Alaska: Take 2

Due to the recent inclement weather, Terry Boyd’s “Visions from Arkansas to Alaska, Part II” 35mm slide presentation is rescheduled for Tuesday, April 8, 2008 at 6:30 pm in the Fine Arts Auditorium. This exhibit will be offered for free and will be open to the public.

Boyd, a self-taught photographer from Russellville, spent several months in 2007 in Denali National Park and Preserve in Alaska, and will be making an interactive visual presentation of his newest images while at UACCM.

Boyd will donate several pieces of art to be given away in a drawing and will also have a selection of matted 5X7 and 6X9 prints available for purchase at the event. To find out more about Boyd and to view a sample of his work, visit his Web site at www.terryboydphotography.com.

Transfer Fair Re-Scheduled

The UACCM Transfer Fair recently cancelled due to inclement weather has been rescheduled for Thursday, April 3 from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm in the University Center lobby and hallways. Representatives from several Arkansas four-year colleges will be present to answer questions about transfer procedures and scholarships. Watch the UACCM Web site for a complete list of participating schools.

Be a Hero

Interested in joining a new group on campus? Students R Heroes is a new student organization which stands for “Students Responsible for Health, Education, Recovery Opportunities and Enthusiastic Support.” Plainly, students in this group care about the health and safety of their peers, and offer responsible options from alcohol, drugs, and tobacco. If you are interested in joining this group, stop by Lynn Baker’s office in Room 107 of the Kirk Building or contact her at (501) 977-2012 or at baker@uaccm.edu.

The Eggs are Found!

Thanks to all students who took part in the digital Easter egg hunt this week! All four eggs were found in record time. Each of the following winners received $25 cash from the Student Government Association.

- **Amanda Dixon**, a nursing student, found the #3 egg hidden on the Frequently Asked Questions page in the Current Student section.
- **Laura Breediaove**, a business technology student, found the #1 egg hidden on the Public Safety page.
- **Katrina Lovell**, a nursing student, found the #4 egg hidden on the Online Course Introduction page of the WebCT section.
- **Donna Dowdy**, another nursing student, found the #2 egg hidden on the Alumni Form.

This contest, in its second year, was conceived of by graphic designer Trevor Mize. Mize was recently awarded a national Paragon award for the innovative idea. See full story on page 2.
Hungry and low on cash? The Plaza is now accepting all major credit and debit cards. It is open from 7:00 am to 11:00 am for breakfast, and from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm for lunch. For a complete menu each week, go to www.uaccm.edu and click on “The Plaza Dining Services” at the bottom of the home page.

More Bargains
The Count on Bargains used item sale in the west wing of the University Center is continuing until April 18. Several new items are added daily, so stop by and check out the housewares, decorative items, clothing, and more. All proceeds from the sale will benefit the Conway County School Counts’ initiative.

Fist of Fury and Skill
UACCM math instructor Nanette Berry recently took top honors in the 2007/2008 Rock, Paper, Scissors intramural competition and earned points for the faculty/staff team in their pursuit of the “Wolfie” award. Congrats Ms. Berry!

Another NET Test
The NET test will be given Wednesday, March 26. The spaces for the 9:00 am test are full, so a 1:00 pm test has been added. The test scores from this NET test will be valid for the June 1, 2008 PN application deadline only. Students interested in taking the test on this date must sign up by Friday, March 21 since campus will be closed during spring break. Seating is limited, so students must reserve a space by visiting www.uaccm.edu/future_student/nursing/net_test_form.pdf and submitting a registration form with payment to the UACCM Admissions Office. The test will also be offered on Wednesday, April 16 and Wednesday, May 28. Students should go directly to BTC 112 the day of the test.

Tie One On
During Spring Break, accidents due to driving under the influence increase dramatically. Pledge responsible behavior during Spring Break and get a bright green ribbon to tie on to yourself, your car, or anything else you can think of! Stop by the Information Desk in the University Center, Rooms 100, 114, or 200 of the Bus. Tech. Ctr., or Rooms 100, 104, or 114 of the Kirk Bldg. to sign a pledge card and get a ribbon.

Eggs-ample of a Great Marketing Tool
UACCM graphic/web designer Trevor Mize has won a silver Paragon Award from the National Council for Marketing and Public Relations (NCMPR) in the category of Innovation in Technology. The awards were announced at NCMPR’s national conference this week in Savannah, Georgia.

Mize developed a digital Easter Egg Hunt last spring in an effort to drive more students to our Web site and encourage wider use of our school e-mail system. As part of the Easter egg contest, four digital eggs were hidden on our Web site. Current students were sent daily clues on their campus e-mails. The students then used the clues to search for the hidden eggs. The Student Government Association sponsored the contest and awarded $25 gift certificates to the winners. The contest was very well-received by students and significantly increased traffic on our Web site and e-mail system.

The 2nd annual contest began on Monday, March 17, and concluded on Tuesday, March 18 when all four eggs were found by UACCM students. On that Tuesday, the college Web site received 247 more “hits” than the previous Tuesday (2,626 up from 2,379 the previous week).

The National Council for Marketing and Public Relations is an affiliate of the American Association of Community Colleges, and is the only organization exclusively designed for marketing and public relations personnel from the country’s community, junior and technical colleges. The NCMPR’s prestigious national Paragon Awards recognize excellence in communications. There are over 600 member colleges in the organization, and approximately 1500 Paragon entries were received in 44 categories.

Prescription for Success
Congratulations to the new graduates of the UACCM registered nursing program who recently took the National Council Licensure Exam for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN). All 10 participants passed the exam on their first sit! UACCM students who took the exam were also enrolled in the Arkansas Rural Nursing Education Consortium (ARNEC), which is based at six rural community colleges and educates Licensed Practical Nurses (LPNs) or Licensed Vocational Nurses (LVNs) to become Registered Nurses (RNs). In the program, students graduate with an Associate of Applied Science degree in Nursing, enabling them to sit for the NCLEX-RN exam.

The NCLEX-RN is used to ensure public protection, as all candidates for licensure must pass the examination which measures the skills needed to perform safely and effectively as newly licensed, entry-level registered nurses. NCLEX-RN scores are used by state and territorial boards of nursing to assist in making licensure decisions.

Students Receive Literary Coterie Scholarships
The GFWC Literary Coterie Club of Morrilton recently presented scholarships to two UACCM students. Stephanie Bailey, a nursing student from Morrilton, and Adrienne Beck, a general education major from Saint Vincent, were each awarded a $500 scholarship to attend UACCM.

The Literary Coterie Scholarships are awarded annually by the UACCM Scholarship Committee to two full-time students residing in Conway County with a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0. The main source of funding for the scholarships is the Morrilton Literary Coterie Club’s Christmas Tour of Homes.