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A time to shine

Academy Day happened again this April. Some 160 students from 20 different schools all over the conference came to the event. The academy rolled out the red carpet for the students who were considering coming to UCA. All of the departments were included in the day's events.

Academy Day started at 9:00 a.m. and lasted until 5:00 with campus tours running for the first few hours. The departments had contests in which participants had a chance to win shirts, prizes, or scholarships (as much as \$100) to help with their school bill next year. There was a Knowledge Bowl and a chance to guess how many pounds of candy Mrs. Starr has given away this year.

The choir, choraliars, and concert band performed a few numbers, the gymnastics team put on a small show, and varsity demonstrated basketball techniques.

All-in-all, Academy Day was a fun and exciting event which will hopefully prove beneficial for next school year.

Eric Bordeaux



Mr. Lange directs the band during Music-a-Rama



The new UCA t-shirts made their appearance for academy day



The Choraliars caught in the act at Music-a-Rama

Crafty people

The arts and crafts show was on the night of the Music-a-Rama. On three sides of the gym all kinds of different arts and crafts were displayed. Those with displays included Mrs. Hardy with her dried flower arrangements, Mr. Blankenship and one of his wondrous ice sculptures, and, of course, the art class with their nice-looking paintings. Dean Graves was selling beautiful hair bows, and the home economics department was selling baked goods.

There were also displays from the technology department, and Mr. Lake had his radio-controlled planes on display. He was the one with the "blimp" in the air.

Not only was the arts and crafts show a time to show things off, but it was also a time to sell and buy. Those who didn't get to see the arts and crafts before Music-a-Rama were able to see it all during the program's intermission.

Stacey Allgood



The Walla Walla College Experience

The Walla Walla College campus was filled with excitement when senior students from all over the west came to see what was called the "Walla Walla Experience."

We spent two fun-filled days roaming the campus, eating great food out of the cafeteria, visiting classes of our choice, making arrangements to see the financial aid personnel, and putting in applications for next school year. We played challenging games of basketball, baseball, and volleyball and enjoyed track and field and some Knowledge Bowl contests. At night we found ourselves tired out after a long day of fun.

On top of all the fun and excitement all around us, we were awed by Walla Walla College's spirit and pride and are looking forward to a greater experience next year when we will be able to be a part of the "Walla Walla Experience."

Melissa Harris

Over the hill we go

On Sunday, April 3, 1994, over 50 girls participated in the girl's dorm S.O.S. scavenger hunt. The day was cold and windy and rain was still to come, but this did not hamper the enthusiasm of the participants. They went out with excitement and lots of energy.

Each group consisted of six girls, and those six chose a captain to lead them through the hunt. Each group was also assigned a color. That color was the color they were to look for when searching for clues. The colors were on the small envelopes which contained the clues needed to successfully complete the hunt.

The scavenger hunt started in the girl's dorm chapel. From there screaming participants ran to Thunderbird, the bridge by the church, the airstrip, and the ballfield. Then they ran on to BJK felts, the old Broom factory, the Perkins' yard, the small pumphouse, the courtyard by Dean Janelle's apartment, and the Marsh's home.

After finding the eleven clues, the excited participants raced to the Dean's office where they were greeted with a basket of Easter candy. The first group to complete the hunt after figuring out all the clues in the shortest time was Wendy White's team. They were rewarded with a trip to Taco Bell.

A special thanks to Dean Graves and the S.O.S. team members for making this closed weekend a little exciting.

Lori McCain

What we live with

There have been many complaints this year in the girls' dormitory regarding the showers. There seems to be an over abundance of things unidentified in the cracks and corners of the shower stalls. The worst problem seems to be the experimental aquatic environments the girls must wade through. Andrea Bender calls them "puddles of sludge." "It's so gross I have to wear my flip-flops," said Jessica Evans.

The conditions in the third floor shower rooms inspired three girls who are not employed as janitors to clean their own showers. Why should this be necessary when the dormitory employs a janitorial staff?

According to Dean Graves, the showers are cleaned once a day and scrubbed with disinfectant once a week. Dean Graves also said that this year there are not as many janitors working. When a girl assigned to dorm janitor duty decides she doesn't want to work there anymore, she is allowed to find another job on campus, and often there is no replacement worker. We also have two extra wings of the dorm open that require cleaning, and this year no-one is allowed to work more than two hours a day at an on-campus job.

While these problems are being worked on, appreciate the showers you have at home... but please, bravely keep showering while you are here at school!

Julie York

Kick start your heart

Courtesy. Does this really go around from person to person, or is it just a word that names a myth? Some students at UCA are going through a stage of "spring fever," but does this give them the right to plow people over in the halls, push themselves through the lines in the cafe, or knock the books out of someone's hands and not even look back? No.

Spring fever should be looked at differently. If you are in a hurry running down the hall and bump into someone, at least let the person know you realize you ran into them. Keep in mind that community service is a good way to show someone you care. Why not start on campus? Use your imagination and share some of your good day.

Let's make the best of our last few weeks on campus and offer that ever-ready smile instead of the frown that seems to want to jump out and touch someone.

Brynn Maish

Siblings, is it WWIIII?

Having a sibling on campus can be a good thing. One of the advantages is that there is always someone to talk to. The normal sibling rivalry is somewhat put aside when on an academy campus. All the arguments are forgotten for at least a few weeks. Sisters start lending their clothes to each other, and brothers start asking advice about what to do about a girl they like. If the older sibling has a car, then the younger one feels privileged to ride in it and maybe even feels a little more grown up. They sometimes forget that their siblings are even there, and when they run into them, they are surprised.

When homeleaves come around, the parents are surprised at how much their children have grown up. There are fewer arguments over who gets in the bathroom first or who gets to talk on the phone and when.

Campus life lets the siblings see what the other is up to and how he relates to his friends. When a sibling gets put down the other is usually one of the first to stand-up for him. They help with social relationships and let them know what they should or should not do.

Having a brother or a sister on campus is a plus no matter what some of the negatives are. The positive aspects outweigh the negative.

Laura Maxson

Who's been writing on my desk?

In just about all of our classrooms here at U.C.A. you will find writing on the desks. Why would anyone want to write on the desks? Well, most of the time we write out of boredom when the teacher is droning on about something we don't find very interesting. We look down at our desks, and when we see questions written on them, sometimes we just *need* to answer.

Here are some of the answers I got when I asked a few of the student body why they wrote on desk tops.

"Jake"-- Everyone else had written down who they loved, so I thought I would tell them I loved Sally (my car). It made me feel like an individual.

"Kitt"-- Because I have something to say, and I find class boring.

"Ned"-- Because I like to see the teachers scrub the desks.

"May"-- Because I like to write who I love on the desk.

"Jane"-- Because I get bored and doodle.

"Betty"-- It saves our forests and gives the readers something to do.

We all have reasons for writing on the desktops although it doesn't make our school look any nicer. Perhaps if the teachers provided a stick-it note pad with each desk, we wouldn't write on the desk tops. Perhaps.

Lori Robinson



The Alumni vs. Varsity basketball games are a highlight of Alumni Weekend for many. This year the results were mixed: the alumni men squeaked by the Varsity team for a victory while the women's game was won by Varsity.

Imagining what they'll be doing ten years from now seems like just a far-off dream to some, but to others it seems like 2004 is just around the corner.

Stacey Hill replied, "Hunting. I'm going to be hunting." To him, imagining ten years from now didn't seem to be that difficult or frightening. Jenni Rasmussen seemed to have it all figured out, "I plan to be working and married with no children." Heidi Ham also seemed confident. "I think I'm going to be married to a minister, teaching piano, pregnant with my first child and as poor as a church mouse," she said. Rebecca Hatley figured she would be married and practicing optometry in the Pacific Northwest with no children, one cat, one dog and one husband. Jon Beitz seemed to be dreaming when he said, "I'm going to be the golf pro at Augusta National Golf Course and Country Club." Many couldn't imagine the next ten years in detail, but responses usually included marriage, no kids, a college education and a good job.

No matter what any of us predicts, it will still be really interesting to reunite in ten years and catch up and maybe even laugh at either our well-redicted outcomes or our far-fetched hopes and dreams. See you at Alumni Weekend 2004!

Sara Duke

Bits & Pieces

By Academy Day, Mrs. Starr had given away 136 pounds of candy this year. The infamous "Jolly Ranchers" are the favorite.

Of the approximately 35 bluebird nesting boxes made and erected by the "Audubon Outreach Team" under the direction of Larry Marsh and Roger Woodruff, nearly 20 are occupied. All of the ones on campus, however, are empty!

Apparently, Amie de Coeur, the girls' club, really hasn't changed its name. Alpha Delta Chi, the initials in Greek, just look snazzier on sweatshirts and stuff.

In this month's phone-a-thon for the Alumni Annual Fund, \$4,560 was raised, and 123 contacts are undecided as to how much they will contribute. Two-thirds of the \$35,000 goal has now been reached.

Projected enrollment for next year is higher than last year's projection. 300 students could attend during the 94-95 school year. **SEND YOUR APPLICATIONS NOW!!!**

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Cheating solution?

Cheating is achieving grades by dishonesty, by not doing your own work. Cheating is a big problem in most high schools and colleges, but it is a rarer event here at UCA.

Over a period of four years, I have only heard of a few cases of cheating. Some were the unlucky ones who had the privilege of snagging a Peach test.

I surveyed a few people on campus to see if they thought cheating happens. Here is what they said:

"Yes it is a problem."

"It is for a few people."

"It happened a lot last year, but hasn't happened this year from what I have seen."

"I think it happens, but it's not stealing tests or cheating on tests; it's copying people's homework assignments. That's the big problem."

What this last person said is the problem I have heard about most. Students rarely cheat on tests. It's the homework copying that's the problem.

The solution to this problem, of course, is simple: Teachers should not assign so many homework assignments and should not always get together to plan to give us all huge assignments on the same day.

Jon Beitz

Student teachers arrive

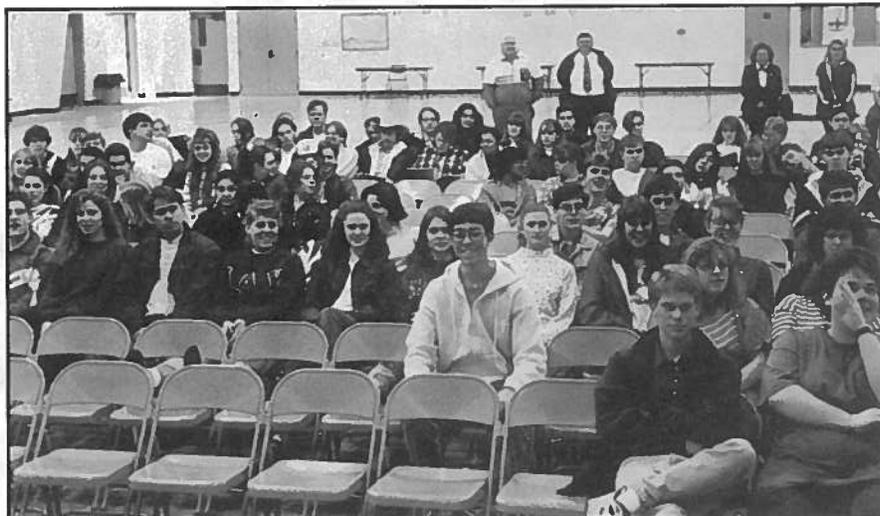
This quarter we have additions to our staff. Joining us from Walla Walla College are Chris Lake and Heidi Henneberg. When taking a course in teaching, as they both are, a hands on teaching lab is required in order to finish the degree. I talked to our student teachers and learned some interesting things.

Chris is originally from San Diego, California. He graduated from Auburn Adventist Academy as a four-year senior. Chris enjoys camping, backpacking, basketball, and snow skiing. He is considering being a Student Missionary or getting a master's degree in Public Health or Counseling. His long-term goal is to get a job as an academy teacher.

Heidi is originally from California, too, and graduated from Glendale Adventist Academy. Her hobbies include camping, tennis, and writing. Future plans include her upcoming wedding, and the hope of going on to become a teacher. She chose to be a teacher because she loves kids, and teaching is the best way to work with them and to teach them what she has already learned.

We're glad they joined us this quarter and wish them the best as they finish up college and prepare to teach future generations.

Annalisa Torkelsen



A crowd of amused students watch male and female staff members struggle over questions from the Knowledge Bowl middle school question book.

Worse than Why?

food

There I was walking down the sidewalk slowly eating my ice cream with my books under my arm and a smile on my face. It was a wonderful sunny day that made me forget all my worries and enjoy life to the fullest. Then I saw it. My ice cream melted instantly and fell off its cone perch. With my eyes half shut and brows furrowed, I walked on past the groping, desperate couple. All they wanted was to be close, and all I wanted was solitude from the hormone-filled situation.

My day was ruined, my concentration shattered, and my friendly thoughts covered by a dark cloud of ugly comments and gestures. Public display of affection has a tendency to make the people around it either very irritated or uncomfortable. If those who feel the need to attach themselves to each other would simply pick up a hobby together (like crocheting or knitting), we could all be happy once more. All I ask is that whatever it takes, please keep the touchy-feely out of the public eye at UCA. Thanx.

Jaime Schultz

I sit for the first time of my life in a dress. Not just any dress, but a full-length dress. I feel uncomfortable since everyone's eyes are on me. No they're not-- They are on everyone. I'm dressed the same as everyone around me. I don't like it. I'm crowded sitting here tightly-packed in this row of people that all look alike. I may look like them, but I'm not just the same. Are they are all alike? They conform to another's ideas and sit here being led, but I don't want to conform. I want to be myself and to be allowed to live my own ideas.

The graduation exercises are a big deal for most seniors, but to conform doesn't appeal to me. To sit in a dress in a stuffy room isn't my great dream of graduation. If I make it, all I want is my diploma and to get out of here.

Why must it be a big deal? Why does everyone feel that I'm letting them down just because I don't want to conform and want to be myself? Is our society today so trained to conform and follow that it frowns on people that want to be themselves? What are we as a people, a group of conformists? If we are trained to conform and follow, who will lead?

LeRoy Wheeler

3rd Quarter Honor Roll

High Honors

Forrest Jellison
Carrie Mastronarde
Jeremy Thomson
Jill Lambertson
Roni Sue Scott
Laura Marsh
Ginger Pifer
Marc Collins
Ryan Crisman
Geoffrey Greenway
Junelle Pellow
Johanna Reeve
Jay Ham
Braden Pewitt
Kirsten Torielsen
Katy Harlan
James Edwards
Rachel Wareham
Bethany Smith
Amelia Magnuson
Laura Way
Sonya Thayer
Sarah Coleman
Philip Cromwell
Christopher Drake
Brooke Flaiz
Jeremy Foss
Jeremy Griffin
Sara Guth
Jeff Hardin
Rebecca Hatley
Sarah Huether
Christopher James
Gregory Lambertson
Lisa Matson
Karl Meidinger
Kathryn Mundall
Marcus Mundall
Celeste Orcutt
Brenda Pewitt
Jeni Rasmussen
Jana Roper
Jonathan Sue
Jennifer Wagner
Michelle Wagner
Allyson Wasiczko
Trisha Wasiczko
Casey Werner
Lynn Werner
Warren Wessels
Erin Wiggins
Alysa Wresch
Jesse Dovich
Glyn Marsh
Alyssa Jager
Amity Pipkin
Scott Dietrich
Annalisa Torkelsen
Andrea Bender
Wendi White
Tyson Mechling
Nancy Peterson
Leah Westerdahl
D'Arcy Simanton
Gary Beers
Aaron Canwell

Honors

Tim Hesgard
Julie Oliveros
Tim Hanson
Sidney Hardy
Jana Seanson
Jared Lange
Jason Holder
Tiana Pavlic
Katie Nelson
Cara Fisher
David Boone
Tonya Ginter
Jeremy McCombs
Ryan Rudd
Cory Wetterlin
Benjamin Marson
Vashti Munson
Jaime Schultz
Stacey Torgerson
Kambra Buell
Nikia Furman
Shuree Torgerson
John Heyden
Jenel Finlayson
Heidi Ham
Andy Henneberg
Laura McCain
Heather Nelson
Shawna Kettner
LouAnn Munson
Renee Harms
Katherine Hillmon
Melissa Griffiths
Emily Bonden
Laura Renck
Brianna Beitz
Matt Knorr
Alyssa Segebart
Erica Blessing
Broc Finkbinder
Shannon Bowerman
Melissa Tucker



The gymnastics team put on another heart-stopping demonstration during the Academy Day festivities.

Add an ad.

Yup, the plan is still to have a new ad. building sometime this century (which really doesn't leave us a lot of time). The hope is for ground-breaking in one year and completion sometime in 95-96.

The precise location (as well as other details) has not been decided, but the new building will include many spacious classrooms, science labs, a large library, air-conditioning, and carpet throughout.

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And finally...

Spring has come. Lawnmowers around campus can be heard humming in harmony, birds are singing, flowers are blooming and leaves are sprouting out all over the place. What a blessing it is to face this kind of activity rather than the extreme violence and hardship so many others face in this country and around the world. Are we thankful for this peaceful place? When we see the signs of spring transforming the campus, do we stop and remember how Christ has promised to transform our lives if we will just ask Him? Let's remember. Let's be thankful. Let's ask.

