

# THE *ECHOES*

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## UCA settles on Monument Valley

Red dust swirls around the bus as we pull up outside the apartments in this small canyon a little before noon on Thursday. Groans laced with relief emanate from the exiting survivors of a twenty-four hour bus ride. The first impressions and memories of Monument Valley already forming in our minds, we stake our claims in the apartments.

Monument Valley is a land of contrasts and of beauty. The desert landscape is flat and covered with sagebrush and sand. Then it rises sharply nearly a thousand feet to the tops of the sandstone mesas, which are riddled with hidden canyons.

The landscape is not the only contrast. Near the road is a small, dirt-covered hogan with a nice pick-up truck sitting out front. A little farther down the road is a beautiful modern home with a sports-car in the garage.

A group of thirty-three UCA students and sponsors traveled to this beautiful land to contribute, and to learn what we could in the one week of Spring Break. It is amazing how much a person's spirit



*Most of the people who went to Monument Valley with the valley stretching out behind them*

can change in one week of getting to know another culture, and trying to help them in any way possible.

The first day in Monument Valley was spent settling in and touring part of the valley.

During the week UCA was responsible for three nights of Vacation Bible School and the church service on Sabbath. The other community projects consisted of building a sheep coral, painting the inside of a Navajo's house and the hospital, painting the outside of a house,

and helping with the food and clothing bank at the end of the week. During the free time, we took tours of the Anasazi ruins and other parts of the valley.

All of the projects were completed in time and the people were very thankful. At the food and clothing bank we were able to see what really goes on there. Many of the clothes and blankets that UCA collected were given out to help people while we were there. The experience was good for everyone.

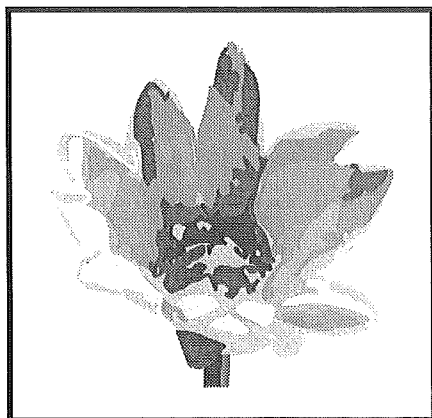
*Philip A. Cromwell*

## Alumni come again

All sorts of people who claimed to be former UCA celebrities arrived on campus for Alumni Weekend. They bolstered their historic claims by talking about sneaking to the other dorm, princess loaf in the cafeteria, segregated church seating, the old gym, and teachers. Have Mr. Peach, Mr. Lange, and Mr. Hardy really been here since the time of the dinosaurs?

The highlight of the weekend seemed to be simply getting together with old friends and partners in crime. We're sure they didn't even mind losing all the games in the "new" gym on Saturday night.

Actually, we are glad this can be the place where alumni can get together and share memories. Keep coming, and thanks for your continued support of UCA.

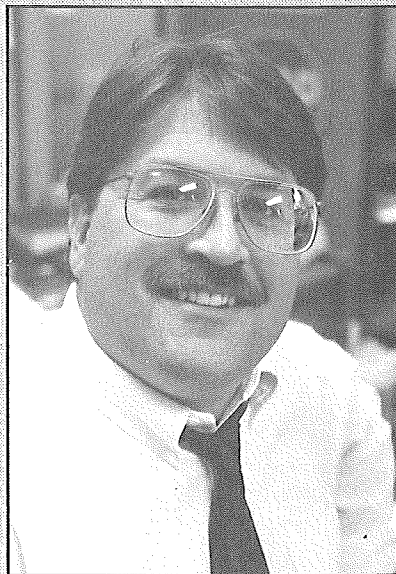




Mr. Martling spots some visitors during Academy Day and let's them have it!

## Goodbye, Mr. Jenks

Without cafeteria workers, the UCA population would shrink up and starve. Without maintenance people, our school would clog up and stop working smoothly. Without janitors, we would drown under mountains of trash. But without school spirit, UCA's heart and soul would shrivel and die. There are numerous people who inspire school spirit among the students, but there is one individual who for years now has played a starring role in developing UCA's *Pride*. Paul Jenks, Mr. Recruiter, Joint Worship Authority, Calendar Man, and All-Around Gung-Ho Guy for our school, has brought vitality to each of the facets that compose UCA life.



Mr. Jenks's positive influence at UCA begins before potential students even decide to enroll--at Academy Day. It continues through his Sophomore Bible adventures, matchless Joint Worship, one-on-one friendships with any and all, and right into Senior Survival. It's impossible to touch on all the wonderful gifts he has given UCA or to describe how deeply he has affected countless lives. To know Mr. Jenks is to challenge your spiritual walk and enrich your life.

Next year, Mr. Jenks will be spreading his talents and enthusiasm across the Mount Ellis campus. While we are saddened to hear of his departure, we know that change is inevitable and wish him the best at MEA. And we thank him, too. For in the process of kindling school spirit, he has ignited Christ's spirit in untold hearts, and that, truly, is his greatest accomplishment.

Sarah Coleman

## Potential students flood campus

The visitors came from far and near, prepared for an adventurous day. Some came for the first time, others had been here before. Some were timid, not quite sure what was going on, while others were friendly and excited to be here. And everywhere they looked people were wearing the same shirt--the new UCA t-shirt.

They were taken sightseeing by our finest professional tour guides. They got the privilege of touring T-bird, the music building, the home-ec department, the ad building, both dorms, the gym, and the industrial arts building. Throughout the tours, little contest booths were set up for them to guess the answers to odd questions such as "How much money has been collected in the past week from the laundry machines?" and "How many papers have been graded and returned for Ms. McGuire's English classes?" All were enticed to guess by promises of grand prizes for the winners. For lunch, the visitors dined in our lovely cafeteria.

In the afternoon, an assembly was held in the gym. To start the program the student body surged up front and sang the school song. The prizes were given to the winners of the tour contests, and all three divisions of the music department performed. Gymnastics also did a mini show which was excellent.

Academy day was once again a success. We here at UCA hope that the visitors enjoyed themselves and found what they were looking for.

Rosi Brower

*Let us run with patience  
the race that is set before  
us, looking unto Jesus the  
author and finisher of our  
faith.*

Hebrews 12:1,2

## WWC hosts college days

College Days involved more than just a series of events. In fact, I decided to attend as few of the scheduled events as possible. As a result, I got the chance to see Walla Walla College's true colors.

I decided to explore the campus and become more familiar with it. I have to admit, I was a little surprised to see the public display of individualism. A group of students was gathered on the lawn in front of the boys' dorm praying. At times, you could hear people exercising their rights to listen to their radios. Others expressed their individualism by just being their weird selves. The variety of people was interesting and exciting to see.

I saw what people mean when they say college is different from academy. I've always heard that there aren't as many cliques in college. There isn't any reason to be cliquish. With a large campus, you can afford to act like a nerd once in a while because you'll probably never be a nerd in front of the same person twice! You can afford to be yourself and be proud of it because there is a large variety of potential friends to choose from.

You don't have to be afraid of klutzing out in the cafe because most everyone there is aware of human nature. You don't have to be afraid of saying "hi" to someone you don't know because you probably won't ever have the opportunity again.

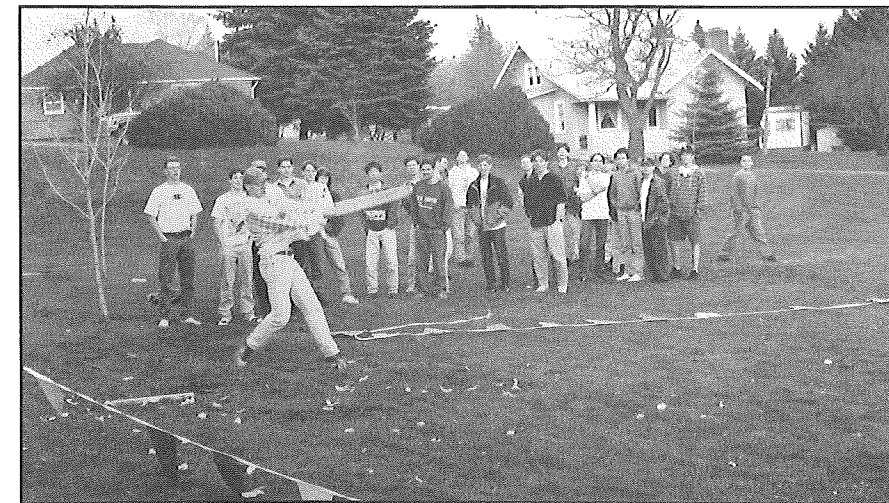
To give you a little idea of what seniors were supposed to do while I was there, here are some of the activities that College Days involved: Scholarships were awarded. This was very beneficial to Sarah Coleman and Aaron Canwell who both won \$3,000 scholarships to WWC. Interest Sessions helped us understand a little more about majors we were interested in, and Class Visitations gave us the opportunity to observe a class in session. UCA also won the knowledge bowl that was held.

The event I think everyone enjoyed the most was the talent show in which all the attending academies were represented. The show included a video presentation which featured most of the seniors from different academies that came to College Days. There were quartets and instrumental pieces along with

some very entertaining emcees (Mike and Gary) who were also recruiters for WWC. UCA seniors were proud to have Charley Coleman, Zach Mason, Jason Smith, and Mr. Jenks do one of their bluegrass songs. If there had been an audience grand prize, I'm sure they would have won it, considering that UCA had the most seniors there, and not one of them was quiet for a second.

I know WWC did a lot of extra work to impress us, but if I had just gone to all the special activities they planned, I wouldn't have been as impressed with the college. I liked what I saw *beyond* all the entertainment, wild crowds, and exciting competitions. College Days made me realize that I only have a few weeks till I graduate and achieve the next step in life. I love UCA, but there comes a time when you just can't wait to find out what else life has in store for you. Sometimes it seems as if my future will never unfold, but hold on seniors, there's a corner coming up, and it's a big one!

Junelle Pellow



The driving force behind Western civilization has always been the desire to line up and whack produce

## More stuff

The men of the dorm faced another Week of Stuff this month. The brave winners of the egg drop were Justin Holder for getting closest to the pan and Warren Wessels for the most unique and best-engineered entry. The croquet champ was Nate Reiswig. George "Avocado" Twigg won Splatmasters, and in the Dukes of Dunk competition Jason Smith, Ryan Crisman, and Jay Ham came out on top. Jared Lange won the Slam-dunk competition one more time.

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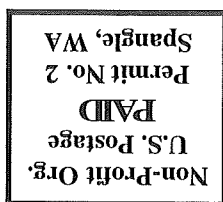
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## And finally. . .

When I first came to the dorm my sophomore year, it was just a place to live. About the only thing I liked about it was the change of scene and all the wild parties with the other dissatisfied students. But times have changed since then (and so have I). Now I am proud to say that I am part of the men's dorm.

Some of the most noticeable dorm improvements are the ones on the outside. Within the past few years the deans have added new shutters to the windows in the front of the dorm. They give the dorm more of a feeling of home. To add to that improvement, flower gardens were planted out front, and the men's club letters were placed above the front doors (the men's club adds a real sense of dorm spirit to the place). And last, but of immense importance, was the painting of the fire escapes.

There are also some very noticeable changes once you walk in through the front door. The first thing you come across is the desk monitor's station. A lot of work was done to make that possible. There is also new carpet throughout the dorm, and the deans have replaced many of the doors and put new locks on them. Along with the new carpet is a new paint job in our stairwells. Many hours were spent hand-painting the stairwells. Unfortunately, some of the railings are not holding up very well against anxious non-Seniors sliding down them constantly. The paint has transferred from the railings to certain areas of clothing. Also, the bathrooms on second, third, and fourth floors underwent a major transformation (Stop by and see them sometime!). First floor has been left in its original prehistoric state as a reminder of how things used to be. The good



old communal showers are still possible there.

Another recent improvement was made in the laundry room when the old clothes dryers were taken away and brand new ones were installed. For those students unfortunate enough to not study when they are supposed to, there is the TLC room (Teaching and Learning Center). The interior decorating class did a superb job on this addition as well as on the multi-purpose room.

Joe and Mike Threadgill are the two deans responsible for these changes, and the men of the dorm would like to thank them.

*Justin Smith*