

echoes

October 2000



Planes flock to airstrip

On Sunday, October 8, 22 planes landed at UCA's airstrip. They started arriving at 8:30 a.m., and the last plane left at around 2:00 p.m. While here, the pilots did a little formation and aerobatic flying and gave students short flights.

According to Mr. Paulson, UCA Industrial Technology teacher and the man who arranged the fly-in, the event was a very big success.

Twelve different types of aircraft came for the fly-in. The most common plane was the Stearman. Four of the WW2 bi-plane trainers flew in. Other planes and manufacturers included the Swift, Chipmunk, Great Lakes, Cub, Champ, Husky and assorted Beechcraft and Cessnas. One helicopter also flew in for the event.

Many students were very impressed. Kathleen Boone was amazed that all of the pilots would come to a small school such as UCA. Kimberly Maxted commented, "Watching all of the bi-planes take off and land really reinvigorated my dream to not only ride in a bi-plane but also to fly one."

The event was planned to build interest in the aviation class at UCA. Currently ground school is taught on Sunday evenings by two UCA alumni: Shawn Dietrich ('96) and Todd Davis ('98). Nearly 30 students are taking the class. Taking the class now can save considerable expense over taking it later at college. All are hoping the class will continue every year and that they will be able to get flight hours in at UCA.

Shannon Tarbox

Parents storm campus

Parent weekend started four years ago to help get parents acquainted with UCA. So many parents visit that Sabbath services are moved to the gym. Special speakers and seminars are planned as well as parent/teacher conferences. This year the weekend started on October 13.

Friday evening vespers is the first event, during which students share music and give a tribute to parents.

Sabbath School begins a half hour earlier, at 9:30, and is followed by church. This year's guest speaker was Benjie Leach from Southwestern Adventist University. Pastor Leach has quite a bit of experience when it comes to speaking to youth at the academy and college levels. After lunch a number of seminars are offered to parents.

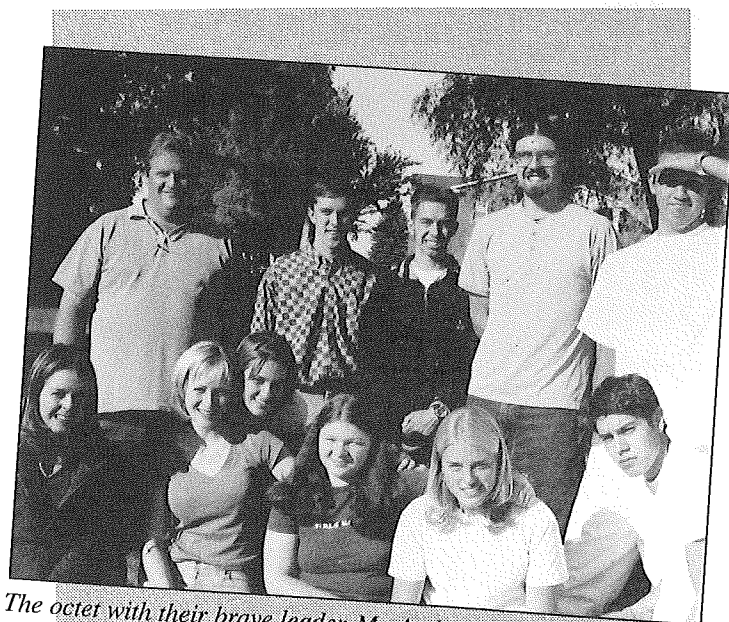
On Saturday evening there was a parent forum and buffet meal in the cafeteria to give parents the chance to make suggestions for UCA's future.

Parent Weekends thus far have been extremely beneficial for UCA. According to Ron Turner, "The parent feedback has been very positive. They've had input and helpful recommendations for UCA's future."

When the parents come to UCA for the weekend, the hope is that they enjoy their stay and leave with a sense of ownership.

Jon Koncz

Upper Columbia Academy, Spangle, Washington



The octet with their brave leader, Mr. Anderson

Octet enjoys spicy tour

How hard can it be to sing *alleluia*? Well, as 8 singers, 1 frazzled director and 1 freezing pianist found, it's harder than it sounds.

In preparation for the Tri-Cities Convocation the octet needed to learn some new songs. One of them was a lovely song composed of one word: Alleluia. They got the notes. They got the timing. The only thing it seemed they couldn't get was the word(s).

Singing *al* instead of *ia*, *lu* instead of *le* all the way through the song, some just gave up and went to singing *ahahahah*. They struggled and struggled and just when it seemed hopeless... they realized it was.

Not only did the singers not have the words, they also did not have their voices. The first to lose his voice was David Lundgrin. As he got better, the others got worse. Trying to ease the guilt he felt, David offered a solution: cayenne pepper. He said, "I lost my voice once and my mom gave me some and the next day it was better." The problem was that no-one could remember to bring any to practice. So during the trip, a lot of the bonding took place during cayenne pepper sessions. Apparently, if you inhale it, it works; if you don't, it won't.

Rivalries were the most unexpected aspect of the octet. These existed mainly between the altos and tenors. Perhaps it was because the tenors got to say *ah*, and the altos didn't. Or maybe it was because the altos split and the tenors don't get to. All that is known for sure is that rehearsals were vicious. As the guys struggled to learn their parts, the ladies succeeded in distracting them. They made faces, cracked jokes or just plain stared.

With all of this it seemed that the group would never come together at all. However, when the time came to sing, the group united like none thought they would. As several said after the performances, they did well—especially for it being this early in the year. Hopefully many better performances will follow without the need for pepper.

Christi Utt

Knee-knocking adventure

After twenty vocals, nine instrumentals, six novelties and four piano numbers left a lot of headaches and a long night of decision making in the music building, students of UCA waited with baited breath for the final results to be posted. Who was going to make it into Amateur Hour this year?

The fun began at 6:30, Tuesday night, October 10, with the nervous crowds heading toward the music building. Butterflies flew where stomachs used to be, causing students further stress while trying to get that final practice down right. They entered the choir room to face Dean Deb, Mrs. S. Anderson, Mr. C. Anderson, Mr. Lange, Dean Scrib and three of the girls' club representatives. Anxiously they all presented their performances for Amateur Hour and then exited, leaving the staff to make their decisions.

There are four performance categories for Amateur Hour: vocals, instrumentals, novelties, and piano numbers. Only four acts are included in each category. So out of the 48 acts that tried out, only 16 or so could actually make it into the program.

Amateur Hour is a yearly program put on by the girls' club or the boys' club, depending on the year. It is a two-hour program of fun and entertainment.

Ryan Bell shared his thoughts on his tryout and Amateur Hour. "I think Amateur Hour is an awesome opportunity to share your talents that God has given you in an entertaining way. I hope I get in."

Amateur hour is a blast to participate in, but it is even more fun to sit in the audience and witness the hard work and talent that everyone puts into the program. You won't want to miss it.

Christina Wilbur

Seniors take final plunge

Although Outdoor Education was changed to a Junior activity this year, one last group of Seniors was taken for a camping/canoeing trip to Priest Lake.

On September 15, immediately after Senior Survival, the group left MiVoden for Priest Lake, canoeing the last seven miles to the campsite.

For three days and two nights, they camped on the beach next to a group who demonstrated the use of their cannon for the remainder of the stay. The trip was filled with the usual activities including nightly worship and "the plunge." For "the plunge," all the students canoed further up the lake and swam across a freezing channel. When they returned to the campsite, they spent the rest of the day drying off in the warm sun.

Sunday, the 17th, at about 10:00 a.m., bags were packed, and the students canoed back across the lake through wind and waves to return home.

Ryan McCollum

Juniors meet Outdoor Ed

After having a cold outdoor orientation session in Ms McGuire's backyard the day before, two groups of Juniors were all ready and packed on September 14 to go on a backpacking trip up into the Wallowa Mountains, up to places called Ice Lake and Aneroid Lake.

That evening they drove up the winding road to Mr. Peach's cabin (missing all but one deer) where they stayed the night, sleeping on precarious plywood ledges.

Friday morning they headed for the mountains, and soon were hiking from two different trailheads. The group that was headed for Aneroid Lake hiked six miles while the Ice Lake group hiked eight miles to an elevation of 9,000 feet. Both groups set up camp and practiced important skills such as lake bathing, food rehydrating, fire building, and water filtering before going to bed.

The next morning members of the Ice Lake group hiked to the top of a mountain called the Matterhorn, ambled around the lower hills, or just lazed in camp. Most of the Aneroid Lake group either climbed Aneroid Mountain or Pete's Point.

When Sunday morning finally rolled around, they were all eager for hot showers and warm beds. So when energy found its way back down to the legs, the two groups packed up their stuff and headed out. When they got to their cars, they drove back to campus—with stops at Taco Bell or Taco Time—where they found hot showers, warm beds and wonderful (not freeze-dried) cafe food.

Sarah Trudeau



Juniors make it to the top of Aneroid Mountain and pause for a photo op

Whale beaches at junior academy

Instead of resting up during UCA's first homeleave, the Science Club, led by science teachers Mr. Thayer and Mrs. Haegar, went on an educational excursion across the state.

Driving in a packed blue van, the club's first stop was the Pacific Northwest Laboratories in Richland. They toured many laboratories, including ones on mass spectrometry, lasers, and magnetics. They also met several employees who work hard trying to develop ways to decontaminate the Hanford Nuclear Reservation, and stopped at Western Sintering, a company that manufactures metal parts using a cost-effective technique called the powdered-metal method.

Then the group refastened their seat belts and drove four hours to Portland, Oregon, where they spent the night in a huge house, owned by friends of Mr. Thayer named the Kings. That evening, Mrs. Haegar and Mr. Thayer brought in two cakes and surprised David Nielsen with a birthday party. Everyone ate birthday cake, played on the King family's zip line, and jumped on the backyard trampoline. Then a few of the students spontaneously started worship on the trampoline, singing praises to God.

On Thursday came the whale presentation in the gym of Tualatin Valley Junior Academy. Club members used fans to inflate a 75-foot, life-size blue whale. All of the TVJA kids walked into the whale, sat down on the inside of its belly, and watched a power-point presentation on a large movie screen. The club gave a total of sixteen presentations. When they finished and had to deflate the whale, one little boy walked through the gym exclaiming, "They harpooned the whale!"

The next day the science club ventured through the ape caves of Mt. St. Helen's and drove to another volcano, Mt. Rainier, where they camped for the night. It was pouring down rain as the girls ruthlessly called out to the boys that *they* would be sleeping in the van... The next morning David Nielsen woke up in a big puddle of rain.

Since it was raining on Sabbath, they forfeited a planned hike, and just checked out two of Mt. Rainier's visitor centers. Then they sleepily traveled the long stretch to Mrs. Haegar's warm and cozy house in the woods near Spokane and had their first showers in four days. But, of course, instead of getting right to bed to make up for uncomfortable nights' rests in tents and vans, they all stayed up until midnight playing Uno.

The next morning, Mrs. Haegar baked her pupils a chocolate cake, dropped them all off at UCA, and bid them farewell. And they all could finally sleep!

Kathleen Boone

Weather all around

In this world there are continents, major bodies of water, and people in the millions. All of these things affect the weather. Have you ever stopped and wondered why God made weather? What purpose does it serve? He made everything as part of his master plan, so how does weather fit in?

Sun, rain, and snow are each unique and brilliant reminders of God. The warmth of the sun reminds us of the warmth of God's love. When it rains, God leaves a rainbow to remind us of His promise to Noah. Rain renews all living things; it refreshes just as God's Spirit does. Snow reminds us of God's purity and how we can be pure when we live in Him.

Have you ever wondered what would happen if there was no weather? Nothing would grow. All of God's beautiful creation would fade and the world be a wasteland of nothingness and death. Next time you see a rainbow in the sky, snow falling, or even feel the nice warm sun on your face, remember God's gifts and give Him thanks.

Crysta Newman

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Bush Light vs Gore the Bore

With the Presidential race between Al Gore and George Bush coming to an end, things are tightening up. In the polls Bush has a slight lead over Al Gore, but with such a close race, that could easily change.

With fame comes nick names. George Bush is known as "Bush Light" mainly because he doesn't know much about international affairs. Although Bush's name is bad it's not nearly as bad as "Gore the Bore." The name is really quite self-explanatory--he's deathly boring.

Unfortunately, not only is Gore boring but he seems to have quite a record of embellishing. Some psychologists seem to think that he lies, knowing that it hurts his campaign, because sub-consciously he doesn't want to win. Whether voters buy that is completely up to them, but one thing is for sure: no matter the reason for Gore's incessant lying, it has to come to an end. An editorial in the *Wall Street Journal* summed up this situation by saying, "...Mr. Gore's problem goes beyond the tall tales told even by beloved politicians. The campaign has arrived at the moment when his carelessly untruthful trait must now come to the surface as an issue of serious concern." Kathleen Hall, of Penn's Annenberg School, when interviewed said, "The question is, is there a basic personality flaw there that will make it more difficult for him to be president?" This is a question that must

be answered before Election Day. What it comes down to is this: if Gore is voted into office this country will have a President on their hands that they cannot trust.

Governor George Bush of Texas may not have a lying problem, but he's not perfect either. Al Gore brought up a couple of interesting points in their debates. One thing he mentioned was that Houston, Texas, has one of the highest pollution problems in the U.S. Another interesting statistic he mentioned was that Texas seems to be exceptionally low in its health care coverage for children. Bush didn't have a whole lot to say in response to these items, so it does make a voter wonder if he'll spread these problems from Texas to the whole United States.

Although their opinions differ on many issues and only one will become President, they both appear to be winners in political decency. They do not attack each other's personal lives and we have not been plagued with scandals as has been the case with other recent presidential elections.

Many students this year will have an opportunity to vote in this election, and hopefully while they are still deciding who to vote for they will research both candidates and the party platforms so that they will be able to make a wise and informed decision.

Ashley Thorn



C A L E N D A R		
OCT	26	NPUC Bible Conference at MiVoden
	29	Set clocks back one hour at bedtime
NOV	3	Band & Choraliers Tours
	5	SAT testing/Guy Fawkes Day
	10	UCC Convocation and Family Festival
	11	Amateur Hour
	17	HOPE Taskforce
	18	Class Parties
	19	Sunday school
	21	Thanksgiving break

Students distribute HOPE

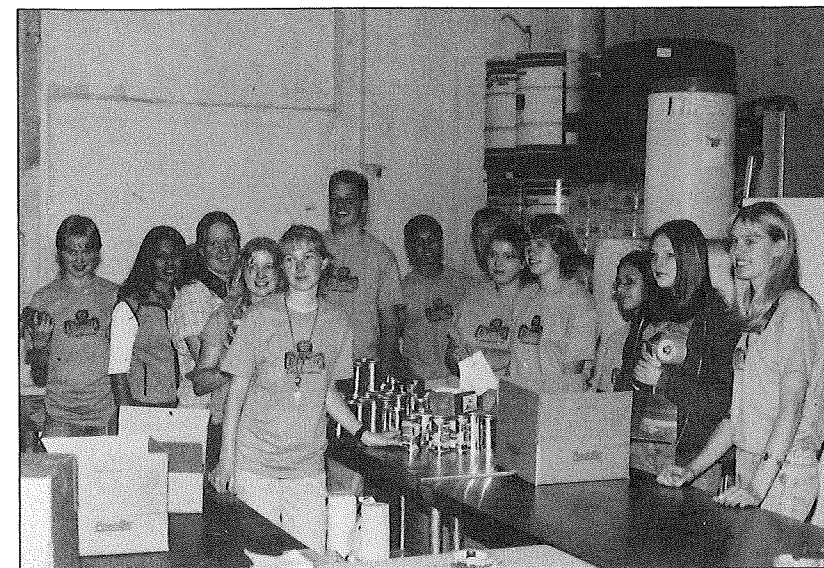
On the first wonderful HOPE Taskforce day of the school year, a day when students help people in the community, "no one was absent" according to Mrs. Corder the HOPE coordinator.

HOPE Taskforce gives students an opportunity to carry hope to the community. Helping other people provides a sense of joy and accomplishment. Not only do the students benefit those they go to help, but they also benefit themselves by improving their own attitudes and characters. Many of the options are fun and rewarding. HOPE Taskforce helps us to think of how we can bless others, but also helps others to learn about Seventh-day Adventists as kind and helpful people.

Many students enjoy HOPE Taskforce. Ted Ames said, "I cleaned out Jenk's house, and it was awesome. It was amazing how much junk there was." There were also others students who had positive remarks. It seems as if the students who don't enjoy it as much are those that work on campus in places like the factory, the cafe, the dorms, or in the home economics building. Some of those students like having a shorter project, but others want to see someone's life improved as a result of their work. Many students are glad to have a day off classes.

There are many different options students can sign up for. Even if a student goes to UCA four years and chooses a different option every time, the student still wouldn't get to enjoy all the different options. Options include activities such as Adopt-a-Highway, KEEH radio, children's museum, Fairfield clowns, free carwash, Fairfield Good Samaritan Center, food bank, Nona Hengen, and helping on campus.

Randy Mundall



Students at the food bank sort and label canned food for their HOPE Taskforce project

America takes Sydney

Twenty-four year-old Marian Jones quickly preps herself for her next track race. Her goal—to win five gold medals at the 2000 summer Olympics at Sydney.

"You guys have no idea how much pressure this is," says Jones. "I've been dreaming about this for 19 years." Starting at the age of five, she was determined to one day make it to the Olympics. By the closing ceremonies of the 2000 Games, she will have won three gold medals. A slight disappointment, but she is content, considering the fact that she has won more track medals than any other woman in Olympic history.

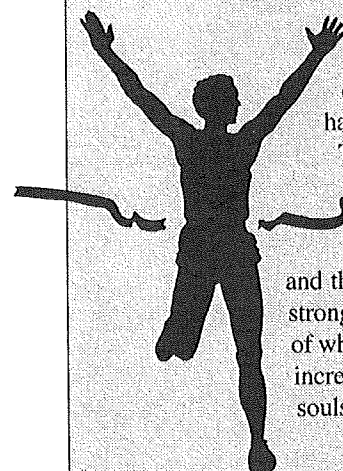
And how 'bout that Rulon Gardner? The virtually unknown 28-year-old Greco-Roman wrestler that grew up on a small dairy farm in Wyoming, who has never won a national title in his life, goes up against the meaner, more muscular, 13-year undefeated world champion of Russia, Alexander Karelin. With four and a half minutes left in the match, Karelin breaks his grip, giving Gardner the upper hand. Gardner will keep it and go on to win the match two to one, defeating the undefeatable "Alexander the Great," the legendary Russian

superstar who has only had one point counted against him in thirteen years. "With his history, there was awe," Gardner says. "All I could do was do my best—throw it out on the mat and see what happens." He won the gold.

There is something about the U.S. Olympic Team that stands out. Is it their coaches? Maybe it's the pride that they have for their country.

Or maybe it's their dedication and determination, and their drive to run swifter, to jump higher, and to be stronger. Something caused the U.S. to win 97 medals, 39 of which were gold. These were just a few of many more incredible stories of American athletes who poured their souls and their minds into the Games, and it showed.

Casey Luport



2001 works together

On Sunday, September 10, the Senior class started out on what was for some a dream come true. For others it was their worst nightmare come to life.

They mucked into the MiVoden Senior Survival site on a muddy, sloppy road filled with pothole puddles. Once there each person found their group and collected their provided twine, plastic, and stakes. Large and small tents were soon sprouting everywhere. Some tents were simple like the ones taught in Pre-Survival; others were more elaborate, requiring much arguing, designing, and experimenting. Eventually everyone had a new home sweet home to sleep in at night.

Their daily activities included morning and evening worship, studying the Great Controversy, and classes. One of the classes was Survival. In it was taught basic first aid, signaling for help, and how to survive a plane crash or when lost. Another class was Wild Edibles. Seniors learned that inner tree bark tastes like turpentine, some plants will make you D.E.D. dead, and how to muck down a grasshopper.

The final class was Initiatives, where Seniors learned to trust God and their fellow Seniors. The most important part of this class was the trust fall, an activity where a Senior gets up on a ledge and falls backward to be caught by their classmates.

Working together, the Class of 2001 survived Senior Survival. And that's what it's all about.

Tim Shafer



The members of girls' group 1 pose proudly with their bucket

Be the world

To the class of 2001 and all who may listen:

Green numbered buckets have been traded in for the familiar dull blue of cafeteria trays. We the Seniors, back into the daily grind, seem to have long forgotten how a warm shower and the ever so non-woodland sound of a flushing toilet can bring tears of joy to one's eyes. Do you still take time to stare at the stars or engulf your senses with the smell of trees?

Senior survival is long over and with it, it seems, is the high that was present. But although things may die down and all seems forgotten, the memories we share will stay with us all.

The small life lessons, those that really count, aren't so easily gained elsewhere. Where else could you learn, and really remember, that German Shepherds (especially those owned by Keith) *do not* make a good lunch, and that you *must* (group 17!) bring back your buckets? Years from now will the taste of a grasshopper still be implanted in your mind? Most importantly, will you remember that you need God and He needs you?

Remember that we are one group, not seventeen or three, but one here at UCA. Helen Keller once said, "To the world I may be but one person, but to one person I may be the world."

Take this truth with you, our friendships and our memories of the woodland fiasco. And, please, know that you can be the world.

Laura McDow

On September 6, 2000, the Class of 2001 helped boost student moral and unity at a joint worship the night before homeleave. Ever since Senior Survival the Seniors had been impressed to try to unite the student body for God. They made that apparent Tuesday night.

The evening began with a song service, a medley of memorable songs from Senior Survival. After the moving song service, the worship service continued with one of many of the speakers, Devin Hunt. Devin talked about never giving up, and how we should never let anything get in the way of our dreams. Other Seniors who gave sincere testimonies that night were Michelle Mayle, Shannon Tarbox, Pat Bacon, Kimberly Maxted, Kate Mahoney, Kurt O'Connor, Ashley Ross, and Christi Utt.

The subjects of the testimonies ranged from how the initiatives of Senior Survival changed the way they look at their lives or the way they relate to people, to the four needs. The four needs made a big impression on the student body because they summed up the objective of the evening: people need us, we need each other, God needs us, and we need God.

Jennifer Justus

Homeleaves keep us sane

Ever wonder why we have homeleaves? Some people need relief from the dreaded homesickness they are feeling. Others get distracted by the fact that they are out of contact with the world, and they just can't settle down. Homeleaves restore a little of that contact and also help by providing a change of scenery. A break from the everyday schedule keeps students from going mad. Yes, homeleaves come in handy. Many students can't visit family or friends on open weekends, but homeleaves give just enough extra time to make that possible.

Over the first homeleave, the Science Club took a trip and others went on the Pathfinder Camporee. Most were able to just rest and relax at home.

Do teachers get some benefits from homeleaves? They have the time to catch up on grading papers if they have fallen behind, and they have extra time to plan for the next week's classes and get the homework set up. They, too, get relief from the daily grind and from students gnawing at them from behind, not really trying to be annoying but succeeding at times. It also gives teachers time to get together with their families and friends.

Although we miss small one-day national holidays while at UCA, we do get big vacations and regular long homeleave weekends. Make the most of them!

CS Wilson

Perfecting the roommate role

Who is that person that's always on your computer or hogging the phone? Who is that eating all your survival snacks? Your roommate perhaps?

Roommates seem to come in several varieties: annoying, helpful, pushy, messy, neat or just . . . *the best*.

Being a roommate is a responsible job. You have to keep your side of the room clean and be an all-around good friend. Being a friend is the most important quality of a good roommate. It's important to listen when your roommate needs someone to talk to. It's important to help with big problems--and little ones.

As the year rolls along, roommates sometimes change, but it is never too late to reach out and try to be that perfect roommate. A little effort helps both sides and makes lasting friendships.

Here are some comments from UCA students about roommates.

"Roommates are good cause they are always there when you need them and they know you more than anyone else."
--Kate Mahoney

"Roommates are cool." --Ellen White

"I like roommates because they give me a second wardrobe." --Laura McDow

Jason Wallis

Who's that librarian?



April Nafie is the new librarian at Upper Columbia Academy. She moved here just this last summer with her husband, the new principal, from

Asheville, North Carolina. She worked there at Mt. Pisgah Academy as librarian for five years. She is working at adjusting from a smaller school of 200 to UCA where there are more than 300 students.

Mrs. Nafie was born in New York and graduated from college at Southern. She loves to read, walk, water ski, and snow ski. She also very much enjoys learning from and about people.

When asked why she chose to move from the East to the West, from one school to another, and from all her family and friends, Mrs. Nafie said, "(We) felt like the Lord wanted us here. He (Mr. Nafie) accepted the job as principal, and there happened to be an opening in the library."

Ben Crew

Donna Evans

There are a lot of new teachers here at UCA this year that help to add to the atmosphere of love and caring. One of them, a personal favorite of all the Brewster kids, is Dr. Donna Evans. She is the Spanish and German teacher, but she will also be more than willing to help you on anything else, "as long as it isn't calculus," she says.

Dr. Evans came from the little town of Brewster where she taught grades 7-9 in the little grade school there. When the school board realized they could no longer offer grade 9, Dr. Evans looked for other work and chose to join the staff at UCA, adding German to the foreign language classes that are offered.

So now whenever you might see Dr. Evans in the hall, just make sure and go up to her and tell her how glad you are that she came here this year. Cause she is a definite plus to UCA.

Sarah Trudeau



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The people pray

"... be constant in prayer." Romans 12:12

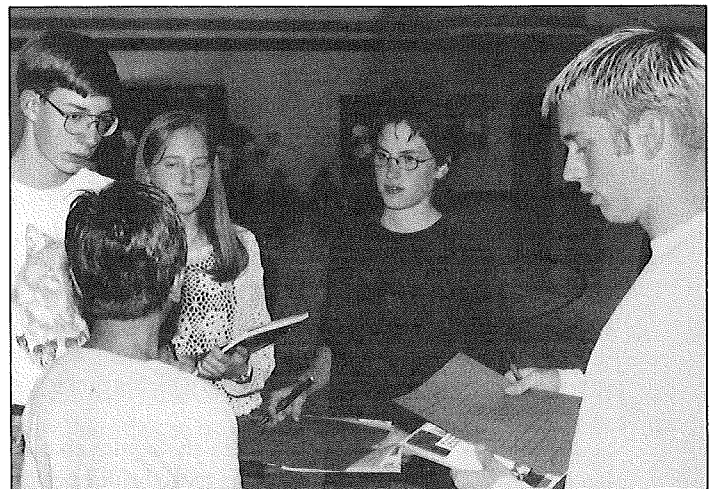
Each morning, at the break of dawn (7 a.m.), a group of young people join in a circle of prayer around the flagpole. Prayers for fellow students, for parents, and for our school are offered there. It is a time to join together, to talk with God, and to enjoy the stillness of the morning.

Prayer is an incredible medium of communication. What if there were no way to reach God? How would we survive? Prayer is our source of power and strength. Jesus, when here on earth, often spent whole nights in prayer (Luke 6:12). The Bible says to "pray without ceasing" (1 Thess. 5:17), to pray for each other (James 5:16), to pray that God will keep us from temptation (Luke 22:40), and to pray for the Holy Spirit (John 14:16).

Prayer is also held in the UCA church at 6 am on Monday mornings. This group is led by student leaders, Andy Hanson and Liz Clausen. They have had as many as thirty-five show up for these morning vigils, but the usual number is about ten. Liz says, "I think the Prayer Group is going well. It amazes me to see God working and bringing people to the church at six o'clock in the morning!"

It is important to remember that prayer is possible in any situation and is "the breath of the soul." God loves to hear you pray and to spend time with you. He will always listen, no matter where you are.

Laura Davis



Tim Shafer, Heidi Corder, Darcy Kasner and Michael Hatton listen intently to a representative from Canadian University College. For the annual College Fair on October 4, nine Adventist colleges set up booths in the gym to provide materials and information for students interested in furthering their education. Senior classes were cancelled so students could visit with the representatives.