

## Youth rallies behind hurricane relief fundraiser

by **Eddie McCune**

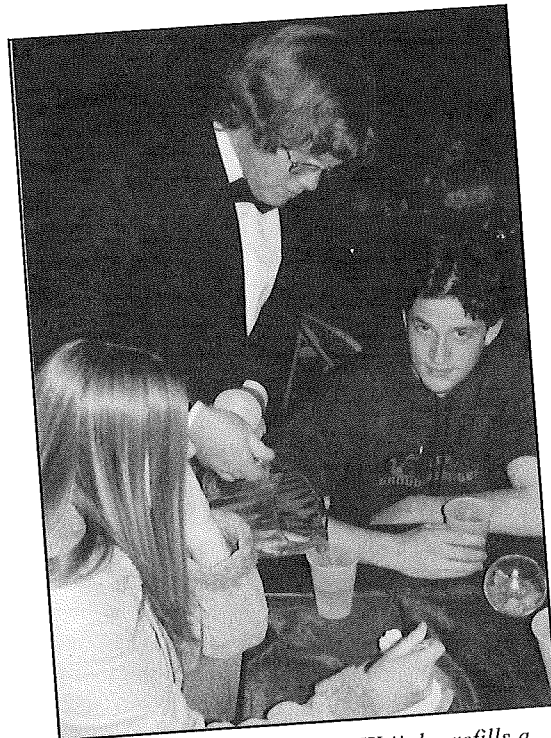
Recent disasters left many people in our nation in need of our help. Here at UCA we felt impressed to help them. At the beginning of the year, UCA donated over \$1700 (the Fall Picnic transportation money) to help the victims of the hurricanes. But we felt that wasn't enough. The students decided to organize a dinner to raise more money to help with the relief effort.

It all started at Senior Survival when the class decided to work together and make a difference in the world. "We came to realize that God loved the world so much that He gave His only Son to die for us. The least we can do to show his love to others is to help them," said Shari Fogelquist. This wasn't a one man job, but a group effort. Eddie McCune, Tommy Poole, Cody Lonning, Alex Heaton, Trina Yeo, Elliot LaPlante, Shari Fogelquist, Rhonda Prokopetz, Ryan Billington, Jessica de Oro, Brian Lambert, and Alan Hayes all pitched in to help with different aspects of the project.

The fundraiser was supposed to be a small dinner but as time went on it became bigger and bigger. "When the UCA students called and told me that they were putting a fundraiser together, I was happy to see the young generation trying to help those in need," said Marge Rusch, American Red Cross Financial Development Director.

And on November 2, through hard work and much prayer, everything came together. The gym was decorated, students provided music, and the Barn at Trezzi Farm catered the food for over 120 guests. Ashleigh Cohen from Southern Adventist University was the guest speaker and showed pictures and recounted stories of what happened when she and other SAU students went to help the victims of Hurricane Katrina.

The dinner raised another \$2300 to be divided between the American Red Cross and Adventist Community Services.



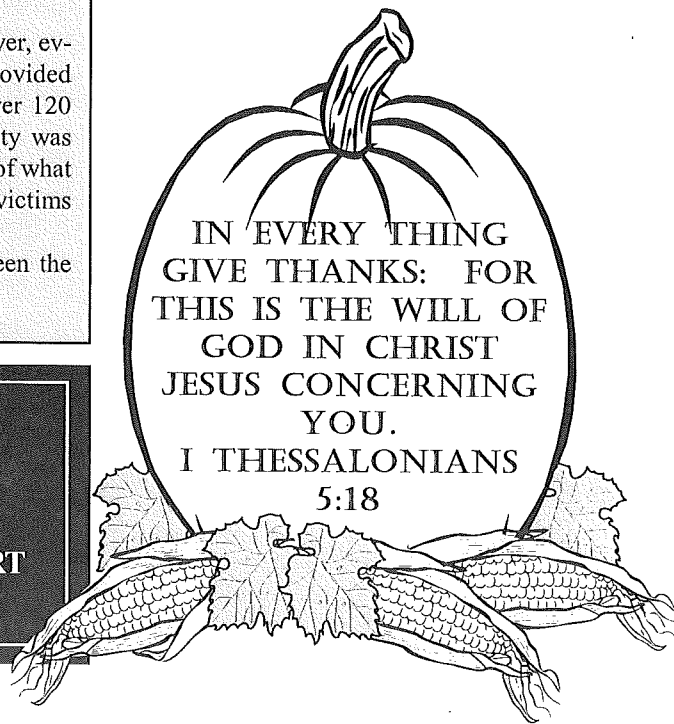
*Impeccably dressed, Brady Weijohn refills a glass during the fundraising dinner while Cody Skeels looks on*

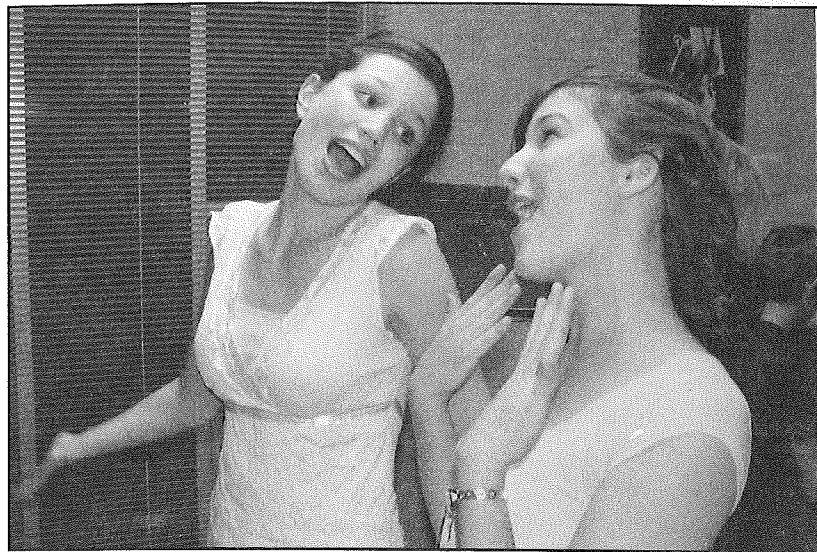
## DECEMBER

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Rhonda Prokopetz and Elliot LaPlante practice before their audition

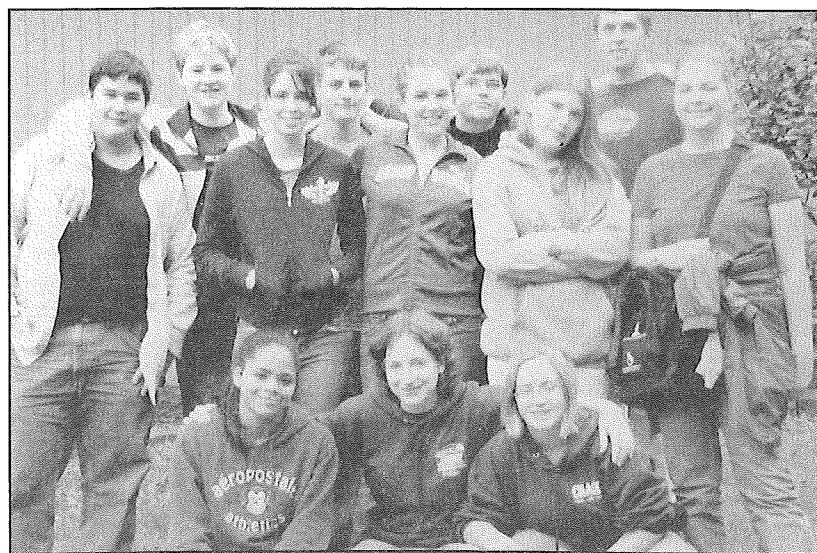
## Can you hear me now?

by Bethani King

"I really enjoyed Bible Camp – the speaker was awesome, the music was good, and I met lots of new people," said Becky Perdew, a new junior at UCA. Twelve UCA students participated in this year's NPUC Bible Conference, which was held over October homeleave at Camp Beracha, near Seattle, Washington. Among the other schools represented were Auburn Adventist Academy and Mount Ellis Academy.

The three days of camp consisted of inspirational talks by Terry Johnsson on the theme "Can You hear me now?" And, of course, the students were given time to mingle and build new friendships.

"The most amazing thing about Bible Camp for me was that I learned that God has a plan for me," said Amanda Watkins, a junior from Eugene, Oregon. The group returned to UCA refreshed and energized.



Students who attended the NPUC Bible Conference

## Auditions hit big numbers

by Adam Hays

This year was the Boys' Club's turn to organize Amateur Hour. Thirty-six different acts auditioned, but only sixteen could make it into the program. Acts fell into four categories: vocal, skit, piano, and instrumental.

Mr. Lange, a long-standing judge for Amateur Hour auditions said, "I am looking for content and how well prepared they are. It doesn't matter if everything is memorized because there was such a short preparation time. It is always good if they keep the right key throughout the whole song. But the top two things we look for are whether the lyrics and the music represent this school."

Tommy Poole, a senior here, said, "I am not really nervous when I'm up there because I have done it many times before. The judges may look intimidating but they are all softies. I usually blow them a kiss before I start."

## Cookie Day

by Jennifer Dovich

The day after HOPE Task Force is the most wonderful day. Every student would have to agree that they love Cookie Day. It is a day of sticky fingers, chocolate-covered faces, and happy stomachs. Cookie Day is like no other day. Walking into the Power House and smelling those warm chocolate chip cookies is wonderful. It makes you think of home and, for some reason, you feel loved.

It's wonderful to have a HOPE Task Force project dedicated to making cookies for us. With Cookie Day, UCA shows its appreciation to the students for working so hard. After doing a range of volunteer work for others, coming back to school and knowing that we truly did make a difference means so much, and Cookie Day wraps it all up perfectly.



## takes over campus

by Christopher Patchett

On Saturday, October 1, while the girls' dorm was off at Mrs. Wickward's house, the men of UCA took over campus for an all-nighter. What started as unusual but promising soon became a memorable and electrifying evening.

After sundown, the first activity was held in the gym. The *Ultimate Dodgeball Showdown* took place with the freshmen and seniors taking on the sophomores and juniors. After several games, it was determined that the sophomores and juniors were victorious.

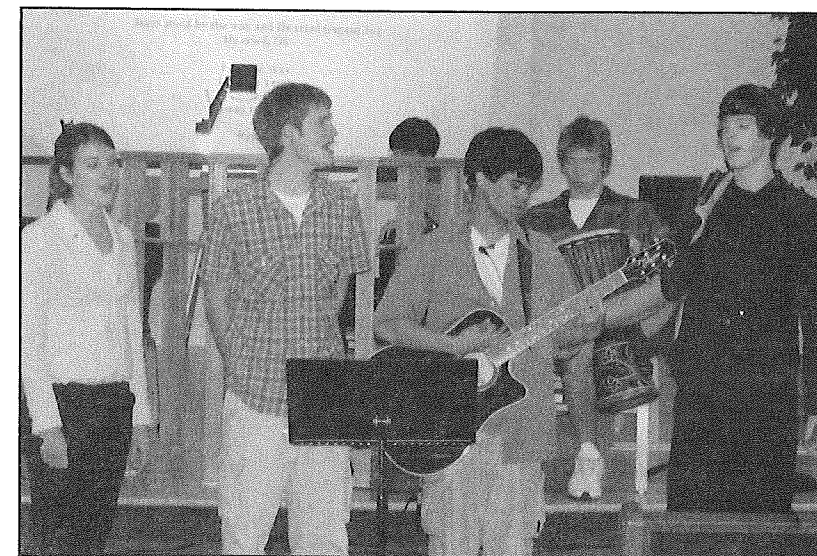
During the dodgeball showdown, there was also a table-tennis tournament and a pick-up basketball game taking place.

The next activity was the campus-wide *Capture the Flag* tournament. The teams remained the same and the flags were glow sticks. The game was intense and physical with some injuries that led to the game being called at a 2-2 tie. Then the guys returned to the gym for the final activity.

After being served Krispy Kreme doughnuts, everyone lay on the gymnastic mats to watch *Memphis Belle*, a movie about an important WWII mission. Then, around 3:00 a.m., the movie ended and most of the guys went back to the dorm to sleep while a few stayed in the gym.

"It was the coolest thing I've done all year. We have to do it again," exclaimed Justin Seibly. Armand Rabanal enjoyed the evening, too, but thought the power should have been on all night for a true all-nighter.

All in all, the activity was a blast for everyone, and the dorm is looking forward to experiencing it again.



A praise team leads singing during Week of Prayer

## Week of Prayer under fire

by Crystal Kablanow

It all begins approximately a week before Week of Prayer. Subtly and almost unnoticed, it creeps in bringing power for good and evil. Prayer groups become active, and people stand beside each other, supporting one another, as they gradually become aware that there is an unseen conflict raging around them.

Satan and his followers have come to distract, tempt, annoy, and wreak havoc wherever possible. The students band together, calling on Christ to rebuff Satan. They beg God to send the Holy Spirit to blanket the school with love, joy, and peace.

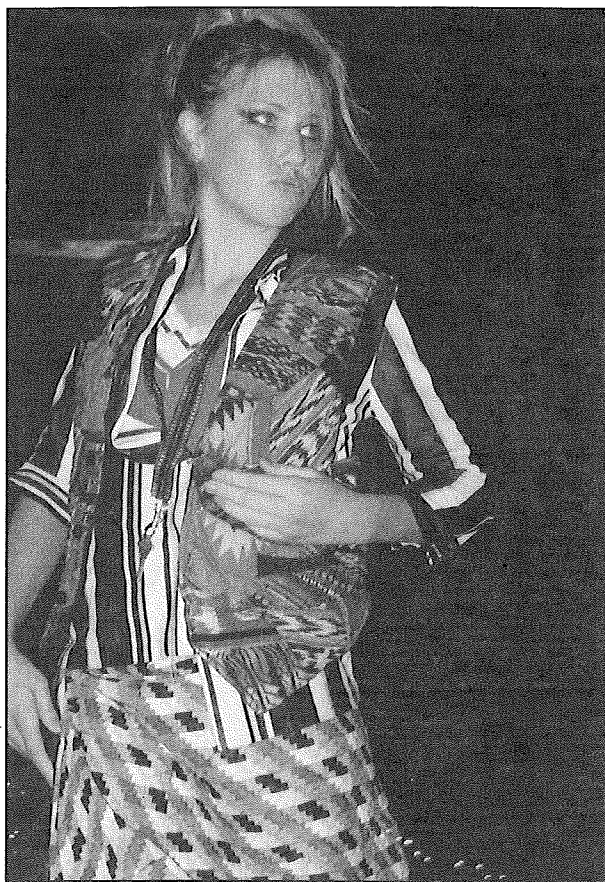
The prayers and concerns of the students are heard, and angels begin to arrive, sending the dark angels screaming for cover. Suddenly there is a hush among the angels and then . . . the comforting light of the Holy Spirit descends like a blanket and imparts love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, and self-control amongst the students.

As the week progresses, as the students continue to band together, things run smoothly. Each time prayer is forgotten, though, something happens to cause someone heartache and pain. Satan uses every excuse to bring contempt and discord – even things in the services themselves. The morning meetings, considered a flop by some, cause a bad feeling about the whole Week of Prayer that can't be shaken.

Not all is lost. Some intrepid students take it upon themselves to liven up the morning meetings and make them worthwhile. Then student attitudes change and they enjoy the last few days of both the morning and evening meetings – although the evening meetings are still the favorite meetings by far. Ritchie Brower's stories are a blessing to everyone.

God's handprint is placed on the whole week upon the request of the students who band together, under His name, to pray for God's presence among them. No request is too big or too small; each has its own special worth to our great and awesome God.





*Cady Graves participates in the fashion show*

## Girls Unleashed

by *Prisilla Gonzalez*

Preparing to have fun was what 57 girls did on September 30, 2005. With Mr. Hartman as the bus driver, the girls embarked on a Girls' Club outing and arrived at Mrs. Wickward's house in the midst of ugly weather. Friday night ended with praises. Many girls relaxed and got ready for a long Saturday.

Saturday started out with a late breakfast. Church was put on by Mrs. Hartman and Mrs. Turner who related childhood memories. Mrs. Blankenship and Mrs. Wickward started Sabbath School with a couple of thier memories as well. After lunch, a couple of girls went hiking while others stayed around the house.

FUN was ignited after sundown on Saturday. Girls munched on 35 pizzas delivered by Dominos, and Mrs. Willis started the first session of the evening: teaching the girls how to assemble creative gift cards. The spa, facials, pedicures and manicures were taken care of by the Girls' Club and the girls' deans. Wardrobes from ADRA were used in a fashion show which began at 11:00. More than 12 girls participated in the show in which Kassie Conaway, Kayla Franklin and Alisha McCullum were winners.

Brunch, as well as other meals, was prepared by Mrs. Turner and Mrs. Blankenship at 10:00 on Sunday morning. The fun and excitement ended at about 2:00 p.m. as the girls rushed to clean up. Less than \$5 of damage was done in Mrs. Wickward's house, which, she said was a big plus.

## Better off independent

by *Sonja McDowell*

Everyone likes privacy—even the kids here at UCA. Four girls, randomly chosen, were all asked these same questions: How do you feel when you don't have a roommate? Is it easier to do homework and keep the room clean? If you had your choice would you have a roommate?

All had pretty much the same answers. They all felt good about not having a roommate, although some felt lonely. They also all agreed that it was easier to keep their rooms clean and do their homework.

It's true. People who don't have a roommate don't have to worry about their roommate's friends coming in and talking loudly while they are trying to concentrate on their homework. And they don't have to worry about anyone else's stuff; they only have to take care of their own things.

Of the four girls that were interviewed, one said she would consider having a roommate depending on what type of roommate she turned out to be. An acceptable roommate, she said, would have to allow her privacy. But the other three said that they would much rather not have a roommate at all.

Throughout the year some girls struggle to find a compatible roommate; others find it easy. But here in the girls' dorm, it costs an extra \$100 per month if you refuse to have a roommate. To most, this is to high a price to pay. So if you can't pay up, work fast to get that one perfect roommate before someone else beats you to her.



*Courageous members of photography class pose for a picture*

## Photographers prevail

by *Jessica Purviance*

On September 30, six brave photography students armed with their cameras and a trusty Chevy Suburban headed off into the sunset. The group, Tabitha Dudley, Adam Knecht, Kristen Trueblood, Belen Morales, Chester Humbert, Jessica Purviance, and Mr. and Mrs. Paulson and their daughter Michaela, little knew what they would face the next day.

They continued to Yakima, and after spending a peaceful night on the floor of the Yakima Adventist School gym, they awoke to a sky full of angry rain clouds. The rain stayed around the entire trip, soaking the keen photographers whenever they tried to step out of the car. Once they were even pelted with hail, but they would not be defeated. Rain or shine, they perservered, the wet and cold making them thankful for Paulson's heater-equipped Suburban.

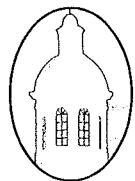
The plan to photograph Mount Rainier went awry when a park ranger made it clear that the mountain wouldn't be visible through the fog. So the intrepid photographers moved on to plan B: stopping at a lake and taking some stellar shots of rain drops hitting the water. They also drove around shooting pictures of misty canyons and old churches. The dense cloud cover made for perfect lighting with no heavy shadows.

Evening number two was spent lounging in a hotel after the students convinced their fearless leader that sleeping in wet tents was not appealing.

The next day, the group headed to Mount Saint Helens, to be met, once again, by clouds covering the mountain from base to summit. While hoping the sun would come out, they explored the visitor's center and watched a movie about the infamous 1980 eruption. When the movie ended, the mountain was still invisible, so they watched the movie again . . . and again. Finally, they had to admit defeat. They would not be able to see the mountain that day, so they took to the road once more and spent the night at Mr. Paulson's parents' house.

On the final day, heading home through the Columbia River Gorge and stopping at several pristine waterfalls held the most photo opportunities.

In all, friendships were formed, hundreds of pictures were taken, tacos were eaten, and the students came back feeling less like amateurs and more like the experienced photographers they hope to become.



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## Wheat fields rumble

by *Chris Parker*

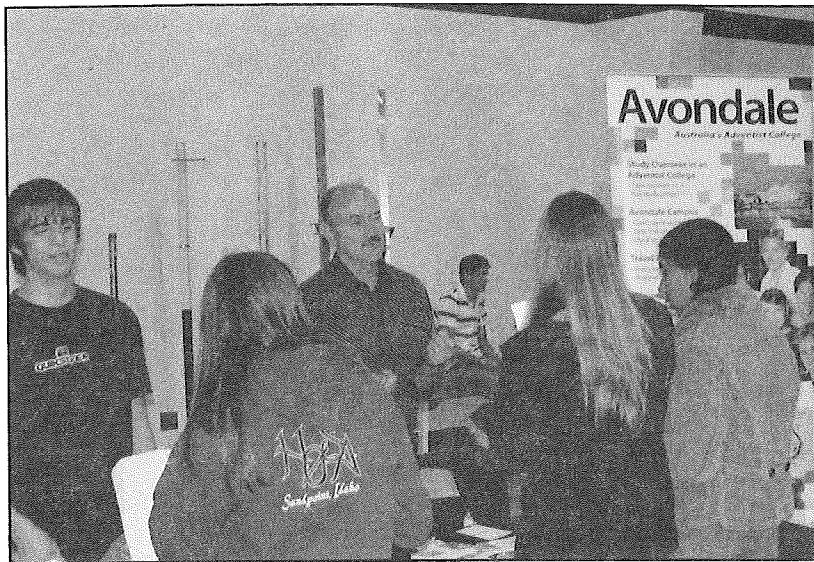
Anything can happen on any given Sunday. All four teams knew this to be true, so they came with high expectations to the legendary "Wheat Field Rumble." The UCA Lions had good spirits even though they had not yet won a game. Now they hoped to set things right for the rest of the season.

The first teams to battle it out were the UCA Lions and the Old School team from Yakima. The game was very close, but with only minutes left Old School pulled ahead. Things looked grim for UCA, but both defense and offense came through. The offense scored a touchdown to take the lead, and the defense got an interception to seal the game with a score of 34-30.

Then it was time for the Old School to play South Hill. It was an intense game, but the one to take the field in the end was Old School.

The final game for UCA was against their own beloved faculty. The faculty didn't score one point but it was still fun for all. The center for the faculty team, Fred Riffel, said, "It was the most fun I've had losing in a long time. The UCA team made me feel like a winner."

After it was all over, the UCA Lions left the field with two wins on their record and a very positive attitude about the future. But more importantly, the team made new friends and had fun. That's what football's all about.



The Avondale booth was popular during College Fair

## Is love in the air?

by Kristen Milligan

It seems like couples are starting to pop up all over campus as people are getting to know each other better and better. Yes, indeed, love is in the air.

You notice the couples are always together at vespers, church, meal-times, recreation . . . or any place on campus. But what exactly is the meaning of "going out"? Do relationships that start at UCA last? Is love *really* in the air or could it just be boredom or infatuation?

These questions always pop into my head around banquet time when couples have to survive an uncomfortable night of sparkling cider, table manners and—worse—each other's company. On banquet night they realize they're victims of infatuation and solemnly promise themselves they'll never do such a thing again. But when the next banquet rolls around, they find themselves with another date, going through the same discomfort.

What do we do about this problem? Nothing. It's life, and without these quaint annoyances we would never learn what really matters.

## Parent Weekend comes and goes

by Dayton Osborn

It happened once again this year: Parent Weekend, a joyous time where our wonderful parents come and see their bright and studious children.

Ron Turner, the main coordinator for the weekend, reported that 262 parents from 144 families visited this year. That means 52 percent of the students had parents here. Turner finished by saying, "I like seeing the number of parents coming to see their sons or daughters and also seeing the excitement of the students when they see their parents show up for this event."

Not only do the parents get to see their kids, but they also get to check up on their classes and grades as they talk with the faculty and deans. "Parent weekend can go both ways," said Ashley Dresen, a junior this year. "The good part is that they're involved in my life and the people I know. The bad part is that they see your grades and find out what you've been up to."

So remember, boys and girls, to be thankful that your parents get to visit you and to stay out of trouble because they will find out everything eventually.

## College Fair

by Emanuel Suarez

Deciding what college to attend can be stressful, so seniors look forward to College Fair, a day set apart for them to go to the gym to see and visit booths prepared by many Adventist colleges. The event is organized by Mrs. Lacey, the school registrar, and is a part of senior Bible classes. The Northwest College Fair tour organizers and Mrs. Lacey decide on the best day and colleges call in to reserve their places.

Only Adventist colleges are promoted by UCA, and about 75 percent of seniors go to Walla Walla College or Southern Adventist University. Many seniors get excited about attending Avondale in Australia or Newbold in England, but very few ever go.

Students ask college representatives questions and collect brochures and other materials, so by the end of the day they have a clearer idea of what each college offers.

## What's cooking?

by Ashley Morrill

This year the cooking class students were busy preparing many delicacies. The class, taught by Mrs. Mann, lasts for just the first quarter.

The class recently finished two big projects. The first involved international foods. The students picked a country, did a five page report on that country's food and culture and then prepared a typical dish.

The students enjoyed the class period when they gave oral reports and presented and tasted the food.

The second project focused on food of the early Americas. Again, students wrote reports, gave oral presentations, and made a dish from a certain time period in American history.

To end the class, students worked in groups to make gingerbread houses. The houses were finished and decorated in time to take home or display in the dorms for the holidays.

## Classes elect officers

by Mariah Gage

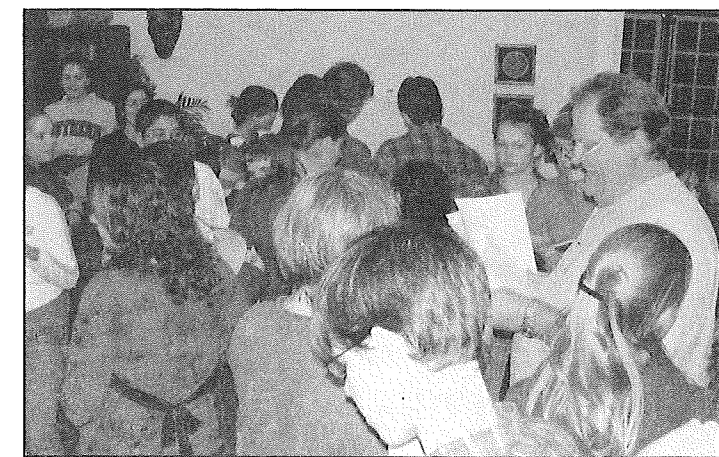
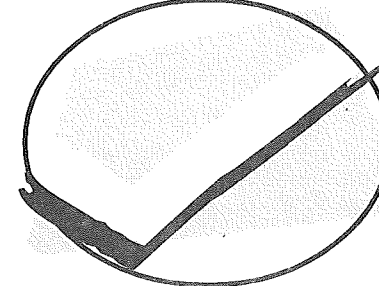
An entire class crowds into one room. Noisily, they find seats and feel nonchalant and carefree . . . except for a select group who sit near the front, their stomachs churning and their minds repeating the same question: "Will I get the vote?"

The class sponsors make their way to the front and stand waiting to make the announcement. Loud "Sshhh's" spread through the room and the constant jabbering finally subsides. "It's now time to choose your officers," one sponsor begins.

Careful rounds of voting and counting that seem to take an eternity finally end and the officers are announced. For some candidates, the knot in their stomachs disappears with a gleeful sigh of relief, but others face bitter disappointment.

The class moves on to the new officers' first project. With the help of their classmates, they must come up with a way to introduce themselves, that evening, to the whole school. Eventually a brilliant scheme is formulated and the class heads to the gym where the officer announcements are met with screams and cheers.

Eventually the night comes to a close and everyone goes back to their rooms. The officers part with a sigh of relief, looking forward to a year full of planning, brainstorming, and fun.



Mr. Anderson presides over the sophomore class on election night

## Voting process stagnates

by Lauren Stingl

The 2005 October class elections were eagerly anticipated by the student body, and the process itself went smoothly except for the wait outside the gymnasium for the senior class to finish voting. But some improvements to the voting process could be made.

Roxanne Wickward, now a teacher at Upper Columbia Academy, recalls the voting process was the same when she attended UCA. The continuation of the same process suggests it works but could also mean it is getting outdated. "It's been the same since the eighties," Wickward notes. "Student speeches would affect the student voting positively. It would allow every student to have a voice not just based on popularity."

Cody Lonning, a student and ASB President says, "Speeches would make the voting more competitive. It would create more animosity between the candidates." A faculty member active at the administrative level presumes speeches are not given for scheduling reasons.

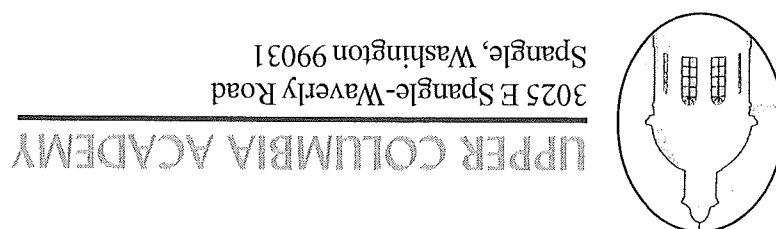
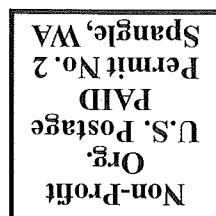
A greater time span between the announcement of candidates and the elections would have a positive affect on student voting. Wickward says, "It would give new students a chance to get to know each other better." Lonning agrees that students could ask candidates more questions and learn who the candidates are but notes that too much time could cause voters to forget about the election.

Whether new students are at a disadvantage in elections is debatable. Wickward believes students vote for who they know while Lonning believes they vote for whom they think would make a good leader. This is especially true, of the higher positions, he says, while the lesser positions are more of a popularity contest.

It is true that students will vote for familiar candidates, but publicity posters could ease this issue. Old students will always have the upper hand in a popularity contest, but new students may meet academic and citizenship requirements more easily since their records may not have reached the school by election time.

Lonning suggests making time for a real campaign would be hard at the beginning of the year, but Wickward suggests such a change could improve the electoral process and that during a two-week period candidates could make campaign posters and, at the end, have the opportunity to give a small speech to their class right before voting.





# CLASS OFFICERS

	SENIORS	JUNIORS	SOPHOMORES	FRESHMEN
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<b>Vice-president</b>	Shari Fogelquist	John Lubke	Jimmie Choi	Eduardo Bautista
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	David Mack	Ashley Dresen		