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Ground-breaking held for new ad building



Part of the assorted group of dignitaries breaks ground for the new Campbell Administration Building

On Sunday, April 14, after a long and exciting 50th anniversary Alumni Weekend, ground was finally broken for the new administration building. During the ceremony, it was suggested that the building would be finished by the start of the 1997-98 school year and that its location would allow all of the present ad building to be used next year. Thanks to the generous and faithful giving of the alumni and friends of UCA, construction of the new building should start this summer.

Another of the many highlights of the weekend was a Sabbath morning presentation by Elder F. A. Mote, now 95, who was the conference president when the UCA property was purchased. His clear recollections left no doubt in the minds of his listeners that it was only through Divine intervention that the conference was able to buy the property and develop the school we have today.

Prospective students ponder possibilities

On Wednesday, April 10, around 170 visitors invaded UCA for Academy Day, the day they had all been waiting for to come and see our campus.

Tour groups looked in on classes, making them more interesting, and practice in the music building also became more interesting as people opened the door to watch you practice. It was a little disturbing, but for a good cause. Many people had all their classes excused so they could lead these groups of visitors on tours around campus.

All afternoon classes were excused so there could be an assembly in the gym for everyone. The band started things going by playing the school song while all the UCA students sang along. Awards for the tour contests were handed out, and various groups from around campus performed. Afterwards, students and visitors were invited to play games up on the field.

The UCA students enjoyed not having classes in the afternoon. Some went up to the field and played games while others used the much-needed time to do some homework. A few simply disappeared into their rooms and slept.

Overall, everyone seemed to enjoy Academy Day, and UCA students especially enjoyed getting out of their afternoon classes!

Seth McNeill



Steve Darmody presents a message during the Spring Week of Prayer

Steve Darmody brings spiritual high

Occasionally in our lives we have some spiritual highs--times where we know that God is in our midst. Times where we set everything aside to worship Him. While here at UCA we sometimes only go to worship services because we have no choice (unless we want free labor), but Spring Week of Prayer was not one of those times. Despite the wet feet and occasional grumbles over dressing up, the week was definitely a success.

We attended every meeting, not with the dread of another boring sermon, but rather with anticipation. We looked forward to each service because of Steve Darmody's humorous, yet moving, stories. We were impressed with his passionate words which hit close to home for many--inspiring us to take a closer look at our own spiritual lives.

I was amazed at the faith illustrated in Steve's real-life stories. I knew by the silence in the church that most students felt the same. Most students remained quiet, a bit in awe, as their eyes were riveted upon the speaker, and whispered comments were almost nonexistent. The only problem for me was that at the end of the noon services, after his powerful songs and heartfelt prayers, I was not ready to continue the routine of the day.

All in all, I have to rate the week an outstanding success, definitely the best this year. Seniors have said it was one of the best in their four years here at UCA.

Tiffany Wright

Early birds catch the sun

On the morning of April 7, 1996, a small group of faculty and students gathered together to rejoice in the victory that our Lord gained so many years ago. Songs of thanksgiving and joy were sent up to heaven that early Easter morning. Kathryn Mundall led us in an inspiring devotional. Then we split up into small groups and discussed what our lives would be like without Jesus. Finally we regrouped and shared our discoveries. As the service ended we all stood together and gazed up at the empty cross before us and once again let the Son rise in our hearts.

Heather Temple

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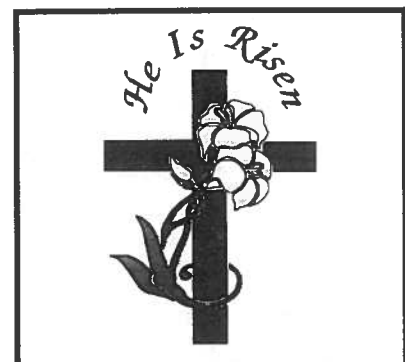
The Band, Choir, Choraliers, and keyboard students had been practicing for weeks. Faculty and students alike had been working on their hobbies to perfect them for showing. On April 6, they were ready, ready for the annual Music-A-Rama.

The Arts and Crafts Fair started at 6:30, and then at 7:30 the concert began. To start it off the choir sang four selections including "America the Beautiful," narrated by Mike Martling in Civil War regalia. Band numbers and piano solos followed and then came the 1812 Overture complete with cap guns, booming bass drum, and Mr. Martling's musket. When the smoke had cleared, Julie Kellogg and Heidi Leno played a piano duet, followed by three songs by Choraliers.

During the intermission, the audience was encouraged to view the arts and crafts displays around the gym (and perhaps purchase an item or two) before returning to their seats for more excellent piano, band, and choral music.

The evening ended with two band numbers, "Tailgate Breakaway" and "Tuba Tiger Rag," featuring the trombone and tuba sections of the band, respectively.

Gabrielle Kiele



Sleep tempts all

Have you ever looked around a classroom about half-way through the class period? If so, you probably noticed that several students had their heads down on their desks and were completely oblivious to everything going on. Why is this such a common occurrence? Students offer many reasons for sleeping through class.

The primary reason is lack of sleep. Homework, jobs, and peer counseling all keep students up late. Then, once they finally do get to bed, the noise from those who haven't can keep them up for another hour or so. To make matters worse, the few hours of sleep that they do get is often interrupted by an early-rising roommate's alarm clock or hair-dryer.

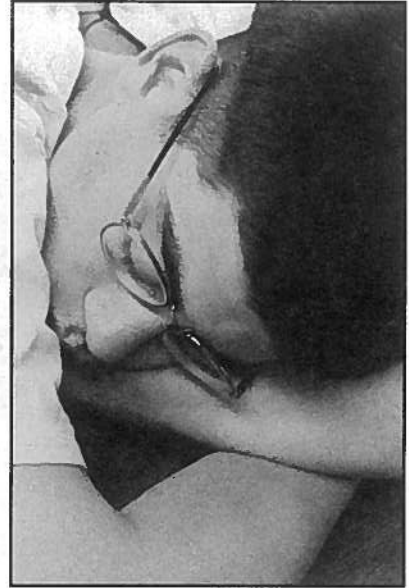
Another common reason that students sleep in class is the times that classes meet. Students especially have trouble during the 7:15 and 12:30 class periods. For most students, 7:15 is just too early. After crawling out of bed at 6:45, pulling on some clothes, inhaling a bowl of cereal, and running to class, few people are actually ready to study. The 12:30 period isn't much better, especially for those who also have a class at 11:15. The warm lunch they hurriedly ate during that brief half hour between periods tends to make them groggy by 12:45.

Of course, the students' favorite excuse is boring teachers. Who can really stay awake through someone droning on in a monotone about *laissez faire*, endoplasmic reticulum, or dangling participles? Unfortunately, while true, this excuse is often hard to use. Few teachers will accept "you're boring" as a good reason for sleeping through their class.

The final cause, though a little more rare, has occurred. Some students sleep through class just because everybody else does. Often students will stand in groups in the hall and brag to each other about how many classes they have slept through. Not to be left out, a few students who haven't slept through a class recently will put their heads down on their desks and drift off into oblivion.

Sleeping through class is a common problem with no simple solutions. Students have good reasons for doing it, just as teachers have good reasons for complaining about it. However, teachers should try to make class interesting and consider students' schedules. And students should at least *try* to stay awake. Students and teachers must work together if they ever want to solve this problem.

Melissa Tucker



Brian Flemmer falls prey to a nap during class



Cameron Cook, David Flaiz, George Miskovic, Shaun Dietrich and Chad Vercio pause in the Tower of London for a snapshot in front of Tower Bridge during this year's warm and sunny educational tour to England

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Members of the Monument Valley mission trip take a break with a spectacular backdrop

Students donate their spring break

Spring break! Most students at UCA look forward to going home. This spring break, however, ten students, the Martling's, the Paulson's, Burgess Grubbs, and Velda Hunt embarked on a mission trip to Monument Valley. Monument Valley is in Utah and Arizona. It is the home of red sandstone monuments and the Navajo nation.

The group left March 13 and drove there in a van and motor home. The trip was tiring for everyone, especially the drivers. Everyone was happy when we arrived on Thursday. Thursday was spent sleeping, hiking, and generally recuperating. Friday morning the group started their work projects with a vengeance. Some projects included painting, making bulletin boards for the hospital and cleaning hospital vehicles. Friday concluded with a hike to Keyhole and worship by Mr. Martling. Sabbath, the UCA students were in charge of Sabbath school and church because the pastor was out of town. Sabbath afternoon included the famous hike to Snake Head and Fat Man's Squeeze. Most of the group did well on the squeeze. Others...well, had more difficulty.

Sabbath ended with vespers on the sand dunes. Sunday and Monday it was back to work on projects that now included dry walling and building a sheep corral. The last project was cleaning a clinic for inspection. Tuesday was the Monument Valley tour by Dawn Carney, Mr. Martling's sister. Wednesday was spent getting stuff together to leave and sunbathing. Thursday it was off to the Grand Canyon and the long trip back to UCA--minus headlights on the motor home.

All in all, they arrived back safe and sound with many memories to share.

Jamie Lund

College days

Sunday, April 7, the seniors left UCA to spend three days at Walla Walla College. "College Days" gave the seniors a chance to experience a little college life. Sunday night when they arrived, the seniors were given their rooms in the dorms and meal tickets for the cafeteria (which serves a wide variety of food).

On Monday the seniors were allowed to sit in on classes that they were interested in taking. Also, most of the departments had small tests that could be taken if you wanted to try and win scholarships that ranged from \$100 to \$750.

Sunday and Monday night, many of the attending academies took part in the sports activities held in the gym, which included basketball and volleyball.

On Tuesday, the awards were handed out to the winners of the scholarship tests, and a slide program of all the days' activities was shown.

Afterwards the seniors packed up and returned to UCA, thinking how little time they had left as seniors.

David Perrin

All indicators point to another high enrollment for next year. Already, new applications are running ten percent ahead of last year.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND UCA NEXT YEAR, GET YOUR APPLICATION IN SOON

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Heading towards the Himalayas

With a mission to accomplish and eager anticipation, 17 students along with their sponsors met at the flagpole for a parting prayer with some friends before heading out for the Royal Kingdom of Nepal. We loaded the bus and waved goodbye to life at UCA. Two and a half weeks sure seemed like a long time to be gone, but little did we realize how fast time would fly.

Time wasn't the only thing that flew. Those of us who'd never flown and those who had billions of frequent flyer miles all got our fair share of flying.

When we finally landed in Kathmandu, Nepal, after a layover in Singapore, we were met by a major heat wave and a big culture shock. You haven't experienced driving until you've experienced the Kathmandu chaos! Those streets have everything imaginable on them--from people carrying huge quantities of stuff on their heads, animals everywhere (especially the "holy cow"), bikes, and motorcycles, to cars, trucks, buses, taxis, and roto-tiller carts. . . .and everyone uses their horns.

We spent the first week laying brick to build some new classrooms for a school. The Nepali people working with us were very friendly and tried to teach us some of their language like "Namaste," the traditional greeting. Everyday held something new like visiting a leper colony or watching a cremation, and the closing ceremony at the end of the week provided us with great amusement as Chad, Bill, and even Ms. McGuire attempted to join in their dances.

That weekend we stayed at a hotel outside Kathmandu that had a beautiful view of the Himalayas. Sabbath we hiked for an hour to have church with the kids at the first and only Adventist school in Nepal. It's a boarding school for grades 1-4.

For the next several days we



Wearing their ADRA shirts, Team Nepal gathers on the steps of an old shoe factory where they helped build Nepal's first open-heart surgery center

worked on the first open-heart surgery center in the whole country. Pouring the cement floor was a real bummer because the cement had to be passed from person to person in metal pans. It took forever and was basically just boring. On our last day of work, we had an extra bonus when we were able to quit several hours early because we ran out of block.

Thursday morning we got up at 4:30 and went rafting. It was beautiful weather and we had a lot of fun. When we stopped for lunch, several adventure seekers jumped from cliffs to the waiting water below. After rafting we drove on to Tiger Tops resort, where they gave us a cultural performance, showing us several of their dances.

The next morning was filled with volleyball, soccer with the Nepali kids, and adventure with the horses. At noon we left for a place where we rode elephants. We rode them for 2 hours through the bush and saw rhinos and other animals. Then we camped and experienced scorpions and giant spiders.

Sabbath morning we took

another 2-hour safari on the elephants to see more wildlife, and after an elephant demonstration, in which we all got to climb up the elephant's trunk, we had a church service led by Keith Jacobson. Then we hiked back to the main resort and drove back to our hotel in Kathmandu.

Sunday we flew out of Nepal and went to Singapore where we spent the night at missionaries' apartments. The next day we rode the subway and went to Sentosa, an island right off Singapore. It was beautiful with palm trees, white beaches, and American food.

The flight back didn't seem to take as long because everyone had their own screen at each seat with 22 movie channels and 12 video games. Finally the announcement came that we were beginning our descent to San Francisco. Oh, what joyous words! America the beautiful. We were home with lots of great memories and a sense of accomplishment. We'd learned a lot and had a great time.

Rachel Jenks

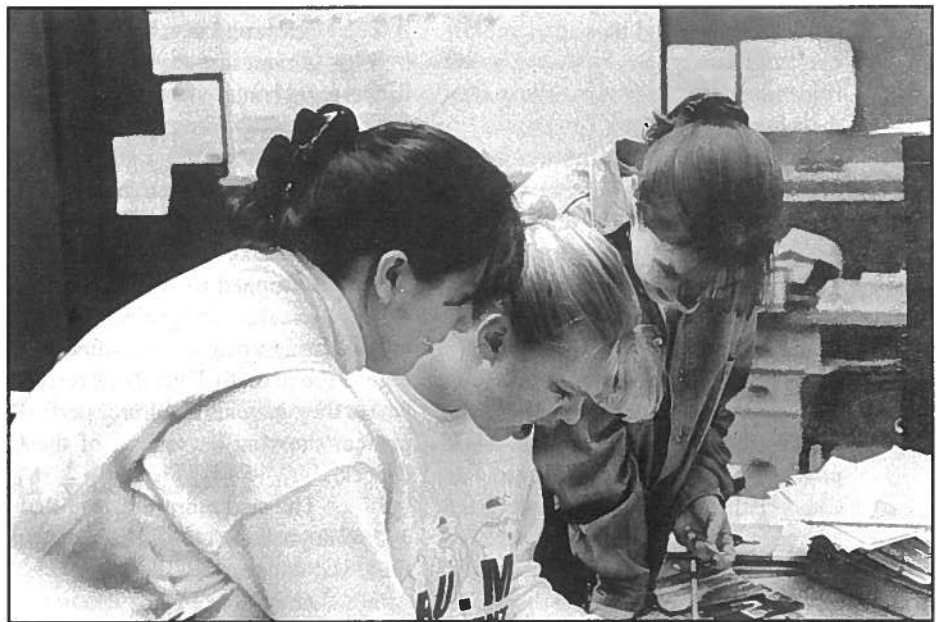
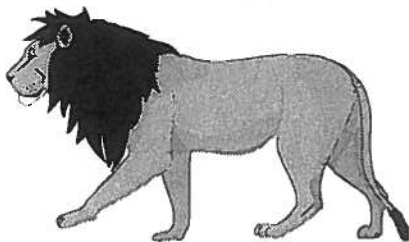
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