

# Upper Columbia Academy Alumni Echoes

September 2011



You are cordially invited to Alumni Homecoming  
**October 7-9, 2011**

**Friday, October 7**

- 8:00 am UCA Foundation Golf Tournament to benefit scholarships, *Hangman Course*
- 7:30 pm Multi-media concert by Jerry Lange  
CHRIST AND CREATION, *UCA Gym*

**Sabbath, October 8**

- 10:00 am Honor class roll call /Worship Service with Don Jacobson '51
- 10:00 am Children's program, *UCA Church*  
Come with your child to register
- 12:45 pm Buffet Lunch, *UCA Gym*
- 2:30 pm Honor class meetings, *Administration Building*
- 4:00 pm Seminar: "Rare Kids, Well Done" Parenting seminar  
(location to be announced)  
Evening honor class dinners in town

**Sunday, October 9**

- 8:30 am Peach Fun Run & Brunch, *UCA PowerHouse*  
Check in at 7:30 am, Brunch at 10:00 am

**Honor class years end in "1" and "6"**

In response to requests for an alumni weekend date that did not conflict with other events, Alumni Homecoming will again be held in October of this year.

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# Parent Comments

The number of classes you offer is incredible. I don't know of any school that gives my kids so many options!

*Yes we came more than half way across the country, but this school is worth it.*

We wanted a school with the kind of Adventist teachers we found here. They not only like the kids, but they love them ... and it's mutual!

We came because of the art department!

We came because of UCA's reputation for a very spiritual atmosphere. We like the idea of 300 prayer guardians surrounding this campus in prayer, especially since our kids are here!

I graduated from UCA so there's no question I wanted the same advantages for my kids that I enjoyed!

## What's News at UCA?

The 2011-2012 school year is underway with 270 students registered - a gain of 13 over our starting numbers last year at this time.

While many public and private schools are having to trim class offerings in this economic down turn, thanks to the support of our conference, churches, alumni and friends, UCA is able to continue a strong, varied curriculum to enrich the education our students receive.

There are 10 art and home economics classes including Stained Glass and Fashion Design; 8 industrial technology options like Welding, CAD Drafting and Videography; 6 science classes including the ever popular Marine Biology and Forensic Science; 9 math classes covering Pre-Algebra to Trigonometry, and 15 PE classes give a variety of skills a good run for their money - and yes, Rec Ski, Outdoor Ed and Gymnastics are among them! All the core classes in Bible, English, History, Language and Keyboarding are topped off by AP classes in Language and Calculus. Our music program gives students not only the chance to develop skills in the areas of choral groups, band, ensembles, strings, guitar and keyboard lessons, but takes them out to conduct or participate in local worship services.

With a passion for Christian principles of finance, Principal Troy Patzer, MBA, and VP for Finance, Debbie Nelson, with a degree in Business Administration/Accounting and Management, teamed up last spring to give our seniors a solid Biblical basis for personal stewardship and financial management. In addition to using Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University materials and some of their own, guest presenters from local businesses and the conference office were invited to address different aspects of personal financial integrity. Training in Christian finance continues to be a part of UCA's senior Bible class. The possibility of offering it as a separate class for other students is under consideration.

## Heritage Tradition Continues

Heritage Weekend began a dozen years ago by Science teacher Gayle Haeger. It has become an annual event designed to focus attention in creative and interesting ways on some aspect of our Adventist heritage and/or core beliefs. Topics like Creation and the Sabbath have been presented by guest scholars and authors. Stories of the apostles and Adventist pioneers have been portrayed in costumed monologues or dramas. Heritage Weekend 2012 will be held in conjunction with Grandparent Weekend on the UCA campus, March 9 and 10, 2012.

## Did You Know?

... that UCA has become an events center? This summer we hosted Camp Meeting for the Upper Columbia Conference, ARME Bible camp, NBC Basketball Camps and Faith Camp Meeting?

... that campus improvements include a new roof on the guys dorm and chapel, along with new event parking behind the gym?

... that we have a newly developed RV park with 20 level, graveled spots, located behind the Industrial Technology building (\$15/night)?

... that 23 of our students were baptized last year?

... that 25% of our senior class of 2011 were in the top 10% of Washington state scholars?

... that UCA students participated in a 40-day fast from things such as desserts, fast foods or Facebook?

... that our Choraliers sang for the National Day of Prayer celebration?

... that UCA seniors entered a team to run in the School Challenge for the 35<sup>th</sup> Bloomsday Race and won?

... that UCA has a peer tutoring program which was responsible for a large majority of students staying off of the D, F or I list last year?

... that last alumni weekend Dr. Robert Bolton, class of 1930, was the oldest alumnus ever, to attend Homecoming at UCA? He played the piano prelude for church (age 96)! Photo on page 1.



Dmitri Kolpackoff

Sophomore Sophia Rich plays Ellen White during UCA's Heritage/Grandparent Weekend 2011.

# UCA Students Make a Difference Overseas

During Spring break, it is not unusual for 60-70 UCA students to blanket the globe, serving in far-flung corners of the world. Last school year, twenty nine chose Namibia (Africa) to build a school campus for the children of the Kalahari desert bushmen. Twenty nine others went to Borneo to build a jungle church in memory of Olin Peach. Several additional students participated in projects with their home churches and conferences.

The team in Namibia lived in tents, working in unusually primitive conditions. Their labor was frequently interrupted by torrential downpours, unheard of in that arid region. Bible teacher, Fred Riffle said, "These kids were my hero's. The working conditions were just awful,

but they didn't give up!" In addition to the construction project, students and teams of medical personnel held clinics for the bushmen and their families.

On the other side of the world, UCA students and sponsors arrived at the Anau longhouse, 40 miles south of Bintulu, Sarawak. Olin Peach, former UCA teacher, had planned to build his 20<sup>th</sup> church there, but was killed in a tragic accident just days after returning from the previous Borneo mission trip. His plans would be completed by others.

The group from UCA was welcomed with joy, by Mr. Liah, the first Adventist believer converted by pioneer missionaries, Gus and Norma Youngberg. He and the families he has won to Jesus, could not afford to build a church to worship

in, but that was about to change! Ten days later, Mr. and Mrs. Liah stood in front of the congregation, tears in their eyes, as the church they had dreamed of and prayed for for over sixty years was dedicated to the Lord.

In addition to building the church, two medical-dental teams traveled up and down the Tatau River where the Youngbergs began the Adventist work among the Iban people 90 years ago. Alanna Augustin, '10, said it was a "dream come true" the day the team stopped and visited the old mission home where stories like NILA AND THE WHITE CROCODILE and JUNGLE THORN were created.

Mr. Peach's dream of building the body of Christ in foreign fields was second only to his dream of building our students into more mission-minded people who choose lives of service.



Mr. Liah stands by the granite plaque (wording listed below) in memory of Olin Peach. It is built into the wall of the church he'd prayed for for over 60 years and is written in the Iban language.

## Olin Peach

29 July, 1933 – 9 April, 2010

Who tirelessly served others and led out in church building programs around the world for nearly forty years. "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but to all them that also love His appearing." 2 Timothy 4:7-8

This church commemorates Olin's unselfish service to the people of Sarawak, and is dedicated on Sabbath, 26 March, 2011. It is the twentieth church built by the students and friends of Upper Columbia Academy.





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**Pre-register and pay online at [www.UCAFoundation.org](http://www.UCAFoundation.org) and look for the event link. Pre-registrants before September 23rd will receive a FREE T-shirt!** For questions call 509.499.6223.



**COST:** Only \$15 before September 23rd

**WHY:** Honor the legacy of Mr. Peach! His genuine care for students, teaching service for others by his own example and having fun at UCA is all celebrated within this event. Join friends and make new friends who share a common admiration for Mr. Peach—while raising funds which contribute to the Olin Peach Memorial Scholarship Endowment.

**WHERE:** Spangle, WA | Upper Columbia Academy Campus  
**WHEN:** October 9th | Check-in at 7:30a  
Start-time at 8:30a | Complimentary Brunch at 10a  
**WHAT:** 10k, 5k & 1 mile fun runs on Spangle-Waverly Rd. Yummy brunch for runners, walkers and cheerers!



The Upper Columbia Academy Foundation is excited to host the 2nd annual Peach Fun Run & Brunch!




**7th Annual UCAF GOLF TOURNAMENT\***

Support the UCAF and have FUN doing it!

**UCA Alumni Weekend**  
Friday, October 7, 2011  
Hangman Golf Course in Spokane, WA  
Shotgun start time: 8:30a (please arrive by 7:30-8a)

**\$100 per person**  
(\$53 green fee/\$47 suggested donation)

- 4-person team scramble format
- Gift bags for all players
- Team Prize
- Closet to the Pin Prize
- Long Drive Prize: Men & Women
- SPECIAL Hole-In-One Prize

\*The UCAF will name future Foundation Golf Tournaments in honor of the late Bob Larabee. A naming ceremony at this 2011 event will honor this Founding Board Member who originated the UCAF Annual Golf Tournament seven years ago. These special events are one way his memory will live on and his life will continue to contribute to the UCAF mission.

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