



Here we go again

by Jenna Carter

A day filled with introductions and paperwork hits the UCA campus at the beginning of every school year. This year was no exception.

For most returning students, registration day is filled with excitement at seeing old friends. For some new students, however, the day can be overwhelming and nerve wracking. As David Jacobus put it, "It is a crazy day where everyone gets exhausted." The traditional handshake is one event most students love. It is a time when all of the students line up and meet each other. Megan Haeger, a junior this year, thought it was a great ice breaker.

On a positive note, registration ran smoothly and was well organized. Nevertheless, some students gave suggestions on how registration day could be improved. One suggestion from people manning the booths was that each shift could be shorter because it was aggravating to do nothing while waiting for students to arrive. Another frustration was that the stations designated for day students only were being visited by dorm students, causing confusion and delays. So, it was suggested that there be different packets for dorm and day students. Something mentioned by a new student was that it was inconvenient to have the *Like it Looks* picture taken on registration day because they felt like they didn't look their best.

Mrs. Ochoa estimated there were approximately 250 students that attended registration, and there was also a total of twenty two stations throughout campus.



Students join in the annual handshake the evening after registration

Week of Prayer stirs emotions

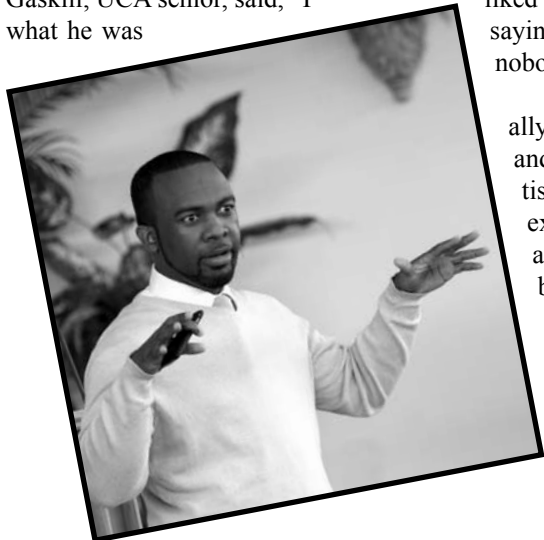
by Carissa Clendenon

Joining us all the way from beautiful Tri-Cities for our fall Week of Prayer was Pastor Ron Sydney, pastor at the Pasco Ephesus and Richland SDA churches.

The week started out with a short worship thought at the annual Fall Picnic at Camp MiVoden, a short Jesus rap battle, and then a baptism. The rest of the week was filled with shortened classes and a short meeting before lunch which led up to a longer evening meeting.

The meetings were a blessing, mixed with jokes, songs. And stories from Ron's life, growing up with an evil sister and gangs just down the street. Shannon Gaskill, UCA senior, said, "I

liked how he was so enthusiastic about saying, and when I looked around, nobody seemed bored."



The whole week was a spiritually reviving time for many faculty and students. There were 12 baptisms, and the evening meetings were extremely powerful. On Thursday and Friday, huddles of teens stayed behind in the church late into the evening, crying, praying, and hugging.

The week was a real spiritual revival, and hopefully the spark for God will stay and burst into a roaring fire.

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Fall picnic

by *Danielle Wilson*

Shortly following breakfast and worship, students crowded the four buses that were to take them to Camp Mivoden for UCA's annual Fall Picnic.

Some activities at the picnic are beach volleyball, wakeboarding, inner tubing, swimming in the indoor pool, swimming in the lake, or simply relaxing in the sun. Some students always choose to subject themselves to the Blob, a large inflatable pillow that sits in the lake. Someone sits on one end, while another individual jumps on the other side, resulting in the person sitting on the end flying out of control into the air and splashing into the water below. "I had a blast, my fourth and final year; I made the most of it!" Rachel Jorgensen, a four year senior at UCA, exclaimed.

Students could also show off their skills, or lack thereof, and go out wakeboarding; and some even sat in the hot tub, trying to increase the maximum capacity of eight to ten or more.

At eleven thirty, Mr. Santee set up a sandwich bar for the students, which also included chips and drinks. Later in the day, Mr. Santee set up the makings for haystacks and the students lined up for supper before worship.

To end the day, Seth White was baptized in the lake, and UCA was introduced to the Week of Prayer speaker, Ron Sydney.

"Getting closer to the students at my school was a real blessing, and getting a new brother in Christ was amazing," said Victoria Olson, a senior. Alyssa Crain said, "I loved being together with everyone and how everyone enjoyed being together."

Unexpected horror

by *Brennan Torretta*

Many seniors wondered what was going on when they returned to their beloved campus after Senior Survival and discovered something horrible. Did the freshmen not survive their campout? No! It was worse. The beloved waffle-makers, our saviors on leftover days at the café, had been removed. Why? Because someone had the bright idea to put syrup—you know, the sugary sweet stuff that you put ON your waffle—inside the machine while it was on! This sugary and sticky boysenberry syrup cooked onto the inside of the waffle maker and rendered it unusable.

Jon Spracklen, 4th West RA, noticed the disappearance when he got back from Senior Survival. His first reaction was, "You gotta be kidding me! There's no way!" Tim Onstott, 10-12 Desk RA, said, "I don't care that much; I never really used them." Another student, Bradley Hays, said he would've eaten 10 or 12 waffles in the short time that they had been missing. River Davis, music aficionado, had another take on the subject: "I think that it is sad that they are gone, but if I were Mr. Santee and saw the mess, I would probably have done the same thing he did because they are rented from the company, and if they get destroyed they cost almost \$800 to replace." And John Hochhalter said, "I'm secretly planning a revolt."

While it was sad that they were gone, we can all agree that our precious waffle makers were used and abused. By whom? We may never know, but perhaps it's better that way . . .

Seniors survive

by *Latimer Betat*

This year the senior class again headed out to Camp MiVoden for Senior Survival. The seniors took no tents, no stoves--just their sleeping bags and their imaginations. But this year was different from previous years, stated one of the leaders of this year's Senior Survival, Dean Kravig.

According to Mr. Kravig, this year's seniors did not have nearly the tension that previous groups had, and the students had a spiritual openness towards other students and staff.

Not only did the staff have good experiences, but the students did also. Brennan Torretta said that his favorite experience was helping others get through obstacles, while Jazmin Romero said that her best experience was participating in the initiatives. Heidi Spady said that some of the challenges that the seniors faced included getting sick while Andrew Valesquez said a challenge he faced was dealing with the sleeping conditions and having to cook his own food over a fire.

Food was varied and included the challenge of eating crickets. When it came to eating crickets, both Brennan Torretta and Jazmin Romero said they tasted like [potato chips](#) or [soggy french fries](#). Heidi Spady said they tasted good but had an unpleasant aftertaste.

As the future 2012 seniors approach their time to survive, lots of advice is left. Cassie Stenquist said that if you have a positive attitude and want it to be fun, it will be. Andrew Valesquez said to take a sleeping pad.

Overall, the students' attitude towards this year's survival was very positive, said Mr. Kravig.

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UCA makes top 30 in contest

by *Annaliese Hottal*

UCA landed in the top 30 of the Kohl's cares nation-wide Facebook contest. While UCA failed to receive a monetary prize, our sister school, Mt. Ellis Academy won \$500,000.

This summer the department store Kohl's decided to give back to the community by starting a contest, which ended September 3, in which people could vote for Kohl's to donate \$500,000 to twenty top-rated schools across the continent.

From August 10 to September 3 our school, UCA was requesting Facebook users to vote for them. Even though UCA started nearly a month late, by the end of the contest we had over 9,500 voters and were the only Adventist school in Washington to make the top 30. Mr. Patzer says that the fact that we could start that late and climb that high is quite impressive. However, we were only able to place 30th.

Throughout the contest, UCA was also looking out for the interests of our sister school, Mt. Ellis Academy, which, having started the contest nearly a month earlier, managed to place 10th and should be awarded \$500,000.

Despite UCA's loss, the Kohl's cares contest still had unexpected benefits. Area news anchor Abbey Gibb came to the campus in August to film a piece about our school that would alert the surrounding area of UCA's need for voters. This video clip aired on several stations including Hope channel. Mr. Patzer said UCA did get some much needed exposure, which, had it not been for the contest, the school would have had to pay for.

Outdoor Ed increases options

by *Arlene Bautista*

Juniors this year had more choices for Outdoor Ed: backpacking, canoeing, cycling/hiking, golfing, horseback riding, mountain biking, and sea kayaking. In previous years there were only two choices: backpacking, and canoeing.

From the perspective of some junior girls, the most loved activity was mountain biking. They enjoyed riding on quiet roads enjoying nature, seeing bears enjoying their huckleberries, and crashing into Mother Nature, getting cuts and bruises.

Junior's Anahi and Tosha both said it was a good bonding time for them and a good time to reach out and get to know their classmates and sponsors.

Those who went on the three-mile kayaking trip also experienced some hardcore stunt action, that included floating through roaring, rough freezing water and enjoying some cliff jumping into the Grand Coulee waters. They also enjoyed a wonderful hike up to Steamboat Rock.

Whether the adventure was hard, tough, cold, annoying, or long, most juniors got some fun out of it, as well as quality fellowship and lasting friendships.



Liz Hoskin

Liz Hoskin and the shelter she helped build at Senior Survival



One TIP in the right direction

by *John Wilson*

This year, UCA has started a new Tuition Incentive Program (TIP). The program allows students who go to UCA for four years receive a 50% reduction in their tuition by the fourth year. If a student attends for three years a 30% reduction can be reached, and there is a 20% reduction for students attending their second year. All freshmen and any first-year students, however, still pay the full rate.

Since this is the first year of the program, all students are paying the full rate, but next year this year's students will receive a 20% reduction! TIP should help more students to afford coming to UCA. Cedric Clendenon, a senior, said, "Even though I don't get any benefits, my sister will get a 20% off her school bill next year. This makes me feel happy because even though I can't get a discount, future students can."

UCA accepts students from all over the world—from even as far away as Korea—and TIP applies to every student. "TIP is one more step into the future for UCA," said Troy Patzer, UCA's principal.

Dress code moves in both directions

by *Howard Heaton*

For the first time in over two years, Upper Columbia Academy has made changes to its dress code. Guys are required to wear dress shoes instead of merely solid-colored shoes to Week of Prayer meetings, and girls are, for the first time in UCA history, allowed to wear slacks to church.

Despite the conflict that always arises over modifying the dress code, girls are now allowed to wear dress slacks to church. Naomi Keim did not understand why girls were treated differently. "What difference does it make if a girl wears slacks? Guys can all the time, and I think slacks are way more comfortable," she said. With this decision, UCA has become more open to different styles of clothing for girls to wear to church.

As for the guys, is it worth the time and effort of changing the dress code in order to require dress shoes instead of any that are solid colored? The head dean and vice-principal John Willis believes that what we wear to church is important. He believes wearing appropriate clothes to church helps prepare our hearts for worship. Although some students disagree with Willis's reasoning, Ty, a senior this year, agrees that our dress does have psychological effects at church.

Time and effort have been put into determining the specific details of our dress code. Girls are now able to wear slacks to church. On the other side, guys have been more restricted as Week of Prayer dress now requires dress shoes to be worn. Is this a sign that more changes will be made to our dress code?

Sunday school

by *Brennan Stanyer*

Sunday morning, September 19, 2010, at seemed like any other regular weekend day: a time to relax, sleep, and watch some football. And on any other Sunday that is exactly what would have been happening. But this was the first Sunday school of the year. It's normal to have tired students complaining about the latest tests . . . but not on a Sunday.

The whole purpose of Sunday school is to make time for the various home leaves, picnics, and other activities that UCA students love so very much, but they all come at a price. Sunday school.

The everyday sacrifices that students make are amazing when you think about it. They stay in dorms far away from their families, eat cafeteria food all week long, and get up at 6:00 in the morning to be on time for 7:15 classes. Occasionally, though, some students learn to like Sunday school.

Students agree that Sunday school is a bad idea, but most of them realize that although Sunday school takes away a day of football and sleep, having a long home-leave weekend makes up for it.

So if I were the person in charge of schedules, I would put Sunday school in, but not when the Seahawks were playing.



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Cafeteria landscaping

by *Cedric Clendenon*

Upper Columbia Academy's cafeteria finally received new landscaping this year.

Before the summer of 2010, the area surrounding the cafeteria was in disrepair. The sidewalks were old, cracked, and decayed; the grass had turned to mud; and the picket fence was peeling and ready to fall apart.

That all changed during the summer. New sidewalks were poured, new grass was planted, and a new white fence was installed. Before the revision, there was a spot in front of the Cafeteria entryway that dipped slightly, resulting in a large puddle whenever it rained. John Wilson remarked, "The puddle was an irritation because every time I encountered that squishy mud puddle, it was as if it dared me to walk right through it--but I always walked around." Now the area has been leveled out and a drain has been installed so excess water doesn't cause such problems.

In addition, along the front and right sides of the cafeteria many new plants have been attractively placed. New dirt was shoveled in to make the planters, and Daniel Neil commented, "The petunias, lilies, and bear grass make a great addition to the landscape." There are also new shrubs and a small tree to complete the space.

For some time, however, the area still resembled a construction site or a crime scene because of the yellow caution tape posted around the new grass. The tape, of course, was to prevent people from stomping on the new, soft shoots or mowing over them, which would have thwarted their chances for survival.

All in all, according to Michael Wilkinson, who seemed almost overcome by the improvements, knowing how drab the area was in years past, "The freshly planted backdrop is an animated delight for my soul."



Sid Hardy



Kyle Gladding



Bob Lenz

New staff

by *Kiana Wilder*

UCA has new teachers: Sidney Hardy who teaches U.S. History and Senior Bible, and Kyle Gladding who teaches math.

Pastor Sid is an alumnus who lived on UCA campus from the time he was four until he graduated in 1995. Now he has returned once again, this time to teach.

Mr. Gladding came to UCA from Great Plains Academy in Enterprise, Kansas, and was just married this last summer.

Students have mixed feelings about the new teachers, of course. Some need time to get used to their teaching methods, while others are already comfortable and moving right ahead in their school work. Re'Jean Coons said that the new teachers' methods are different but good and that she enjoys their classes and is happy that both of them are younger and on fire for God. Another student said that they are interesting and hard to understand.

Another UCA alumnus has returned to be a full-time staff member. Bob Lenz from the Class of 2003 is the new head of the IT Department.

Class night madness

by *Aryel Lockwood*

People are so crazy when they get together with their friends.

Class Night is an amazing event where the kids of UCA get together and compete in good spirit. Dakota Anderson and Ty Shultz, both seniors, claim it was INTENSE and a show of talent and fun that required the leaders of the classes to show their stuff. What people seem to remember the most were the donuts and milk afterwards, but one freshman claimed the donuts were dry.

Some people didn't get too excited about Class Night because they didn't have friends at the time, but they thought it was fun just to watch people get so excited and crazy, and that made them want to join in the fun.

There was a little debate on which activities were best. Some said they liked the chanting and cheering for other classes when they were in the gym, some liked the tug-of-war better. But mostly people just liked the spirit of it all.



Seniors on the move during Class Night



Sophomores enjoy challenges and relaxation at their campout

Sophomores head out

by Nathan Carey

On Friday, September 10, the sophomores set out for an adventure at Tshimakain Creek Camp, in Ford, Washington, to bond as a class.

The sophomores were staying in cabins by a slow moving river. The area had an accompanying cafeteria for the sophomores to prepare and eat their meals, and also a small recreational area with a tennis court and basketball court. There was also a chapel where the sophomores had worship every day, and on Saturday they had Sabbath school and church there.

The sophomores enjoyed numerous activities around the area. They boated and canoed in the Spokane River and enjoyed playing tennis and throwing down on the basketball court. They also enjoyed just relaxing and hanging out with each other in the grass.

The sophomores also did numerous initiatives. They did a web, where they had to get everyone through holes in a web without touching the strings. They learned a lot about working together and that their class is a team.

Overall, almost all of the sophomores enjoyed the class bonding weekend away from UCA. They had a fun and relaxing time.

Tryouts

by Andrew Velasquez

At the beginning of the year students were busy with all sorts of things, but there was something on many students' minds: tryouts.

Students tried out for football, gymnastics, band, and Choraliers. Many tried out, but only a few made it. For example, 58 people tried out for Choraliers, but only 17 made it in. When it comes time to pick those who made it and cut those who don't, Mr. Anderson says it is the worst day of the year for him. Afterwards, he says, some students who don't make the cut won't even look him in the face.

Talent is one factor that decides whom is chosen, but there are only so many spots to fill. Mr. Kravig, for instance, says it would be impossible to choose everyone in the huge group who wanted to be in the band's percussion section.

Tryouts mean a lot to most students and those who don't make it are disappointed. However, in the end, most people learn to accept that they didn't make it and, if possible, will try out again next year.

New taskforce workers

by Re'Jean Coons

There are many new taskforce workers this year at UCA. They work in the dean's office as assistant deans, in the Information Technology Services as technology assistants, and in the power house as chaplains. They are an important part of our school each year.

Taskforce workers are usually college students that take a year off to help out schools or churches and spend the year learning about the position. A lot of times they do this because they might make a career of that kind of position. It is a lot like doing mission work but doing it in the U.S.

The new deans in the girl's dorm are Dean Amanda and Dean Allie, their main job is to assist the deans by working with them 50-60 hours a week, but according to Dean Kristen they have an even more important purpose here on campus. She said that she likes having the taskforce workers here because it gives students a dean that is closer to the students' age, so they can relate better with them. She liked the fact that students get new deans to know every year. The students say that the dorm would be way too hectic without them.

The new deans in the guys' dorm are Dean Darrough and Dean Griffith. Their job is the same as the girls' dorm taskforce workers. They help the deans keep control of the dorm. Dean Henson says that he likes to have the taskforce workers because it adds more personality types that can help reach out to the boys in the dorm.

The taskforce pastors are Pastor Chelsea and Pastor Kevin. Their job here on campus is to enhance the spirituality in the dorms and around campus. They are in charge of Sabbath Schools and other activities to try to get students involved. They are in the power house every day if there is ever a need for prayer or encouragement.

The last new taskforce worker is Jarred Thornton in the Information Technology department. He works under Bob Lenz helping us with computer support for our laptops this year. Mr. Lenz says that Jarred did most all the work on installing all computers for us this year, being a huge help to him.

Three cheers for Mrs Dash

by *Victoria Olson*

The cafeteria has started putting packets of “Mrs. Dash Original Blend” in the condiment racks, right next to the pepper, salt, and ketchup. However, this is not the first time that these little yellow envelopes have joined forces with the other condiments. They were available last year for a short period of time near the beginning of the year. However, once they had been used up, they were never replaced. Students grumbled for a while, but when the packets didn’t come back, many of us simply let it go.

Now, however, the sunshine-colored pouches have returned, and several students have either re-discovered them or found them for the first time. When told that the packets had reappeared in the cafe, Kiana Wilder exclaimed, “Really? They’re back? Oh, my word! That’s so exciting!” However, not everyone has heard of this seasoning blend (which, by the way, has no salt or MSG, which makes it a healthier option than salt). When asked if she was excited about the packets’ return to the cafeteria, Shannon Gaskill asked, “What’s that?” But it’s an easy choice for most newcomers to the Mrs. Dash fan club, like Jay McPhee. The first time she smelled it, she asked, “Oh, my word. Can I keep this?” Unfortunately, it was my personal bottle, so I could not let her keep it; however, this blend of herbs and spices can be found in the cafeteria at no charge. The only question is: How long will they be around this year? Only time (and perhaps Mr. Santee) will tell.



Excited about Mrs Dash?

Freshmen take a break

by *Maivnkauj Yang*

Freshmen, with a few seniors along to help, went to a new location this year for their campout: Tshimakain camp, about an hour’s drive northwest from campus.

At the camp there were many different events: canoeing, swimming, ping pong, foosball, worships, and initiatives. Most of the freshmen said one of the most fun events that happened was the tarp initiative. For this initiative they had to get everyone from the top of the tarp to the bottom without falling.

The seniors who went along helped the freshmen on whatever they needed and gave worship talks. The seniors said they had fun and enjoyed speaking and answering questions.

Freshmen say the campout helped them bond more and feel really close to God. Also some said they have broken their bubbles and are more relaxed and will find it easier get to know the rest of the school. Karissa Fritz said, “It was awesome and was one of the most spiritual events here at UCA.”

Laptop computers come to UCA

by *Hailey Hanson*

This is the first year at UCA that laptops have been issued to all of the students.

Many have been excited to be able to have their very own computers to use instead of having to go to the computer lab to use very slow working computers. Chloe Voshell states that she thinks the computers have been a really good idea because no matter what people’s financial situations are, everyone can be equal and nobody has an advantage over another person.

Lots of people have been enjoying the privileges, but others are finding it more difficult to focus on studies. Even though it can be a great tool for doing homework and researching, it can also be a diversion from doing schoolwork. Gemma Casebolt says that she likes being able to communicate with people back home, but it’s distracting in class and hard not to be on Facebook while doing homework.

To ease this distraction in class, there is new software the teachers will be using that lets them know when students are on websites such as Facebook and not doing their school work. Hopefully this will gradually decrease the use of those websites and increase studying.



Some HOPE Task Force assignments are more difficult than others

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Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness;
for they will be filled. *Matthew 5:6*

