

Upper Columbia Academy Alumni Echoes

September 2013

Plan to join us for ALUMNI WEEKEND! October 4-6, 2013

Honored Classes: '33, '43 (All YVA Alumni)
'53, '63, '68, '73, '83, '88, '93, '03 and Seniors

Friday, October 4

- 8:00 A.M. UCA Foundation Golf Tournament at Qualchan. Register at ucafoundation.org
Registration Opens/Gym
6:00 P.M. Welcome Back Reception/Gym
6:30 P.M. Alumni Vespers with "His Witness"
7:30 P.M. Class of '88 and Friends Musical Program

Sabbath, October 5

- 9:00 A.M. Registration Re-opens/Gym
10:00 A.M. Alumni Worship Service - Dr. Ed Boyatt
Children's Meetings/UCA Church
Come with your child to register
12:00 P.M. Alumni Blood Drive - Ends at 3 P.M.
It only takes 20 minutes to save lives!
12:45 P.M. Haystacks for Lunch in the Gym
2:00 P.M. Tours of the New Dining Commons (til 3 P.M.)
2:30 P.M. Honor Class Meetings/Ad Building
Evening Honor Class Dinners in Town
See Coordinators Below

Sunday, October 6

- 7:45 A.M. Peach Fun Run - 10K/5K/1K
Register Online at ucafoundation.org
Meet at Old Cafeteria

Alumni Committee Members

Lorrie Turner Kravig '77
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It's Been a *Sentimental Journey* YVA!

In 1945, Yakima Valley Academy graduated its 23rd and final class of seniors. The former railroad hotel, turned boarding school, was too rickety and too small for all the lively teenagers from Upper Columbia Conference who wanted an Adventist education.

In order to expand and grow, the conference leadership purchased property and buildings from Spokane County's Poor Farm and moved the school to Spangle, WA. YVA was closed and the new place became Upper Columbia Academy. A number of YVA students transferred to UCA to finish their education and thus became the "founding pillars."

Instructed by the new academy administration not to speak of their former school - to look forward and not backwards, hurt and frustration grew among the YVA students . . . and it grew for 50 years until the Upper Columbia Academy Alumni Association learned their story and adopted them as part of their organization.

Besides honoring them on UCA's alumni weekends, an additional YVA reunion was planned for 1997. More than 100 former

students came from all parts of the country to gather at Camp MiVoden. The event

was dubbed "A Sentimental Journey." As old friends poured over yearbooks and told stories on each other, their delight was evident. Since that time, three more YVA gatherings have occurred; the

most recent on

April 23 and 24 in Walla Walla.

Morning worships followed a breakfast brunch each day, which evolved into remembering mostly funny stories and pranks they played on each other back "In the good ole' days." Memories like sneaking notes tied to a string between the boys floor and the girls floor in the dorm; occasional moonlight hikes where couples were allowed to walk together - surrounded on all sides by the entire faculty; or loving Friday night vespers because the girls always came with their hair in big rollers covered by a scarf.

An evening banquet allowed for some WWII style music, some current stories about God's leading in the lives of UCA students and the singing of Yakima Valley Academy's school song. The final verse

seemed to summarize who they were - this disappearing generation:

"With courage of conviction comes the strength that makes us bold,

Comes the love for truth and honor . . . symbolized by the Blue and Gold."

(their school colors)

When asked for advice to share with those following in their footsteps, this is what they said:

"Experience God in your life - It's NEVER worth leaving Him behind."

"Don't marry too early - time is your friend."

"Concentrate on being a good friend. Academy friends are the B.F.S.J."

"Get an education. Don't drop out like some of us did. It's so much harder later on."



Yakima Valley Academy



Thirty YVA Alumni gathered for "Sentimental Journey IV." The youngest alumnus present was in their mid 80s and the oldest, almost 100 years of age.



Village Church men's quartet entertain YVA banquet go-ers with some of the best in WWII music - barbershop quartet style.

FROM THE EDITOR . . .

Dear Alumni, Family and Friends,

For two decades I have had the privilege of watching God's hand at work on the campus of Upper Columbia Academy. He has faithfully kept His school strong and moving forward, even in times of recession. We only have to look back to be reminded that He is able!



In addition to the capital improvement projects that have been accomplished, each year at least 60% of our student body needs worthy student funds to be here. Your financial support and your prayers are much needed and deeply appreciated.

Below is a wonderful list of some of the good things God has done and IS doing at UCA through you. Thank you for caring!

*Linnea Torkelsen
UCA Alumni & Development Director*

- ✓ **1994 - 1995** Lights for the tennis courts
- ✓ **1995-1997** Girls Dorm updated with carpet/paint/new beds
Finish off Campbell Administration Building
"Brick Campaign" to fund furnishings for new Ad Building
- ✓ **1996-1998** Microscopes and lab equipment for Biology & Chemistry
- ✓ **1997-1999** Music Building/Band Room expansion
- ✓ **1998-2001** Power House restoration
- ✓ **2000-2003** Boys Dorm updated - carpet/paint/new doors, locks/cabinet refurbishing
- ✓ **2001-2003** Girls Dorm lobbies and offices re-done
Creation of a Prayer Garden beside the Power House
- ✓ **2002-2005** Expansion of the Industrial Technology program to a full time position
Funding to subsidize 1/2 salary for 3 years/purchased 10 rolling tool boxes/tools
Purchased all new CAD Lab computers/installed electronic surveillance in IT
- ✓ **2005-2007** Bus Campaign - two new to us coaches purchased & painted
- ✓ **2006-2008** Ad Building carpet replaced top to bottom
Computer technology carts for classroom teachers with laptops
Physics lab equipment
- ✓ **2006-2009** Fire Safety Sprinkler System installed in both dorms
Front campus irrigation system
- ✓ **2008-2011** Focus on Worthy Student funding
- 2011-2014** New Dining Commons and outdoor Water Tower Plaza
New sidewalks/parking lots/maintenance shop shell

Annual Report of Donor Support to Upper Columbia Academy

For the fiscal year of July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013

Listed in alphabetical order are the names of a wonderful group of people who believe in UCA and its mission. Their support adds up to an incredible \$1,513,331.92. THANK YOU! Because you gave, a new cafeteria is two-thirds finished! Because you care, 160+ students got much needed financial help on their bill. Because of your willing spirit, UCA remains a vibrant, God-centered school where young people are growing into who He wants them to be! THANK YOU from all of us at UCA!

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Apologies

Our apologies to Les and Gwen Bromgard and Marcene Garriott for not having their names on the donor list last fiscal year.

If we have inadvertently omitted your name or business, please notify the Alumni office immediately via e-mail at alumni@ucaa.org or call 509-245-3692.

* indicates the donor is now deceased



The members of the group were... and are: Robert Schmidt, Ron Simpson, Frank Nelson, Jeff Baker, Cyndi Schwartz, Daina Brown, Carly Olenic, Barbara Hall and Kelly Schwartz.

"His Witness" Reunites for Alumni Vespers Program

During their senior year of 1983, a group of eight classmates formed a musical group that travelled around Upper Columbia Conference giving dramatic recitations of Bible characters mixed with a variety of music. They continued their ministry through the summer following graduation, representing UCA around the Northwest. Their claim to fame was being invited to "open" for the Heritage Singers concert when they came to Spokane. We are delighted to welcome "His Witness" back to UCA to bring us blessings for our Friday evening vespers (UCA Gym - 7:30PM).



**Inland Northwest
Blood Center**

UCA Students Invite Alumni to Join in Giving Blood

For 20 years, UCA has been hosting at least one or more blood drives on campus. "It feels so good to know that one little poke and 20 minutes of my time can save three babies or one adult," said a proud UCA donor.

Students will be waiting in line to fill in any time slots not spoken for, but hope Alumni will join them in the Christ-like act of saving lives.

The Inland Northwest Blood Center will be prepared to receive your donation Sabbath from 12 p.m. until 3 p.m. You may sign up by e-mailing Joe. Hess@uca.org or during Alumni weekend.



Former Faculty Dr. Boyatt Worship Service Speaker

On Alumni Sabbath, Dr. Ed Boyatt, former UCA Bible teacher and pastor, will be our speaker for the worship service. His devotional is titled "The Most Important Things."

His passion for Adventist education led him into administration as the Education Superintendent for the Oregon Conference and later, the Associate Director of Education for the North Pacific Union. He also served as Vice President of Walla Walla University and a professor at LaSierra University, retiring as the Dean of the School of Education at LSU.

Ed is married to UCA Alumna, Teri Cleveland Boyatt '62, who is also a professional educator. Their lives are happy and blessed with three grown children and seven grandchildren.



Dr. Ed Boyatt



Tell Us About Yourself

We have had numerous requests to re-instate this column in the *Alumni Echoes* newsletter. Please use the online form on the UCA Web site at www.ucaa.org "Alumni" tab OR fill out the form below and send it to the Alumni office at UCA.

First and Last Name _____ Maiden Name _____

Year of Graduation _____ at UCA? _____ or another school? _____

Spouse Name: _____ Is he/she an alumnus of UCA? _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Profession: _____

Best Academy Memory: _____

Notable Events in Home or Professional Life: _____

- I am willing to serve on the Upper Columbia Academy Alumni Planning Committee
- I am willing to volunteer for projects on campus
- Invite me to programs when Upper Columbia Academy groups are in my area
- I have included Upper Columbia Academy in my will/estate plan
- I would like information on will and estate planning
- I prefer to get my *Alumni Echoes* Newsletters by email
- Please remove me from the Alumni office mailing list (please tell us why) _____





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“Progress” Written All Over Campus!



Thank you to those of you who have been donating to make our new Dining Commons and Water Tower Plaza a soon-to-be reality. Keep it up! The final push is often the most challenging. With almost \$2.3 million raised, we’re working on the final million.

Trucks carrying asphalt and cement are taking over campus. Work crews are everywhere and it is exciting.

A brief update on the progress of the cafeteria and plaza is listed below:

Interior Work

- Final dry wall projects are completed
- The interior of the dining hall has been textured, primed and painted
- Tile installation is well under way
- Fire sprinklers are in and tested

Exterior Work

- Curbs poured and new road into the back of campus is in
- Completed new wide sidewalks that were required to allow for emergency sized vehicles in the center of campus
- Light pole bases and electrical transformer are in. Dining Commons now has permanent power.
- Gutters installed and exterior sun shades and pillars are going in

Completion of the Dining Commons and Water Tower Plaza is projected to be about mid-November 2013. Like us on Facebook or visit www.ucaa.org to keep up-to-date on fundraising needs, project details and pictures.

