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January 24—"Non-Trad" Chat, X-period, Room 203B, Bus. Tech. Ctr.

January 24—"Overcoming Obstacles" workshop, X-period, Gallery One, Fine Arts Bldg.

January 24—PBL meeting, X-period, Room 102, Bus. Tech. Ctr.

January 25—"Study Smarter, Not Harder" workshop, 10:00 am, Room 131, Kirk Bldg.

January 28—Last day to drop classes with a 50% refund

January 29—Early Childhood Student Organization meeting, X-period, Room 116, Kirk Bldg., Refreshments served

January 29—Orientation for work study students, X-period, Room 208, Bus. Tech. Ctr.

January 31—"How Rude!" A Study in College Courtesy workshop, X-period, Room 207, Bus. Tech. Ctr.

February 1—3 on 3 Intramural Basketball rosters due, noon, Admissions Office

February 4—3 on 3 Intramural Basketball managers' meeting, noon, Admissions Office

February 5—SGA Mardi Gras Party, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm, The Plaza

February 5—Race for the Cure organizational meeting, X-period, Room 201, Univ. Ctr.

Get Ready to Race for the Cure

UACCM is forming a *Race for the Cure* team and will hold an organizational meeting during X-period on Tuesday, February 5 in Room 201 of the University Center. During this meeting, plans for the upcoming year will be discussed including a proposed UACCM race T-shirt design contest, sponsorship of racers, T-shirt sales, other race-oriented events, and any other fundraising ideas you may have. Anyone interested in helping find a cure for breast cancer is invited to attend the meeting. For more information, contact Sandra Cone at cone@uaccm.edu.

Welcome Back!

The spring 2008 semester has officially begun, and it looks like another record-setting beginning! Preliminary enrollment numbers show that UACCM has achieved an increase of almost six percent above the spring 2007 semester. Watch for the next issue of *The Campus Link*, which will feature a detailed look at this semester's student population.

Say "I Love You" In a Virtual Kind of Way

Phi Theta Kappa is giving everyone the opportunity to honor a loved one, bless a friend, or make that certain someone feel special with a Virtual Valentine. For only \$3, your personalized message will be posted on the *My Virtual Valentine* Web page for one week, and for \$5, your message will also appear on the UACCM homepage for one day. All proceeds of this fundraiser will go to the Phi Theta Kappa Scholarship Fund.



Posting a Virtual Valentine is easy. Fill out a *My Virtual Valentine* Form, which can be found at www.uaccm.edu, and submit it along with payment to any Phi Theta Kappa member, Ms. Fowler (KB 133), Ms. Daniel (KB 133), or Ms. Caldwell (KB 133) by February 8. Also, look for booths in the Kirk Building and the University Center periodically.



Virtual Valentines will be posted on the UACCM Web site and made viewable to the general public starting the week of February 11. Look for the scrolling valentines on the homepage during the week of February 11 for a link to the comprehensive valentine.

The Bridge to Success

Applications are currently being sought for the Career Pathways Bridge program that begins January 28. This program is designed to help students who want to succeed in college by providing self-paced instruction in reading, writing, math, and computer usage training. There are two Bridge options available for the spring semester. Bridge A is designed for students desiring to enter a health profession, which includes CNA Certification, and Bridge B, which includes a Business Computer Applications course. Bridge classes will also include the required UACCM Freshman Seminar course. Students completing the Bridge Program will be educationally prepared to enroll in college.

Arkansas Career Pathways Program at UACCM may provide assistance while you achieve your educational goals, including adult education for GED, certificate, and degree programs. The following services may be available: tuition, fees, books, and supplies (for balances not covered by other scholarships), child care, transportation (Bridge students only), career counseling, tutoring, and job placement.

To find out if you are eligible, or if you have any other questions concerning the Career Pathways program, give Roni a call at 501-977-2186.

Gas Companies Donate Big Bucks

Thanks to the Fayetteville Shale Scholarship Fund organization for its donation of \$70,000 to the petroleum technology department. The money will be used for scholarships to assist qualifying students enrolled in the program.

Career Workshops

The UACCM Career Pathways office is hosting 5 workshops this semester that are designed to help people succeed as students, employees, and parents. All workshops will be held on Fridays in room 131 of the Kirk Building. Space is limited, so be sure to drop by the Career Pathways office in the Kirk Building and sign up with Roni as soon as possible. The following workshops are scheduled this semester:

- **January 25**—"Study Smarter, Not Harder," 11:00 am
- **February 15**—"Budgeting," 10:00 am
- **March 14**—"What Kind of Learner am I?," 11:00 am
- **April 11**—"Setting Goals," 2:00 pm
- **May 2**—"Positive Parenting," 10:00 am

Practical Nursing Program Gets a Big Thumbs-Up

On Wednesday, January 16, the UACCM practical nursing program was granted full approval by the Arkansas State Board of Nursing. Approval is awarded for a period of five years, and is contingent upon passing a stringent inspection process critiquing every aspect of the program. The UACCM program received no deficiencies in the inspection, and was awarded several ratings of "excellent" and "good." Congratulations to the nursing department on this magnificent achievement!

In The Lab...

UACCM provides several labs to assist students in preparing class assignments and provide tutoring for courses where students might need assistance. Staffed by full-time lab supervisors and student workers, the Math Lab, Writing Center, and the Computer Lab are valuable resources for all students. Below are the locations and hours for tutoring labs for the spring 2008 semester:

- **Math Lab** (Univ. Ctr. Room 215): Monday - Thursday, 7:30 am to 4:30 pm; Friday, 7:30 am to 2:00 pm
- **Computer Lab** (Bus. Tech. Ctr. Room 114): Monday-Thursday, 7:00 am to 6:00 pm; Friday, 7:00 am to 4:00 pm
- **Writing Center** (Kirk Bldg. Room 114): Monday, 7:00 am to 4:30 pm; Tuesday, 7:00 am to 3:00 pm; Wednesday/Thursday, 7:00 am to 4:00 pm; Friday, 7:00 am to 2:00 pm

Intramural Sports: The Quest for the Wolfie

The spring 2008 intramural season is heating up! There are several events taking place this semester that will help students meet new people, maintain contacts with others, and just have some fun. Not an athlete? No problem! Intramurals include people from all walks of life, even faculty and staff members and alumni! Basically, intramural sports are meant to be fun ways to relieve the stresses of the classroom and have some fun. Stop by the Admissions Office and see Dave or Rachel to pick up a roster or to sign up as a free agent. The first event of the semester, 3-on-3 Basketball, begins February 7, and rosters are due on February 1.

Tentative Spring Intramural Schedule (Times TBA)

- **3-on-3 Basketball**—Rosters due February 1, play begins February 7
- **Rock, Paper, Scissors**—Play on March 6
- **Horseshoes**—Rosters due March 3, play begins March 13
- **Ultimate Frisbee**—Rosters due March 31, play begins April 1

Scholarships: Get 'em Before They're Gone!

For more specific information on any of these scholarships, contact the UACCM Financial Aid Office or visit their Web site at www.uaccm.edu and selecting "Financial Aid" from the Site Index drop down menu.

The **Literary Coterie Scholarship** is awarded to a new recipient each year, and is awarded in the form of a tuition, fee, or book waiver. The scholarship is open to Conway County residents who are full-time students and have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0. **Deadline: January 28**

Scholarshipexperts.com Scholarships are awarded to students creating a "Top Ten List" of the ten reasons they should be awarded the scholarship using 250 words or less. **Deadline: January 31**

The **American Cancer Society Scholarship** is open to students who have had a cancer diagnosis before the age of 21. Applicants must be full-time students with a cumulative GPA of at least 2.5. **Deadline: February 1**

The **Arkansas Governor's Commission on People with Disabilities Scholarship** is open to any student with a documented disability. Awards will be made based on achievement, community involvement, future goals, and the challenges each student faces due to his or her disability. **Deadline: February 28**

Get Out Your Beads! Mardi Gras is Coming!

The phrase "Mardi Gras" is French for Fat Tuesday, and is celebrated each year on the day before Ash Wednesday. In honor of Mardi Gras, the Student Government Association is sponsoring the annual celebration again this year. The party is February 5 at 11:00 am to 12:30 pm in the Plaza with a mask contest available for students and faculty/staff members. The three best masks among students will receive gift cards to Wal Mart, with a \$50 card going to the mask voted best, a \$25 card to the second place winner, and a \$15 card to the third place winner. The faculty/staff member with the best mask will win a \$50 gift certificate to the University Bookstore. King Cake, a traditional cake prepared between January 6 and Ash Wednesday each year, will also be served during this time.

For students who can't make it to the Plaza, SGA members will be passing out beads around campus. The celebration will also include a baby hunt contest, which is symbolic of the baby often baked into King Cakes. The person who finds the baby on campus will be recognized as king or queen of the day. More details on the contest will be available at the Plaza throughout the day. Come join the fun!