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Seniors practicing survival techniques?

We survived survival

Senior Survival is not an easy thing to describe. I consider being part of the class of '95 an honor. But it wasn't until senior survival that I could have said that. Some of my classmates I had known for years, others I had known for only a few weeks, and some I hadn't even met. But by the time senior survival was over, I felt as if I had known all my classmates for most of my life.

I felt honored when people asked me to catch them as they participated in the Trust Fall. I felt honored when my class asked me for advice on the initiative problems. I felt honored to have my class lift me over "the wall". I felt honored as I swung across the creek on a rope, knowing my class was ready to catch me on the other side.

Through all the laughter, tears, and many memories made, our class couldn't help but bond. We roamed the forest together looking for edible plants. Some of us were even brave enough to taste one or two of Rocky's "gourmet crickets"! We learned how to use a compass and survive a plane crash. We built shelters from the "storm". We built fires to keep us warm when the "blizzard" came.

We found ourselves in many situations where unity, leadership, and compassion were the only things that could hold us back from "death". We learned to trust, but most important, we learned how to be trustworthy.

We brought ourselves to survival somewhat anxious, somewhat withdrawn. But as the days passed, our hearts began to open like a rose beginning to bloom. The last night several seniors shared their feelings toward our class and the goals they wanted us to achieve. Jennifer Wikoff summed up the last night in two words, "God talked". Many of us were able to remove the stumbling blocks in our lives and walk away from there changed.

My prayer for our class is that it won't end here . . . I hope that I can count on you to "catch" me when I fall and help me break down the "walls" in my life. And I hope that if my plane really does crash or if I am caught in a blizzard, that it will be with you . . .

Junelle A. Pellow

Prayerful introspection

Fall week of prayer is a week of prayerful meditation for which students rush from class and in to their rooms during a 5 minute window of time in which they are to change into Sabbath dress and arrive at the meeting on time. This was soon found to be worth while, for Keith Jacobson from Redding, California, was the featured speaker of the week.

Mr. Jacobson left behind sunny California, his family, and his home church to instruct the youthful minds of UCA students. Instruct them so they could learn how to serve Christ in an important and enthusiastic way. The speaker drove his points home by pounding on the pulpit, raising and lowering his voice, standing in a garbage can, and preparing and serving an omelet to a lucky few in the audience. For an entire week, students came from the meetings into class with a blessing from what they had heard.

It was easy to observe that the students were actually interested in this week of prayerful introspection.

Zach Mason

*Don't conform to the
patterns of this world, but
continually renew your mind
by focusing on the Lord
Jesus Christ, letting Him
transform you from the
inside out.*

Romans 12:2

Class disorganization?

Was it class organization or was it really class disorganization? It seemed that there was a lot of confusion and disorganized activity during the announcement of class officers. The Seniors, for instance, were not able to calm the class spirit enough to go out and announce their officers, and they seemed to have a little trouble leaping triumphantly through the paper barriers.

There was a roar of voices for every class. There was enthusiasm at every turn. Everyone seemed to be excited and pleased about their officers. The program was long and, at some points, difficult to sit through, but almost everyone went to the dorms fairly satisfied.

With the Freshmen's strobe lights and basketballs flying, Sarah Reiswig made her debut as president. All the Sophomores ran from the F.B.I. We all saw what kind of class they really were! When we saw the Juniors' emmy nominations and winners, we were all awed. But the Senior class clearly came out on top. With mad yelling and screaming and then the organized chant of "95, 95, 95" reverberating around the gym, it was an excellent time to be a Senior.

Justin Smith (a Senior)

The seams of the gym's metal roof have been sealed and the whole surface has been coated with a miracle product guaranteed to stop it leaking. Will the annual tradition of reflooring the gym because of water damage really come to an end?



Mrs. Pascoe

Mrs. Pascoe now lives in Portland, Oregon, where her husband, Bryce, has been transferred to the North Pacific Union Conference to hold the position of Secretary. At this writing, Mrs. Pascoe is looking for a new position.

As a student body we will miss her.

Rosi Brower

Prices driven out of bounds

What had been a promising outlook for Varsity Golf has turned grim. First round talks with Qualchan Golf Course established prices at \$320 for a thirty-round punch card for any age. That price was steep, but manageable.

Second round talks with Qualchan brought even more disheartening news. Qualchan raised the price to \$560 for a thirty-round punch card for people eighteen and older. Luckily, the majority of the people trying out for the golf team are 17 and younger. People seventeen and younger will have to pay only \$10 per round.

For all the students eagerly awaiting the start of Varsity Golf, this is a major set back. The final decision on which course Varsity Golf will be playing and at what prices should be made by the end of October. Group tryouts will be held, but a date has not been determined.

Matt Evans

Mrs. Pascoe heads west

It was a sad day as Mrs. Pascoe completed her last hours of employment here on campus.

During her eight years at UCA as Registrar, her responsibilities included keeping an accurate record of grades, making sure the students had enough credits to graduate, and organizing registration day. Unofficially, she served as a counselor, confidant and friend to the students.

When asked if she enjoyed her time here she said, "I loved it. " Her best memory will be "friendships that I have formed from working with the people here."



The crowd of Mud Bowl participants who enjoyed a little clean fun

Let's get together

Would you like to improve your relationship with God or spend an evening singing, sharing and getting to know new people? That is what brought about Connections at Upper Columbia Academy.

Connections is a praise and fellowship group that meets every Thursday night. The student leaders have been an inspiration to their peers. They have led out in unique faith and friendship- building activities.

This year, Connections has brought several individuals closer to each other as well as to God. If you were to visit Connections you would be met with an abundance of love and smiles. The leaders continue to plan activities which they hope will bring the students closer to both God and each other.

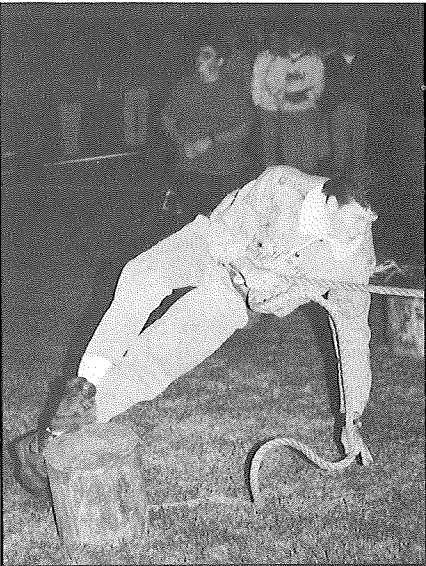
Another opportunity for fellowship on campus is Afterglow. Afterglow is held after Friday night vespers and it is for students who want to spend time praising God through song and prayer.

If you want a way to get closer with God, just start looking around. Upper Columbia Academy has doors opening everywhere.

Jennifer Wikoff

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Lumberjack Charley takes a fall

MESSING around with the guys

A dark brown form rises out of the mud, groping for something solid. Slime oozing from every crevice, the body slowly takes a humanoid shape. No, it's not the opening scene to a B-rated movie. It was a common occurrence at the Boys' Club second annual Mud Bowl on October 9. Nobody who went near the playing field came away totally clean.

The Mud Bowl, one of many Boys' Club activities, started a little after 11:00 Sunday morning. It was a big event for the guys; over forty of them played. With twenty-two on the field at a time, it became soggy really fast. There were a few scrapes and bruises, but everyone seemed to have a great time. The hardest part was cleaning up. Mud was caked in the hair, all over the body, even in the ears.

The first activity this year was a lot cleaner: seventy dorm students went to the Spokane County Fair. The men's dean, Joe Threadgill, says that with the good behavior, teamwork, and attitude there will be a lot more big activities. It never could have happened without the good reputation that has grown over the last year and the help of the faculty, dorm council, and volunteers.

A few of the activities charted for this year are a chess tournament, Lumber Jack Week, and Week of Stuff. Some activities will be improved versions of last year's (because of experience) and some will be totally new. Lumber Jack Week, October 16-21, was a new activity, including events such as the Log Chop, the Axe Throw, and the Log Roll.

The deans and dorm council have many things planned for this year. The guys believe this year will be even better than last year.

-Philip Cromwell

1994-1995 Class Officers				
	Freshmen	Sophomores	Juniors	Seniors
President	Sarah Reiswig	Roland Girdharry	Jeremy Griffin	Kiff Christensen
Vice President	Jaron Sue	Lindy Renck	Walter Klein	James Edwards
Secretary	Debra Matson	Paula Kildal	Bethany Smith	Jana Cramer
Treasurer	Derrick Schimke	Amelia Magnuson	Jonathan Sue	Tyler St. Clair
Chaplain	Joel Mundall	Amity Pipkin	Carrie Mastronarde	Roni Sue Scott
Pianist	Mark Janke	Rachel Jenks	Brooke Flaiz	Rachel Walter
Chorister	Victoria Kildal	Amanda McCoy	Shannon Bowerman	Elisa Speno
Sergeant-at-Arms	Daena Castaneda	Benjie Maxson	Jennifer Wagner	Joe Ross
Boys' Sports Coordinator	Patrick McGee	Karl Meidinger	David Fischer	Jared Lange
Girls' Sports Coordinator	Stephanie Christensen	Catherine McMackin	Emily Bonden	Stephanie Reitz

Desperately seeking . . . lines

Dark shapes flit behind the curtain, the audience whispers distractedly as a lone actor stands, center stage, desperately, desperately seeking . . . his lines. The audience sighs with relief as he finds them. Another sweeping finish for UCA's drama club.

This year the drama club has a troupe of 25. The directors are Patricia Smith and Charissa Craw. Their first performance will be on November 9. The drama club has a lot of exciting skits and plays planned for this year. Besides school related programs, the drama club will be doing church services for area churches.

The general consensus of the team is that drama is a unique witnessing tool. Drama member Becky Quiring said, "I think drama brings Christianity into a different perspective." Drama members also had a few negative comments. Their biggest complaint was about the skits themselves. They felt that in several of the skits the moral was too vague.

Things the drama club would like to see in the future are more unity, temperance skits, and, hopefully, a musical production. Most of the drama team agreed; it is going to be a great year.

Sarah Holmes

The peril of passing notes

Have you ever wondered why people write notes to each other during class? Well, neither have I, but the person who assigned this story to me apparently did, so I will attempt to delve deeply into the baffling subjects of notes.

I think the bottom line here is that people are bored, so they pass notes in a harmless attempt to break free from the bonds of monotony. Some teachers might argue that notes disrupt the class, but after diligently studying this subject I have come to the conclusion that passing notes is a lot quieter than talking out loud. And it's fun. And you know U.C.A. people need all the excitement they can get considering that they live in the middle of a bunch of wheat fields and could slip into a serious coma as a result of boredom.

But there is a darker, more sinister side to passing notes, and that's when a teacher with a twisted sense of humor will snickeringly intercept one and proceed to read it out loud to the entire class! The agony. The humiliation--especially since notes are always TOP SECRET, dangerously classified stuff and are probably none of the teacher's business anyway. So if you're going to pass notes in class, remember to be subtle, sneaky, and smart.

Rosemary Casareale

Dorm annoyances

Whether it's people running through the halls or deans that always give you a bad time, there is always some kind of dorm annoyance. We asked a few people what some of their frustrations were . . .

Whiny neighbors (Kim Hanoski); Scalding showers (Jill Lamberton); Lights Out (Nate Porch); When you're playing your radio and the deans knock on your door for room check (Carrie Bosse); Telephone lines (Jennifer Wagner); When the candy machine is broken (Travis McClintock); Door slamming (Lou Ann Munson); People who are loud in the halls (Kiff Christensen)

If these are some of your problems and frustrations too, don't worry, you're not alone! Some suggestions for surviving these annoyances are: be considerate of others, go village or live for the open weekends.

Alisa Bowker

Cavemen seek fame

A long time ago, so we're told, cavemen drew on walls. They couldn't talk that much so they drew huge monsters eating their friend Grog. Egyptians chiseled symbols in stone about their victories in battle. Now the Neanderthals have returned to U.C.A.

Writing appears on more than just book pages. Walls, shelves, doors, floors, stall walls, and desks are a few of the unauthorized stationaries used. The initials of people too scared to write their full names, who loves who, which class rules, and other entertaining phrases are the majority of the inscriptions found. Some give us a little history, showing that people several years ago thought the same way students do now. One relic recently discovered was written by one of the men's deans. In black, graphic detail, the words inscribed read, "Mike Threadgill, 87". In Mr. Peach's history class the bulletin board has become a communal stationary pad. Students say that it adds personality to the campus and gives a few ideas to ponder.

Some thought must be given to where and what is written. Some places are scarred by careless writing that a lot of the students don't appreciate. The people that write obscenities are not respecting the rights of others. Sometimes it's not even obscene, but whatever is written or drawn can ruin the setting. Bathroom stalls don't add that much of a view, but they don't have to be "decorated".

The men and ladies of U.C.A. wish that everyone could share the same pride for their school.

Broc Finkbiner

Ted Dunker, a host and programmer for KGTS in College Place, held a seminar in the gym loft for KUCA volunteers and other students interested in broadcasting.

About 15 students showed up to enjoy refreshments, win prizes, and learn broadcasting techniques.

Music building Getting out of the old filled to bursting

Attention, Ladies and Gentlemen! Welcome to UCA Tours. Today we are exploring the Music building. We'll start with the first floor where we are greeted by the band director, Mr. Lange. On his first year of employment at UCA, the band numbered a grand total of 17 out of 325 students. Today, 26 years later, the band totals 90 members in a student body of roughly 320. When asked if they were crowded in the practice room, Mr. Lange smiled and said, "We manage!"

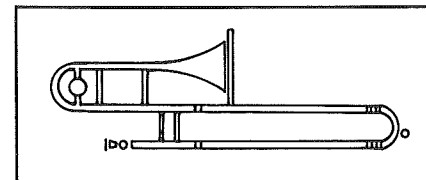
In addition to the band there are several music ensembles. The Brass Choir, Brass Quintet, Flute Ensemble, Sax Quintet, and Trumpet Trio are made up of about 28 of the 90 band members. Mr. Lange also gives individual private lessons.

The second floor of the building houses a collection of practice rooms, the monitor's desk, and Mrs. Anderson's room. The keyboard/piano teacher has 68 students taking lessons this year, with a wide variety of skill levels. And, of course, her ever-present jar of lemon drops marks her as a favorite among students.

If all you play is the radio, but you love to sing, the third floor is the place for you. Choir, Choraliers, and private voice lessons are taught by Ms. Swigart who commented on the size of the choir this year. "We have about 65 people this year; that's the most we've ever had." She also teaches private voice lessons to about 26 people.

In all, about 8 concerts are planned, as well as several tours. "It's going to be a good year." Mr. Lange commented, "We're looking forward to it."

Sarah Artz



Oftentimes students are so busy with their classes, work, instrument lessons, and whatever else it is that they load onto their schedules that they sometimes don't really realize what is going on around them. They go through their day worrying about tests, friends, and the lack of time they have to get everything done. Some go to recreation period in the evening, come back to worship in the dorms, and, eventually, retire to their beds or their desks to do some studying. It's the same routine day after day, week after week.

It's quite a relief when Wednesday evening comes along and joint worship is held in the gym. Most students look forward to this assembly because it gives them a chance to get out of the old boring cycle that so many fall into. It serves as a breath of fresh air to have these fun meetings. Who can complain when you have activities like the U.C.A. Dating Game and the ever-so-popular Knowledge Bowl? They are enjoyed because they involve the students.

It's nice to see the student body enjoying the same thing and giving the deserved attention to our Creator.

Sarah Syth

Sit down, you're rocking the boat

It seems now days that couples are very much like a daily newspaper: they come and go on a day-to-day basis. They never seem to stay long enough to read, and they have something or somebody new everyday.

For example, Sally was "going" with Harry on Thursday and when asked on Monday how she and Harry were, she looked appalled and said, "I've gone with Bill and Tony since then, and right now I'm going with Bob, but who knows how long we're going to last."

Relationships are not being taken seriously. They either need to stay friends or not have a relationship at all. When asked what they thought about couples on campus, most people thought that going on little dates and getting to know everyone would be the best idea. They thought that too many people took relationships too seriously and that you need to have fun during your high school years.

If you want to go steady, the advice from all the Upper Columbia Academy students that I've talked to is: get to know the person and date them for a month or so before embarking on a long relationship. Then you'll know what you're getting into before you get in too deep and have to bail out.

Angel Cox

Sports take off

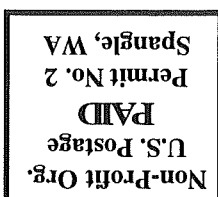
Sports have taken off with a bang this year with two new tournaments and a great varsity program.

Two new additions to the sports program are Nickel Night and Ladder Tournaments. Nickel Night is on Wednesday nights after joint worship. The winner of the night's events receives a five dollar bill for winning and the cash goes in the pocket. When you go to Nickel Night, watch out for Bill Hendricks, who has already won twice this year. Ladder Tournaments consist of three-on-three basketball and volleyball, doubles badminton, and singles tennis. The tournaments will last until the end of the semester when a winner will be decided in each category.

The varsity football season started with the team winning its first two games. Coach Soule says the team is doing very well and he is proud of them. Girls' varsity volleyball has changed its season to fall this year. Heidi Threadgill has taken over the coaching position and seems to be doing a fine job with the team.

With football and volleyball off to a good start this fall, it looks like Rec. and Varsity sports may be more enjoyable for everyone this year.

Vashti Munson



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Name game

Waves of people encompass us all day long--a mass of unique individuals with their own identity. For convenience each one is labeled at birth. They are given a name.

The heavy burden to label these individuals is placed upon the parents. They are given the responsibility to name their offspring. It is fairly easy to tell what names were popular at a given time period (There might be a lot of Mary's of the same age). It is also pretty easy to see which parents were creative. Unique names that were pretty obviously made up seem to pop up now and then. The worst names are those that inevitably lead to teasing.

Here at Upper Columbia Academy there is a wide variety of names. There are common names, unique names, fancy names, and more and more names. At last count there were five Mathews, six Jennifers, six Jeremys, six Jasons, and twelve Sarahs.

To complicate things even more, spelling has to be considered.

Does Sarah have an "h" or not? Is it Tricia or Trisha?

Some names are passed down in the family or come from other interesting sources. One such case is a Senior girl who is named after a queen in the Bible who was dethroned because she stood up for her principles. When asked how she felt about her name, Vashti said she wore it proudly!

No matter what we happen to be called, we must remember one important thing, GOD LOVES US!

Kambra Buell

Senior Class Officers

