

echoes

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Lights, camera ... audition

The Amateur Hour Auditions held Tuesday night, October 9, were a success. Out of the 28 acts that auditioned, 16 will perform in the November 10 Men's Club Amateur Hour.

According to Dean Scribner, the amount of procrastination and nervousness can make or break an audition. If there has been too much procrastination, the performers won't be ready and nervousness will increase. Everyone knows that the performers will always be nervous but if they have practiced enough to feel comfortable with their script or composition, the pain will be reduced.

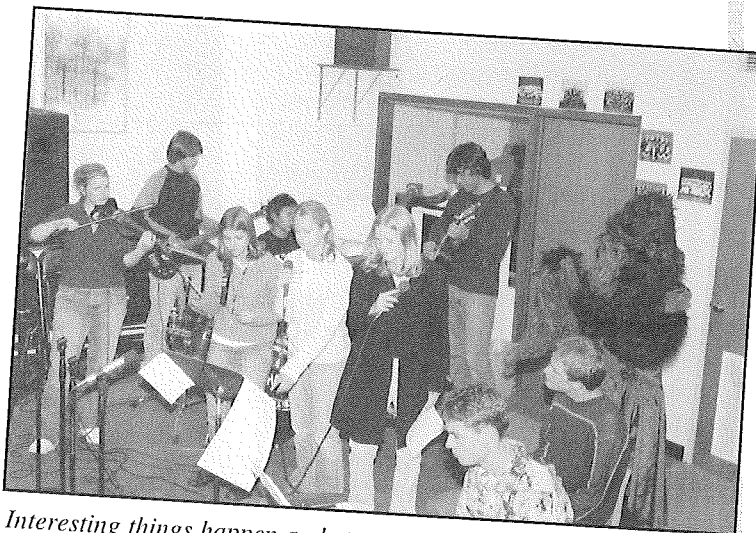
The auditions committee, which consisted of the men's club officers, deans and music department faculty, did take into consideration the fact that many students were just recovering from being sick and hadn't had the chance to quite feel their best yet.

Normally four acts are chosen from each of the four categories that are included in the program. The categories are instrumental, vocal, piano and skit/novelty. Lip-synching is not an option, and let's just hope that no group is daring enough to attempt N' Sync.

Naomi Daniell

*The Lord is my light and
my salvation; whom
shall I fear? The Lord
is the strength of my
life; of whom shall I be
afraid?*

Psalms 27:1



Interesting things happen and strange life-forms appear in the choir room for Amateur Hour auditions

Down by the riverside

Rivers are always appealing. Cool mountain water is so very inviting on a hot summer day. But as the senior class of Upper Columbia Academy headed to the water's edge, the purpose was not to play in the water.

Laura Wade stepped into the freezing water, making the decision to recommit her life to God. Pastor Paul and Pastor Fred were close behind her. Laura said, "Even though the water was cold, I didn't feel it at all when I went under. Instead I felt a release of the weight I'd been carrying for so long."

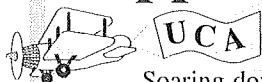
This exciting event happened on September 14, 2001. Soon after, on September 22, 2001, another baptism occurred at the Bowl and Pitcher on the Spokane River. This was the baptism of Julie Cain. The forecast was for clouds and rain, but the sun shone bright and clear.

Two buses from Upper Columbia Academy went to the Bowl and Pitcher where Pastor Cain re-baptized his daughter in the crystal clear water. Pastor Cain said, "In my senior year I rededicated my life to God and was re-baptized. That was a great day. But this day was even greater. My daughter in her senior year rededicated her life to God and I had the privilege of re-baptizing her."

These two baptisms, both by the riverside, gave us a good start for the 2001 school year. The many smiling faces of friends warmed the chilling waters of the rivers.

Julie Cain

Pancake flippin' fly-in



Soaring down from the sky the pilots came, one after another for UCA's 2nd annual pancake feed fly-in.

On October 7, UCA hosted its second annual pancake feed fly-in. The fly-in was originally designed to promote UCA's aviation course started by Chuck Paulson two years ago. It gives students a jump start on getting their pilot certification.

Around 8 a.m. on this cool, blustery morning the planes began to arrive. One by one they came: Champs, Beachcraft Bonanzas, Pipers, Cessnas, Great Lakes, experimental Amphibias, and Stearmans. In all, 15 planes and approximately 45 pilots and guests showed up for the fly-in. They came from all over the place, traveling from Tri-Cities, Walla Walla, Athol, Spokane, and Deer Park.

The entire student body of UCA was invited to the fly-in. After enjoying a filling breakfast of pancakes, cinnamon rolls, and hot chocolate on the baseball field approximately 45 students meandered their way down to the airstrip to look at the planes and talk to the pilots. "The fly-in gave the students a chance to look at different job opportunities in the aviation industry," said Chuck Paulson.

One lucky student, Ashley Anthony, a former aviation student with a strong interest in the aviation field, actually got to ride in one of these planes. Once in the air the pilot allowed her to fly the plane for nearly half an hour. When asked how she benefited from the fly-in, Ashley commented that she "got hooked," and "it was a blast."

The fly-in is also a way for the students and faculty of UCA to witness to people who would otherwise have no contact with the Adventist community. "It's important in Christian education that people outside the church are invited to and involved in our activities so that they know what we are like," remarked Chuck Paulson.

Becca Flaiz



A Stearman lands on October 7

Gym team gets tossed

They toss, they turn, they tumble. This year is going to be one of the best, says gymnastics Coach John Soule'.

This year's team includes 35 gymnasts plus three jugglers. They are working on a variety of tumbling maneuvers including back handsprings, back tucks, back layouts, and whip-backs. Luke Chilson, a junior who is now in his third year on the team, is impressed with the "spirit of enthusiasm," "the tremendous amount of trust," and "the confidence the team has in each other."

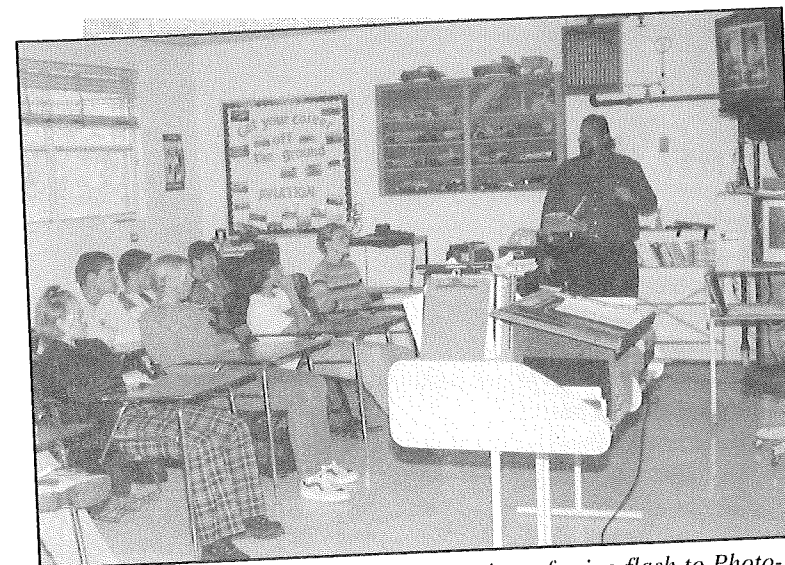
A relatively new stunt they have been working on is basket tossing. This involves four guys tossing one girl into the air where she performs one of a variety of stunts such as a tiger jump or back tuck. It brings a new element of danger to the team because the guys toss the girl up to 15 feet in the air. While Coach Soule' maintains that pyramids are the most risky performance, one might wonder what runs through the girl's head while she is waiting to be caught.

As a team they form human pyramids, sometimes towering up to four people high. Two things make pyramids so dangerous says Coach Soule'. "Number one is the distance between the girl on top and the ground. If something goes wrong, it's a long way down. Second, you have to realize that with a large number of people involved there is potential for a lot more people to get hurt." Fortunately, so far this year there have been no injuries.

A new addition to the team this year is an assistant coach, Benji Maxson. Benji is an alumnus of UCA, and after graduating from Southern Adventist University one year ago with a bachelor's degree in physical education, he fulfilled his dream of coming back to UCA to be the assistant boys' dean. Benji's forte' is tossing, but he also provides valuable advice in other areas.

Overall it looks as if this is going to be a great year for the UCA gymnastics team.

Becca Flaiz



Mr Paulson explains the finer points of using flash to Photo-1 students

Photo lab becomes reality

Seventeen photography students are now using the newly created photo lab in the basement of the Technology Building.

Photography is one of UCA's newest class additions. It currently has seventeen Photo-1 students. Second semester these students will go on to Photo-2 and approximately sixteen people will then have the opportunity to take Photo-1. According to the teacher, Chuck Paulson, there are five new developing rooms or dark rooms. In the enlarging room there are seven enlargers with room for four more. Paulson plans to fill these empty booths by the time second semester students begin.

The photo lab is finished for the most part, but there are still improvements to be made. Work is being done to eliminate light from entering the dark rooms, and a film dryer is needed. Paulson also plans to have students help him make a photographer's shooting blind. At present only black-and-white photos are developed, but there is a very slim chance of doing color photos later in the year.

Paulson started this class because he has always enjoyed photography and the creativity it brings out in people. "I originally joined because I needed technology credits. I also love taking pictures and it sounded like fun," explained Cari Yunger. "Photography allows me to see the world in a different light," said Michael Norton.

Nathan Shaw

Choir moves to girls' dorm

On Thursday, September 27, Choir began meeting in the girls' dorm due to increased numbers.

In the past, if a student was in Choraliers they also had to be in Choir. There are now enough people in Choir that this is no longer true. According to Choral Director, Curtis Anderson, the choir has steadily improved and no longer needs Choraliers to sound good. So this year people in Choraliers have the option of being in Gymnastics or other 11:15 classes.

This year Choir has ninety-six people: thirty-three sopranos, twenty-four altos, fifteen basses, and fourteen tenors. There are thirty-six people in Choraliers and, as might be suspected, eight in Octet. There are also about thirty people taking voice lessons.

Mike Johnston, a member of Choir, Choraliers, and Octet, says, "I joined because I wanted to further develop my talents." "I encourage anyone who is interested to join Choir because singing your heart out with ninety-six people is unmatched," says "music freak" Philip Byrd.

The amount of the choir's growth was significant this year. With nearly a hundred in a room with a maximum occupancy of fifty-five, Choir just simply had to move. It is now held in the girls' dorm chapel. Dewann Bach has been hired to monitor the door into the girls' dorm. Some people wonder why Choir couldn't meet in the church. Mr. Anderson's response is that he doesn't feel comfortable singing secular music in the church and didn't want people to have to go all the way out to the church during the winter. Taskforce dean Crissy Sturgess says, "So far everything has work out very well other than a few problems with drinks and extra trash." "I like the move because it is more convenient," says Nanci Shaw, and according to vocalist Laura Wade, "the acoustics are better in the girls' dorm."

Nathan Shaw

Music policy Students speak out about terrorist acts

The devil is using music more and is very familiar with current trends says Dean Maxson about the dorm CD policy.

Music can influence people in many ways. It may inspire them to do things they would not otherwise do. Lyrics can make people depressed or make them think negative thoughts. Christian bands represent God, but just using His name in the lyrics does not mean very much. "The devil can say 'Jesus'," says Dean Maxson. This is why Christian music such as P.O.D. is not allowed.

The band P.O.D. say that they are not a Christian band but are God-inspired and use God as their influence. "We are going where we have always gone and that's where God leads us, with or without you. If there are concerns, then pray for us," said Soney, a P.O.D. band member.

It seems the type of music would not be an issue if motives were right. Would it matter if Skillet (a well-known modern Christian band) used a Steve Green song and changed the beat? Is it possible we are fighting the same fight our parents fought about bands like the Wedgwood Trio and the Heritage Singers? Or do our elders know what they are talking about? Should we look again at our Christian music to see what the bands are truly saying?

Andrew Roberts

On September 11, while most of the world was enjoying their morning cup of coffee or starting a long day at work, the unthinkable happened. A hateful Afghan named Osama Bin Laden instigated the destruction of The World Trade Center along with the hijacking of four airplanes. These senseless acts of war toward our country left thousands dead and wounded, and countless numbers broken hearted.

For America, these acts of terrorism were delivered like an undeserved blow to our nation's stomach, knocking all the wind out of us and causing us to gasp for air and grasp for anything to ease the pain. These racial acts of injustice have cost us all something very dear: our freedom, our family and friends, and the security that we believed we possessed.

Many thoughts surfaced when Upper Columbia Academy students were asked to share feelings concerning the recent chain of tragic events. Mindy Tachenko, a junior, confessed that the terrible acts made her realize that Jesus was coming soon. Others, such as Jo Schlehuber, were shocked. "I didn't believe it at first. It doesn't seem right that someone would come into our country and attack us," he said.

Some had opposing views on how we should respond. Sasha Carlson thought we should go to total war because we need to take care of the problem. On the other hand, Dan Hudson said, "If we try to kill the terrorists more will rise up in their places. You can't wipe out terrorism." Despite these contradictory statements, one thing remains clear in the haze of confusion: this is not over and there is still a price to pay.

Melissa Slawson

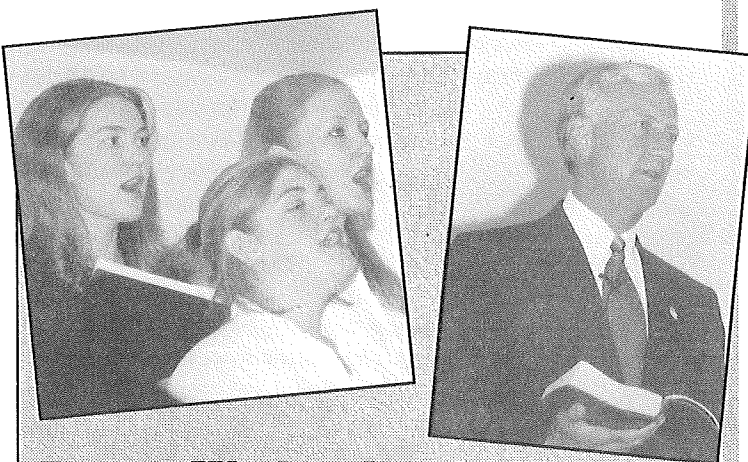
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Parent Weekend

Megan Lacey, Christina Jenks and Lindsey Simler sing in the choir; and Elder Jere Patzer, President of the NPUC, speaks on October 13 during Parent Weekend

The least of these

Let me tell you about Dick. His name: Dick. His nickname: Stretch. His game: lawsuits. He had it all--the look, the thinking process and the fragrance--enough to share with four other homeless people.

I approached Mr. Stretch in a Safeway parking lot in downtown Spokane. He was sporting a stylish tie-dye tee shirt and the ever-so-cliché hitchhiking sign that read "Ritzville or Pasco."

"Big vacation plans?" I asked.

"Nope just going to sue the [bottom] off my former employer," he replied.

"Is that so?"

"Yeah. I crashed the company car and my boss wouldn't pay for it. So my license got taken away."

I offered what change I had in my pocket. He took it very gratefully. I asked how he got on the street and he said, "Cuz I'm a felon."

I asked about his crime. "What did you do to get arrested?"

"I got really drunk and punched a cop out when he tried to arrest me. But did you know that there are actually three Constitutions of the United States of America? One was written in the 1700, one in 1896, and another one in 1919!"

I waited for Stretch to finish his thought, but he just stared at the passing vehicles with a smile on his face.

"So, Stretch, did you write any of the Constitutions?"

"You, my friend, are crazy. Like I wrote any of the three US constitutions!"

Stretch got a real kick out of my stupidity, and as I walked away I said, "Good luck with your lawsuit!"

After the intense experience of meeting Dick Stretch it is hard to be the same again.

It makes you think.

Russell Hyslop

Spokane blessed by student efforts

Every Tuesday night at 6:15, 8-10 students load up into one of the UCA vans and head off to downtown Spokane to Feed the Hungry.

Feed the Hungry was started around 12 years ago by Dan Meidinger, one of UCA's previous pastors. Pastor Paul Lundgrin heads the outreach program now. Tables are set up on the street corner and students pass out cheese sandwiches, tomato soup, hot chocolate, apple cider, and sometimes cookies to whoever happens to walk by.

On average, about 15-20 people are fed for just \$35.00. They are very thankful and ask where the group is from and how often UCA comes to give out food.

Some of the Feed the Hungry regulars from last year are Alicia Runnals, Ian Shupe, and Sandi Klein. Ian Shupe thinks that Feed the Hungry is a positive thing and that things just wouldn't be the same without it. He says it's not about students making themselves look good. It's about reaching out to others.

Students sometimes take along guitars and play and sing while food is being distributed. The homeless really seem to enjoy the music and many of them say, "God bless you," when they leave.

Students can participate in the program by signing up in the principal's office.

Cari Yunger

Homeleave is where the heart is

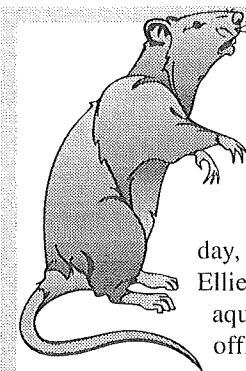
Between bus rides, van rides, car rides, and plane rides the students of UCA find homes for their long weekends. But where do they all go?

"I guess homeleave means more to the students living in the dorm," says Beth Cook, a sophomore. Beth lives in Arlington, WA, and went home for the first homeleave and went shopping. Sharla Hicks, a senior, said, "I went to my brother's house and watched movies!" Another senior, Ann Reynolds, went to her aunt and uncle's house and rode horses, slept in a barn, and took her senior pictures. Mike Johnston flew to his home in Scottsdale, AZ, also to get his senior pictures taken. A number of seniors went home to get their senior pictures taken during the September homeleave because the yearbook due date was the following Tuesday.

Abby Marson went over to Barbara Douglas's house in Port Orchard where they went to the Olympic Game farm, a farm with a variety of animals. "Oh my goodness the buffalo were so scary!" said Abby.

All in all, homeleave is a really great monthly get-away for everybody on campus to get rested up and relaxed and have some mental time away from worrying about school work.

Heather Wilson



Rats run wild

September 22 the siege started. For three days the yearbook office was under attack.

The yearbook staff left for the weekend on Friday, September 21, and at that time all was well. Ellie and Elmo were securely nestled in their glass aquarium, but not for long. The two yearbook office rats skillfully worked the wire top off their cage. They were free to explore for the weekend!

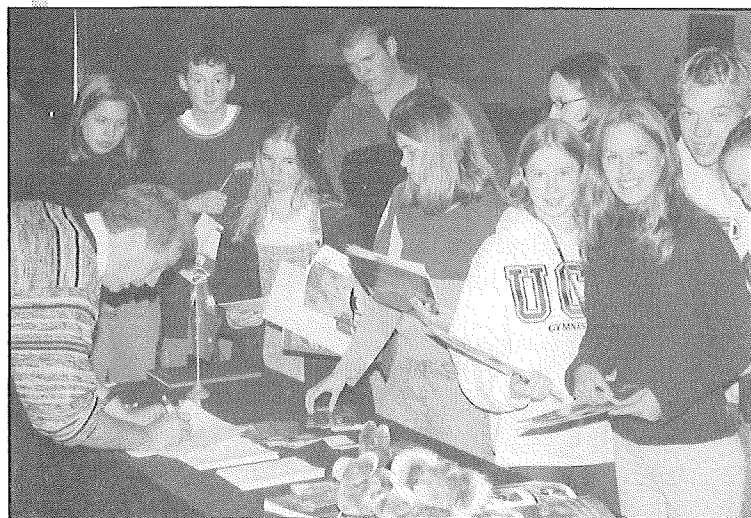
Scrap paper and other items made new "nests" for the pair, and the office was thoroughly explored and dissected.

The most notable incident resulting from the escape occurred on Sunday, September 23. Upper Columbia Academy held a regular school day to help offset the upcoming 5-day homeleave. Mrs. Cheri Corder dutifully came to work that day. Her office is across the hall from the yearbook office, and she became an unsuspecting, innocent victim of a rat attack.

She sat at her desk and proceeded with the tasks of the day. To her horror, she felt something on her feet. Looking down confirmed the worst. Ellie, the blonde rat, was perched on her foot. Being a friendly rat, she was in no hurry to leave Mrs. Corder's company. Mrs. Corder shared her experience, "At first, I was just startled, but when I saw it was a RAT... well, of course, I screamed and scared my workers half to death. They thought I'd had a stroke or something! When they saw it was the rat, one pulled her feet up on her chair but the other caught the rat and petted it."

Ellie was safely returned to her glass home, and Elmo was found "nesting" in her new home behind the yearbook office computer. Both rats were apprehended. Three large books placed on top of the cage now seem to offer a necessary deterrent to escape.

Julie Cain



The booth from Avondale College in Australia draws a lot of interest during the College Fair on October 8

Toiling on weekends

Whenever a homeleave is just around the corner, students can usually look forward to the wondrous Sunday school.

For most, Sunday school means the anguish of not sleeping in--the postponement of that extra needed rest they crave. Sometimes Sunday school is forgotten and students miscalculate and stay up to their usual late hour on Saturday night. Then, in the morning, they find themselves without rest and without time to finish assignments.

While most students may dislike Sunday school, the realization that homeleave is right around the corner helps them and the faculty keep a grip on their sanity. "It's all right (to have Sunday school) because we have a break," says Evan Kinne. And Kris Pavlic thinks it's worth it to get a mini vacation.

For as long as Mr. Lange can remember, Sunday school has been a part of UCA school life. Its purpose is to make up the school days missed during homeleaves. It's nobody's favorite day, but knowing classes will end the next Wednesday makes it bearable.

Andrew Roberts

November Dates

- 2-3 Band Tour
- Choraliers Tour
- 4 SAT test
- 9-10 UCC Convocation
- 10 Amateur Hour
- 12-17 Week of Prayer
- 16 HOPE
- 17 Class Parties
- 18 Sunday School
- 20-25 Thanksgiving Holiday

Seniors become forever changed

The seniors grew and changed during Senior Survival as they learned the importance of unity and oneness.

On September 9, the senior class arrived at Camp Mivoden for Senior Survival. After getting one last use of a flushing toilet, seniors made the short hike into the woods and began setting up camp.

Some groups were quite inventive. Group twelve made a small waterfall to wash their dishes and a moat around their half tepee, lovingly named "The Big-A-Whack." Group fifteen made a log platform covered with a thick, soft layer of ferns that was five feet off the ground. Group ten had a real toilet seat, shelves for eating utensils, benches made from soft flattened logs, and a sauna beside the bathing area.

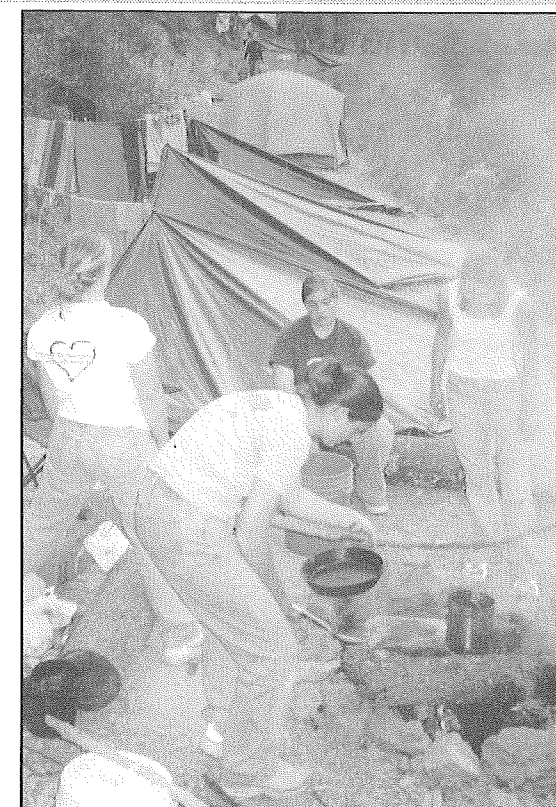
Each morning groups would get their food buckets, start a fire, eat, have a devotional thought, and put out their fire. After breakfast, everyone left camp for Spiritual Survival to study *The Great Controversy*. Tuesday morning we were told that the United States had been attacked. At first, most people thought it couldn't be true. "The terrorist attacks made the end time more real and our study of *The Great Controversy* more meaningful," said Jon Jackson. Ted Ames said, "It changed my view of Christ's Second Coming from third person to first person."

Darlene Mullen of Spangle assisted Keith Garrison, a survival instructor at Fairchild Air Force Base, in teaching Wild Edibles. Keith was called back to base Tuesday, leaving Darlene as the teacher. Nearly every senior ate a fried grasshopper. Dave Workman taught Survival Class in which the students learned about shelter building, fire building, orienteering, and a little basic first aid.

Pastor Fred Riffel, Tammy McGuire, and Marvin Thorman taught Initiatives. Each day different tasks were put before the seniors, and unity and trust were required to complete them. Group members had to be sensitive to others and respect their comfort zones. "The initiatives made me much more aware of other people's sensitivities," said Luke Byrd. Individuals had to realize their own need for the group and the group's need for them.

Senior Survival gave the class unity, a lasting bond, and a new way to look at life. According to Michael Norton, "The senior class that left on Senior Survival is not the same class that returned."

Nathan Shaw



Group 4 masters outdoor cooking with their deluxe sleeping units stretching out behind them

Students take to the skies

On Wednesday, September 26, 18 students left UCA for the Spokane International Airport to fly home for the first homeleave of the new school year.

Since the terrorist attacks on September 11, airport security has really tightened. The van drivers who dropped off the students weren't even allowed to park the vehicles. They were only allowed to stop long enough for the students to jump out of the van and grab their luggage. The same went for picking up students after homeleave.

There are also some additional steps students had to take before they could board their planes. All passengers were required to have either their flight schedule, or a printed receipt and picture ID. They also had to arrive at least two hours before their flights were scheduled to leave.

Melissa Slawson, who flew over homeleave, wasn't at all nervous and didn't notice any tension among the other passengers. "It was kind of annoying," Melissa said about the extra security. Becca Guthrie and Maranatha Hay, who also flew, found the extra security comforting because it made them feel safer.

Cari Yunger

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CORRECTION

Ross Magi was accidentally left off the list of ASB officers in the last issue. He is the 1st semester ASB Secretary



A large crowd gathers along the sidelines to watch a game on October 7 during the NPUC Flag Football Invitational. The UCA girls' team lost no games while the boys lost only one.