

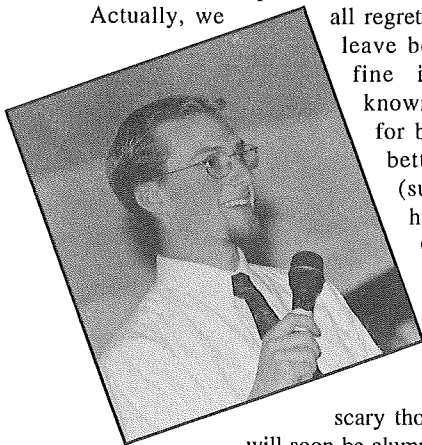
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May 1998

congratulations! 98 SENIORS

The biggest and the best!

SENIORS, this is our LAST MONTH!
Yeeeeehaaaa, Yipeeee, Houa Houa Houa!!!
Actually, we



all regret having to leave behind this fine institution known as UCA for bigger and better places (such as h o m e) . Only hour remain in our high-school careers, which is a scary thought. We

will soon be alumni, and that makes me shudder.

Alumni are those people who reunite on this campus once a year to remember when they set the carpet on fire with a brick and two yaks or just to talk in low tones about hair loss. In ten years we will all be trying to get a pea out of our youngest daughter's ear while trading pictures of our sweet, dimpled gremlins. Eventually we'll all show up for alumni weekend in our motorized wheelchairs and laugh at each other when our teeth fall out of our reach. What a grand future for all of us SENIORS!

Speaking of SENIORS, we are the biggest and best class ever in the history of Upper Columbia Academy. At this time I would also like to mention that we are the best class that will ever attend UCA. Juniors, don't take offense--there is nothing wrong with second place. I have, throughout four years, found that I have a warm spot in my heart for the Class of 1998 (I'm not talking of heartburn). I truly love our class and I wouldn't trade it for any other class in the world, ever. All our imperfections, accomplishments, joys, and sorrows have bonded us into one body. Being molded into one body has made us a severely compassionate class. That is what I love the most about 1998!

As we leave this school, crying so hard that the tears soak our robes, there is one thing for which I will remember our class. That is: "With the help of God and a little help from our friends, we pulled it off." It doesn't matter that we'll look like goobers in five years or if we are enslaved to our offspring in ten years. We have all grown closer to one another and to God. That is all that really matters, is it not? Thank-you so much, UCA. We love you and will miss you. 98!!!

*Mark Janke,
President Class of '98*

Upper Columbia Academy, Spangle, Washington

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Students of the Year:
Mark Janke
Laurie Griffin

Spiritual Leadership Award:
Michael Messervy
Angela Larson

Principal's Award:
Jonathan Kincaid
Michelle Spady

5.10+ Award
Jeremy Vetter

WELL DONE!

Seniors catch the worm

Smiles, laughter, card-playing, and shopping are just a few words one could use to describe the Class of 98's senior trip. The class enjoyed the shopping and sights in Seattle and Victoria and the rest and relaxation in Blaine.

First stop? Seattle! After leaving UCA at 5:00 in the morning, we had six hours to shop and sight-see. Being dropped off at the Seattle Center gave us the opportunity to ride merry-go-rounds, ferris wheels, and other assorted rides. Many rode the tram to downtown Seattle from where they could go to the wharf or to Pike's Place Market. After an enjoyable stay in Seattle, we spent our first night on Auburn's gym floor.

The next morning came very early. We had to leave at 4:15 to drive to Anacortes so we could catch the ferry to Canada. The ferry ride involved a lot of picture-taking and card playing. Once we arrived in Canada, we had

lunch in a park and then got back in the busses.

Once we made it to Victoria, we had a chance to see the sights. Victoria offered many attractions. Some seniors went and viewed parliament in session, toured the wax museum, went to Butchart Gardens, or shopped.

The third day involved a lot of traveling. We rode the ferry back to the USA and headed for Blaine. There we were able to use spas, racquet-ball and tennis courts or just relax in our rooms. The Blaine setting was fabulous, a ritzy hotel right on the water!

Traveling back to UCA with many memories was our final task. Although very tired, all had enjoyed themselves, and although we didn't arrive back until close to midnight, the junior class greeted the returning Almighty Seniors with fireworks and doughnuts . . . a great way to be welcomed back!

Sarah Webster

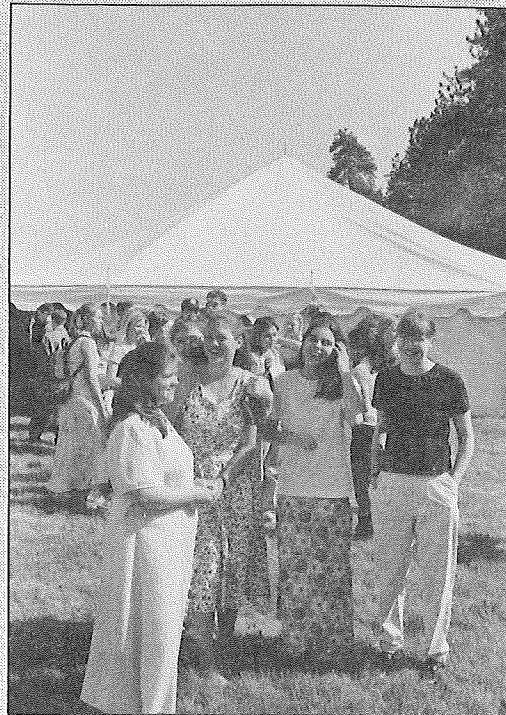
Junior/Senior party

Each year the details of the junior/senior party are a closely-guarded secret. This year on the afternoon of May 11 students were surprised to have all their afternoon classes shortened by ten minutes so juniors and seniors could leave campus at 4:30 for their festivities.

The group first stopped at Comstock Park on Spokane's South Hill where three large round tables of great food had been prepared by Mr. Blankenship and his helpers. After prayer, eating, tug-of-war games, relaxation and a rendezvous with the four year senior club, the whole group headed to the Spokane Arena to watch a hockey game between the Spokane Chiefs and a team from Ontario, Canada. The Chiefs, unfortunately, lost.

The party was well-planned by the juniors and much-appreciated by all in attendance

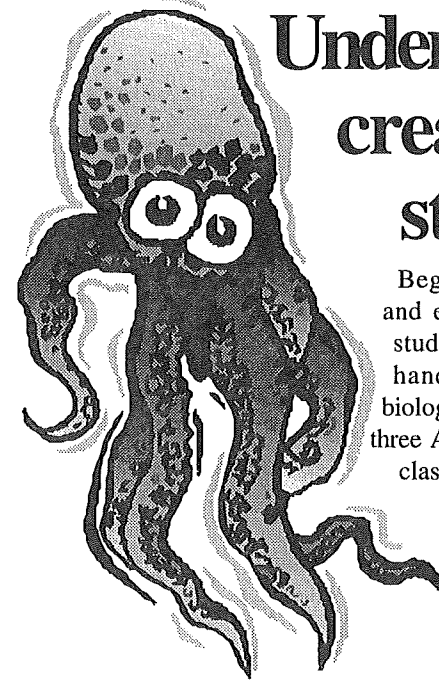
Bloomsday Youth Rally



This year the Bloomsday Youth Rally was held in a tent at the conference office.

*left: Laisha Fisher, Evelyn Hillmon, Jennifer Cross, Ireland Burch and Missi Rau wait for Sabbath School to begin
above: Stephen Lundquist, Steve Porter, Nate Kay, Kurt Meldinger and Marcus Nutter strike a natural pose before entering the tent*

Underworld creatures studied



Beginning April 19 and ending the 22nd, students experienced hands-on marine biology. Mr. Thayer's three Advanced Biology classes took a trip to beautiful Orcas Island and the Seattle area. There they studied mysterious underworld creatures.

The first day, Sunday, started with an eight-hour bus ride to Anacortes where students waited for the ferry. They didn't arrive until after dark at Four Winds Camp on Orcas Island.

Monday, students went to town early and sketched all types of sea life such as seas stars, birds, fish, and jellyfish. Robert George and David Lopez retrieved marine organisms from the deep for examination by the rest of the class. Then, later in the afternoon, they returned to camp to swim, sunbathe, and walk the beach. A barbecue capped off the day.

Tuesday, students awoke early again only to wait five hours for the return boat to Anacortes. The only ferry large enough for the group had broken down, and the small town of Orcas had to entertain restless learners for almost half a day. With the crossing finally complete, a pizza feed in Kent ended most of the journey. After that, students jaunted over to Puget Sound Academy for bed.

Wednesday greeted the students early as they went to Seattle to board Argosy Cruises with are marine biologists. Five hours of gathering plankton samples, studying scuba, eating sea cucumbers, watching divers in action, and harassing the poor creatures the divers dragged aboard followed.

After docking back in Seattle, the crowd dispersed for homeleave. The lucky ones (me!) caught a 45-minute boat ride home. The less fortunate endured the long bus ride to Spangle with stops along the way.

Stephen Lundquist summed up the experience: "The hands-on educational experience we got from this trip was priceless. It is impossible to get that much excitement out of biology in the class room. Two thumbs up, Mr. Thayer!"

Emily Thornton

Still touring after all these years

Choraliers

Short though it was, Choraliers tour provided a nice break from schoolwork. We left the school around 1:30 p.m. on what has become known as the infamous Mexico bus. As we drove away, Ms. Swigart commented on the obvious by chanting "This bus, this bus rocks" while pounding on the back of the seats in front of her. It was an eventful beginning.

The first night, Friday April 17th, we performed at Sunnyside and then spent the night there with members of the church. Sabbath morning, we met back at Sunnyside and drove to Goldendale for our church performance. After that, we traveled to Tri-Cities where after eating a haystack dinner with the band members the major concert began.

The band played a few numbers, Choraliers sang, and Jeremy Vetter gave a devotional. It was an excellent evening. And after it was all over everyone loaded up and, as their custom is, headed back to school once again.

Cassi Shrock

Band

On April 17, the band again loaded busses for one final tour of the year. For the seniors it was their final high-school band tour.

Events followed their usual sequence. After arriving in Yakima, the church was finally arranged for a wonderful concert. The band was fed supper, changed into their "uniforms" and began the sacred concert. After the concert the bus and truck were loaded and band members went home with friends, family or a host family for a good night's rest.

After church the next day, they ate a potluck lunch and then headed for Tri-Cities where the set-up process was followed yet again and where the Choraliers joined them for a dual concert.

It is hard to believe that the last tours of the year are over and that for seniors UCA music tours are now only a memory.

Steven Ellison



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Alumni fill the gym and enjoy reminiscing during Alumni Weekend

Alumni weekend

This year UCA again had its Alumni Weekend to honor all those that endured and successfully completed school here. It was a time to get together to reminisce and to see old friends. It was also a time for alumni to see the many changes that have taken place on campus.

But as all the reminiscing and visiting were going on, most of the current students seemed pretty bored. They didn't find the visiting or the activities very exciting. Most of them might have felt a little uneasy about all the strange new people suddenly showing up. For students, going to their 10, 20, or 50-year reunion is as far from their minds as the edge of the universe. Even graduation, for some, seems light years away. But the days of school life can slip by quickly. Suddenly you find yourself at your 20-year reunion, wondering where the time has gone.

So make the most of your life. Ask God for guidance and wisdom. A far better place awaits us if we follow God. But it will be interesting to see all of my high-school friends and hear what they have accomplished with their lives.

Bob Pielat



At a special service during Alumni Weekend, Mr. and Mrs. Peach share a few words as Mr. Peach accepts the Walter and Gladys Werth Service Award for 35 years of teaching at UCA

Money waits for the meticulous

Sometime during their junior year, a few students start thinking about college--the fun, the freedom... the expense. Depending on very high SAT and ACT scores isn't the best strategy for financing a college degree. There are, however, dozens of scholarships awarded by a wide range of companies for all sorts of reasons.

When applying for a scholarship, it is very important for students to pay close attention to the scholarship requirements and to fulfill every requirement on time. That takes a great deal of work, but hundreds of scholarship applications are rejected not because they lacked merit but simply because the students were late or careless. Details are very important.

This year, junior Rex Wren successfully applied for a Discover Card Tribute Award scholarship. Rex was chosen from among 11,000 applicants and received the State Bronze level scholarship of \$1,250.

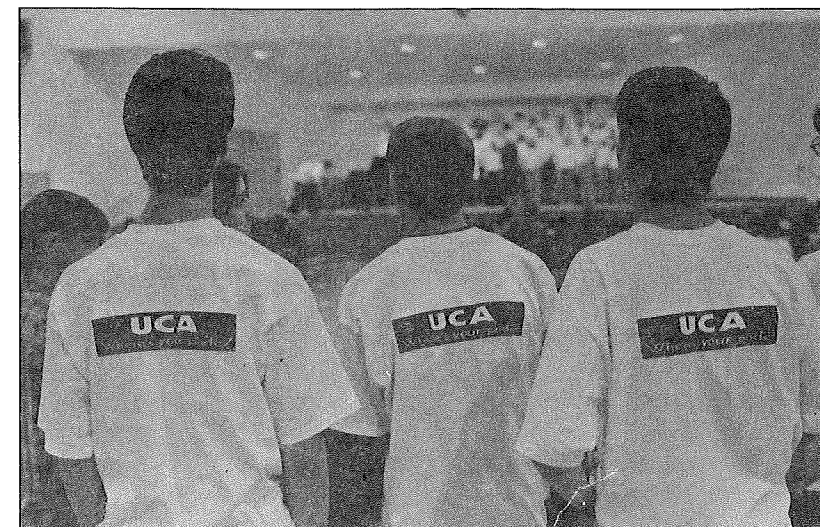
You can find out about scholarships from the counseling office, any college, or, of course, the Internet.

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for next
year is on
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The new UCA t-shirt was seen everywhere on Academy Day

Y'all come back now

Academy Day dawned grey and windy, a usual for big UCA visitor days. But although the weather wasn't perfect, it didn't stop prospective students from coming for a look at the place.

From about 8 to 10 in the morning, visiting students registered in the gym and then were directed to a small group of seniors who were to be their campus tour guides. The tours went everywhere from the dorms to T-bird. In every building there were interesting quizzes for the kids to take in hopes of winning some cool prizes.

After the tours, there was an assembly in the gym and students participated in a knowledge bowl and heard a worship talk by Pastor Fred.

After that it was time to experience the wonders of the UCA cafeteria and then head back to the gym for the afternoon meeting.

The afternoon meeting was a whole-school assembly. The band played, the choir sang, and the gymnastics team performed. All the prizes from the different quizzes along the tour route were given out and many of the school's programs were explained. Near the end, the school's varsity teams demonstrated some of their skills. To wrap up the day, there were some team sports activities on the field.

All in all, it was a successful day, and we are hoping to see many of the visiting students back here next year.

Chelane Canwell

Extensive study confirms suspicions (yeah, right)

After an extensive five-year study of UCA students, it seems a definite link exists between romance and poor grades. "It couldn't be more black-and-white," said Marvin Thorman, who interpreted the results with his new SID (Satellite Interpreting Device).

First, the study compared the grades of students who had ever been on "social" to those who had not. The grades of the romantically-involved were several points lower.

Second, staff on supervision noted which students were most often involved in hugging after rec and were slowest to return to the dorm after vespers. The gpa's for each name were checked, and not one was above 2.5. "Couples who walk the loop during downpours and blizzard conditions had a remarkably low gpa," said principal Larry Marsh.

The last element of the study examined the grades of couples who

had been "going out" for at least two straight years and those who continued to "go out" even though one of them had graduated or moved away. The results were consistent with the rest of the study.

Only seniors seemed immune to a drop in gpa. "They're already so distracted nothing else phases them," guessed Mr. Stevens between puns.

Believe it or not Local eatery clones cafe food

Saying they'd be crazy not to, Cecil Blinns, manager of the Harvester restaurant in Spangle, confirmed that the Harvester would be switching to an all-vegetarian menu soon. "With the knowledge you folks have concerning health and nutrition, we'd be crazy not to copy you," said Blinns.

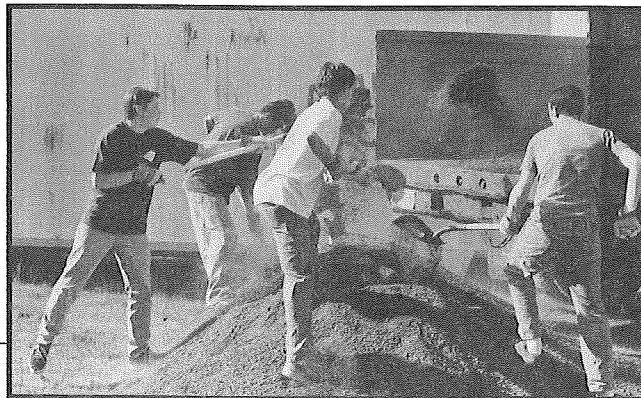
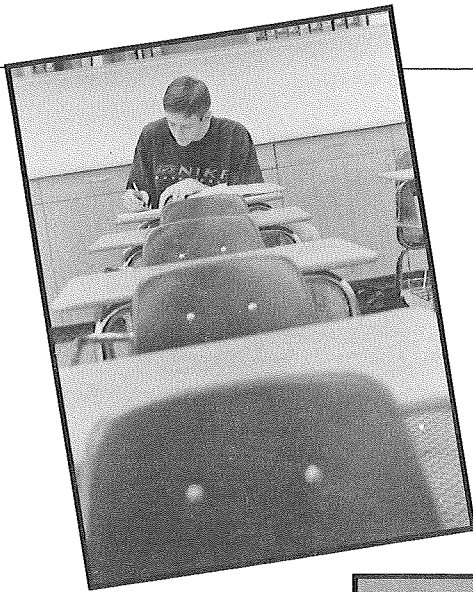
For years the Harvester has been a favorite haunt for UCA students. The change in menu is calculated to please students and staff here. Extensive negotiations with Mr. Blankenship and Mr. Sample have led to the Harvester acquiring all of the students' favorite recipes from the cafeteria. According to Blinns, the Harvester will also acquire favorite recipes from Walla Walla College so the restaurant can act as a dietary bridge for students who plan to attend WWC after their senior year.

The complete change-over is scheduled for mid June.

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