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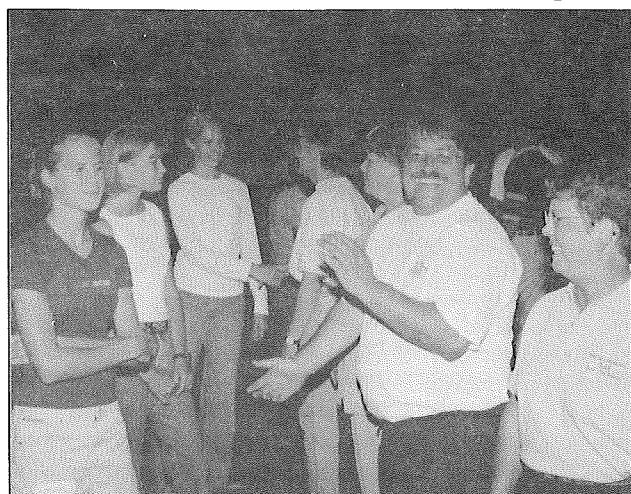
## Handshake grips UCA

On August 29, 1999, the ASB officers were driven, cycled, motored, and flown to front stage after the picnic dinner that followed registration and preceded the 1999-2000 school year handshake. The wonderful cafeteria crew presented the delicious picnic dinner, and special guest John Soulé kindly barbecued Big Franks and Grillers for hungry staff and students.

Following the picnic, the ASB officers were announced as they arrived in a variety of ways. Sandra Van Doren arrived in the Shrock's Camaro, and Hailu Gabriel clowned in on his unicycle. Heidi Corder was sped in by Pastor Fred and his Toyota MR2, Raelynn Spady drove herself in a go-cart, and Fernando Bautista worked his way in by backhoe. Kari Soulé was ridden in on Mr. Anderson's motorcycle, while Bob Renck came via the maintenance "mule," and Erin Griffin was flown to the event in the Schoepflin's helicopter.

The handshake followed the announcement of the new and returning teachers. People made their way down an ever-growing line to shake everyone's hand. After an hour, the line had snaked its way across the field. All was willing to be their outgoing selves, and some were even quite interesting. "I mostly remember the different forms of hand shakes everyone used," said Ryan Rutledge. By the end of the evening when ice cream was announced, still not everyone had shaken everyone's hands, but all were eager to indulge in the ice cream. "I think we are going to have a great semester," said Vice-president Hailu Gabriel

*Eric Hatton & Brian Jorgenson*



*Dean Keele and Mr. Jenks enjoy handshake as Janelle Myers, Alecia Stentzel and Tiffany Blankenship approach*

Upper Columbia Academy, Spangle, Washington



*ASB officers duck, wave and cheer as they watch their president, Erin Griffin, fly in to the handshake*

## Another year starts

As the 1999/2000 school year began, over 300 students again were enrolled at Upper Columbia Academy.

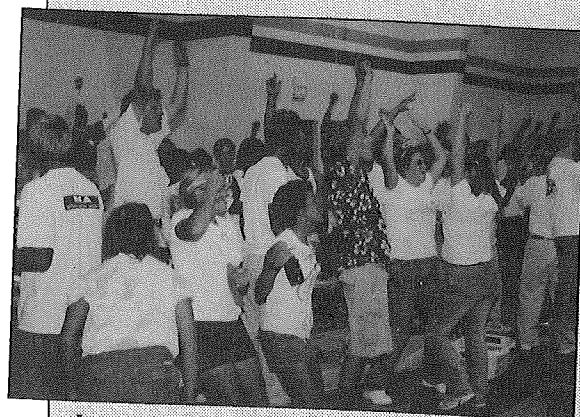
The senior class as the Class of 2000 stands ready to successfully lead UCA into the new millenium. The 97 seniors will finish their academy lives with hard work and self-discipline. The juniors, with 118 students, will stand strong as the largest class this year. Meanwhile, the sophomores look forward to becoming upper-classmen with 65 students. And the new 32 freshmen can feel satisfied in knowing they've moved up to the academy world and have four years of exciting times ahead.

It is such a blessing to enjoy a Christian education here at Upper Columbia Academy. This year will be a beginning of good times with teachers, friends, and schoolwork. "No matter how discouraged you get always strive forward," says Rachel Holliday.

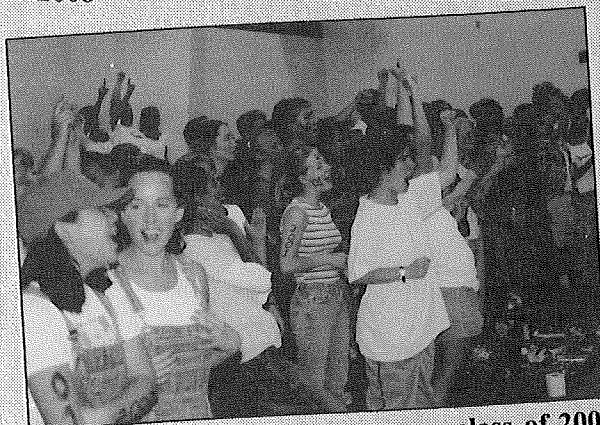
*Mistie Imdieke*

## 1st Semester ASB Officers

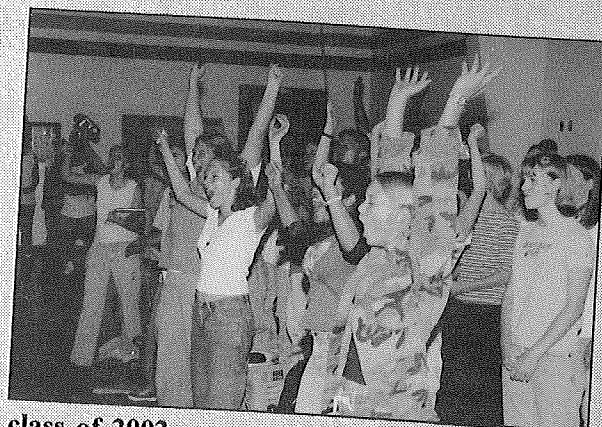
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Vice-president--Hailu Gabriel  
Chaplain--Raelynn Spady  
Secretary--Kari Soule  
Treasurer--Fernando Bautista  
Sgt-at-Arms--Bob Renck  
Chorister--Sandra Van Doren  
Pianist--Heidi Corder



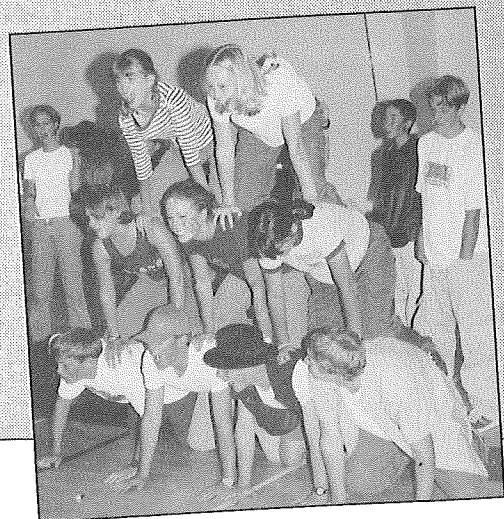
class of 2000



class of 2001



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## Class spirit reaches ultimate high

The voices of 312 screaming Upper Columbia Academy students filled the campus' large gymnasium at 8 p.m. on September 3<sup>rd</sup>. It was the annual ASB Class Night, so freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors were attempting to outdo each other in exhibiting class spirit.

The evening started out with a class scramble. The school's athletic coach, John Soule, was at the helm asking for everything from a Seattle Seahawks' baseball cap, a tube of toothpaste and a toothbrush to an original freshman cheer. The highlight of the game was when Coach Soule requested that each class come up with a love song to sing to the new associate girls dean, Shelly Caswell. "It was totally inspiring," commented Caswell after the slightly embarrassing episode. In an effort to measure the class spirit at UCA, students gathered into a group consisting of the entire student body and screamed. The combined screams registered at a noise level measurement of 118 decibels—only 12 decibels less than the sound of a jet engine taking off!

After the excitement quieted down in the gym, students were asked to go up to the football field for more fun, vocal chord exercises and activities, including a food relay, a truck relay, plus a tug-a-war.

The food relay was a messy affair in which students from each class were asked to eat many things such as a candy bar, a small bag of chips, a piece of fruit and a can of pop before running back to their partners.

The most physically draining events were the truck relay and the tug-a-war. All four classes were given a chance to pick teams that pushed a small pick-up truck complete with a blindfolded driver and a navigator inside. The navigator's job was to tell the vision-impaired driver how to maneuver around the orange cones set out in a line about 15 feet apart. The teams did this event at a running pace throughout the football field length course. Compared to the strenuous tug-a-war, the truck relay was a test of endurance and excellent communication skills.

After all the activities were completed, donuts and milk were served for everyone to enjoy. Who were the event winners? All of the students are winners at UCA because each class has fantastic class spirit.

*Cassandra Shewmake*

## Summer changes UCA

Over the summer many exciting developments happened on the UCA campus such as a new sidewalk being installed and many buildings being renovated. We would like to thank the Maranatha people who came to the campus and donated their time to put a new roof on the Home Ec. building. They also started to roof the local church. They did an excellent job.

UCA Students are excited to see work being done on our new student center. What used to be our powerhouse is now hardly recognizable. Construction workers have disassembled most of the building's interior, put in new windows and are now working on framing and finishing the interior. The many people who donated money to help with this project deserve our thanks.

Other excitement includes the installation of a new sidewalk that the class of '99 donated. It runs between the road and the cafeteria. Our very own Chuck Paulson and Couch Soule laid it. It looks wonderful. Also a new pump house was built under the old water tower.

The school phone system has also had some significant changes. Dorm rooms now only have one phone line per room instead of the two that were in place last year. This has many students upset. When Dean Deb was asked why this change took place she said, with a smile, "It is important that the students share like a family." But there are also 22 new lines installed. This takes the number of student outside lines from 9 to 31. Everyone is happy about that. Ron Davis (our computer and phone technician) did most of the work on the system. When reached for comment he said the change was "time consuming."

Finally, it is always nice to see the inside of the administration building at the beginning of a new school year. It is a fresh new start. The carpet is shampooed, there are many new posters on the walls, and all the teachers have that refreshed look on their faces.

Altogether, this year has the making to be another exciting and educational experience at UCA.

*Barry Grussling*

## Fire bowl ignites school

The first week of school ended with a splendid event on September 3--the annual Fire Bowl Vespers.

Fire Bowl started with singing lead by some of the ASB officers and various other musicians. The music was loud but still spirit filled. The entire crowd joined in the singing.

Pastor Curtis then spoke and had prayer. The new girls' dean, Shelly Caswell, spoke about moving here from the South. The new religious activities coordinator, Heather Eick, told about her experiences and how God led her to UCA. The new choir director, Curtis Anderson, also told about his experiences teaching and how he felt good to be at UCA. Pastor Curtis then closed with prayer.

Following the talks, most of the students gathered around the small campfire for the afterglow and sang praises to God. The students enjoyed each other's company.

Problems did exist but were very minor so as not to detract from the experience. For instance, the speakers for the guitar were too loud, and the fire was too small to keep everyone warm. But the warmth of each other's company was enough.

Bob Renck had this to say about the festivities, "I enjoyed the music very much although it could have had more peaceful tone. It was interesting hearing how the speakers ended up here. Afterglow was quite enjoyable."

It is interesting to note that Fire Bowl Vespers has been held in the gym (without a fire) on the years that it rained. The student body was glad for the nice weather this year.

*Brian Catelli*

## Power flees campus

On August 31, 1999 the power went out for several hours at Upper Columbia Academy. The power outage is believed to have been caused by a wind storm. It effected the UCA campus, the faculty houses, and the town of Spangle. The power went out at about 8:00 p.m. and the generators kicked in to provide emergency lighting. When the lights went out, many people tried studying in the dorm halls and lobbies. In the girls dorm the fire alarm went off and everyone had to leave the building for a few minutes. Confusion reigned until people realized what was happening. One girl said, "It was freaky." Another person said, "It was cool. It brought people together."

Power outages can cause many problems. Studying can't be done in the dark, and power surges can hurt computers. Mrs. Lange, computer literacy teacher, remarked, "I have to close down some classes when the power goes out because the surges would hurt the computers."

*Reuben Rogers*

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## Fall Picnic wins weather award

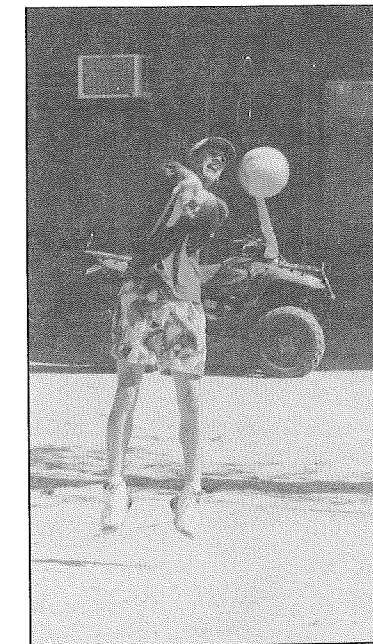
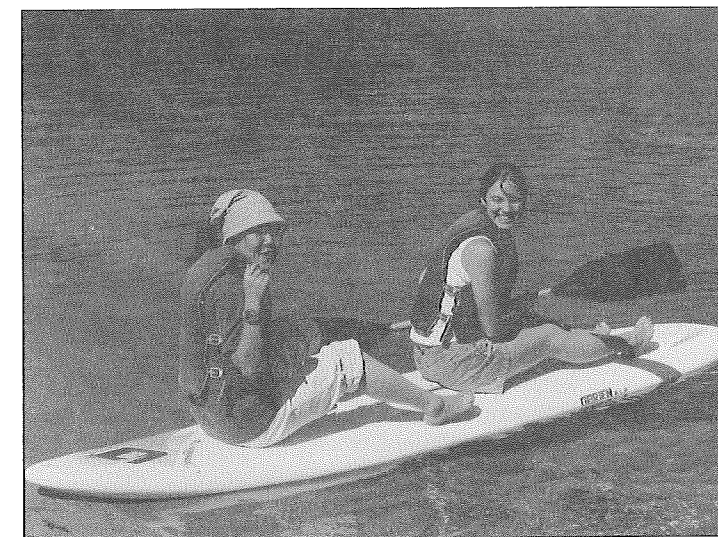
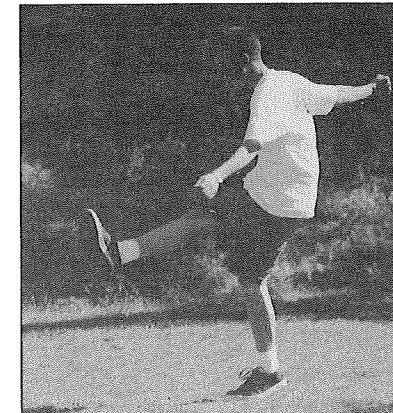
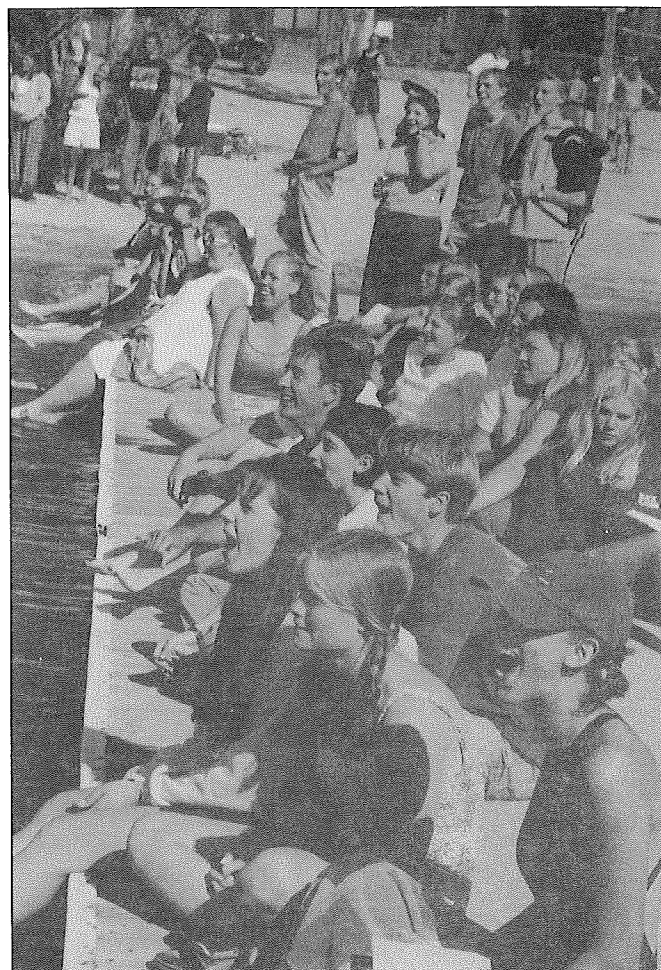
The day of UCA's fall picnic dawned sunny and warm for the first time in a long time. "It was the nicest day for the fall picnic since I've been here," said Lindsay Janke, a four year senior at UCA. The day started with a worship in the gym put on by the ASB officers and Mr. Thayer. They sang several songs, and then had a short worship thought. Everyone was ready to go, so after a few announcements they were off and running. The buses were loaded and ready to pull out by 10:00. The trip was long for some and short for others, but everyone was glad to finally arrive there. Then the fun started.

Everyone had a basic idea of what they were going to do for the day. Some wanted to wakeboard, ski and tube, while others just wanted to swim or sit and take in the warm sun. The students got off the buses unloaded their stuff and headed for their prospective spot for the day. Some changed into shorts or swimming suits. Some people sat around talking and eating their lunch, while others ran for the dock to get in line for water sports. Some took the canoes out for a spin, and a game of volleyball started on the beach. "It is always a lot of fun to have a day off school to play. The activities were a blast," said Marc Nutter, a senior at UCA. It didn't matter if you were sitting and talking, or actively involved in something, what mattered was that you were with your friends, and not in school.

The day flew by and soon it was time for supper. There was no caf food though: the ASB officers had been planning for a while and provided everyone with salad, pop, cookies and pizza from Little Caesar's. Following supper was a firebowl worship. The ASB officers again lead in a song service and Mr. Jenks (the Vice-principal) gave an excellent worship talk.

The day came to an end as everyone loaded the buses for the trip back. It had been a long day and most everybody was tired, but thanks to ASB for the planning, and God for the weather, it was a good day.

*Mandy Hebard*



All kinds of adventures were enjoyed during the Fall Picnic at MiVoden: volleyball, soccer, swimming, diving, eating, canoeing, skiing, boarding, snoozing, hacky-sacking . . . The crowd favorite, though, was watching the aerial maneuvers as people dropped to and departed from *THE BLOB*.



## Tryout tribulations

I'm sure you've seen it, students walking extra carefully around campus, maybe waddling or limping up and down the stairs, and when you ask what's wrong they say "gymnastics tryouts."

Gymnastics, Men's Varsity Football and Women's Varsity Football teams have recently been selected here on the UCA campus. Though lots of fun, gymnastics and football are much harder than they seem.

Gymnastics, which meets at 11:15 a.m., takes an incredible amount of strength, stamina, flexibility, and commitment, and requires that a routine be performed at the end of tryouts. Those able to walk out of the gym after a workout are lucky.

Men's football tryouts seem to be the easiest of the three. "We meet at 6:15 in the evening up on the field and we scrimmage and run," said Randy Johnson about tryouts. It sounds pretty easy, but is it for you or me?

Women's Varsity Football may sound like an oxymoron, but in no way is that true. This division of the varsity program requires its participants to get out of bed and meet up at the field for early practices. Said Larissa Skinner, "You run around the field at 5:30 in the morning wondering 'why am I doing this', then you remember 'Varsity!'"

Are gymnastics and varsity sports fun? Yeah, definitely, but there's a lot of back stage work that goes on to produce the great teams we have here at UCA.

Listed below are the few who survived tryouts and made the teams.

### Women's Varsity Football

Carrie Boothby  
Katie Boothby  
Emily Cutting  
Wendy Dale  
Karen Ellison  
Trisha Ginter  
Margaux Gunther  
Melanie Henneberg  
Megan Lacey  
Michelle Mayle  
Jennifer Morgan  
Rayana Munson  
Janelle Myers  
Chris Perez  
Krista Schrader  
Larissa Skinner  
Alecia Stentzel  
Ashley Strickland  
Kira Torrence

### Men's Varsity Football

Elijah Brito  
Fernando Bautista  
Matt Byrd  
Nathan Clayville  
Jason Campbell  
Chris Chapman  
Paul Haberly  
Randy Johnson  
Jon Koncz  
Nat Magnuson  
Ben Nickel  
Marc Nutter  
Josh Redburg  
Jordan Roy  
Ben Shelton  
Taylor Stag  
Mike Waters  
David Waters

*Krista Schrader*

## Soccer may return to UCA

The possibility of having a UCA soccer team is under investigation. There is a good chance that we could get the sport of real football revived on campus. The main concern to start with is to find a coach or sponsor, someone to accompany the team to games.

As for playing other teams, we cannot play head to head games as a team, but there is the possibility of mixing teams. That is mixing half of other teams with half of our team and vice versa. There is also the idea that we might not have a set team but have many more players so if some could not make it to a game there would still be plenty of players. This way the team could play games with other academies' teams and get to know other players and techniques of team work. Also we probably wouldn't start until spring said Coach Soule.

Still, the biggest hinge that this endeavor swings on is finding a coach or sponsor. If you are interested in playing on the team or just doing some serious playing for fun there will be a sign up sheet posted for your convenience when things are ready to begin.

In the meantime, get out those old cleats and dusty shinguards and brush up on your running abilities, for soccer UCA here we come. Hurrah!

*Daniel Zimmerman*

## Waiting for the weight room

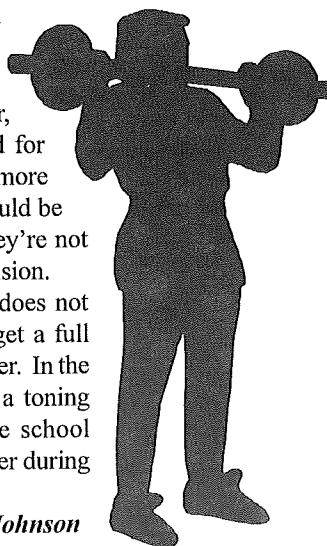
Some students would like more frequent access to the loft in the gym. UCA has put about \$6,000 into the weight room in the loft and has acquired some very nice equipment.

The problem is, according to John Soule, that "In order for the students to use the weight room there has to be a staff member 21 or older supervising." "There are no staff members who are willing or who have the time to supervise," says senior Dean Young. Therefore, the loft is largely unused.

Both the guys' dorm and the girls' dorm do have weight rooms, but neither of them has dumbbells for isolating muscles. The equipment in the girls' weight room is not made for building mass. It's more of a cardiovascular, aerobics type gym, which is good for toning. But some girls want to do more than tone. The only place they would be able to build is in the gym, but they're not able to because of a lack of supervision.

"The guys dorm weight room does not have the equipment you need to get a full body work-out" claims Steve Leitner. In the guys' dorm there is a bench and a toning machine. Dean Young thinks the school should at least supply a staff member during certain times to supervise.

*Randy Johnson*



## Why to Kay?

Here at UCA, the computer, electric, and heating systems will be fully functional when Y2K comes along.

Mr. Ron Davis, computer support, has already tested our computer network for Y2K readiness. During the latter part of last school year, Mr. Davis changed the mail server to 00 just to see if it could handle it. The network did, quite easily, in fact. There were no significant problems.

"If anything," says Mr. Davis, "people might panic because things don't look right. I don't foresee any difficulties whatsoever."

There is one hitch: the library must type in 2000 instead of 00 to get the computer to recognize the correct date.

The gas and electric company, Avista Corp., openly claims that it is Y2K compliant. The company completed electricity readiness in June. As with every year, natural gas may or may not be there. Avista doesn't think there will be any problems. Currently Avista is working on contingency plans that will help with any unforeseen problems.

As January 1, 2000, draws nearer, students and faculty can rest assured that they will come back from Christmas vacation to a fully-functioning school.

*Jon Engelman*

## God says yes

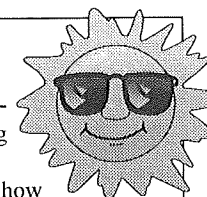
With all the technology meteorologists have, an accurate five-day forecast should be given; however, they are no closer to knowing tomorrow's weather than the pioneers were.

God controls weather. No matter how meteorologists try or how much they guess--with all their balloons and Doppler radar--they still can't get much more than a rough three-day forecast. At times, the forecast changes from hour to hour.

For the school picnic, the forecast was for rain. Many students prayed for sunshine and the answer was "yes." Tuesday morning dawned without a cloud. According to Kristen Axford, "The weather went against school picnic tradition. It didn't rain."

The weather is one proof that man is not in control. God is.

*Sarah Rogers*



## Late arrivals

Not everyone was here for the first day of school. There were several that arrived a few days later. Some were returning students, rushing up the ad building stairs trying to be on time for their first class, some were brand new students who were a little nervous about being at a new school, and some were going to go to a different school but decided at the last minute that UCA was the place that they wanted to be.

Even though there are disadvantages to arriving late at school, there are also some advantages. For example, if you were a student at UCA for a number of years and you were coming late, then you could be the center of attention. When you walked into classes everyone would look at you all at once and say "hi" or "great to see you." When you went into the cafeteria you would hear numerous shouts from people and would get a lot of hugs. Some people would have thought that you were going to a different school and so you would give them a big surprise.

If you are a new student at UCA, don't fret about coming late. Your advantage in arriving late is that everyone will know who you are and will get to know you a lot faster. So if you ever happen to arrive late to school and you are really nervous or worried about it, just remember this article and the wonderful advantages of arriving late.

*Laura Nelson*

## Responding to reform

Every year students think about the standards at UCA and question the rules. Rules about dress are one of the more popular targets for students' disdain.

When the army says, "Be all you can be" or the air force says "Aim high," they are calling for people to hold to a higher standard. They teach honor, discipline and respect. All of the major companies hold high standards for their employees (dress code and conduct). Nobody ever questions Nordstroms about requiring their employees to dress a certain way. It is just accepted. In some ways Disney World employees are held to a higher standard than UCA students.

Across the nation, public schools are leaning toward uniforms for students because there are so many conflicts over dress. At some public high schools right now students aren't even allowed to wear hats anywhere on campus. Look into the subject and see just how fortunate we are. As students we ask faculty why we have to dress a certain way and why we can't wear hats. Instead, put yourself in their shoes: why is it such a big deal to take your hat off in the classroom or in the cafeteria?

Here are some quotes about this interesting subject from faculty members:

"In today's society standards and ideals are lower than here at UCA. It isn't so much an issue of cultural

acceptance. It is our choice by being here to accept higher standards."

*Mr. Marling*

"For certain events and certain people we dress and act a certain way to show respect and appreciation. Why then is there a conflict when we're asked to dress our best for God?"

*Mrs. Beaty*

"Politeness and respect are the glue that holds societies together."

*Mrs. Lacey*

UCA is an independent faction from the world, and we form our own standards and ideals. We too "Aim high." Being held to a higher standard only makes us better people that are worth more in the real world.

*Staj Olson*

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*The Journalism class poses reluctantly so interested folk can match the names to the faces.*

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Unaware of the challenges that lie ahead, people set foot on this campus feeling prepared to take on anything. But both students and staff find themselves needing to make unexpected adjustments as they acclimatize to their new surroundings and come face to face with all kinds of responsibilities. Unfamiliar faces become friends and give hope and strength. We all try to work as one to create a better atmosphere for each other.

Still, many have a hard time getting used to being away from home. Others are happy to be away. Whatever the case may be, everyone has to do a certain amount of adjusting and changing,

and change can be good if you look at it in a positive way. But if there is a lot of negativity, people will have a difficult time settling in.

The faculty have a big influence on students here and allow us to move closer to God and each other, helping us through every step of the way. God will lead us in the direction He sees fit if we choose to follow. We all come from different backgrounds and lifestyles, but through God's master plan each one of us is here for a reason.

*Stephon Schulze*