Visions of Alaska in Morrilton

Photographer Terry Boyd will present “Visions from Arkansas to Alaska, Part III,” an interactive 35mm slide photography presentation on Thursday, April 9, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. in the UACCM Fine Arts Auditorium. Sponsored by the college, this exhibit is offered for free and is open to the public.

Boyd, a self-taught photographer from Russellville, travels and photographs the United States, with emphasis on Alaska. He spends several months each summer in Denali National Park and Preserve in Alaska, and will be making an interactive visual presentation of images from his most recent trip to Alaska as well as some of his classic favorites while at UACCM. Boyd has dedicated his life to his work “living one roll of slide film at a time,” and doing his best to “be in the right place in the right light.” Boyd will embark on his seventh annual trip to Alaska in the summer. 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. For more information, contact Jacob Ward at (501) 977-2142 or at ward@uaccm.edu.

“You’re a Good Man” Cast Announced

The UACCM Theatre Department has announced the cast for its upcoming musical production of “You’re a Good Man, Charlie Brown.” The cast includes several UACCM students and area residents whose names, characters, and hometowns are listed below:

- Amber Addley of Conway—Lucy Van Pelt
- Brad Bergdoff of Clinton—Charlie Brown
- Tabatha Duvall of Russellville—Ensemble
- Darrel Hubbard of Houston—Ensemble
- Shawn Huff of Morrilton—Linus Van Pelt
- Kaitlyn Neal of Mayflower—Sally Brown
- Devin Pettinger of Perryville—Ensemble
- Justin Pike of Morrilton—Schroeder
- Jace Stephens of Damascus—Snooky
- Kendra Thomas of Conway—Ensemble
- Stephanie Yancey of Springdale—Ensemble

The cast has already begun rehearsals in preparation for UACCM’s first musical production, scheduled for April 23, 24, and 25 at 7:30 pm and April 26 at 2:30 pm. Each performance will be held in the UACCM Fine Arts Auditorium, and tickets are $8.00 for adults and $5.00 for non-UACCM students. Tickets are free for UACCM students, faculty, and staff. For more information, contact UACCM Theatre Instructor Jim Harris at (501) 977-2118 or at harris@uaccm.edu.

Free Money for UACCM and Beyond

Drop by the UACCM Financial Aid Office in the University Center to find out more about these and any other available scholarships.

- Early Childhood Development Student Organization Scholarship ($100 scholarship for fall 2009 semester)—Must be a full-time UACCM early childhood development major with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0. Deadline: April 1
- Arkansas Tech University Transfer Scholarship (full tuition scholarship)—Student must be transferring to Arkansas Tech in the fall 2009 semester and must have completed 30 to 60 hours of college classes. Preference will be given to students graduating with an associate’s degree in May. Scholarship is renewable for three semesters for students who maintain a 3.25 GPA and complete at least 15 hours each semester. Deadline: April 1
- Henderson State University Transfer Scholarship (full tuition scholarship)—Student must be graduating from UACCM with an associate’s degree and transferring to Henderson State University in the fall 2009 semester. Scholarship is renewable for three semesters as long as students complete 28 hours each academic year and maintain a 3.0 cumulative GPA. Deadline: April 1

Note

The Summer and Fall schedule will be available on campus and online by Monday, March 13. Pre-registration for current and returning students begins on April 6, so start planning your schedules now and be sure to get the classes you need!
April 2: The Day of the Choirs in Morrilton

Thursday, April 2 will mark the day of two choirs performing in Morrilton. The UACCM Choir will perform in a free community concert at 7:00 pm on April 2 in the UACCM Fine Arts Auditorium. The program, entitled “A Tribute to American Music,” will contain a mixture of several genres of American music including folk songs, hymns, bluegrass, spirituals, gospel, and even a little bit of Broadway, so regardless of your tastes, you’ll be sure to hear something you like. As an added bonus, anyone attending the concert will get a quick sneak peek of a scene from the UACCM Theatre Department’s upcoming performance of “You’re a Good Man, Charlie Brown.”

The UACCM Community Choir will also be performing at 7:00 pm on Thursday, April 2 at the community pre-Easter service held at the First Assembly of God Church in Morrilton. This event will include all denominations of religions in the community and is sponsored by the Ministerial Alliance. Be sure to drop by one or both of these events to hear what the choirs have to sing.

UACCM Expands Downtown

From Chancellor Nathan Crook

UACCM recently completed the purchase of the former Greer’s Department Store in historic downtown Morrilton, and many people may wonder why the college would be interested in such a building. There are several good reasons, but the main reason is the lack of space for students! After 17 years of record enrollment, UACCM simply cannot expand the facilities on campus fast enough, and it is much more economically feasible to buy and renovate an existing building than to build a new one. In order to open up more classrooms and parking for students on our main campus, plans have been made to convert the downtown space into the new UACCM Leadership Development Institute and move in the non-credit Community Education program. Just as importantly, the new space downtown will establish UACCM’s presence downtown and will hopefully benefit the aesthetics and economy of the downtown area.

The new UACCM Library Complex will be complete for the upcoming fall semester, and plans for the vacated E. Allen Gordon Library space include converting it into a multi-use student center. Additionally, the current student lounge in the Kirk Building will be transformed into a convenience store for students featuring snacks, drinks, and more.

Hopefully, the changes planned for the coming months will benefit each UACCM student and employee and will provide some much-needed improvements to our campus while expanding the services we offer our UACCM family and the entire community.

There’s Still Time to Submit “The Write Stuff”

The UACCM Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society is again sponsoring, “The Write Stuff” writing competition and offering prizes including a three hour tuition credit to UACCM for the best poems, essays, and short stories submitted by students. The competition is open to all high school age students or older, and entries will be judged by UACCM English faculty members on their creativity, impact, command of genre, and fluency in mechanics and conventions of writing. The winner in each category will receive a $100 prize, with the overall winner receiving a three hour credit tuition waiver to be used at UACCM in addition to the $100 prize. All entries submitted must be typed and double-spaced using a standard 12-point font, have one-inch margins, and include a header including the writer’s last name and page number. Poems should fall between eight and 50 lines, short stories should be no more than 5,000 words, and essays should be no more than 5,000 words. The deadline for submission is Friday, March 20, so contact Lynn Baker at (501) 977-2012 or at baker@uaccm.edu to sign up.

Quieres Hablar Español?*

Ever wanted to learn Spanish? In today’s rapidly changing world, many people are finding it essential to pick up a special skill or second language. Taking a community education class at UACCM can help you do both! Beginning Spanish classes will be held each Monday from March 30 through May 4 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm in the UACCM Business Technology Center. The class is open to participants from the community of all ages and is taught by UACCM Instructor Traci Caldwell. The cost for participation is $50 ($45 for seniors). To sign up, contact Janie Wagner at (501) 977-2012 or at jwagner@uaccm.edu.

Tobacco-Free Campus

Coming May 15, 2009

*This class is being offered as part of the UACCM Tobacco-Free Campus initiative.

You say You Need a Job???

The UACCM Career Connections Job Fair is scheduled for Tuesday, March 31 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm in the Business Technology Center. Stop by and check out the employers working in your career field, explore job opportunities, and find out what the businesses out there are looking for in new employees. If you plan to stop by, be sure to dress appropriately and be prepared for mini-interviews held on-site. Most importantly, be ready to do some serious networking. Who knows? The employer you meet may be your boss after graduation! For more information contact Lynn Baker at (501) 977-2012 or at baker@uaccm.edu.

Intersted In a Safer UACCM?

All UACCM students are invited to attend the CSI—Campus Safety Intensive conference sponsored by the ACDEC (Arkansas Collegiate Drug Education Committee) on Friday, April 10 at Hendrix College in Conway. This will be an official student activity and there is no charge for the event, so feel free to tag along and learn about how to make UACCM a safe place to be. Several students in the Students R Heroes group are planning to attend, and transportation can be arranged for anyone interested. The deadline to register is Friday, March 20, so contact Lynn Baker at (501) 977-2012 or at baker@uaccm.edu to sign up.