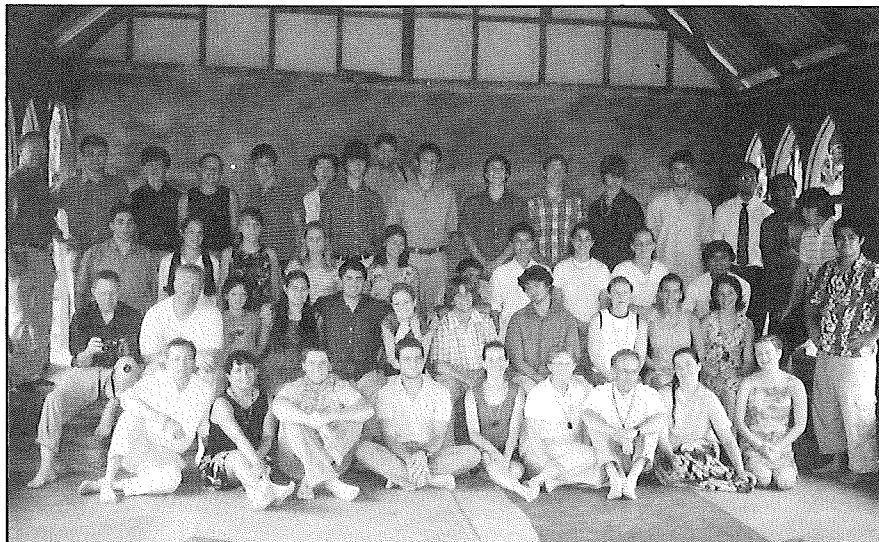


Academy Day

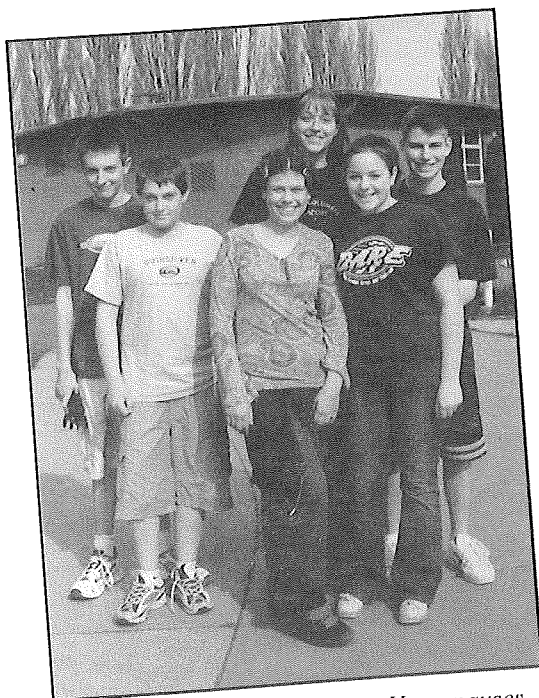
On April 13 another successful Academy Day was held at UCA. Two hundred guests toured campus, met teachers and staff, and learned about all aspects of the academy program. Cafeteria meals, musical performances, contests, prizes and recreation were all part of Academy Day activities.

Although showers were forecast and the sky became overcast, the day stayed dry.

Current UCA students enjoyed a change from the usual routine with only morning classes being held, and guests left with a much better idea of what happens at UCA.



Participants in the Borneo mission trip gather for a photo inside the church they built in one week



Current UCA junior, Annalisa Ham, pauses with her tour group as they explore campus during Academy Day. Twenty-three UCA students acted as tour guides for the morning tours.

Spring break . . . or not

by Matthew Trethewey

An alarmingly contagious disease had swept across campus. Symptoms included rising stress levels and long, tiresome days accompanied by impossible tests blooming here and there. The disease was spring fever.

With warmer weather and the end of the year just weeks away, everything picks up speed and concentration flounders.

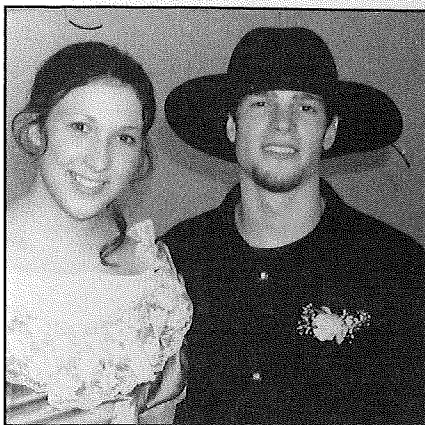
There was, however, a group of students and faculty who traded their precious spring break of rest and relaxation for a plane ticket and

a suitcase. Leaders prayerfully had planned the details for months until this year's mission trips were ready.

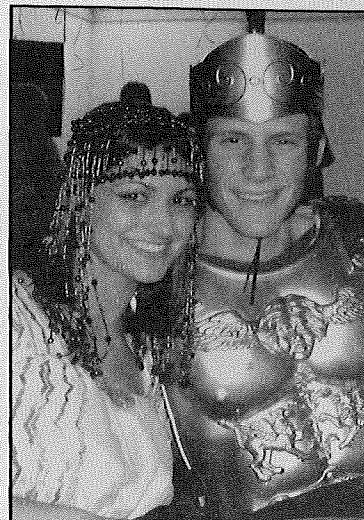
This year, trips were taken to three places. The first group left for Peru and the Amazon, the second headed for street ministry in New York City, and the third group set out on an eternal flight to build a church in the jungles of Borneo. With willing hands and hearts, these people did no more than let God work through them. They chose to answer the call.

COMMENCEMENT APPROACHES
MAY 30, 2004

FAMOUS COUPLES



Mr. and Mrs. Ulysses S. Grant



Anthony and Cleopatra



The banquet hall filled with revellers

photos by Danny Lamberton

National Honor Society

Membership in the National Honor Society at Upper Columbia Academy is based on scholarship, leadership, character, and service. These are the criteria established by the National Honor Society.

Each spring a committee evaluates all sophomore, junior, and senior students who attain a grade point average of at least 3.5. Scholarship is the most important criterion and includes not only gpa but also the number and difficulty of classes taken beyond the basic graduation requirements.

Unusually negative or positive demonstrations of leadership, character, and service also affect a student's selection to the UCA chapter of the National Honor Society.

Membership in the Society is both an honor and a responsibility. Students selected for membership are expected to continue to demonstrate the qualities by which they were selected.

A dynamic banquet

by Amanda Ward

There was much anticipation leading up to the spring banquet. The theme was "famous couples" and as students loaded the buses they were excited to see the hilarious duos.

As the busses headed toward Spokane students began to wonder where they were going. Then, when they unloaded at the Spokane Central church, many looked confused. But when they entered the fellowship hall, they were amazed. Balloons floated against the ceiling, and black, white, and red covered the hall.

After a while tables were dismissed to get food, and the food was a hit. Angel hair pasta, salad, fruit and veggie platters and an array of desserts were served. At the front of the room, the Soules and Phillip Sherwood served Italian sodas. A power point presentation also took place up front, showing photos of the evening's dynamic duos including Kermit and Miss Piggy, Caleb and Megan, and many others.

Live entertainment was provided by many, including Brent Davis, Peter Lacey, and Sam Derting. After pictures were taken and tummies were filled, the couples headed off to a variety of activities. The movie *Radio* was shown and roller-skating, mini-golf and laser tag were other options.

According to Amber Morrill, "This banquet was one of the best. It had great food (especially the chocolate-covered strawberries), decorations, and fun activities."

All in all, the 2004 spring banquet put on by the ASB was a hit.

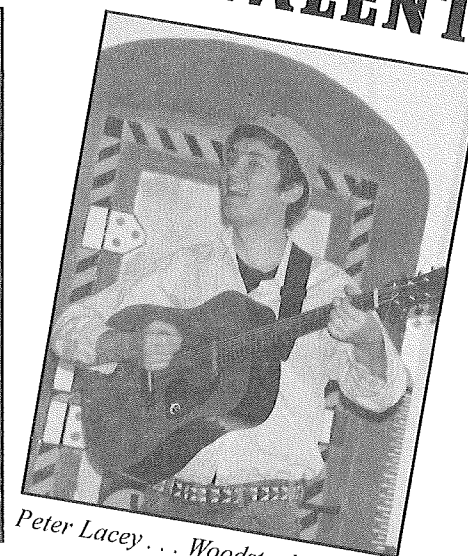
Did somebody say
DUDE ???



SENIOR TALENT



Alexa McFee



Peter Lacey... Woodstock '69?

Seniors blast through the past

by Kris Kostenko

The night was young and the air crisp as several hundred people filed into the gymnasium On Saturday, February 28. The evening all seniors had been waiting for had finally come.

Friday night at vespers dean Creek marked the opening of Senior Recognition Weekend, and on Sabbath morning, Senor deOro gave encouraging words to the class.

Then came the time for the seniors themselves to shine: the Senior Talent Show.

The light vanished and a spotlight picked out a mad scientist on stage who was examining his new inventive masterpiece, a time machine. There were some difficulties with the machine, however, and it roamed from age to age, sometimes stopping to let people out to perform and then vanish back in time. Occasionally remarks by lost time travellers Shane Schinke and Isaac Gross could be heard echoing from the past.

The program was a huge success, lasting late into the night. The many acts and commercials were done very well as was the back drop that depicted the mad scientist's (Gary Thayer) lab and classroom.



Christina Hack and Amber Morrill



Philip Byrd, Adam Schilt, and Brandon Glovatsky

Truly spring

by Elizabeth Randall

"It's truly spring on the UCA campus," commented a bewildered first-time visitor to the UCA church. After sitting at the end of an orange pew and watching a pregnant student lead song service and another walk by him, he was beginning to wonder what UCA was trying to promote.

Once again, a senior Bible class spring tradition hit campus during the first week of March. Seniors had been wondering if they'd end up walking around with a bag of rice tied to their bodies, balancing a basket of six eggs precariously on their lunch trays, or spending all their spare time preparing a perfect wedding. This year Pastor Fred allowed the seniors to pick which project they would prefer to do--pick right out of a box, that is. With five minutes left in class, Pastor Fred began his rounds, allowing the seniors to pick their fate for the next three weeks. Would it be one, two, or the dreaded three?

The dreaded three began when the first pregnancy (bag of rice or other suitable, weighty object) appeared on March 3. Many more were to follow. Most students were all right with being pregnant for only five days, but after the first day, those five days began to seem like an awfully long time. Amber Morrill ceremoniously announced that on her due date--the 9th--she was going to throw away her bag of red wheat and never look at it again.

Many pregnant students took trips into town to see what kind of reactions they could get from unsuspecting Spokane residents. One truly pregnant woman took a double take when she saw a group of three pregnant UCA students waiting for their fourth pregnant friend coming down the escalator. "Look at all of them," she said to her husband in astonishment. She'd probably have passed out if she had visited campus.

We trust the seniors gained empathy and valuable insights into marriage, pregnancy, and child rearing.

Dorm store opens

by Jessica Bryan

"Attention Ladies!" The intercom blares throughout the dorm. "The dorm store is now open for the first time."

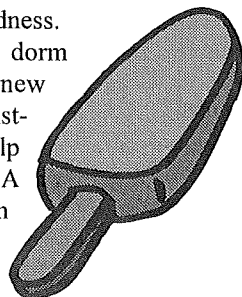
Girls stampede down to the first-floor laundry room to see what treasures they can procure for themselves. The deans' selection seems varied, and many joyful exclamations about batteries, cotton balls, birthday candles, and, of course, spicy cheetos are voiced.

Thirty dollars were made the first night, and Miss Denise had to make an emergency trip to the store to restock on chips and cheetos.

Items in the store range from chips, candy bars, and much-needed chocolate to chapstick, fingernail polish remover, and floppy disks. For those among the girls who like to bake, there are cake, cobbler, and brownie mixes that can be whipped up in the kitchenette. Some healthier food options include a variety of soups, mac n' cheese, dried fruit, and trail mixes.

However, more recent additions are some of the best. The frozen pizzas provide substantial meal options to girls who miss a meal at the cafeteria and are certain they will die of starvation before the next one. But ice-cream is by far the most popular addition: ice-cream bars, Crunch ice-cream bars, Butterfinger ice-cream bars . . . drumsticks, ice-cream sandwiches, fruit juice bars, Swirl bars, fudge bars, and, best of all, Ben & Jerry's pint size containers full of delicious and terribly fattening goodness.

The new girls' dorm store is a blessed new aspect of dorm existence and a huge help in making life at UCA a joy rather than an attempt at basic survival.



Warning:

You may be affected
by Kathilee Davidson

Have you been affected by boarding school? As much as you may hate to admit it, you just might be experiencing side effects of living at UCA. These side effects occur mostly when off campus.

Suppose you are at home and the phone begins to ring. You listen carefully. There is one long ring, not two short ones. It must be an off-campus call! You rush to pick it up. Then your excitement dies as you realize there is no such thing as on or off campus calls. You are off campus. Yes, you have a symptom.

Do you find excessive joy in going grocery shopping just because you get to ride in a quiet car with seat belts, only two other people, air-conditioning or heating, and a radio? Normal people do not experience this joy. It is a side effect brought on by deluxe academy transportation.

Now picture you are at the table with your family to eat supper. The blessing has been said and conversation begins. Once you have filled your plate and picked up your fork, you instinctively bow your head and begin to say your blessing. Suddenly, you feel all eyes looking at you. You are saying a second blessing. Sound familiar? You are showing symptoms of boarding school.

While at the table do you have to be told by your parents that you can be heard just fine and do not have to talk so loudly? Do you find yourself amazed that you can hear yourself think. Are you amazed by the quiet? Do not think this strange for you have experienced the UCA cafeteria. This is merely another side effect.

Perhaps you have been to a birthday party and realize halfway through that traditional song that everyone is staring at you. Were you the only one singing "Happy Birthday" off key? Yes, you definitely have been affected!

Chuggin' on Through

by Brent Davis

These parallel lines cruise through our barren landscape, carrying trains with long loads of cargo. This story will endeavor to explain the obscure routine of the fabled tracks.

When do trains come through? What do they carry? Where do they go? Why is there a stop sign? These are some of the questions that have haunted residents and visitors alike. Luckily, resident train expert, Marlin Thorman, and his informative website (www.westbnsf.com) were able to supply a few of the answers.

Our very own train track is a small stretch connecting Marshall, WA, to Pullman, ID. It is part of the PCC railroad, which doesn't mean pickled cotton candy, but, Palouse River & Coulee City Railroad. The trains usually range from 5-30 cars long with 2-3 engines pulling, and the cargo consists mostly of grain with a few mysterious tanker cars. Train sightings occur mostly on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

Guests and village students alike wonder why there is a beaming red stop sign on each side of our tracks. Hardly has one seen a train must less had to stop for one. No one knows the exact reasoning behind these signs, but it brings up a long forgotten tale of the UCA of old. It seems, in the late 1970's, UCA had a real garbage truck to collect trash then head to the dump. This garbage truck was hit twice and garbage was strewn across the Palouse. While the truck is gone, these signs might be a result of some previous accidents.

So if you ever see a train wandering through its natural habitat, cast aside those daydreams of travel and freedom and remember that it's bigger than you.

Onomatopoeia

by Chelsea Moore

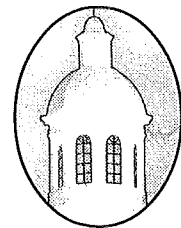
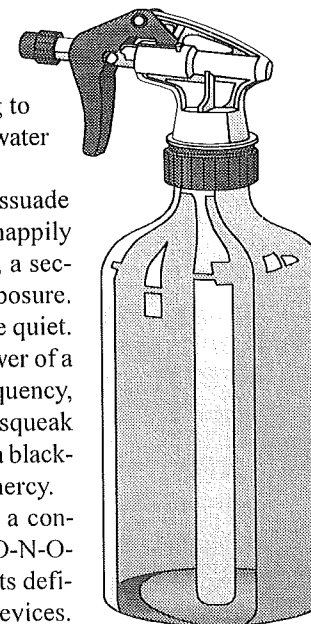
There are many legends about the sleeping or distracted students of Mr. Lacey's English classes. The tales include unexpected rain showers, the "Mr. Lacey Stare," or even the squeaking pen.

Some legends are true. Mr Lacey keeps a spray bottle, disguised as a means of erasing overhead projector sheets, to wage war on sleeping students. Just when they are beginning to relish the jungle atmosphere of their dreams, the water hits.

However, one spray bottle will not always dissuade an entire class. When students are chatting too happily during and informative and entertaining lecture, a second tactic might be used: the stare of grave composure. Sometimes this is enough for the class to become quiet.

If all has failed, never underestimate the power of a Pilot G-2 gel pen. Expertly set to the correct frequency, the pen will emit an unearthly, mind-numbing squeak when twisted. It is something like finger nails on a blackboard, and turns happy chatting into pleas for mercy.

The last of these tactics is the worst. It is a constant reminder that you don't know how to spell O-N-O-M-A-T-O-P-O-E-I-A, and that you don't know its definition for the impending English quiz on sound devices.



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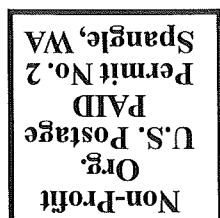
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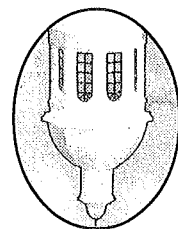
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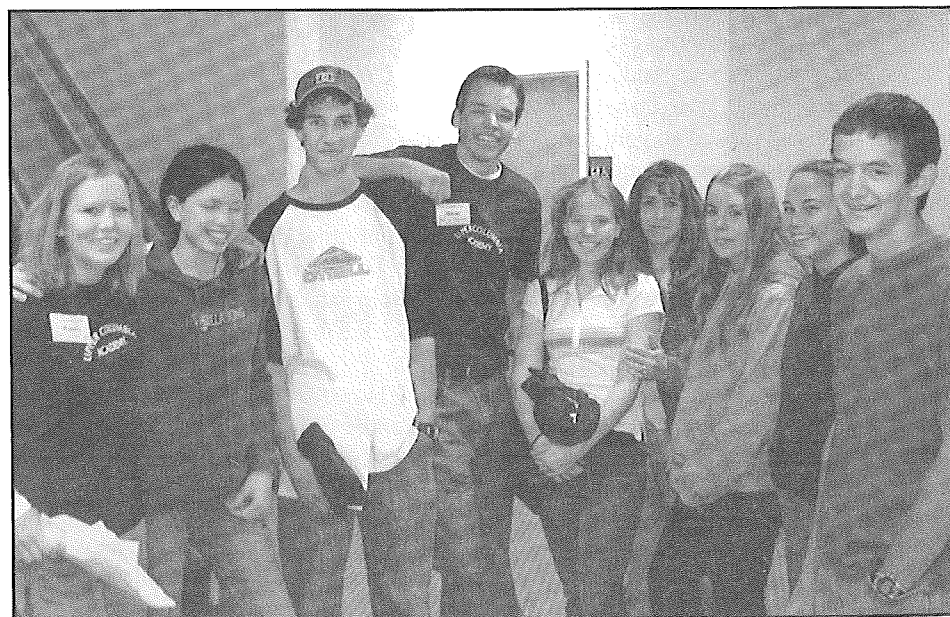
The ACT

The shadow creeps across the sill.
The heavy air oppresses; still,
I know that I must do my best
On this important, dreaded test.

The blunted pencils do conspire
To make neat black marks go haywire.
So many questions make no sense.
My mind goes blank; my fingers tense.

The empty ovals laugh at me.
I silence them: one, two . . . but three
Remain when there is no more time.
(These ACT's, they are a crime.)

Time's up! Time's up! My fate is sealed.
I'm labeled, lost; there's no appeal.
But all is done; there's no more fear
Till I retake the test—next year.



Emily Wilkens and Brent Davis show a group of guests through the Ad Building on Academy Day