

SENIORS MOVE ON



CLASS of 2007

Text

In this world you will have trouble but take heart, I have overcome the world. John 16:33

Aim

Success is a journey, not a destination

Motto

The world is not enough

Colors

**Burgundy,
Black & White**

Until next time

by Gracie Volyn

As the sun shines here in the last days of May, one thought is in the minds of every student at UCA: the end of the year. With only a few days left, the end will soon be here. But the question is, are we happy about it?

The general opinion on any high school campus is that the more quickly a school year can end, the better. Almost every student looks forward to the last day of school. Just think about it--no homework and no getting up early for classes. Can you imagine sleeping in every day? Of course, most students will have jobs over the summer, but somehow waking up for a job is easier than waking up for school. I think it might have something to do with the money involved . . . but I can't be sure.

But when one really thinks about the end of the year, it's hard to feel completely happy about it. A school year is a long time, especially at a boarding school. It means a lot of time and memories made with friends. And many of those friends are seniors, who will graduate at the end of this year and move on to other things. We will miss them all. If all goes

well, we might end up at the same college with some of them, but that introduces a new thought: one year down is another year closer to college for everyone. Scary? Definitely.

So, as the 2006-2007 school year draws to a close, we are all met with mixed feelings. Fortunately for us, the happy ones always win in the end. Besides, most of us will be back next year to do it all over again. And for those who aren't . . . good luck and Godspeed! Summer here we come.

STUDENTS OF THE YEAR

Student Choice:
Emily Muthersbaugh & Andrew Vizcarra

Staff Choice:
Kelli Kostenko & Nolan Kinne

Principal's Choice:
Kati Winkle & Kevin Riffel
Spiritual Leader of the Year
Emily Muthersbaugh & Bill Lenz

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Bloomsday 07

by *Emily Mutthersbaugh*

Whenever the first weekend in May rolls around, there is only one thing on the minds of those hard working individuals, those overachievers, those properly-nourished, rested, and trained people. Yes, I'm talking about Bloomsday.

You might not believe that much rigorous training would be involved in a race over 40,000 people run. But it takes much to convince oneself to eat those potato chips for emotional support, to stay up all night discussing crazy outfits with friends, and to make that long walk from your parked car to the start line. As one student put it, "I didn't eat all those slices of pizza for nothing. Melted cheese sticks closer than a brother, and what do you do at family reunions? Run!"

Bloomsday may seem like an event for those looking for another t-shirt to sleep or mow the lawn in. It might appear to provide the prized claim of finishing a 12K. However, I'm sure we can all agree that this is not just about a free t-shirt, or a claim to fame. This monumental race is a time to draw closer to the community and appreciate those on all walks of life.

Here we go

by *Scott Guthrie*

It's that time of year again. Senior trip is coming quickly and graduation will be over in no time at all. It's the time when best wishes are exchanged and people prepare to part ways. And even though it's sunny for the first time since fall, there's a fog of indecision and lack of focus floating around campus. Formerly studious young adults catch themselves saying things like, "Well... okay... I guess I'll go, I mean it's not due 'till Friday anyways, right?" And after the hapless students spend the day staring listlessly around the classroom, they head to the dorm for several more hours of melancholic apathy. Something's just not right. But it's expected, after all, isn't graduation just a few days away?



Tana Armitstead, Sarah Hudson, and Canda Lodge race at high speed along the Bloomsday course in Spokane. Photo by Lucas Anderson

Alumni renew old friendships

by *Brittany Cornwell*

On the weekend of May 4 and 5, UCA had its usual springtime get together known as Alumni Weekend. Between classes on Friday, students looked out the windows and saw all manner of strange cars and people arriving. I often found myself thinking, "There sure are going to be a lot of people here this year!" And I was right.

There was registration in the morning, and then lunch and the annual Alumni Golf Tournaments as well. Mr. Lange had been asked by our Alumni Director, Linnea Torkelsen, if a few of his keyboarding students would play background music during refreshments in the gym. They did, and that was followed by the evening vespers program, always organized by the ten-year class.

Sabbath was a good day, too. The weather was perfect, and that combined with the energy from all of the people made it an exceptional day. Many people came to the gym for the service, often in groups of friends and former roommates, talking and catching up on the years they'd been apart. You could hear them talking about things they did while here at school, other news of family and careers, and of old friends and classmates who couldn't make it for one reason or another.

It was good to get hugs and smiles from last year's seniors as well and to just soak up the warm atmosphere that had been created.

When Sunday came along, it was sad to see all the guests leave, but when you say goodbye to friends you always know you'll see them again—another time, another place. And until that time comes you have that warm feeling inside and the memories from those few short days to keep in your heart.

Marine biologists head west

by Rainey Davis

Spring is an exciting time of year for any kid at UCA, but it is especially fun for the students in Mrs. Haeger's Marine Biology class. Every year Mrs. Haeger organizes a trip to Rosario Beach so that her students can learn about the ocean's unique inhabitants. This year was no exception, and early one Sunday morning she piled us on to buses and handed us journals to record what we saw and experienced. After an excruciatingly long drive, we arrived at Rosario and watched the sun set over the ocean.

The next morning we looked at plankton under microscopes, studied tide pools, had a Bible study on the beach, skipped lots of rocks, and then later in the afternoon went to Padilla Bay and dug in the mud for clams and worms.

The next day was probably the highlight for many—we got to go on a ferry to Friday Harbor and then headed out on the bus to do some tide-pooling and whale sightseeing. No one expected to see any whales, but we ended up seeing the fins of some orcas while driving down the highway beside the ocean. That night we stumbled back on to the ferry, tired but happy.

The next morning we jumped on the bus and headed for the Seattle Aquarium to experience the great mysteries of the undersea world. These wonders ranged from playful otters to mushy sea anemones that try to digest your finger when poked. After an exciting time watching all the ocean creatures at the aquarium, we climbed on the bus one last time and headed for home.

The trip was a fun, unique experience and one of the highlights of the year.



Rainey Davis, Michelle Michaels, Ali Duerksen, Erica Brower and Ashley Wilkinson find treasures in the mud. Photo by Mrs. Haeger



Fletcher Wilkens, Troy Breakie, Nick Lauren, Justin Davis, Sasha Bothe, Laura Dick and Mrs. Haeger enjoy some fresh sea air.

Photo courtesy of Mrs. Haeger

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Varsity soccer returns

by *Jinhee Choi*

As spring returned and the basketball season ended, varsity soccer reappeared. Although the players don't have jerseys and often not enough players show up for practice, they just enjoy the fact that they are playing soccer . . . even without real teams to play against.

At the beginning, it was a little ridiculous to call the group a team since everybody did not play well enough. But under the direction of Coach Carter, the players started to work together well. Pass. Shoot. Dribble. The team practiced and encouraged one another.

They still need practice and some competition so they can measure how good they are, but the team has overcome a lot and now work together when they play the game.

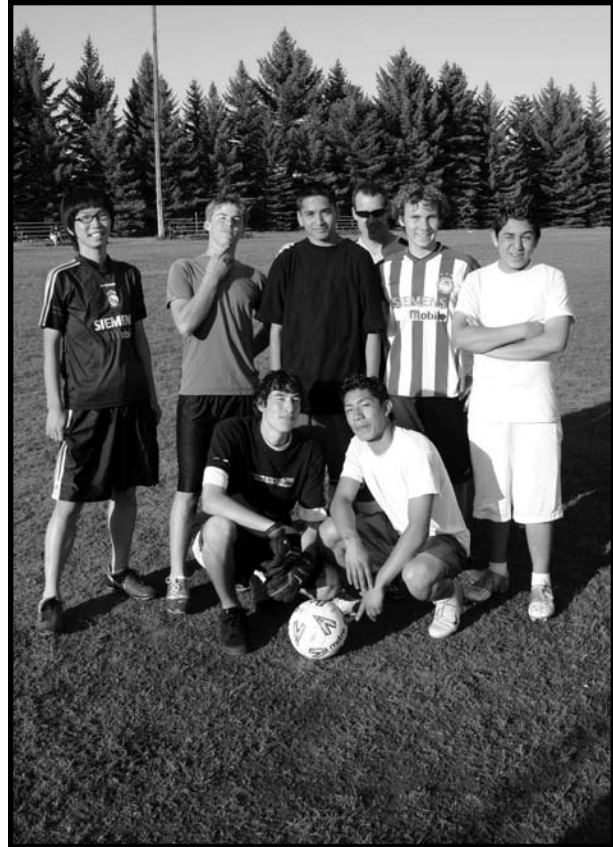
Saying goodbye

by *Christie Ringer*

The end of the year is almost up, and as the weeks go by, it gets closer to *that* time. You know the time I'm talking about: it's graduation, the time when friends part for the summer and we say goodbye to the seniors.

Although juniors are looking forward to being seniors next year there is also a feeling of loss, knowing that the seniors (our dear friends) won't be walking the halls with us next year. They've told us what to expect from our senior year and helped us when we needed them the most. And they were mentors with homework when we just didn't seem to "get it."

Seniors, we'll all miss you and hope that life treats you well next year. You've set a hard path for us to follow. I hope we can measure up to how great you've been and be just as good an example next year.



Up on the field, some of the varsity soccer players squint into the setting sun with their coach, Dr. Carter

Merriment in May


by *Bethany Andrews*

It has arrived! The season we have all looked forward to for the past several months has come. The grass is turning green. The leaves are poking out their heads, and the delicate spring flowers are gracing us all with their presence. Small birds awaken us to heavenly choruses at dawn as the larger hawks and eagles circle the fields in search of their breakfast, daring the rodents to show themselves. The farmers are busy at work. The fields have been plowed and planted to bear fall's harvest.

Nature is not the only thing that is restless in this season, however. The teachers are going crazy as we UCA students catch spring fever. We can't sit still in our seats. We can't pay attention to what we need to be learning. We just want to be free while they struggle to hammer home the things they know we need to be learning for finals.

Why? Why can't we concentrate? Why can't we sit still? Well, the answer is easy. For the seniors it's a matter of days until they graduate! Juniors are ready to be seniors, and freshmen and sophomores are ready to take one more step toward their graduation.

Who can blame us, really? After all, doesn't the Bible say that a merry heart is good medicine?



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Just dial 911

by Nolan Kinne

There is a new reason to be scared on campus. Driver's Ed has once again begun.

If you take a gander into the ad building parking lot you'll see a silver VW Beetle with writing on the side that says "911 Driving School." That seems an appropriate name for the driving that is going on. 911 gives the impression that as soon as someone gets into that car a disaster is about to occur. Call 911! EMERGENCY! Maybe I'm just a little bit disgruntled because Driver's Ed was not offered here when I was learning to drive. But others feel the same way. "I feel deprived that I had to spend time and money driving all the way into Spokane to take a class that is now offered here, and on top of that, my safety at this school is now jeopardized," said Chis Nelson. He is another one of the many unfortunate students who had to live through the era of the Driver's Ed void. It seems a bit unfair, but we've survived.

If you're ever near UCA and you see that Silver Bug being driven around, here are some pointers for your safety:

1. Stay calm
2. Yell and wave arms wildly to attract attention to yourself
3. Quickly move away from the roadway, or sidewalks
4. If a tree is near, climb it. That's the safest place on earth for the moment.

If all these directions are followed, your safety is somewhat assured. However, when things don't go your way, just dial 911.



Daniel Jenks, Derek Riffel, Kristin Stratte, and Kristie Bovee, all members of the Driver's Education class, pose casually beside their driving machine

ASB elections

by Dayln Martin

In order to get elected for any ASB office, students must go through a rigorous application process.

First, all interested students must fill out a petition that requires twenty-five signatures from their peers. Students that sign these applications are supposed to be showing that they believe the candidates will best represent student interests and UCA values. After the candidates obtain twenty-five signatures, the applications are sent to Ad Council where they are either approved or denied. Approval is based on whether or not the candidates have had any major discipline issues in the previous semester and whether or not they would best represent U.C.A. Academic standing is also considered. Applicants can't be on the D, F, and I list and must have a cumulative gpa of at least 2.75 for the three top offices and 2.5 for the others. Once the candidates are approved their names are placed into a primary election, followed by a general election where the students vote for one desired candidate in each office.

These officers have a great responsibility. Those elected for first semester next year will start meeting and planning before this school year is over.

1st Semester ASB Officers for 2007-2008

President:

Doug Wheeler

Vice President:

Logan Carter

Chaplain:

Esther Wolfkill
Sergeant-at-Arms:

Alex Wickward

Secretary:

Mindy Schreven

Treasurer:

Janae Rose

Chorister:

Sacha Kravig

Pianist:

Alexi Andregg

Historian:

Trevor Carstens

Change is good

by *Brendan Hay*

As a school grows, changes are often made to the system to accommodate students and faculty. One of the changes here at UCA has been deemed quite significant. The class schedule for the 2007-2008 school year has been revised.

The principal reason that UCA has altered the schedule for next year is because classes were not meeting requirements set by the Carnegie system. The Carnegie system, or unit, is what most schools in our state go by. In short, it is based on how many minutes you must sit in a chair in each class to get academic credit. The main cause for the revision were some complications with the shortened Friday schedule.

According to Charles Hartman, there will be three major differences in the schedule for next year that will benefit the majority of the student body.

First, the new shortened Friday schedule will last all year long. Each school day on Friday will end at 2:52 PM. Second, the "11:15 period" will be eliminated by consolidating the class schedule and shifting principal classes. This means the school day will have 12 periods instead of 13, with each period being two minutes longer. This will enable the new shortened Friday schedule to be feasible. Finally, a change favored by many, band and choraliers will meet at different periods. This will enable a student who is in band to participate in choraliers, or vice versa.

Of course, the advantages of every change are usually accompanied by disadvantages, often not seen until changes take effect. But the overall majority believes that these schedule changes will benefit most of the student body and have the school clearly meet time



Kara Hughes and Hillary Madden pretend to study out in the May sunshine

Tech department places mural

by *Jayne Jackson*

Mr. Paulson and the Technology Department are planning to place a mural on the south wall of the technology building.

The mural is a picture, cut from metal, of Joseph teaching Christ in the woodshop. Along with the picture will be a quote from Ellen White which says, "Manual training should be connected with every school teaching all young people some of the most useful trades to further the gospel."

According to Paulson, "We forget that Christ worked as a carpenter and that working with the hands is a noble trade." Mr. Paulson also mentioned that service based positions make up about eighty percent of the available professions and that most of the time they pay good wages as well. Mr. Paulson plans to have the mural completed by the end of the school year, in time to inspire future students to take technology classes.

Musical finale

by *Brittini Bryan*

The Music program at UCA has had a very strong year.

The instrument and choral groups have gone on tours to Montana, Alaska and other areas around the Northwest. They have also provided music for several important weekends here at UCA. On the weekend of May 12, the choir went on tour to the Spirit Lake SDA church. Junior Kyla Humbert said, "Although, with a group of 120 singers it was quite a tight fit, it was still a fun and rewarding experience."

To finish off the year, the music department plans to treat people to three consecutive evenings of song. On Thursday the 24th the band is planning the Pops Lawn Concert where they will play easy listening music while people enjoy a picnic supper on the grass. The next night the choral department will give their final performance at St. John's Cathedral in Spokane. The repertoire for this concert will consist of more classical and sacred pieces and involve brass and organ accompaniment. Then on Saturday night the band and instrument ensembles will finish off the year with a sacred performance in the gym.

This year has been a great growing experience for all the students involved in music here at UCA. Mr. Anderson, Mr. Kravig, and Mr. Lange have helped each one make strides toward becoming more valuable musicians.

Senior trip nears

by Sarah Tupper

The Senior Trip is the last chance for the class to relax and have fun together before they graduate. Traveling as a group also gives them one more chance to get to know each other. This year the trip has been moved to the very last week of school, so it really will be a last hurrah.

The trip will be to Portland, Oregon, where the plan is for all the students and staff to stay at a Holiday Inn close to all the activities and attractions. While there, the class will split into groups and will be able to visit OMSI, go shopping, or travel to the coast for a day.

The Class of 2007 has traveled the four years through high school and is now approaching graduation weekend. The stress is building as that exciting time draws near. Luckily, the Senior Trip has come at just the right time. It will relieve the stress over grades and future important life decisions. It will allow the class to relax and have fun for their last week in high school, the last week to enjoy being young and carefree!

Brass quintet tours Alaska

by Steven Williams

On May 10, UCA's brass quintet embarked on a tour to Alaska. The group went to Anchorage, Palmer, and Fairbanks, visiting the SDA school in each city. The purpose of this trip was to demonstrate to prospective students a small portion of the musical and academic programs available at UCA.

The quintet performed selections from its repertoire at each school, and students were encouraged to try playing the members' various instruments. Members of the quintet also formed a vocal quartet and sang several hymn arrangements. Featured in each performance was a duet with Steven Williams and Dean Kravig playing garden hoses to demonstrate how brass instruments work. The audiences enjoyed the musical diversity found within this small group.

During each program, Director of Marketing and Recruitment, Scott North, spoke to the students about the sundry scholastic and extracurricular opportunities available to students attending UCA. Many students expressed interest in attending, and were provided with informational materials and application packets.

This trip did not consist solely of school performances. On Sabbath the quintet played for prelude, postlude, and special music at the Palmer SDA Church. Then an expedition consisting of several local church members and the group from UCA rode four-wheelers on a 50-mile round-trip journey to the Knik Glacier to enjoy the beautiful Alaskan scenery. The next day, following a performance at Golden Heart Christian School in Fairbanks, the UCA group went on the Riverboat Discovery Historic Tour up the Chena River near Fairbanks.

"The quintet played beautifully and made many new friends, as well as inspired several to seriously consider UCA," said Dean Kravig, who coaches the brass quintet. Then he added, "This trip was worth every penny invested."

SPOKANE SCHOLARS 2007



This year's UCA Spokane Scholars were Jonathan Schreven, Foreign Language; Bill Lenz, Social Studies; Sarah Hudson, English; Jonathan Woodruff, Fine Arts; Brendon Bauer, Mathematics. Brendan Hay, Science, was not able to attend the ceremonies.

Photo courtesy of Sarah Hudson

REgroup

by Sarah Hudson

Inspired by the student-lead evangelistic meetings this year, the students of UCA are planning a weekend of evangelistic meetings for next April.

The plan is to hold the event at the Spokane Convention Center with the hope of attracting 1000 people to attend. So far, the plan calls for meetings Friday night and Saturday morning with workshops on Saturday afternoon and a concert Saturday night.

A small group of students, led by Lucas Anderson and Emily Muthersbaugh, are planning the meetings. They call themselves REgroup or Revolutionary Evangelism group. REgroup is looking into hiring bands and comedians or drama groups.

The theme for the meetings is "The Need," and the group is planning to use the advertising slogan "Are You Wondering?" Look for the billboards starting this fall.

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