

THE *ECHOES*

Upper Columbia Academy, Spangle, Washington

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Sunday Ministries: A Working Plan

This year, UCA has planned a new program called Sunday Ministries. Mrs. Torkelsen is the Community Services Director and plans the activities. There are a number of different projects: Clown Ministries, Riverfront Park Cleanup, Graveyard Cleanup, Good Neighbors, and many more.

Students signed up at registration for the ministry of their choice. Instead of Sunday School, they can go out and help people.

For Clown Ministries, students dressed as clowns go to Riverfront Park and pass out candy and literature. In Riverfront Park Cleanup, kids divide into groups of two or three and pick up trash. For Graveyard Cleanup, they make the Pioneer Cemetery look better by cutting down weeds and pulling up trees. For the Good Neighbor project, kids move wood and clean houses. On the first day, everyone was presented with a special H.O.P.E. Taskforce t-shirt to wear while working on their projects.

It has been a great success so far. Students don't have to go to school, and most get to be outside. They're with their friends and helping other people. That gives anyone a good feeling inside!

Amee Wesner



Students work diligently at Pioneer Graveyard, determined to make the place look better.

**"I can do all things through
Christ who strengthens me."
Philippians 4:13**

You Auto Like It

As you probably heard, U.C.A. is overflowing with students this year. Along with the great number of students comes the need for extra staff.

Mr. Paulson is one of our new staff this year. He came to U.C.A. not only because of the high enrollment but also because Mr. Klein has moved on to work for the Oregon Conference. As our new shop teacher Mr. Paulson is offering Small Engine Repair, Welding, Woodworking and Auto Mechanics (next year). Small Engine Repair is a new class this year.

Mr. Paulson has big dreams for our shop. He wants to climb the step from industrial arts to technology. In other words, he wants to update it to a shop of the nineties. Two great factors stand in the way: time to make the change and money to back it up. As a welding student I am learning a great deal and anticipate learning more. Let's hope the change can be made soon, so even greater learning can take place.

Enoch Dally

'93 Student Council

Formed last year, the student council is a group of students elected to discuss student issues and make recommendations. This year's members are

President - Greg Lamberton
Secretary - Leah Westerdahl
Senior - Travis Knoop
Village - Jon Beitz
Junior - Kiff Christensen
Aaron Canwell
Sophomore - Jennifer Wagner
Freshman - Katie Nelson

Undying Friendships Formed

It was survival to the max. Plastic bags for tents, holes in the ground for toilets, 10 degree creek water for baths, and the food? Well... lunch was good, but breakfast and dinner we cooked for ourselves and... well... let's just say that maybe mom can keep her job for a while longer.

To all of this, add Elder Clayton Childs' Great Controversy study, Mr. Jenks' Initiative Problem Solving (8 feet really isn't that far to fall backward!), Mr. Henderson's Survival School (weren't we already surviving?), and Rocky Mullen's Wild Edibles (Hey! Where are the grasshoppers?)

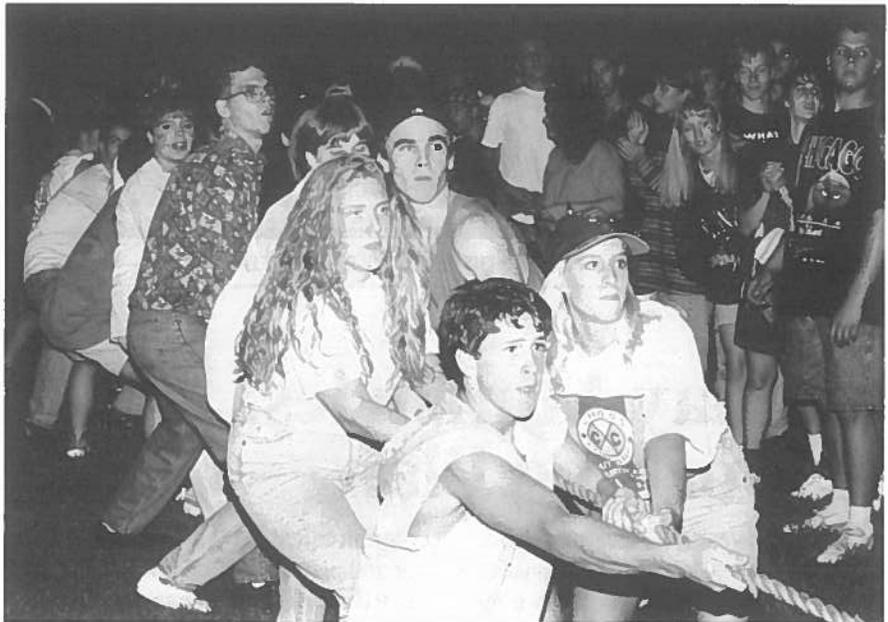
With everything added together you have a 5 1/2 day trip that slowly but surely drew the whole class of '94 together in love and trust for each other and God.

As one senior put it upon returning to campus, "The class of '94 is on fire for God." Now that's the ultimate survival.

Melissa Griffitts



Priscilla smiles weakly after polishing off an entire cream pie.



Pull harder! Junior competitors concentrate all their attention on winning the Tug-of-War.

Classes Compete Again

Vocal chords are stretching and straining to new volumes. Eardrums are beating to the loud roar. It is Class Night once again. The Seniors have the evening's events down pat, while the Freshmen are aimlessly wandering amidst the confusion.

First on the agenda is the Class Scramble. This event involves speed, agility, hundreds of personal items, and lots of class spirit. Tension mounts as every ear strains to hear Mr. Soule's next words. All of a sudden, the loud speakers boom out the words, "A 1993 quarter!" Everyone dives to the floor, looking for the coveted item. After minutes of mad scrambling, after everyone has given up, we hear Soule laugh out loud and say, "They haven't made any 1993 quarters yet! Gotcha!"

After a satisfying amount of this sort of torture, we head up to the football field for tug-of-war. It is a heaving success. We battle against each other for the ultimate victory. Surprisingly, it is the Freshmen who win.

Pushing a truck around a series of cones with a blindfolded faculty member driving may sound simple enough, but it's not! One class determines to be the one with the fastest time. They charge across the field, avoid one cone, and squish the rest. The Seniors, backed by age and maturity, take it extremely slow. Almost all of the onlookers are laughing, but when the scores are read, it's the Seniors who have the last laugh - they win again!

The pie-eating contest is a slimy experience for every competitor. When it's all over, the participants vow to never again eat a cafeteria pie.

When all the scores are tallied, the Seniors emerge victorious. Everyone departs with a feeling of anticipation, hoping that next year, maybe, just maybe, their class will triumph.

*Jesse Dovich
Class of '95!*

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"Go Take A Hike!"

As a group of about 40 students and five staff members boarded the bus on the evening of September 9, there was excitement in the air. Their destination: the Wallowa Mountains. This was the group of brave students and even braver faculty members who were going on Outdoor Education.

That first evening was spent in a staff member's cabin. The group awoke Friday morning more than ready to conquer the elusive mountain. This included, as they soon found out, hiking an eight-mile trail of switchbacks, a 90-degree upgrade (as it seemed), a never-ending meadow, and finally, arrival at the camp site located next to the beautiful Mirror and Moccanin Lakes.

After completing the exhausting climb, the group of conquerors set up camp and then gathered around the fire for a meaningful Friday evening worship.

The next day dawned bright and sunny as a small group of thirteen hiked another eight miles to the top of Eagle Cap, and back to the campsite. As the group beheld the beauty far below them, God's presence seemed very near. The gorgeous scenery conjured up a great sense of awe at God's power and love.

Sunday morning the large group awoke to three inches of new snow which added a new touch of beauty. There were mixed emotions as campsites were abandoned and the long trek back to the bus began. The lure of hot showers and real beds was strong, but at the same time, the thought of leaving the majestic beauty and the fun of getting to know their peers and staff better added a melancholy tinge to the day. It had become a weekend that would forever be captured in their hearts, minds, and Kodak film, and would not be soon forgotten.

Lisa Matson

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New and returning students put their best hands forward on Registration Night.

School Daze

Another school year. Sigh. More hard studying and busy days. Sigh. Where has my summer gone? We just got out of school. Sigh. And look at all these people. Hardly a familiar face among them. Where are all my friends? Sigh.

Oh great, I can't even see the front of half of these lines! I don't even want to be... Hey! There's someone from last year! They look happy to see me. At least I know one person here. I might as well introduce myself to some of these kids standing around. Sigh. After all, we will be here together for nine months. Hey, they're kind of nice. Bet they're just as scared as I was last year.

Wow. Finally made it through all the stations. I have a stack of books taller than myself. I think I need a bigger book bag. Sigh.

I met a few neat people in all of those lines. And there's more returning students than I thought. Handshake will be interesting.

Now what? Guess I should unpack. Sigh. It's going to take forever. We're parked closer to Liberty than Spangle.

That wasn't too bad. All my friends helped me, and it only took 18 trips. I have a great room-mate too. I'm dead tired, but I couldn't sleep. Too much on my mind. Sigh.

Time for the Handshake. Oh, there's Mr. Jenks! And look at all the new teachers! This year will be different. There are so many people here. Just think I'll know them all before too long. Hope they like me.

Well, that was a cool light show. My friends are ready to go. I think I'll be up late tonight, but that's o.k. I have a whole great year to make it up.

Sarah Coleman



Karl and Jeremy demonstrate their school spirit -- pins, shirts, and Leo Lion.

Lion's Pride

U.C.A. forever!
We come from far and wide.
Through your halls we'll wander
Dead and sleepy-eyed.

We'll always wear the colors:
Majestic black and gold.
And when you find a sweetheart,
Get a shower that's cold.

We're stuck in our rooms at 10:30,
Confined to our little cells.
Somebody pulls the fire alarm;
Who did it? Nobody tells.

The cafe food gives me heartburn ...
My radio gets taken away ...
Homework piles to the ceiling ...
And I had Ad Council today!

But amongst the rules and hardships
My pride will never sway.
I'll stick it out until the end
And be true to U.C.A.

Amie Chilson

Making A Joyful Noise

The choir sang for church a Sabbath or two ago, and they sang very well. The trumpet trio played as well, and so did the flute ensemble. Hopefully, each member of each group felt blessed as they gave their musical offering to God. The congregation certainly received a blessing. In fact, whenever any of the musical groups contribute to our services, it is a pleasant surprise. The quality of the music is always high. We are very fortunate to have so much good music.

There are several official musical groups on campus, and their's is an important ministry. Special thanks to the members of the groups for their hard work and to Jerry Lange and Carmen Swigart for their excellent direction. The groups include choir, choraliars, concert band, trumpet trio, flute ensemble, saxophone quartet, brass quintet, and brass choir.

KUCA 107.5 fm

KUCA, our very own campus radio station, has begun broadcasting for the '93-'94 school year. KUCA broadcasts during Sabbath hours and brings great inspirational Christian music to U.C.A.!

This year, the station is almost completely run by students with the help of Dennis Lake, our faculty sponsor. Geoffrey Greenway is the student station manager. Carman Riggs, Erica Blessing, Andy Dowie, Katy Harlan, D'Arcy Simanton, Laura Renck, Chris James, Cody Kellison, Rose Brower, Lisa Momb, and LeRoy Wheeler are this years hosts and hostesses for each hour.

A new program, Sponsor-A-Disc, enables parents, faculty, and others to help us play a wider variety of inspirational music. If you provide us with a CD of music that meets the standards we've set, we will mention your name every time we use the CD. For more info, contact Geoffrey Greenway between 8 and 9 a.m. weekdays at 245-3670.

We're looking forward to a great year of broadcasting!

Geoffrey Greenway

Appreciation

This column, a regular feature from now on, is our way of letting people know how special they are to us. Thanks guys!

Jim Edwards - I appreciate **Mr. Thorman** for overachieving his goal of challenging me in Pascal (and other classes).

Sarah Coleman - I appreciate **Miss Perry** for always being there to talk to.

Jay Ham - I appreciate **Mr. Jenks** for putting up with, associating with, and sympathizing with every student, and for caring about every one of us.

Tara Gee - I appreciate **Mrs. Gee**. She's the best mom in the world.

Junelle Pellow - I appreciate **Mr. Lacey**. He has made English class interesting for me. His dry humor keeps me laughing and smiling all day. And I love the way he prays ... deep. Thanks, Mr. Lacey!

Katie Harlan - I appreciate **Mr. Jenks**. He's a great teacher because he makes learning fun.

Sarah Coleman

ASB

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| President | Shane Anderson |
| Vice President | Matt Steffen |
| Secretary | Jamie Schultz |
| Sgt. at Arms | Travis Hornby |
| Pianist | Geoff Greenway |
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| Chaplain | Lisa Maison |
| Treasurer | Jeremy Thomson |

CALENDAR

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| Oct. 24 | H.O.P.E. Taskforce |
| 27-31 | Homeleave |
| Nov. 1 | 1st quarter ends |
| 5 | Shortened Friday schedule begins |
| 5+6 | Band tour |
| 12+13 | UCC Convocation |
| 13 | Amateur Hour |
| 15-19 | Spirit Week |
| 21 | H.O.P.E. Taskforce |
| 23-28 | Thanksgiving Vacation |

Fall Picnickers Conquer Blahs

Wow! What a great day! The dawn broke as usual, but there was a static excitement in the air. Yes, this was no ordinary day. It was the day - Mivoden Day!

We prayed for sunshine and a breeze, but our prayers got a different answer. The day was overcast and still. It looked like rain, it felt like rain, and since we all got wet, we thought for sure it did rain. But even though it did this most of the day, we all had fun. Some braved the outdoors and went swimming and waterskiing. Others went canoeing or paddle boating. For those who preferred the safety of shelter, there was swimming in the indoor pool, and movies and games upstairs. The highlight of the day was the "Powder Puff Olympics" in which teams competed in great feats of strength and courage... All in all, the day was a lot of fun, and a good break from school.

LeRoy Wheeler

New Faces

This year, there are a number of new staff members. These include **Janelle Denny**, our new girl's dean. She had six other job offers, but chose U.C.A. because it centered its program around God. **Florence Lacey** is here to teach General Science and General Math. **Mike Martling** teaches English, History, and Art. He is best known for his hall pass, Dirk the troll. Our AYA coordinator is **Rose Parker**. She is taking a year's "break" from school at PUC to be our task force worker. **Linnea Torkelsen** is in charge of the Outreach Ministries. **Randall Koenke** is our driver and P.E. Assistant. He comes from Union College. Working in the cafeteria for Nutri-Group are **Teresa Soule** and **Sharon Robinson**. Both ladies are already well-known and loved.

As you can see, we are really expanding our staff. To all the great teachers and hard-working staff we'd like to say "thank-you" for your commitment to UCA.

Sarah Coleman



Bravely, this small group of people smiles for the camera. They've sacrificed indoor comforts to sit in the hot tub.



A strenuous game of UNO is enough exercise for some.



First-semester ASB officers cheer in another year at UCA. Their message: get all you can from school.

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And Finally ...

This school year has started off with a lot of new activities. There's plenty to keep you busy all day and late into the night. Instead of getting stressed out about all the things you "should be doing", try taking some time for quiet prayer, or relaxation. It will help you concentrate better in the long run.

There will always be lots of homework to do, lots of friends to visit, and never enough hours in the day. But keep things in balance -- make room for God.

Doing your best is what really counts. If you have given your best effort, don't worry if you're not number one. In God's eyes, we're all winners. Only with Him can we reach our full potential.

