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Handshake '92

Most U.C.A. students began arriving bright and early Sunday morning to begin a grueling 10-hour-plus day of student registration. Later in the day, however, the traditional "Handshake" activities began.

After a late supper of haystacks (what else?) and a more-than-ample portion of entertainment provided by Baron's Flying Circus, Sandpoint pastor, Shane Dresen, delivered an inspiring worship.

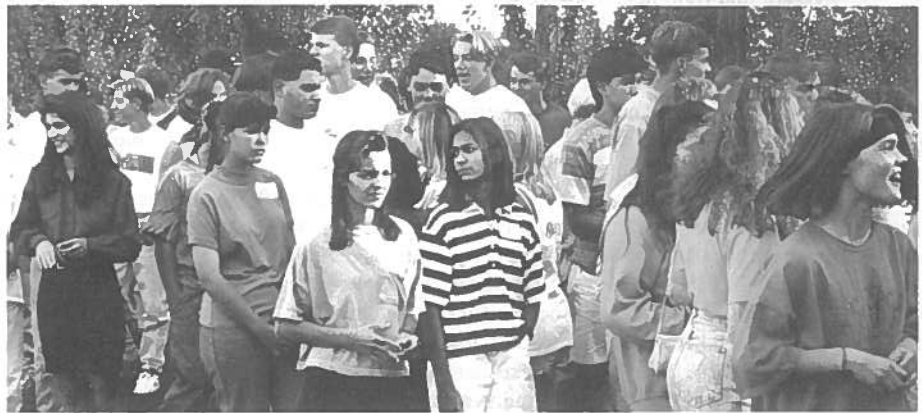
After a most-unique introduction of the A.S.B. (Associated Student Body) officers and the new staff, a long line was formed and the handshake began!

Nearly 280 students walked around in a gigantic circle shaking hands and trying to remember names given after each brisk hello.

Finally, fire was set to the three grand letters U-C-A, blazing a proud flame while many excited students laughed and socialized.

Handshake '92 set the pace for a fresh, exciting school year to be enjoyed by many more new and eager students, all united in the "Lion's Pride" and Christian fellowship.

-Adam Ferguson



THE SCHOOL SONG

(to be memorized and sung often)

To you our dear old Alma Mater
We'll ever be true
Undying love and loyalty
We pledge our hearts anew to you

Rah! Rah! Rah!
U.C.A. forever
We'll spread abroad
Your dear old name
Black and Gold your colors
They stand for your fame
Through your halls we'll wander
And from your standards never sway
We'll fill our place
Where e'er we be
And be true to
U.C.A.

Parent Recognition Weekend

The weekend of September 11 marked the passing of one of the many commemorated occasions here at U.C.A.--Parent Recognition.

To kick off the celebration, there was a special vespers on Friday where those present received a "Hardy" welcome from Bible teacher Peter Hardy before hearing an exceptional talk from Elder Don Roper. An Afterglow around the piano followed the service.

On Sabbath morning, families from far and near came to Sabbath School and were blessed by an insightful lesson study delivered by proud parents, Marvin Gee and Ron Scott. Also included was a delightful piano and flute presentation by mother-daughter duo, Patty and Deanna Marsh.

During the worship hour, the church echoed with vibrant songs of celebration and hymns of praise sung by the congregation. The Jerry Jones family extended their musical talents through an inspiring version of "Unfailing Love," and Lloyd Munson shared important thoughts through his "three-chair, three-generation" sermon.

That evening after visiting with their children, the parents returned to the church for a presentation by the Walter family. Through the music and message brought to them, the parents were reminded why they had sent their children to U.C.A. It is because they love them and want them to love God. It was the perfect ending to a perfect Sabbath.

-Todd Scott

SATURDAY NIGHT SCRAMBLE

As the moon rose on another cool Saturday night, the A.S.B. held their annual class scramble. The party was off to a running start in the gym as the scrambling got underway. With screaming and yelling, one thing after another was called, found, and brought to the center of the floor.

"I've got that right here!" someone would yell as you wondered if it was from your class. "I know it's in this junk somewhere."

"Give it to me! Give it to me!" hollered another as it was passed up to a runner. Then out of the crowd came a flying streak waving some crazy object in his hands.

All in all, the hunt was fun with a few higher points such as the singing of "Row, Row, Row Your Boat." The Sophomores won this with their rap version that was not only innovative but also humorous. Yes, indeed, the Sophomores were very innovative creating yet another high point with their "red hair dryer" that turned out to be brown (They should have got the point for that, but the Juniors got it instead). And so it went on with people and objects hurtling through the air...

After the fun and games in the gym, the students all wandered up to the ball field to relax in the evening breeze. No sooner had the Seniors got there than they found a large rope. While deciding what to do with it, some of the Juniors got the idea to steal it away. They had almost got away with it when the Seniors caught on. Grabbing onto the trailing end they pulled it away from the Juniors. Not wanting the Juniors to get it again, they left it in the watchful hands of the Sophomores. Then, naturally enough, the Freshmen thought it would be great sport to take it away and hide it. But this plan did not work for although the two groups pulled hard, the Sophomores pulled harder. Thus with their confidence up and feeling full of power, the Sophomores decided to keep the rope until the Seniors found out their plan and took it away from them.

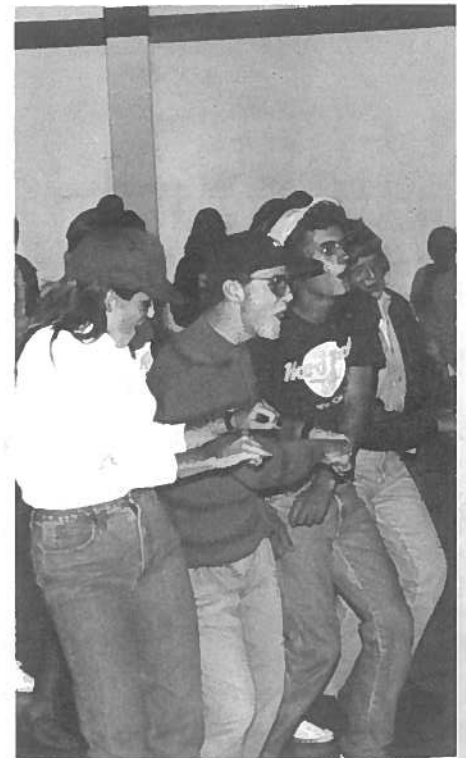
It was about this time that Mr. Lake came driving up to the field in an old Ford truck. He had come to see what all the commotion was as well as take a cool night ride with the windows rolled down. The truck ceased to run and spoiled his original plan. Losing interest in the rope, the Freshmen offered to help the man out. They pushed him once around the field so that he might have the satisfaction of a night drive. "After all," they reasoned, "it is the kind thing to do."

Not to be outdone, the Juniors, Sophomores, and even the Seniors helped him out by pushing him around the field. When talked to later, Mr. Lake admitted to being impressed with his gas mileage on the four laps, but he didn't recommend the power source for a drive to Spokane.

Saturday night was a lot of fun. School as well as class spirit ran wild, but the doughnuts after the activities were the definite highlight of the night.

Thank-you to the class sponsors and the faculty. We had a good time!

-LeRoy Wheeler





FIRE BOWL VESPERS

Fire Bowl Vespers was scheduled for the first Friday evening of the school year, but there was no fire. Thanks to high winds and dust, the service was held inside the gym. Some who had brought blankets to sit on outside discovered they worked just as well inside.

We started with a song service led by the girls' new assistant dean, Miss. Graves, who was accompanied by David Lake and Mr. Jenks. Pastor Meidinger introduced the speakers: three faculty members who testified to their belief and trust in God through the years. If someone was unaffected by Mr. Peach's story, then either Mrs. Marsh's or Mr. Soule's was sure to have touched them.

Altogether we spent a wonderful evening worshipping our Lord. May God bless you the way he did us at Fire Bowl Vespers. -K.H.



The Sunday of Parent Recognition Weekend was cold and windy, but that did not stop 43 parents, staff, and students from claiming valuable hats in the final event of the weekend--a best-ball golf tournament. 283 yards was the longest drive, and the distance closest to the pin was 8 feet.

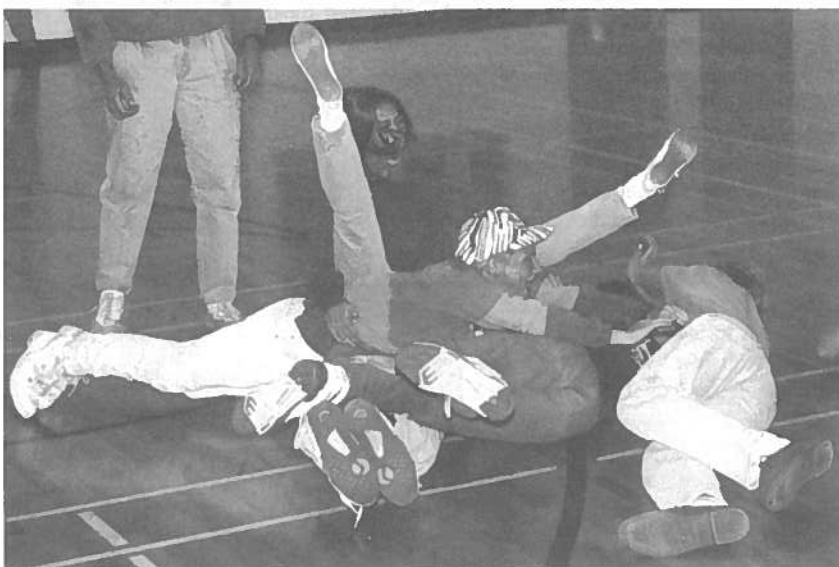
COMING IN THE NEXT ISSUE...

Exciting stories and pictures from the fall picnic!
 Exciting stories and pictures from Senior Survival (the secret's out!)
 Exciting stories and pictures about you (perhaps)! DON'T MISS IT!

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ADVENTIST COLLEGES ABROAD

Travel, adventure, new language skills, new lifelong friendships, new cultural understanding, and new visions of service. Upper Columbia Academy students Shayne and Tiana Pavlic were in on all of them as they participated in the first Adventist Colleges Abroad Summer Programs. Both were part of ninety-one North American Adventist academy and college students who spent five or six weeks at three different study centers in Europe this summer improving their French, German and Spanish language skills and getting glimpses of Austrian, French, German, Spanish and Swiss cultures.

Shayne and Tiana spent six weeks in Spain at Colegio Adventista de Sagunto near Spain's third-largest city of Valencia. Thriving in the Mediterranean sun, they and thirty-eight other ACA students studied beginning, intermediate, and advanced Spanish language courses and enjoyed Mediterranean beaches and a five-day guided tour through Andalucia (Southern Spain). The great Alhambra Palace of the Moors and other places of historic note in Granada and

a one-day visit to the World's Fair in Sevilla helped them celebrate the 500th anniversary of Columbus' joy of discovery. Of course, many of them made their way east the last day of school to attend the opening of the Olympic games and festivities at Barcelona, Spain.

Right now another 85 ACA college students are enrolling at the three European campuses for their nine-month academic year programs. Next summer ACA programs will not only be in French, German and Spanish, but also in Italian and Greek. Programs in Portuguese (Brazil) and Asian languages are also being developed.

People wishing further information on summer or academic year language programs at ACA campuses may contact their North American Adventist academy or college modern language teacher or admissions/records office or write: Adventist Colleges Abroad, 12501 Old Columbia Pike, Silver Spring, MD 20904 or call (301) 680-6444. Participants earn home-campus credit and are eligible for home-campus financial assistance.

