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Valentine's Banquet Beckons Again

Banquets. Why do we have them? The purpose of having a banquet is to add variety and fun to our lives. UCA would get a little boring with nothing going on but rec., classes, and study hall. Banquets are a fun time when we can show that special person how much we really care. We have time to practice our social skills and have fun with our friends. The entertainment for a banquet is always enjoyable: people sing songs and play their instruments. One of the most fun things about a banquet is that the girls and guys get to dress up in clothes that are only worn for special occasions.

The rumors about this year's Valentine's Banquet being something different turned out to be true. The ASB transformed the cafeteria into an "Old Time Country Fair." Game and food booths lined the walls and were operated by staff in old-time costumes. Cotton candy and caramel apples seemed to be the "foods" of choice, and the old-time photographs were a real hit. To follow tradition, however, a highly-intellectual video was shown at the gym to wrap up the evening's activities.

The Valentine's Banquet certainly added variety and fun to our lives this year.

Michelle Harris



LeRoy sidles up to "the Oasis" for some refreshment from Mr. and Mrs. Paulson. The dignified mens' staff quartet astounds all listeners at the amazing ASB Valentine's Banquet.

*Turn away my eyes from looking at
worthless things*

Psalm 119:37

Work, Work, Work

All students' families have to pay a school bill here at UCA. Many students help their families by working at on-campus jobs. There are many different jobs that the school has to offer a student. Some of these include being secretaries, readers, janitors, librarians, and resident assistants. Students can also work in the gym, for maintenance and grounds, in the dorms as desk workers, and in the cafeteria. Some jobs require some qualifications before starting, but most are on a work-learn basis.

Most students enjoy their place of work, and working does more than put credit on the bill. Many students learn different jobs or skills that they may not have had the chance to learn before coming to UCA. Some have found that what they learn on the job here helps down the road after they have left UCA.

Eric Bordeaux

Seniors Finally Recognized

January 28-29 was the weekend of Senior Recognition. The campus here at UCA was full of parents, friends and other family members of the class of '94.

On Friday night there was a Consecration Service over at the church. People started getting there around 7:00. By the time it started, there were barely any seats left. The consecration message was delivered by Pastor Shane Dresen. He spoke about great people. It seemed that he believed that there were many great people in the class of '94!

For church on Sabbath there was a Recognition Worship Service. The church was once again full. The worship message was given by Ginger Pifher's father, Elder Gordon Pifher. He also had a good message for us. He told us that in God's hands we had unlimited potential.

That night at 7:00, there was the "Senior Star Search" talent show up in the gym. Pastor Meidinger was the emcee. Everyone that had a part in the show did a splendid job. Each of the seniors has a unique and special talent.

Stacey Allgood



As part of her work program, Paula Kildal expertly handles things behind the scenes in the cafeteria

Many Reckon Dating Not Disastrous

Campus romance is more complicated than other romances. When you're officially dating, you see each other all the time; and when you break up, you still see each other all the time! The only way to avoid the pain is to remain friends.

I asked several people if they thought there should be steady dating on campus or if we should all just stay friends. Not so surprisingly, all said there should be campus dating.

Here are some of their answers.

Mrs. Gee--There should be some dating because it is a learning process.

Mrs. Pascoe--By the ages of 17 and 18 the kids need to learn to relate outside of their group of friends.

Roland G. and Matt T.--Yes, because it will bring us closer to a Christian relationship with the opposite sex.

Mr. Martling--Yes, because in order to know what you want in a life-long partner, you need the experience of dating.

Sarah C.--Yes, because it's important that you learn what you want in your future spouse.

Ms. Perry--It's o.k. to date someone as long as it doesn't get too serious, and it's always a good idea to remain friends. It's important to develop close friendships before serious relationships.

Vashti M.--Yes, because it's good for us, and we need the experience.

As you can tell, this subject seems pretty open and shut. There definitely should be dating on campus.

Lori Robinson



Matt Knorr, Ryan Rudd, Tim Hanson, and Patrick McMackin show considerable theatrical ability while out collecting food for Spokane shelters

They'll Grow Out of It

Late night activities in the boys' dormitory (men's residence hall) include more than your average short sheeting, cold showers, arm wrestling competitions, nintendo tournaments, and resetting of alarm clocks. Yes, those late nights also find boys expressing wild and crazy pent-up emotions from too many all nighters, late night munching binges and obnoxious tension exertions. Some of these activities can have long-term effects not thought of before hand. When asked why they chose this form of expression, no-one had a really straight-forward answer. Answers included "Other's are doing it," "It looked like fun," and "I don't know. Just to try something new."

So if you are wondering what the current hair trend for guys is at U.C.A., just look around the guys' dorm and decide for yourself.

Lori McCain

Students Turn Missionaries

The people that went to Mexico had many ideas about what might happen. Lori Robinson said, "We will have a flat tire, and Mr. Peach will be arrested by the Mexican police."

Another idea was that they would get stuck in Mexico and not be able to return for a while. D'Arcy S. said that he was excited about going and building a church for people who are less fortunate then we are. Of all the people I talked to, most were looking forward to going. They anticipated a lot of hard work, but also the fulfillment of helping people get a desperately-needed church. Some thought they might even win a few converts for the church while they were there.

What is involved in going to Mexico? It is most important is to take God with you anywhere you go. Vaccinations were also needed. The international traveler also needed the Mexico Entrance Form and birth certificate, or passport. Canadians needed an I-20 to get into Mexico. Raising money was another item on the list of things that needed to be done before departure. The minimum amount needed to be raised by one person was \$100. To get the money, many wrote to friends, relatives and people in the church asking for a contribution. Other necessary items included a ton of deodorant and toothpaste and a least four suitcases full of clean clothes (just to make Mr. Peach really happy).

Was it all worth it? Find out in the next issue of the Echoes!

Laura Maxson

Driven to ReachOut

The day was bright, sunny, and, as usual, very cold--anything like the moods of the students from U.C.A.? From observations made and comments overheard, the answer is definitely "no". But, of course, there are always those few who choose to complain about everything.

The community service day is just another way the faculty of Upper Columbia Academy has chosen for the students to reach out in love. Non-verbal or verbal, it is all the same: we are letting people know we care.

The students are given options on which community outreach they attend. This way they are able to be with their friends and are sure to do their best at the job.

Mrs. Torkelsen spends many hours trying to find enough jobs for everyone to participate in. Just a few from her huge list are:

Hospice: The students who went were raising money for cancer victims by helping with the bulk mailing of letters.

Ronald McDonald House: Mrs. Torkelsen calls this "Project Humpty Dumpty." Students cleaned and pieced together toys for children.

Adopt-a-Highway: For this outreach, students stayed in our "home" community to clean up the town of Spangle.

Walk in the Wild Zoo: Many of the students going cleaned out animal stalls and cleaned up the grounds, basically doing odd jobs.

These are just a few of the many outreach programs that we can choose from and spend our Sunday doing. Overall, many of the students spoken to said they would much rather do outreach activities than school work.

Brynn Maish

Skipping School Justified

Here we go again, skipping out on school. February 3, 1994 was the annual school function that gets everybody a little excited. There were two activities that took place. First, for those die-hard skiers, there was Silver Mountain. For them rising time was early and breakfast was at 5:45 a.m. They left the school at 6:25 a.m. to make their way up to the mountain, that at this time of year could determine their fate because of the lack of snow and the abundance of ice.

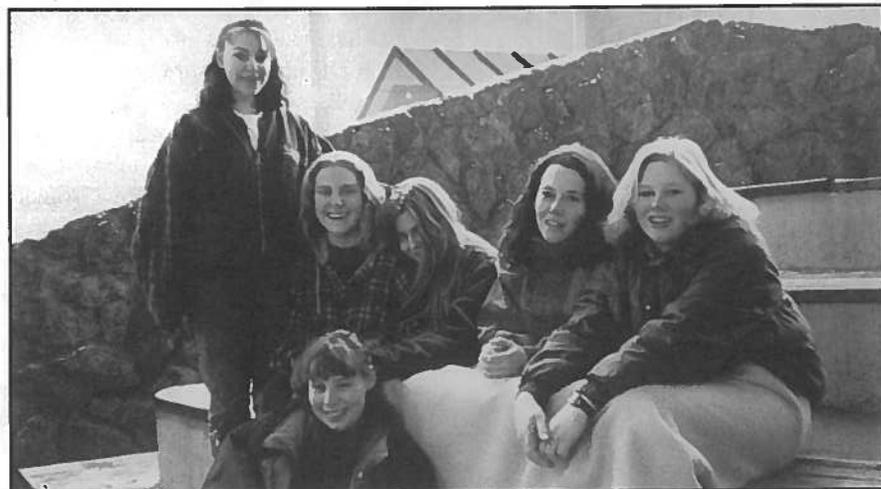
The other activity was the easier way to spend your skip day: the mall. Everyone enjoyed a hearty breakfast at 8:30 a.m. in the cafe and then loaded on to buses at 9:15 a.m. They spent a few successful hours at the mall and then jumped on the bus for another activity at the YMCA. They were there from 1:00 - 3:30. Some enjoyed basketball, swimming, racquetball, and many more sport activities. The cost for the YMCA was generously covered by ASB. Ice skating, another option, cost extra. Once the buses were loaded for the last time at 3:30, all made their way back to the cafe for supper.

Now that all is said and done, I think I can safely say that every one enjoyed themselves at whatever they chose to do and would be glad to skip school any day.

Jaime Schultz



Mr. McFeeters shows how it's done!



Waiting out the cold on Winter Campus Day

Chef Spices it Up

For two weeks in January, students in the cafeteria were met with the sight of a big, tall man in a white chef outfit--hat and all! Questions floated around the dining room as students tried to explain the reason for his being on our campus.

Joseph House, better known as "Chef Joe," bases his home in Palm Springs. He is an Executive Chef for Health Systems West. He travels to our Adventist hospitals and schools, consults with the cooks, and introduces them to new ideas and ways of cooking.

Chef Joe has had some interesting experiences in his life. He has studied culinary skills in Japan, China, and South America. He also helped feed the athletes and officials at the 1984 TransAmerican Olympics. He taught at Pamona, New Jersey, for two years and, to top it off, has been a country-western singer!!

He said he was here to show kitchen workers how to enhance flavors, to upgrade cooking techniques, and to share new recipes. He told faculty members he liked the students, and he complimented our school by saying he thought it was well-disciplined. The students enjoyed the variety he brought to the meals, and the cooks appreciated the help and learned a lot.

Annalisa Torkelsen

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Community Leaders Sample Vege-Cuisine

The evening of Tuesday, January 18, 1994, found many U.C.A. students and faculty working together making last minute preparations for the Business Banquet that was to be held that evening at 6:30 in the loft of the school gym.

Many were invited to the school for an Italian dinner and some entertainment in hopes of making better relations with the community and townspeople.

Entertainment was provided by the Sax Quartet, the Flute Ensemble, and the Choraliers. Special performances were given by Rachel Walter on the marimba and Heidi Ham on the harp.

A slide presentation showing what Upper Columbia Academy has done for the surrounding communities was shown after the meal. Guests were invited to share other needs that they thought the school could meet.

Approximately 25 community members attended the banquet. Representatives from the Harvester, Bill's Service Inc., and the antique store were present along with a local artist and local politicians.

When asked if the banquet was considered successful, many commented that it was more than successful, that it was a very good opportunity to reveal a little of the Christ-like love that is so greatly emphasised here at Upper Columbia Academy.

Sarah Duke

Varsity Strikes Again

Varsity at U.C.A is the best of the best. It is the students that can play harder better than anyone else who chooses to play. They know Bo.

The 1993-1994 Upper Columbia Academy Varsity Basketball Team are well on their way to the NBA. They have defeated teams such as Spokane Valley, NPUC Pastors, WWC, and the '93 Seniors--teams they never thought they would be able to defeat. With strong players, they hurdle over their opponents. With a record of 9-2, this has been the best year ever at U.C.A. Of the two losses, one was to a team that had two players who used to play for the NBA, and the other was a team from Yakima with outstanding players. They lost by only a few points. Coach John Soule says, "This has been the best basketball team that I have ever coached here at U.C.A. because no one wants to be the hot shot. The team wants everyone to be the hotshot and to work together, and that's the only way we win." As they wind down to their final games, the team can be pleased that they have done extraordinarily well. So as the season comes to an end, come out and enjoy the few games left.

Jon Beitz

Varsity Game Schedule

March 12--UCA vs WWC--6:30pm
March 13--UCA vs Wenatchee--6:30pm
March 27--UCA vs Troy, ID--6:30pm
April 3--UCA vs Brewster--6:00pm
April 9--UCA vs Alumni--9:00pm

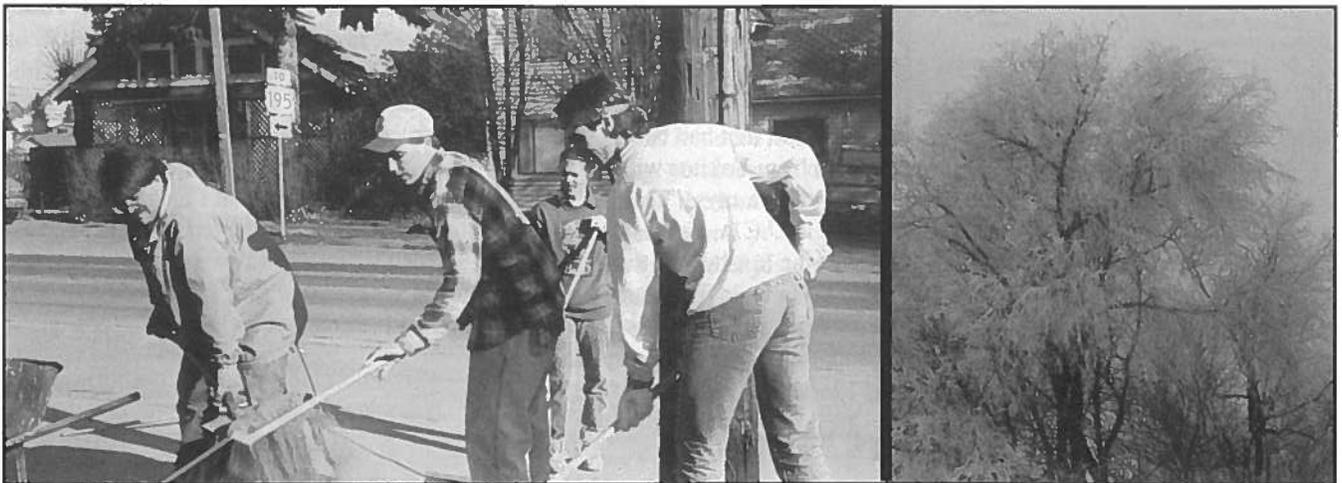


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I woke up this morning with the sun shining in the window of my dorm room. "What a beautiful day," I thought as I crawled out of bed, eager to start the new day. I believe that this unusual winter weather has had a major effect on us. The sun shining as if it were the middle of spring and the robins already coming back from their long flight south tend to give us a positive attitude.

But is this weather all for the good? Farmers around this area have been quite worried. Buds are already swelling from the warmth, but a cold spell could freeze them and destroy the crops. The young plants had no insulating layer of snow to protect them from the cold. And, sure enough, before the snow came over homeleave, we had subzero temperatures.

Because of the rain last summer, many are predicting a hot, dry summer this year which would only complicate things all the more for the area's farmers.

There are good points and bad points to this weather when compared to last year's blizzard. But God knows best. So although we can't change the weather, we should make the best of what we are given and have a positive attitude.

Melissa Harris