Like A Broken Record...Again!

The numbers are in, and the University of Arkansas Community College at Morrilton has reported another record enrollment for the fall 2007 semester. As of the 11th class day, 1814 students were enrolled in classes. This is an increase of two percent from the fall 2006 semester. Additionally, this is the first time in the school’s history that more than 1,800 students have been enrolled. Since UACCM became a two-year college in 1991, overall enrollment has increased 300 percent, and has also seen an increase of 41 percent since merging with the University of Arkansas System in 2001.

Students enrolled in technical, business, health, and service-related occupational programs—46 percent
Students pursuing Associate of Arts and Associate of Science degree programs—45 percent
The remaining nine percent are non-degree seeking students, undeclared majors, and concurrently enrolled high school students.

Mirror Mirror, on the Wall

The 2007 Miss UACCM Pageant fundraiser will be held Saturday, October 13 from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm in the Fine Arts Auditorium on campus. This fundraiser will benefit Phi Beta Lambda, and it is open to currently enrolled UACCM students, boys age 0-3, and girls age 0-17. Those competing for the title of Miss/Mrs. UACCM will be judged on beauty, professionalism, speech presentation, and interview skills.

For a complete list of pageant divisions, entry fees, an application, and more detailed information and pageant rules, visit the college Web site and look for the Miss UACCM Pageant links. If you would like to pre-register for the pageant, bring your application to Kira Grant in Room 108 of the Business Technology Center by 8:00 am on the day of the pageant.

Lee National Denim Day

Lee National Denim Day is Friday, October 5. This day is set aside to allow people nationwide to slip into their favorite jeans and support breast cancer research and awareness by purchasing a pink ribbon pin for $5. Over the past 11 years, Lee National Denim Day has raised more than $66 million nationwide. UACCM faculty and staff interested in purchasing a pin and dressing down to support a great cause can drop by Mary Newsome’s office or reach her at 977-2044.
Hello Nurse!

You must submit your LPN application to the UACCM Admissions Office by October 1 to be considered for the Spring 2008 program. Eligible applicants should have either completed or be enrolled in their last prerequisite(s). If you do not have a copy of your NET and placement test scores, you can obtain a copy in the Admissions Office with a valid photo id.

For more information, contact Rachel Mullins in the Admissions Office at 977-2174. You can also find the application and other information online.

We’re moving!

The UACCM Bookstore is set to move during the first week of October. Now located in the University Center, the bookstore will be moving to a new 6,000 sq. ft. location just off campus on Highway 132. This will allow for an expansion of office space available on campus, and will provide easy access to students and the general public. The new University Bookstore will feature a much-expanded line of available apparel and gift items. Look for a complete story on the opening of the new bookstore in the next issue The Campus Link.

Important: The bookstore will be closed for several days while transitioning to the new location during the first week of October, so be sure to get all of your supplies before then!

FREE Tutoring Labs:

New hours

The hours for the math lab have been updated. The lab, located in Room 215 in the University Center, is open during the following hours:

- Monday—8:00 am - 6:00 pm
- Tuesday—8:00 am - 6:30 pm
- Wednesday—8:00 am - 6:00 pm
- Thursday—8:00 am - 6:00 pm
- Friday—8:00 am - 2:00 pm

The writing lab, located in Room 114 in the Kirk Building, is open at the following times:

- Monday—7:00 am - 4:00 pm
- Tuesday—7:00 am - 3:00 pm
- Wednesday—7:00 am - 4:00 pm
- Thursday—7:00 am - 4:00 pm
- Friday—7:00 am - 4:00 pm

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

- Monday through Thursday—7:00 am - 6:00 pm
- Friday—7:00 am - 4:00 pm

Arkansas, Grant me the Money!

High school graduates who thought it impossible to continue their education because of financial difficulties might now find it possible with the assistance of the GO! Opportunities Grant.

The grant is the first state-funded college grant program in Arkansas that is based entirely on financial need, and will provide $1,000 per academic year to students taking 12 credit hours their first semester and 15 credit hours the following semesters. Qualifying part-time students taking at least six credit hours may receive $500 per year.

Students must come from a family earning a $25,000 annual gross income a year or less with one dependent child and an additional $5,000 a year for every additional dependent child as recorded on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Prospective students must be enrolled in an undergraduate program that will lead to their receiving an associate or bachelor’s degree.

To continue receiving the benefits of the GO! Opportunities Grant, students must maintain a 2.0 grade point average and sign a waiver saying they will stay drug free and verify that while receiving aid. Students who continue to meet the eligibility standards set forth by the Arkansas Department of Higher Education may renew the grant for up to $4,000.

To be considered for the GO! Opportunities Grant, students must complete the application provided by the Arkansas Department of Higher Education at their website www.adhe.edu or by requesting an application by calling 1-800-54-STUDY (1-800-547-8839). An official high school transcript or certification of GED test completion must be submitted to the ADHE. Parents must complete the FAFSA to show financial eligibility. The deadline for fall 2007 freshmen is October 1.

Did you see that?

“Smoke and Mirrors,” an illusion magic show performed by Rocky and Lori Clements of Jonesboro, will take place on October 4, 2007 at noon and 7 pm in the Fine Arts Auditorium on campus. Sponsored by the college, each performance will be a free, all-ages production open to the community, and will feature magic, music, audience participation, comedy, and special effects.

“Smoke and Mirrors” is the largest touring magic show in Arkansas and the mid-south region of the United States. The show is part of the “Arts on Tour” program sponsored by the Arkansas Arts Council, which promotes visual and performing arts across the state. Rocky and Lori perform at about 50 venues each year, including theaters, festivals, college campuses, and corporate events. The show involves more than $50,000 worth of equipment used to produce state-of-the-art illusions in addition to classic effects performed over the last 100 years by many of the legends of magic. The show is a journey through the history of magic, including tales of past magicians and magic shows, Vaudeville, sideshows, con-men, and ghost stories, all played out with ornate props, fascinating storytelling, and a beautiful stage set. The production promises to appeal to young and old alike, and will offer an artistic alternative for those looking for something outside the usual forms of entertainment.

For more information on this event or any other community event sponsored throughout the year by UACCM, contact Rhonda Cupp at 501-977-2085 or at cupp@uaccm.edu.