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## ALUMNI DIG IT

They're Back! Yakima Valley Academy and Upper Columbia Academy oldies reunited April 9-11. Fifty years of friendships and memories came together for the 25th annual alumni reunion.

Alumni Weekend began Friday evening at 7:30 in the gymnasium. Mike Thomas, graduate of 1983, directed the program. "His Witness," a singing group that started at UCA, performed.

Spirits were refreshed Sabbath morning when the Class of 1983 gave a special Sabbath School program, "Introducing Others to God." During the church service, former Choralier and Brass Choir members joined with present members in performing "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name."

Roger Kruger, a UCA graduate of 1963, was the guest speaker during the 11 o'clock hour. He spoke about friendship. "A friend is one who comes in when all the world goes out."

The old graduates participated in various activities throughout the weekend such as a golf tournament, campus tours, gatherings for honor classes, an alumni band performance, and an archeological presentation by Doug Clark. There were also varsity vs. alumni basketball games that spiced up Saturday night.

Alumni Weekend gave graduates of long ago a chance to wade in memories of old times, see how UCA is today, and catch a glimpse of the future.

*Julie Herbel*

## CONGRATS

Congratulations to Sarah Coleman for her fine performance in Walla Walla College's Young Writers' Contest. Sarah won 2 first place finishes: one for her poem "Nightness" and another for her short story "An Angel Unawares." "Nightness" also won the overall grand prize. Well done, Sarah! Keep Writing!



A good time was had by all during Alumni Weekend. There was even some clowning around. Clown Ministries participants Tricia Harlan, Missy Penner, Aaron Canwell, Rachelle Wareham, and Jessica Evans give a presentation.

*Whoever trusts in the Lord is kept safe.*

## ACADEMY DAY '93

It was the 7th of April when the UCA campus was blessed to have almost 250 students from all the schools around come for a day of information and entertainment.

The activities for the day started at 9:30 am. Students from the different schools were taken on tours of the campus by the students that preside here. The tour routes included the music building, both dorms, the Ad building (with classes in session), and, of course, Thunderbird.

After the tours, the visiting students had a Knowledge Bowl in the gym. They really seemed to enjoy the game but didn't know too many of the answers. They are going to come to school here next year so they can learn what a squab is (it's a young pigeon).

When the visitors returned from lunch after the brain (knowledge) bowl, they received a mini concert from the band, choir, and choraliers. Next came a gymnastics program with all kinds of interesting feats of strength and coordination. Bob Schroetlin even walked on his hands because he had twisted his ankle the day before.

The day ended with a round robin basketball tournament that involved the visiting students. There were 8 games of five minutes apiece.

All in all, most of those who came to visit are wanting to come to school here next year. Wouldn't you if you wanted to add words like squab to your vocabulary?

*Jeremy Douglass*

# SENIORS ESCAPE TO WALLA WALLA

Walla Walla College held its annual College Days from April 11 to 13. Hundreds of students attended the event from all the NPUC academies and several public schools. About 60 of those students were from UCA. Students were able to participate in a wide range of activities. Many left Walla Walla with a desire to attend college there.

UCA students arrived in Walla Walla around 3 o'clock in the afternoon on Sunday and left at about 1:15 pm on Tuesday. After they arrived they found their accommodations in the dorm. Some stayed with old friends and some made new friends by staying with someone they didn't know.

The days were free for the visiting students to do as they pleased. The only required activity was attendance at morning and evening worship. During the day students could attend any class or just look around the campus. One big activity was the College Bowl: the preliminary rounds were Sunday night and the finals were Tuesday morning. Willie Chappell and Anthony Mohr took second place. Perhaps the most exciting event was the track and field meet where UCA students blew away the competition.

To most, College Days was a success because they had fun and enjoyed the time they had with their old and new friends. Walla Walla College was pleased about all the students who are planning to attend there next year.

*Jim Gordon*

## MUSIC-A-RAMA

Music-A-Rama proved to be another excellent program this year. Visitors came from miles around to see the U.C.A. music department show what they are made of. "The choir and chorals were exquisite," said David Boone. "The piano pieces struck a positive chord in the ears of the avid listener," said Mr. Stevens. "It was really fun to play the band pieces for the visitors," said Grant Flaiz.

Along with the music program there was a craft display. Many people displayed their crafts and hobbies, and a few even made some sales.

The choirs song "We're the Choir" was a great number. Along with "Old Mother Hubbard," it proved that Ms. Swigart and her crew worked hard.

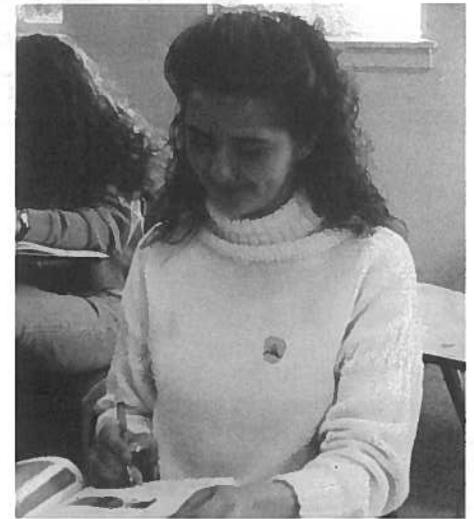
Finally, guided by the careful and steady hand of Mr. Lange, the band really was a "blast" with their explosive rendition of the "1812 Overture."

*Herb Edwards*



Something interesting is always happening somewhere.

## IRINA



Irina Statsuk is from Magadan. Before she came here, she had graduated from school in Russia. Her school was about the same size as UCA, and the length of the school year was the same too. She took similar classes to ours, but didn't get to choose them as we do. She also said that she didn't get to choose her food either and that there was not so much variety. They have three years of high school.

Some of Irina's interests are running, walking, listening to classical music, reading, singing, and talking with her friends. She's really interested in studying philosophy, history, and psychology.

According to Irina, Russia has the same problems as America does with crime and vandalism. She expects these problems will arise more and more until Jesus comes again.

The temperature in Magadan ranges from 13 degrees in winter to 59 during the summer months.

When she first arrived in America she was impressed with the progressive economy. She went and saw a supermarket and was surprised by its large size and by all the kinds of foods. She also noticed American houses have many things such as microwaves and other appliances that we take for granted but are rare in Russia. Russians have to pay a lot for stuff we get pretty cheaply. We are very lucky over here.

What Irina misses the most are her relatives, dog, and friends. I would too. UCA is a long way from Magadan.

Irina is going back home in July and wishes to go to the seminary in Moscow and dedicate her future to God's service. "Irina, we are glad you came to our school."

*Stacy Stillwell*

# NEW AD. BUILDING?

The Upper Columbia Conference and Upper Columbia Academy estimate the building of a new Ad building and other facilities is in the near future. Plans have been made, and fund raising for this second phase of the building program has begun. About one million dollars needs to be raised. There has been much speculation as to when and where the new Ad. Building will be built.

Although the new building is still too far in the future to give definite answers, one idea shows it going halfway through the present Ad. Building and tennis courts. Such a plan would call for the present maintenance building, woods building, and old broom shops to be demolished. The current Ad. Building would have to go too, of course, so classes would have to be held in other places such as the dorm chapels, gym, and, maybe, the music building.

But the location has not been finalized, and at this point in time many things could change. Once building starts, it will take about 2 years to complete.

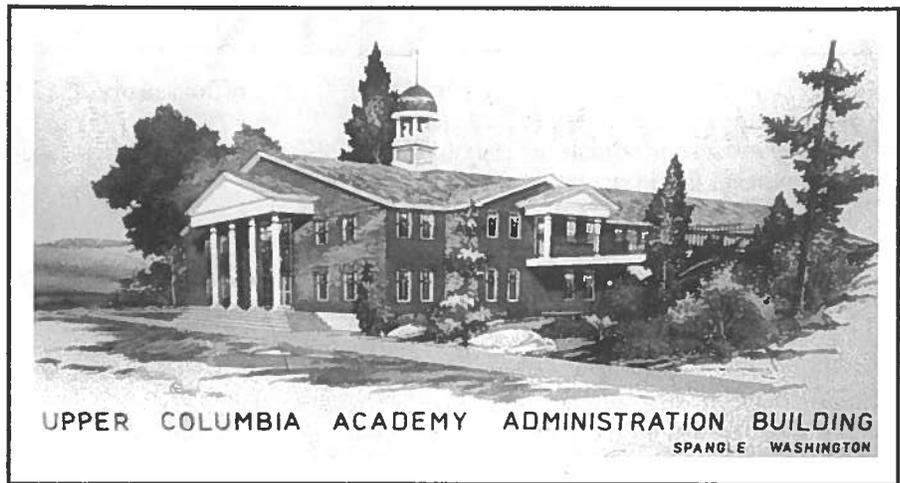
*Seth Rasmussen  
Frank Richey*

# NO USE IS ABUSE

A lobby is a place to visit with friends or to lounge around. Here at UCA the dorm lobbies can only be used at certain times. If you are a guy waiting for a girl, you may sit in the lobby and wait, but the deans usually don't like you sitting in there together unless you are a senior or it's Friday night. The reason for this limited use is the lack of supervision. The deans feel it is necessary to have supervision at all times. The students feel that the lobby rules are too restrictive. After all, the gym is too noisy for a private conversation. Could desk workers supervise?

Lobbies are great, but they need to be used!

*Kettie Fisher*



# HAZARDS OF DORM LIFE

As most of us know, living in a dormitory for an extended period of time will invariably introduce some kind of excitement. It may be a blessing (which I have yet to experience), a catastrophe, or just something unusually strange or amusing.

Some of the existing hazards not uncommon in the mens' dorm (and a few potential hazards) include the following: heart attack induced by extreme fluctuation in temperature of shower water; primitive missiles being launched down halls from crudely built black powder cannons; deafening blasts from firearms, firecrackers, and bombs detonated at close range or under beds; and the chance of drowning in the perpetually waxing and waning tides of third floor's Bathroom Lake.

These hazards will always exist, so rather than try to get rid of them, I suggest that next time you just slip on a wetsuit when heading for the shower, wear a Kevlar vest and helmet when venturing down the halls, and wear a life jacket when kayaking the waters of Bathroom Lake.

*Herb Edwards*

# VARSITY BASKETBALL

Here at UCA the Varsity basketball program is run by Coach Soule. The basketball schedule involves around 18 different games on various weekends throughout the year.

When I interviewed some of the players, they all said about the same thing. They all enjoy basketball, of course. They like the practice and exercise, and, most of all, the challenge when they play the city league teams.

The games are all ref'd by official referees that come from Cheney. Just about every single referee has said that they really enjoy the attitude that the UCA Lions displayed.

Some of the players think that the school should be more supportive of the program. They said that the school won't let them go to tournaments or play other Adventist schools. The team would really like to interact with the other schools and to demonstrate Christian values.

*Jeremy Douglass*

*JUNE IS NEARLY HERE*

# PALOUSE FUN RUN

At UCA on a cool windy morning of April 4 about 55 runners from all over showed up early to get warmed up for the 12k (6.2 mile) race.

The race was scheduled to start at 11:00 a.m., but juniors were still taking ACT tests, so it was a few minutes late in starting. Also, due to all the rain that week, the race course was changed because of all mud on the summer road.

This is the third time over 14 years that Mr. Peach and the four-year seniors have had to change the route from a loop on the summer road to a 3-mile run down to Liberty High School and back. Both courses are a little bit hilly.

This year's over-all finisher in the 30-39 age group was Craig Deitze who finished in 32:53. He was 13 seconds short of beating the course record. Second place, Doug Vacobsor, also in the 30-39 age group, finished in 34:16. Mark Smith came in third with a time of 36:17. He was in the 40-49 age group. Stacy Stillwell, a senior here a UCA, came in first in the 15-18 age group with a time of 37:38.

All the finishers received a colorful Palouse Fun Run T-Shirt. You should run it some time.

*Stacy Stillwell*

# REC. SKI REVIEW

For the fifteenth year in a row, rec. ski has been a great success. Fifteen years ago when Mr. Peach started directing the rec. ski program, students went skiing eight times, the cost was \$100, and there were about fifteen people who attended.

Now the class goes skiing six times, the cost is \$145, and, this year, there was an all-time attendance record of ninety. By attending five of the six times, students receive 2 P.E. credits.

This year students enjoyed some of the most phenomenal skiing that has been seen in years. The group shied at Mount Spokane once, Red mountain once, Schweitzer thrice, and Silver Mountain once.

The best memory of the year was skiing at silver mountain: the skiing was world class. The two feet of new, light, fluffy powder made skiing the best that this reporter has ever seen.

*Craig Bartholomew*

# FIFTIES FLASH BACK

The wondering has come to an end. On Sunday, April 4th, the girls' dorm had an Open House sponsored by the Girls' Club. From 4:00 until 5:00 p.m. the dorm was open to all visitors. Most of the rooms were decorated and ready for the guests.

After the dorm was closed, everyone went to the cafe to enjoy a 50's banquet that featured 50's food (burgers, fries and ice-cream), live entertainment, and lip synchs of 50's music by students.

When everyone had their fill at the banquet, they migrated to the gym for more entertainment and to watch the classic black-and-white movie Roman Holiday.

*Jason Swisher*



Someday, somebody might be able to explain things like this. Then, again...

## 3rd Quarter Honor Roll

### HIGH HONORS

Camille Barrow  
Craig Bartholomew  
Andrea Bender  
Sarah Coleman  
Crystal Games  
Tricia Harlan  
Rebecca Hatley  
Sarah Huether  
Forrest Jellison  
Cheris Jones  
Benjamin Juhl  
Tiffany Lingenfelter  
Lisa Matson  
Anthony Mohr  
Ginger Pifher  
Jeni Rasmussen  
Kim Schimke  
Bob Schroetlin  
Shannon Sorrels  
Michelle Wagner  
James Edwards  
Shuree Torgersen  
Jesse Dovich  
Gerrine Harding  
Bethany Smith  
Kathryn Mundall  
Erica Spracklen  
Shaun Lunt  
Sonya Thayer  
Ryan Crisman  
Leah Westerdahl  
Heidi Shultz  
Laura Marsh  
Erin Wiggins  
Enoch Dally  
Rachelle Wareham  
Jim Lounsbury  
Jason Holder  
Gregory Lamberton  
Lisa Wade  
Kim Follett  
Mark Christensen  
Lisa Moller

### HONORS

Nate Kawamura  
Shannon Dyer  
Jodie Smith  
Shea Walter  
Stacy Stillwell  
Laura Renck  
David Boone  
Jenny Canaday  
Melissa DePaula  
John Heyden  
Aaron Canwell  
Laura Gaskill  
Cami Stralka  
Melissa Tucker  
James Willingham  
Rod Bartholomew  
Charlie Coleman  
Matt Powell  
Eric Wren  
Alyssa Jager  
Jill Jewett  
Tara Gee  
Jennifer Wagner  
Andy Henneberg  
Travis Hornby  
Jeremy McCombs  
Kim Winter  
Jeremy Roper  
Jared Lange  
Irina Statsuk  
Beth Willingham  
Marcus Mundall  
Christina Bond  
Glyn Marsh  
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*Congratulations!*

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# SOLID COLD

Water heater problems existed in the guys' dorm: a very cold problem for the guys who wanted to take showers before going to class and work.

The water heater problems started before school when a repairman forgot to turn on the water valve and left one of the heaters on without any water flowing into it. The heater coil overheated and burned up, leaving the guys with a very limited amount of hot water.

The guys had to live with that limited amount for quite a while. They learned to cope and got used to taking quick showers. For guys who woke up late, like the RAs, well, often they got lukewarm showers or maybe even cold ones if the hot water had been used up.

Right before homeleave, maintenance spent time working on the water heaters again. We hope they have fixed the problem so that we won't have to worry about cold water again.

*Jake Warren*



One way to stay warm in the showers was to shower fully-clothed. Joel Bedingfield, Carson Ferguson, Jeremy Roper, and Jeremy Workman demonstrate how it's done.



Jason Hunt discovers there's just one small problem with the arrival of spring.

# T.V. OR NOT T.V.

There has been a lot of questioning about what a Christian school should have as a standard for television programs for young adults. Homes as well as schools need to draw the line(if there is a line) as to what should be watched.

As students of U.C.A, we decided to ask the deans their personal views on the subject. The men's dean, Chuck Stevens, started, "We are a Christian school which should try to provide a Godly environment. Other than news and sports I don't believe that today's television programs enhance the Christian aspect of life."

Mrs. Botimer, the ladies' dean, emphasized that, "This is a Christian school, but we need to realize that the academy was designed for the students to learn to make decisions." The girls are allowed to watch appropriate television shows and selected videos during the week. "People need to decide between grades and entertainment. But that's not for us to decide," she claimed.

The boys are allowed to watch news, sports, and some other selected shows, but are not allowed to watch television during the week.

As young people, we need to set values and standards for ourselves. We need to realize that there are many options in life. We will always be faced with decisions as we grow closer to God.

*Frank Richey*

# CORRALLED

Many students this year have cars, and parking has been a problem. The car corral was too small for all the cars, but a plan is afoot to extend the corral and make it easier on all of us.

Some students are angry that they received parking fines for parking outside the car corral because there wasn't any room to park inside. But according to Mr. Lake, this is all going to change. The old fence has been removed and Mr. Stevens plans to build a new fence for next year.

With this new and bigger car corral there will be more parking space, and it will be easier for Mr. Lake to clear out the snow in the corral in the winter. This will make it easier on the students and their cars.

*Jim Gordon*

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