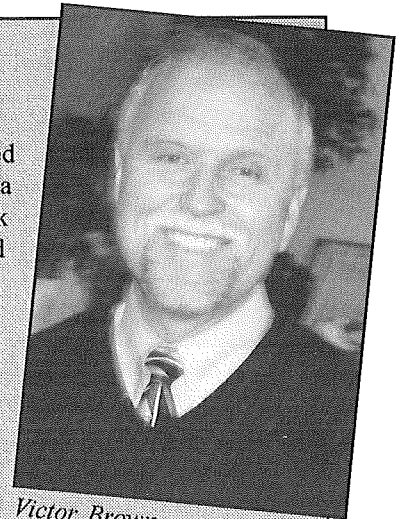


Year of prayer

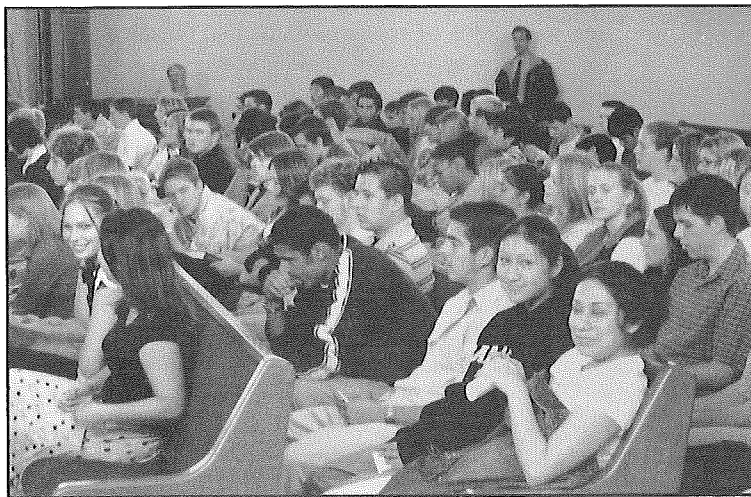
by *Tiffany Muff*

Week of prayer was held from the fourth of October to the ninth. It was presented by guest speaker Victor Brown, who encouraged students to think of the week as a "Spiritual Vacation." Some students may think of a spiritual vacation as getting a break from church and meetings, but for many it was a vacation to get extra time off to spend with God. If nothing else, "It was a great way to get out of classes," said John Martinez.

The speaker's main theme was how life is like a marathon. The key statement was "It doesn't matter whether you come in first; all that matters is if you finish." For some it may take a week to find God, for others it may take years. But the important thing is that you finish the race and find Him at some point in your life. The speaker also stressed that time should be taken every day to pray. Students shouldn't just try to catch up on everything during experiences like week of prayer—they should make it a year of prayer.



Victor Brown



Youth Bible Conference

by *Tabatha Berry*

Students from all over the conference gathered to worship and talk about God at the Bible Conference during the October homeleave.

Camp MiVoden hosted the event; supplying lodging, meals, and, most importantly, a place to worship God.

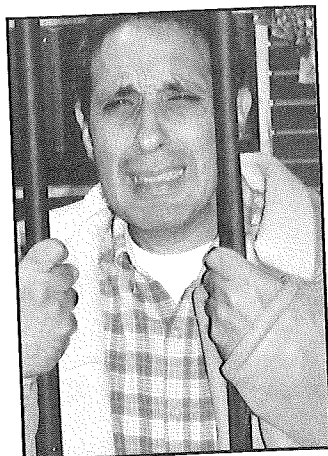
There was a call for rebaptism to anyone who wanted to make it all right with God and have a new start. "It was just really cool to see people make a choice for the better," stated Andy Peters about the baptisms that occurred towards the end of the meetings. Almost half of the people got rebaptized that night.

Pastors from around the conference took their time to go and speak to the youth. The messages that God is good, the Bible always shows the right way, Satan has already lost, and God's presence is ever the more powerful were the messages brought to the youth. These talks were always highlighted with songs of praise, group activities, and other uplifting things that spoke to a lot of the people.

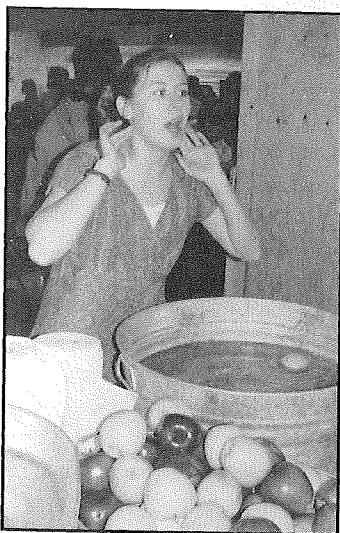
Mock election holds no surprises

The mock election held at UCA on election day brought no surprises. The over 200 students and staff who participated overwhelmingly voted for Republican candidates, which made them correct in two of the three races that were on the ballot.

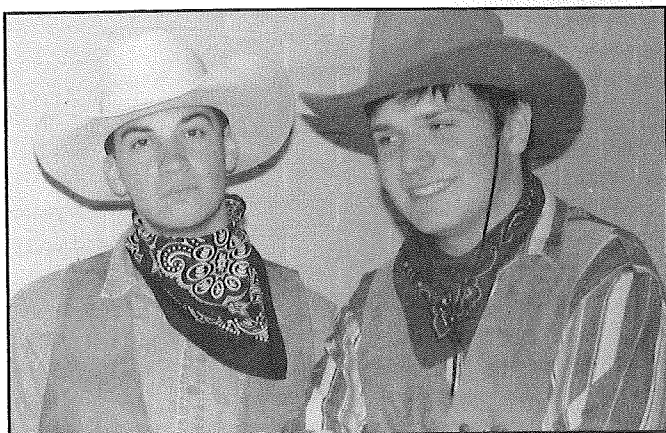
Here George Bush won with a huge 74% to 12% majority over John Kerry. Ralph Nader would be pleased to know he earned 4% of the school's vote, four times the actual result. In the Senate race, George Nethercutt handily defeated Patty Murray by 42 points. In reality he lost by 12 points. And in the race for US Representative for district 5, Cathy McMorris defeated Don Barbieri 64% to 31%. McMorris actually won by 20 points.



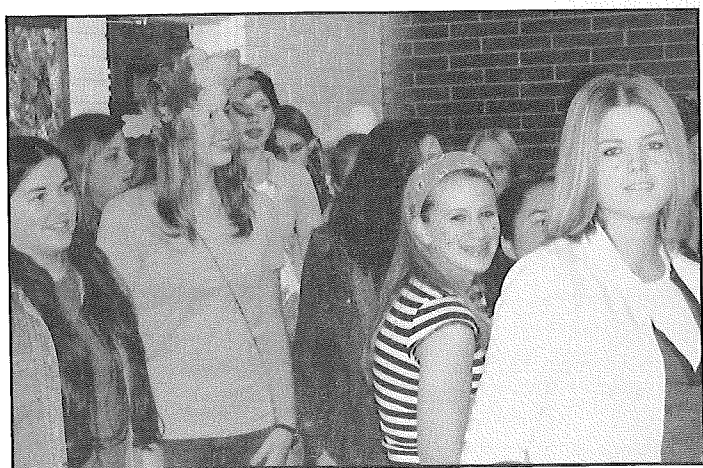
Senor de Oro in jail



Crystal Bozman prepares to bob for an apple



Kris Kostenko and Dustin Kelley, two old cowhands



Jessica Bryan, Krystal Blair, Andrea Cook and Vanessa Loper rush into the cafeteria to collect their food tickets after waiting outside for the Fall Festival to begin

Ride on cowboy

by Chelle Jahn

Many students and faculty are familiar with the everyday décor of the cafeteria; however, on the night of October 17, 2004, students and faculty alike were met at the door by a change of scenery at supertime.

Even before school started, the ASB team had envisioned a Harvest Party in the fall. The theme was undoubtedly obvious: it would be western. Games, such as the box social, cakewalk, and bobbing for apples just fell into place after that. The ideas kept flowing as they schemed about the location, food, expenses, and entertainment. Each ASB officer and sponsor had their work cut out for them as the fast approaching day came.

On the 17th, the cafeteria was a wild blur as the crew rushed here and there to get things cleaned and set up for the Festival, and nine hours later the front door opened to unveil a western masterpiece to a crowd of expectant cowboys and cowgirls.

The festivities began as soon as people walked through the door. The box social was a favorite of the night. Many girls had put in a lot of time to create beautiful looking boxes and baskets of all shapes and sizes to appeal to the eyes of young gentlemen in the crowd looking for a goodie to eat. Other people enjoyed burritos and haystacks for dinner, as well as several other desserts.

Finally, Mr. and Mrs. Haeger lead students and teachers in the Grand March, which was a lot of fun and quite exhausting. Both ASB officers and sponsors felt that it was a huge success and have hopes for more Festivals to come.

Box social

by Nissa Ham

The old-time box social was a major part of the Harvest Party. Girls decorated boxes and filled them with goodies and drinks. The idea was that guys would bid on the boxes and the winning bidder would get to eat the great food in the box and have a date for the evening with the anonymous girl who made it.

The event was slow to catch on. Nervous girls flitted around the outskirts of the semi-circle of reluctant boys.

The first few boxes went for around six dollars, the value of the tickets each guy had been given. When one of the first five boxes went for the whopping total of eleven dollars, people were amazed at what they thought would be the top price for a box.

As the evening continued, however, the boys' reluctance faded and manly competition took over with boxes selling for twenty dollars or more.

Parents absent from weekend get-together

by Kelli Edwards

Some students watched with sadness as others were reunited with their parents on the weekend of October 8-10, 2004, Parent Weekend. Of course not ALL parents could be present for this special weekend, but it was still sad to see students alone.

Most of the parents started arriving Friday evening in time for the dinner that was prepared for them in the cafeteria. Later that evening, vespers was held in the church. It was Victor Brown's last talk, concluding the Fall Week of Prayer. The Choraliers also sang for everyone.

On Sabbath morning, breakfast was with the UCA administrators and a special church service was in the gym. In addition to the band and choir performances and Victor Brown's sermon entitled "Holding on to Butterflies," parents were recognized and given roses as scripture was being read. Lunch followed immediately after.

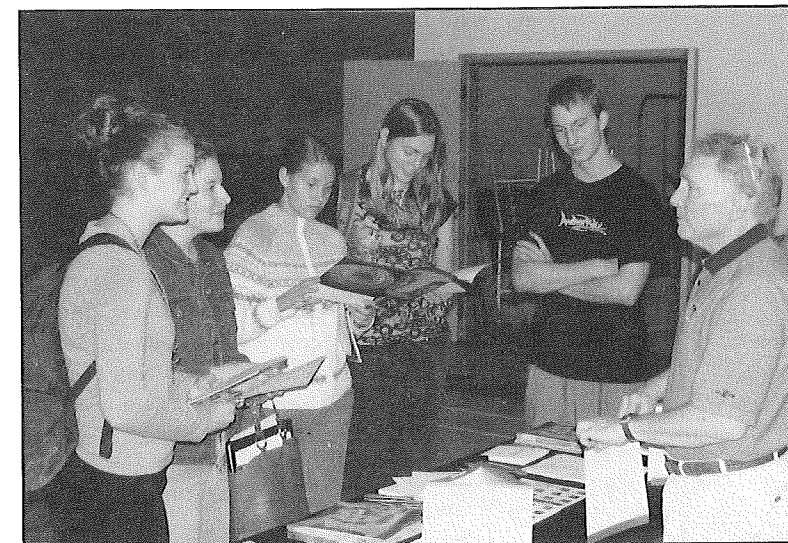
After lunch, tours of the administration building and the Powerhouse were given, and seminars for the parents were held.

At around 4:00 PM, a concert took place in the church. The Cadet Sisters, who sang a song earlier for the church service, harmonized their five voices in a breathtaking performance for the parents and their students.

For the rest of the evening, parent/teacher conferences took place while most of the students were up on the field watching the guys' varsity football team lose an exciting game.

The next morning, yet again, more parent/teacher conferences were held, and after that the busy weekend came to a close.

Even though some parents could not make it, their kids still got to enjoy the weekend and had a chance to meet their friends' families. It was another successful Parent Weekend at UCA.



Crissi Stilwill, Chelle Jahn, Karissa Kravig and Krystal Blair speak to Union College representative Buell Fogg as Adam Knecht looks on

One hard decision

by Ian Holm

All people make decisions in their lives, but some are much more important than others. College is one of those important decisions. The college students choose to attend after high school will determine most of what happens in the rest their life. If a college is not chosen wisely, a student will not only waste a large amount of money, but may fail to get the proper schooling needed to achieve a desired job.

On October 4th a group of traveling college representatives stopped by UCA to host what is called the College Fair. The College Fair serves the purpose of letting students know what each college has to offer and how each student can attain much needed financial aid to help pay for college tuition.

There were representatives from 12 different Seventh-day Adventist colleges. Newbold College was the only attending college from outside North America, with Canadian University College being the only other college located outside the US. The whole presentation lasted from 2:00 to 4:00 in the afternoon, and senior students were required to fill out a paper relating to how they were impressed by each school. Several of the colleges offered applications and a waiver of the application fee.

Even though students could only learn about these select 12 colleges, it proved to be a great opportunity for students to learn and possibly be persuaded to attend a Christian college. Hopefully this event was able to keep the senior students at UCA on track towards a good education.



Sacrifice the body by Joe Jenks

"Sacrifice the body" is not an uncommon sentiment at sporting events across the country. However, it is sometimes a really bad idea. This season on the UCA football fields we have seen more than our fill of injuries. Ankles, knees, and shoulders have all gone in the line of duty.

But sacrificing the body is not enough. More is expected of you. "Give 110 percent" is another command that abounds at sporting events.

These expressions are just part of the game, but the game is nothing more than just that—a game. Played by many and loved by more, it is a large part of life for many. But even such a large part of life should be tempered with a brotherly love and a need for God.

So don't sacrifice the body, sacrifice the pride but have fun . . . and let's play some football!

Dormitory Resourcefulness

by Stephanie Kay

About fifty girls live on the third floor of the girls' dorm. If the thought of that many residing on a single level of any building isn't frightening enough, add three showers. Only three showers. I used to think sharing one shower with a family of six was difficult.

Last year there were seven showers, but an entire bathroom has been shut off since then, leaving only three. The third floor isn't alone in suffering; each floor is experiencing the same situation. The bathrooms are in the particularly cold west wing that is expensive to heat. Plans are to close off the wing completely, cutting dorm costs (and the number of showers) tremendously.

One Sabbath morning, I peered into the usable bathroom and was overcome with despair when a line of six blankly stared back. If each shower took ten minutes, I would wait for twenty minutes. Too long. I debated scouting another floor's bathroom, but figured their situation couldn't be any better. Girls ten to unleash a morning beast on a foreigner stealer shower time, anyhow.

Getting desperate, I remembered the forbidden bathroom. "It's not really forbidden," I reasoned, "since there's no sign. The lights are just out which means it's only a suggestion. Right?" I went in.

I tentatively ran my hand under the spray . . . there was definitely no hot water. Images of glaciers flashed through my mind as I forced my head under. Yes, glaciers that ice over woolly mammoths. I fumbled open the shampoo with my numb fingers while trying to picture a scorching desert. It wasn't convincing.

Later, when two of the three showers clogged and overflowed from giant hair balls, I decided the frostbite had been worth it. Hopefully things will improve, but until then either my alarm will go off earlier or I will dread a glacier fresh shower.

Seniors debate over capital punishment

By Dustin Kelley

The seniors walked into Bible class at the end of September 28 to find out about their next project, a debate on capital punishment. The pre-chosen groups had to explain the current forms of capital punishment, give three advantages and three disadvantages to having capital punishment in our society, and, if possible, use Biblical proof.

One paper per team was due at the start of the debate. There were two representatives per team who participated in the debate, two secretaries, a mediator, and three judges. They were given class time to research, and peer reviews were used for all members of each team to make sure that the workload was divvied out fairly.

UCA student Bible teacher Mrs. Brophy said the debate was designed to help students see both sides of the issue, and not to persuade them in any way. That goal apparently worked, at least with Chad Clark, who stated, "I care now. I didn't before, but I do now. It put things into perspective."

The debate didn't give enough time to answer all students' questions, but the key questions were answered. The debate even triggered the thought process of Greg Balmes, who added that although he still has the same views, he has new insights into the other side. He realized that there are both good and bad points for both views, and because of that, the subject comes down to a matter of personal conviction. The debate helped many gain new perspective on a sticky subject.

Classes elect officers

by Josh Wallace

Outside it appeared like any other Saturday night, but inside selected buildings around campus every class was in the process of choosing who would lead them this year.

After all the voting was done, everyone met in the gym. As the lights were dimmed, the freshmen appeared on stage while Mr Anderson's booming voice was heard over the PA, emphatically announcing the officers for the class of 2006 . . . no, 2007 . . . no, 2008!

After the freshmen left the stage, the sophomores started their presentation with cops arresting robbers and lining them up against the wall. At the end it was revealed that the criminals were, in fact, the class officers for the year.

Next the juniors took the stage. Bodies strewn all over were casualties from a war fought and won by the junior class against Spain. Señor de Oro read the names of last year's officers and the injuries they had suffered. Then he announced their replacements. As each announcement was made, a cannon fabricated by Mr Hartman and Mr Thorman was fired.

As the junior officers left to a round of applause, anticipation about who the senior class officers were was growing.

Finally a bunch of seniors lined up on the floor and the screen was lowered for a killer video—edited by Ian Holm—that was just like the introduction to *Survivor*. After the video, the group of seniors made their way to the stage where Mr Blankenship announced each officer and lit their torch to signify that the tribe had spoken and they had won a class office.

So what started out appearing as a normal Saturday night ended up having a tremendous impact for the rest of the year.

Habla Espanol?

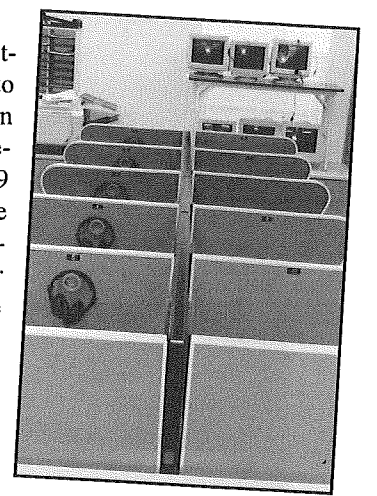
Simeon Redberg

The language department gained a new tool to help Spanish students in their endeavor to learn. Señor de Oro had his 9:39 Spanish 2 class unload the language lab from the conference truck on September 17. Getting the language labs up the stairs turned out to be a chore.

"The labs were tedious and cumbersome," said Jarod Franklin, a senior who got drafted to help. It required a large number of people to maneuver the labs up the stairs. In the process a few large gashes were made in the walls. The labs did make it to the intended room unharmed, however.

The two labs, donated by Walla Walla College, are long tables about 3 feet wide. Each table is divided into separate work stations by miniature office dividers about a foot and a half high. Each station contains a tape deck where students can listen and practice their Spanish. All the stations are connected to a central hub where Señor de Oro can listen to student progress.

Señor de Oro has never used these labs before but he is hopeful. "Students will get extra Spanish practice outside the classroom and they will get more oral practice," he said.



Licensed old-timers help with HOPE

by Toby Seaton

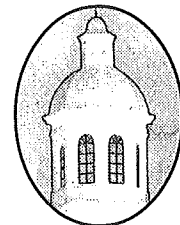
Hope Task Force is back in full swing. UCA students have completed the second outreach day of the year and are about to head out on their third.

So many students participate in Hope Task Force that the school has to rent close to twenty vans to transport the students to their activities. To get that many vans to campus, Mr. Turner finds students that are at least 18 years of age and have not had more than 2 tickets in the last year. These students go out on Saturday night after Sundown Med and are taken in to Thrifty car rental at the Spokane airport. There they are assigned vans to drive back to campus.

There are certain guidelines that the students have to follow when driving the rental vans. They all drive in a line keeping a considerable distance between vans. If they get separated they are not to speed to catch up. Speeding could result in a ticket and discipline from the school.

It was necessary for the school to make special arrangements with Thrifty since drivers usually have to be 25 to rent and drive one of these vans.

Driving vans back and forth for Hope Task Force can be a great experience for people who can follow the simple rules. Others should consider other projects like raking leaves for an elderly lady, or baking cookies.



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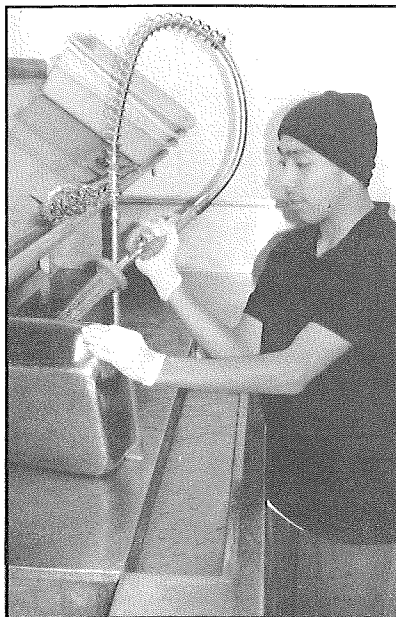
COMING UP

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30 Mid-Term

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5 Banquet
11 Ingathering
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ASB Party
19 Christmas Vacation Begins



Jamie Martinez works expertly with the high-tech equipment in the cafeteria

Respect in the cafe

by Faith Sparrow

People underestimate the cafeteria workers here at UCA. Everyone complains about what is for breakfast, lunch or dinner and no one is ever satisfied. Students complain if there aren't any spoons or napkins, and there is no respect for the people that have to clean up everyone else's mess.

If you were to walk into the cafeteria you would see people sitting around gossiping excitedly while stuffing food into their faces. What you wouldn't see are the people in the back, slaving over the grill trying to satisfy 300 hungry kids. You wouldn't see all the busy cafeteria workers scrambling about trying to keep up the line, clean up the messes and keep friendly faces on all at the same time. You also wouldn't see the students in the dish room scrubbing plates and trays. What would happen if everyone who worked in the cafeteria just took the week off? There would be no meals planned or prepared. The dishes wouldn't be washed and the dining room wouldn't be fit to eat in. That doesn't really seem to bother anyone else here.

The cafeteria workers are most important people here at Upper Columbia Academy. If it weren't for them we wouldn't have healthy food to give us strength to do the things we love to do best. They prepare for us to come in everyday, and we make a mess just so they can clean it up once again. We should show more appreciation for the cafeteria workers.

SMILE!

by Chelle Jahn



At the beginning of the school year, students were asked how Sabbath School could be more special for them. Many students thought Sabbath School was like a sermon and that by having it in a more relaxed group setting would make church more special. Pastor Fred took this on as a personal project to create SMILE, or Saturday Morning Live.

SMILE was created to encourage students to enjoy the presence of God while enjoying interests they have. October 16 was the debut of SMILE. Small groups performed skits, wrote songs, and participated in Bible studies based on Luke 15. They shared with the other groups after about half an hour and took pleasure in seeing how other groups had interpreted Luke 15.

Many encouraging comments were made as well as a few suggestions as to how things could improve. Hopefully, SMILE will continue to grow and bless students and church members alike by opening new doors for God to come in.

Sam Derting,
Nicole
Morgan, Jeff
Gilbert and
Joe Jenks lead
out in the
singing
during the
week of prayer



Praise Team UCA

by Philip Cordis

This year there was a large student turnout for praise teams led by Pastor Fred. Over thirty students chose to be involved. Helping Pastor Fred lead out in the organization are seniors Shondene Griswold and Sam Derting.

The praise teams gather after Wednesday joint worship to prepare for the upcoming weekend. On Sabbath the four or five groups travel to area churches and others as far away as Ritzville.

Great musical talent is not required to be a part of the praise teams. Dedication and faithfulness are. One student shared that the teams give him something to look forward to when going to worship. They also increase student participation in services and give an opportunity to get off campus and go to different churches in the Upper Columbia Conference.

DFI to TLC

by Sam Derting

The dreaded DFI (detention) has changed significantly in the men's dorm since last year. DFI use to be just a strict study hall in the men's dorm chapel. This year, DFI has its own rooms and is now called TLC (The Learning Center).

The name has been changed to make it sound more positive, but, for the people in DFI this year, the toll seems a bit worse. Instead of being held only during study hall, rec. time is now involved. Some students are a bit angry over this, but the deans hope that over time, satisfactory adjustments will be made.

"I think it should be every other night," said Philip Cordis, "that way the students will have some sort of social life."

The new location of the DFI room is in the computer lab and a couple other empty dorm rooms. The deans are making an effort to create a more reverent atmosphere in the chapel.

But now the questions arise: Where will the computer lab be and when will we get it? The deans are still working on getting that set up, but, hopefully, it will be up by the end of the year. The plan is to locate it in an old rec room in the dorm that hasn't been used for quite some time.

The plague

by Shondene Griswold

Blood-curdling screams echo up the sidewalk and past the Power House, but the source is hidden from view by the girls' dorm. But as students round the corner, their cries join the others, adding to the confusion of the people behind them. Soon everyone is swatting wildly at the little blue aphids that plague our campus every fall.

Most believe the blue pests hatch out of the trees along the ballfield, though some are convinced that this is a continuation of the plagues of Egypt: a message to the staff to let the people go . . . home early for homeleave. Either way, the little pests are still there, warming into your hair, smearing across homework assignments, and staining good clothes. Their favorite hang out seems to be the cafeteria doors where their annoyance is the most efficient and effective.

While they only last a week or two, they'll be back next spring for another session of torture. So whether your method be swatting frantically with a bug-splattered math book, carrying an umbrella as Mr Lacey does, or running down the sidewalk with mouth open in aphid revenge, learn to deal with it or you may just be pulling your hair out . . . literally.

Lee and Lil retire

By Philip Cordis

Mr. Lee Beaty and his wife Lillie left this fall to move to the Oregon coast and finally retire. During their four years of volunteer work at UCA, they helped maintain the grounds and participated in Maranatha projects, including the summer projects here on campus. They also would raise and lower the flag and made sure the grounds were in order for big weekends.

When asked if they were still going to do Maranatha work, Mr. Beaty said, "Yes, we will always continue doing Maranatha projects." Although retired, their new home in Oregon will be their base from which they will travel to new projects.

Girls' dean, Denise Serack, stated that she would miss them, especially during those times when they would take care of the dorm on days when the deans were away or in meetings. Faculty and students will miss their cheery faces that lit up the UCA campus.

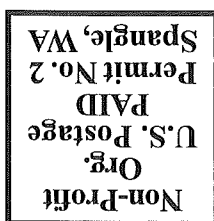
First quarter boredom breeds boys' dorm mischief

by Jarod Franklin

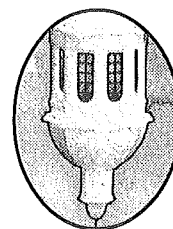
Pranks are becoming a prevalent source of entertainment in the boys' dorm. Only half way through first quarter, these mischievous nuisances began to appear more frequently. Such pranks include door 127 being removed from its hinges, the glass door to the weight room being cracked, two to three people having their faces or doors coated in shaving cream while they slept, and the first floor toilets being plugged with paper towels. It was also reported that three unnamed dorm students sneaked out in the dark and abducted a potted tree and two potted plants from Spanish teacher Señor de Oro who, in response, said, "I think that they need to know the difference between enough and too much."

Unrest in the dorm has also brought about many confiscations, ranging from media to remote control cars. Also, deans have discussed plans for hall "cleaning parties" in which two to three different rooms clean the hall every night.

In general, deans say mischief in the dorm is not outside what is expected, yet it is prevalent enough to arouse annoyance. Taskforce dean, Tyrone Bryan, remarked, "I think that it's immature to do mischievous things consistently." Third floor RA, Brian Belcher, summarizes in his statement, "Some of it's cool, but people need to think how it affects everything else."



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