the community that our college is committed to good health in the new year. Oh yeah, and the faculty and staff at UACCM are going to be doing their own weight-loss contest too, so you won't be alone!

If you want to participate and maybe win some spring break fun money, sign up at the table in the lobby of the University Center or in the Student Center in the Kirk Building by Thursday, January 29. Watch the UACCM Web site and your student E-mail for more information. We'll see you at the scale!

## Become a Lab Rat

One of the great services offered by UACCM is a series of free tutoring labs to help you brush up on your math, computer, and writing skills. The writing center is located in room 114 in the Kirk Building and is open at the following times:

- Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday —7:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- Monday—7:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. in Kirk Building and 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. in room 215 in the University Center

The math lab is located in room 215 in the University Center and is open during the following hours:

- Monday—7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday—7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

The computer lab in Room 114 of the Business Technology Center is open during the following times:

- Monday through Thursday—7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
- Friday—7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.