

# uppercolumbia academy echoes

November 2001

## Amateur Hour succeeds

This year's Amateur Hour brought hope of success for the much-needed boys' dorm renovation project. All the money raised will go to renovating the dorm.

"I thought it was good and well-performed. I especially thought that Phillip Byrd and Risha Opp did well on their pieces," said Mr. Yeo, Ryan Yeos' father. This year's Amateur Hour did showcase a good variety of student talent.

"I can't rate this year's Amateur Hour, said dean Scribner, "but I had many alumni come up to me and say how good the variety was. If you liked a more conservative style, it was there. If you liked the opposite, it was there also."

This year's program took a different, more formal approach than in past years. The formality included a select number of pre-paid tables close to where the action was.

"Financially, it was a great kick-off to the much-needed boys' dorm renovation," said Dean Scribner. This renovation will begin right away. But since this is only a start, more fundraisers will be needed to finish the project.

*Andrew Roberts*

### Amateur Hour Winners

#### Grand:

*Andrea Stout*

#### Instrumental:

*Kathilee Davidson & Cheryl Williams*

#### Piano:

*Michelle Roe*

#### Vocal:

*Risha Opp & Christine Ortega*

#### Audience:

*Christina Jenks, Joe Jenks,*

*Natalie Ford*

#### Novelty:

*John Burghart, Rebecca Burke,*

*Carl Canwell, Luke Chilson,*

*Aaron Grable, Sean Hayes*



*Kathilee Davidson and Cheryl Williams savor the applause after playing "Oklahoma."*

## Bible conference

During the October homeleave, 61 UCA students and 6 sponsors boarded the school bus to drive 5 hours to Camp Beracha, about an hour past Seattle.

Camp Beracha was the sight for this year's Academy Bible Conference. There were 8 schools in attendance; WWVA, CAA, AAA, Milo, Mount Ellis, Gem State, CCA and UCA.

While the students were there, they enjoyed talks from Heidi Arms, and Pastor DC Edmonds. Coordinating this year's conference was Alfonso McCarthy. He is the youth director for the North Pacific Union Conference. Also, musical guest Jamie Teaton gave a concert for the students Saturday night.

Students also had a chance to go swimming, play volleyball and basketball, go hiking, and play pool.

Also on Saturday night, the students from the different schools were given a chance to perform dramas and musical acts.

"Bible conference gave the students from different academies a chance to spend time with other young Christians," said UCA chaplain Pastor Paul Lundgrin.

Later, on their way back to school, they stopped in Seattle for three hours. The students were given a chance to roam around Pike's Street Market and enjoy a sunny day in Seattle.

*Becca Flaiz*

## Students experience stressful testing

Early Sunday morning on November 4, 28 chattering students filed into room 118 in the Upper Columbia Academy Administration Building for 4 hours of intense SAT testing.

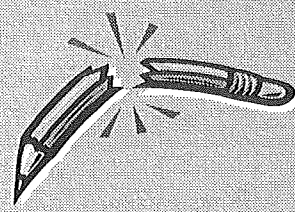
The SAT, a highly competitive college admissions test given by the College Board Testing Service, is taken by students all across America and costs \$24. Many colleges and scholarships require an SAT score for admission and application.

Because the test is normally given on Saturday, UCA students were required to send a clergy letter with their registration form. The letter, signed by UCA Pastor Paul Lundgrin, allowed them to take the SAT on Sunday because of Sabbath observance.

The security rules concerning the SAT are very strict. A teacher (not at UCA) recently copied the test and passed it out to students so that they could study for the test, said Mrs. Lacey, the local Test Center Supervisor. Because of this, many SAT scores had to be cancelled, and now test packages are not to be opened until the test is ready to be given and all testing personnel must sign a statement saying they have followed the rules exactly.

Now that the tests are over, students anxiously await the arrival of their scores, which takes anywhere from 6 to 12 weeks. Those who are not happy with their scores can retake the SAT in January, but for now, "I'm glad they're over," said Alicia Runnals.

*Cari Yunger*



## Martling visits ground zero

A Spokane organization, "Spokane Loves New York," sent many volunteers to help around New York's Twin Towers.

Mr. Martling, UCA history teacher, was one who was chosen to go and help.

Martling is a native New Yorker and has a cousin who worked at ground zero in the clean-up effort. His cousin was able to get him into ground zero. "The buildings around ground zero seemed as if they were in mourning," said Martling. When he crossed over from the outside to the inside he said it was like going from life to death. On the outside there were people all around and lots of noise, but on the inside it was very quiet and the devastation was complete.

What sticks in Mr. Martling's memory the most is how big the actual area is. It compares in size to the whole UCA campus plus the faculty housing. Seeing ground zero on television does not do the devastation justice.

While in New York, Martling also visited a restaurant called Nino's where he was able to interact with police officers and firefighters who work at ground zero. He presented them with posters signed by UCA students. The police and firefighters sent back their thanks and added that the students couldn't know how much the posters meant to them.

*Russell Hyslop*

## Choraliers branch out

The first Choraliers tour of 2001 left on Friday evening, November 2. The buses loaded at 5:15 to leave for Coeur d'Alene. The students say these Choraliers tours are a great experience. The tours give them an opportunity to visit other churches and stay in many different homes.

The Choraliers arrived at the Coeur d'Alene Seventh Day Adventist Church in time for a quick practice. Then they started an evangelistic meeting with two songs. Following Pastor Lloyd Perrin's sermon, they finished the meeting with a concert. After the meeting, members of the church came forward and welcomed the students. The hospitality was wonderful and new friendships were made.

After a good night's sleep, the group was ready for their next appointment. They packed up very early and headed to Sandpoint Seventh Day Adventist Church. At Sandpoint they quickly prepared for the church service. The Sandpoint Church is so beautiful. Large picture windows in the front of the church let in many sunrays while the Choraliers sang.

Individuals and small groups within the Choraliers helped to share in the worship service. The Octet sang beautifully, Laura Wade sang a song she wrote herself and Risha Opp also sang a solo. And a new surprise was in store: Christina Jenks, Julie Cain, Becca Guthrie and Lindsey Smith, the new Senior Girls' Quartet sang "Steal Away."

*Julie Cain*



*One favorite HOPE project is going to the Humane Society. After tending to the animals, the students take puppies and kittens to visit residents in nursing homes*

## HOPE reaches fifty

UCA staff and students have no problem missing about one day of school a month. They call it Jesus' method for reaching the people.

October 21<sup>st</sup> was UCA's fiftieth HOPE Taskforce day. This is HOPE Taskforce's ninth year at UCA. During those nine years, it has undergone some positive changes. On the first HOPE Taskforce day there were only 12 projects, and now there are up to 30 projects.

The 50<sup>th</sup> HOPE Taskforce also represented around 65,000 hours of UCA students and staff

Helping Other People Everywhere. Those hours do not include blood drives, the weekly Feed the Hungry program, or mission trips.

One main purpose of HOPE Taskforce that Mrs. Corder finds very important is the change it makes in the way the general public views Christianity and Adventism. The director of Catholic Charities said she couldn't believe the Adventists and Catholics were working together. Cheri Corder, HOPE Taskforce Coordinator, feels that HOPE Taskforce also bonds students, faculty and the community and diminishes cliques among

students.

The community service program is no small commitment for the school. Not only is there a large time commitment for the supervisors and students of the projects, but there is also a large financial commitment for the school.

God has blessed HOPE Taskforce, because "It is not humanly possible to coordinate a day of HOPE Taskforce by myself," says Mrs. Corder. "Each day has been a success because of Divine intervention."

*Becca Flaiz*

## Puppy surprise

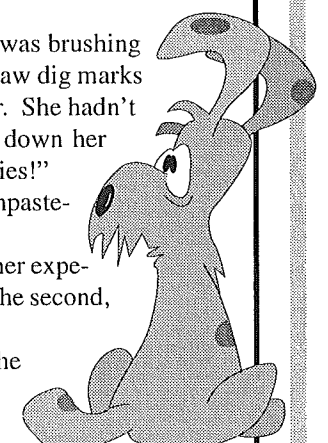
On October 2, Dean Shrock was surprised when her dog had puppies. She was brushing her teeth, getting ready for an RA meeting when out of the corner of her eye she saw dig marks in the carpet from her dog. She investigated and saw a tiny wet puppy on the floor. She hadn't even known her dog was pregnant. Gasping with shock, she sucked toothpaste down her throat into her lungs. She tried to yell to her husband, "Al! Keesha's having puppies!"

Shrock phoned Dean Keele and tried to tell her in a now much lower, toothpaste-enhanced voice what had happened. Keele wasn't certain who was on the phone.

Michaela Gruzensky, a senior, was called in to help with Keesha because of her experience with puppies. Dean Shrock ran off to the meeting and Michaela watched as the second, and last, puppy was born.

The puppies are now several weeks old, and Dean Shrock is not sure what she will do with them.

*Heather Wilson*





## Students have puzzling times

Every year prior to the event, students are faced with the same nagging problem: whom to ask to the banquet. As soon as one person figures it out and asks their date, the news gets around and everyone freaks out thinking that if they don't ask someone soon no one will be left and they will be dateless. This year girls get to ask guys, and when the time came to get a date the problem wasn't just *who* to ask but *how* to ask. Many people got creative with puzzles, scavenger hunts, and even an overhead transparency.

"It was fun thinking up a way to ask him to the banquet," said Sophia Allen after writing the question with chalk on the sidewalk in front of the Music Building. Her date, David Waters, approached her later in the cafeteria and said yes.

Leah Weichal asked her friend, Steve Morgan, to the banquet with a rose and note with burnt edges that was signed by Emily Wilkens. At the bottom of the note it said, "Turn over." On the other side it said, "Just kidding! Love, Leah."

"Steve was wondering how he was going to say no to Emily without hurting her feelings," said Leah.

Melissa Slawson wrote on Ben Ingersoll's windshield with lipstick to ask him to the banquet. He answered by having her room toilet-papered and his answer written on her mirror--in lipstick, of course.

*Melissa Slawson*

## DFI Fear of failing

D, F, and I is a structured program that tries to help students get better grades.

If students are getting more than one D, F, or I grade in their classes, they are required to attend a special study hall for one hour each evening. Dean Scribner says, "We provide a place where there are no distractions."

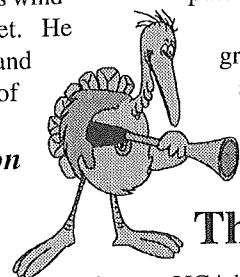
This year the D, F, and I room in the guys' dorm is improved. They have put in a new carpet, repainted the room, and bought new desks.

But do kids really benefit from being on the dreaded D, F, and I list? What if they are really trying and turning in all their assignments but still not making the grade? There is another option. Students can sign up for tutoring and as part of the program go to Dr. Evans' house in the evening for help on any subject. So many kids on D, F, and I do go and get tutoring for better grades.

So D, F, and I is there for those who are unmotivated, distracted, or just need guidance. It gives them time to get away from the phone, games, and computer and just straight out study.

Dean Scribner admits that the program is not 100% successful but it may help some kids and that is why UCA has the program.

*Russell Hyslop*



## Thanksgiving thoughts

Students at UCA have made it clear that when they hear the word "Thanksgiving" the first thing that comes to mind is food.

Seven out of twenty-three who played this word association game said "turkey" without hesitation. Another seven mentioned pie or that they gain weight during the holiday. Trent Breakie said, "I think of pumpkin pie even though I don't like it."

Other students thought about going to relatives' houses, on vacation or to the opening of Schweitzer. Karlin Andregg thinks of watching football games with her dad and grandpa.

Andrea Stout said she thought of a corn kernel. She told the story of how, when back in elementary school, her class had a Thanksgiving custom of sitting around a table and passing around a kernel of corn. Whoever had the kernel of corn would have to say one thing they were thankful for. Then everyone would put a kernel of corn in their shoe for the rest of the day so they would remember what they were thankful for.

Thanksgiving is a time for friends, family and food. It is a time for vacation and doing whatever it is that you like to do.

*Naomi Daniell*

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## Working with music

Listen to the sweet array of music coming from the Music Building. It's always full of people learning and playing music. But there is much more to this building than you would think.

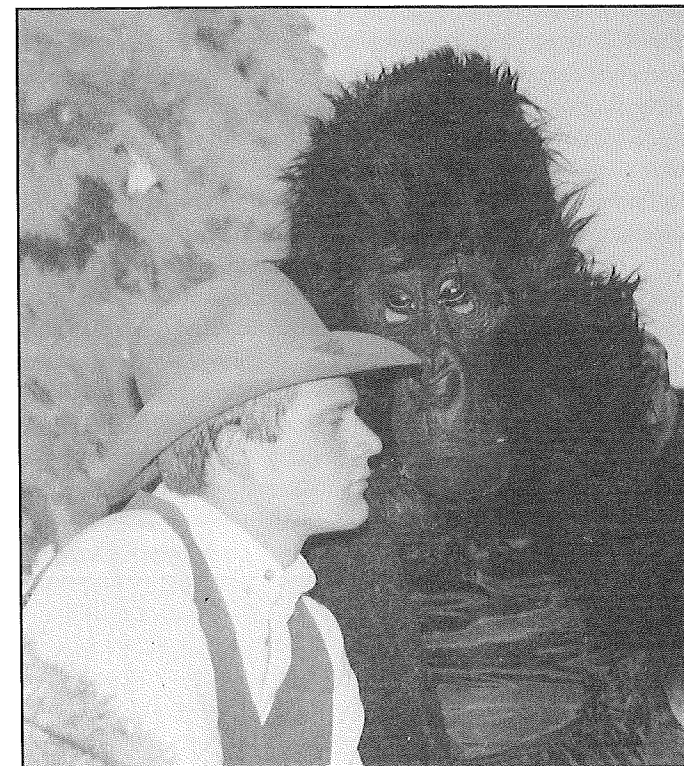
The Music Building workers know what goes on. They see the building at its best and worst. "It is very exciting but stressful," said John Nafie. Some of the workers here watch the upstairs practice rooms to take attendance and to see if the students really are practicing.

It is not always easy to be a worker in the Music Building. Workers don't just sit around all day. They have to make sure that no students sneak out and leave before the period is over. "It is not fun when people don't listen to me," says worker Cheryl Williams.

Since the students at UCA have such a wide variety of scheduling, the building always has people in it practicing. There are students practicing violin, piano, and different band instruments. Cheryl Williams commented, "It is usually fun to listen to practices."

A day in the Music Building reaches a crescendo when the Band Room comes alive as the last period of the day starts. Since the choir moved to the girls' dorm chapel, this is when the most people and the most sound are in the building. Through each day, students have fun and grow in their musical talents.

*Marlan Glover*



Taylor Wilkens ponders dating possibilities . . . That's Cherie Martinez in the gorilla suit

## Go to bed or draw from the Claw

The Claw of Death, a guys' dorm punishment, can provide an interesting and entertaining pastime.

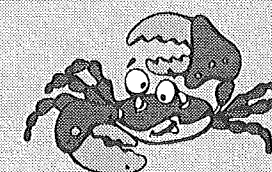
Last year head dean Ken Scribner began a new system of consequences called the Claw of Death. The Claw is a hand with long fingernails. Hanging from a hole in the middle of the hand is a bag containing numbered punishments. Although originally a Halloween bag, the Claw has become part of dorm life. The Claw can be given to anyone caught outside his room after lights out.

"The funniest Claw I have ever seen was when Jared Segebart had to sing 'I Feel Like a Woman,'" said Nathan Leiske, who videotapes Claws. "It was kind of embarrassing," said frequent claw recipient, Jared. "I have also had to duck walk clear to the church and back."

"The most time-consuming claw," said Leiske, "is pushing a penny down the hall with your nose." Segebart has pushed both a penny and a pop can down the hall. He also has had to clean his entire hall. Not all Claws are bad, but good ones are rare. "Last year I got an hour of TV time and an hour of music," said Segebart. "Most of the good Claws have been taken out this year," added Leiske.

"The Claw is pointless because they threaten the Claw and then don't enforce it," said Jeff Fogelquist. In response, Dean Maxson said they haven't run the Claw very much this year. The deans have been very busy with Amateur Hour, but now that is over, enforcement is expected to return.

*Nathan Shaw*



## Power House bounces back

The newly remolded Power House is one of the finest spots on campus. Although it hasn't been open because of a staff shortage, that problem is now solved.

"I am excited that we finally got the hours for the Power House," said Mrs. Corder. "I hope that the students will take advantage of the time when the Power House is open." She is pleased because Kristen Axford will be in the building so students can enjoy the Power House.

Kristen, a UCA alumnus, has come back as a Taskforce worker to help Pastor Lundgrin and Mrs. Corder.

Students have not been using the Power House much in the morning, but about 30-40 come during the afternoon to study and play board games, ping-pong and foosball. There is also a music system and a television. The television will be used when guidelines are set as to what is appropriate to watch.

The Power House is also used for various on-campus meetings and Wednesday night Bible studies as well as being the headquarters for HOPE Taskforce and the yearbook.

*Julie Cain*

### Four-year Senior Club OFFICERS

President	Brandon Leno
Vice President	Troy Davis
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Chaplain	Lindsey Smith
Sgt-at-Arms	Ted Ames

The Four-year Senior club is made up of students who have attended UCA for all four years of their high-school education. This year there are 24 members

## Digging into the Bible

Every Wednesday night following Joint Worship, a group of about 30 students meets for Bible Study.

One of last year's Bible Study groups met earlier this year to discuss starting up the studies again. They finally decided to form three different small study groups. "We didn't want to be exclusive but we did want to keep it small so we split up to begin new groups," said Natalie Ford, one of the Bible Study leaders.

The leaders of the three groups are all students. Kevin Ekvall and Ross Magi lead a study of Psalms and the life of David, Natalie Ford and Lindsey Smith lead a study on the Great Controversy, and Andrea Stout and Becca Guthrie lead a study on applying the Bible to life today.

Each group study, made up of about 10 students, meets at a different staff home. But before splitting off, everyone meets at Dr. Evans' house to sing a few worship songs. "I like the friendships and the fact that there are kids at my school who care about spiritual stuff," said Christina Jenks.

New Bible Study groups will be forming next semester so other students will have a chance to participate.

*Cari Yunger*

## Library rivalry

Students who need to use the computer lab during lunch hours will have to find a teacher to supervise them.

The Library is currently open from 7:30 to 12:00 and then from 1:00 to 5:15 Monday through Thursday. On Friday it is open from 7:30 to 11:30 and then from 12:30 to 5:30. Mrs. Turner and Mrs. Nafie are the ladies that keep the library running, but some students complain that it is closed during lunch hours. According to Mrs. Turner, students can use the library or computer lab during lunch if they can persuade a teacher to accompany them. To find someone to work in the library during lunch would be difficult and maybe even impossible, Mrs. Turner said.

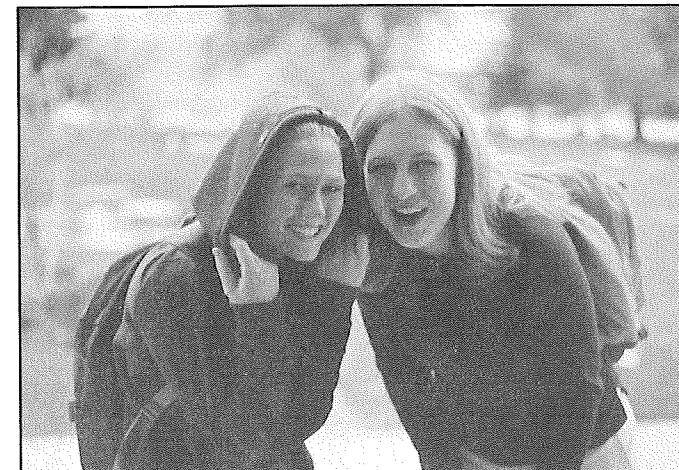
The Power House is now open and the librarians would like everyone that is not interested in being quiet or studying to go be with friends there. Reserving the library for studying and keeping a quiet atmosphere would be helpful to those who want to get work done there.

The Power House hours are 8:51-10:27, 3:42-6:00, and 7:00-8:00 Monday through Thursday. Friday it is open from 8:54 to 10:33. The hours for Saturday and Sunday will be announced prior to every weekend.

*Naomi Daniell*

God is our refuge and strength, a well proved help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

*Psalms 46:1-3*



*Heidi Reese and Andrea Stout seem to enjoy the November rain*

## The new kids

The excitement of a new school year builds as the first day of school approaches. But what happens when someone joins school in the middle of the year?

Marlan and Brandon Glovatsky joined school at Upper Columbia Academy at the beginning of the second quarter on October 29<sup>th</sup>. They transferred from Platte Valley Academy after finishing the first quarter there. Being new is exciting for anyone but can be hard at the same time. The classes often are different or follow a different sequence, so it can be really challenging to catch up. "It is scary and cool at the same time," said Brandon.

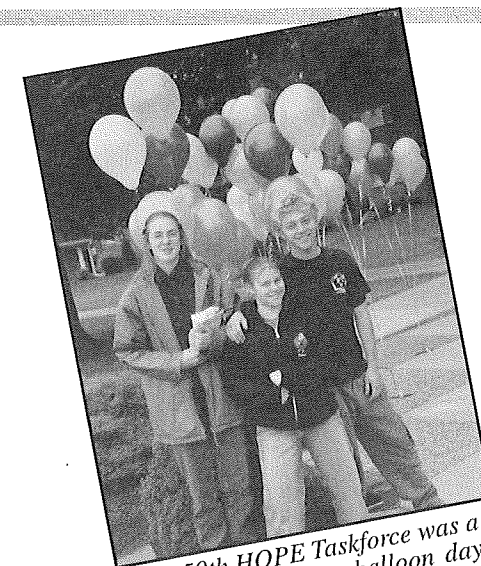
But when there are many nice people it is easy to make the transition. It can be really scary going to a new place without knowing anyone. The students at UCA made the new kids feel very welcome. According to Brandon, the students went out of their way to make him feel at home. It is also really fun to meet new people everyday, which is possible at UCA.

Often it is hard to adjust at any school the first week. Trying to figure out where classes are, who teaches them, and at what time they meet is hard. These things are all a difficult change, but in the midst of all the turmoil and confusion it becomes all worth it for the new, fun, and exciting experience that comes with joining a new school mid-year.

*Marlan Glovatsky*

### IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

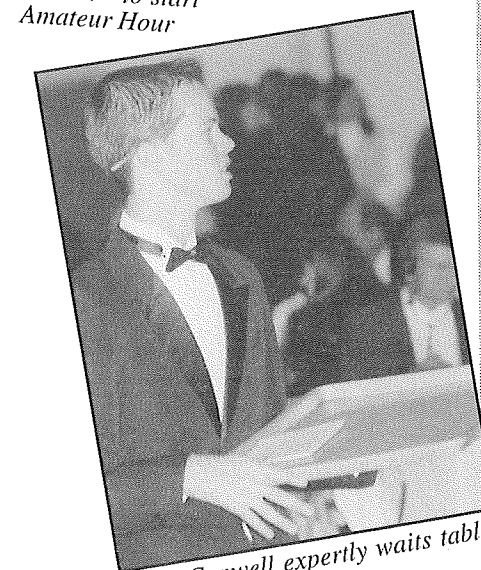
November 30	mid-term
December 1&8	Ingathering
December 2	Christmas Banquet
December 7	Last day to drop classes
December 9	ACT tests
	ASB Christmas Party
December 14	Sacred Christmas Concert
December 15	UCA Christmas Concert
December 16 - January 2	Christmas Vacation



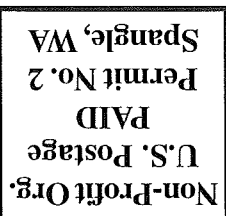
*The 50th HOPE Taskforce was a balloon day*



*Philip Byrd sings "The Star Spangled Banner" to start Amateur Hour*



*Carl Canwell expertly waits tables during Amateur Hour*



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