

Pastor Pedrito Maynard-Reid

Unremarkable to unimaginable

by Leo Trujillo

"One-two, one-two-three- four . . . Nothing is impossible when you put your trust in God." That's the sound you would have heard echoing through the church during the October Week Of Prayer. This Week Of Prayer was one that the UCA student body will not forget. First off, just like any other Week Of Prayer, students were excited to have a week focused on God. But they never expected the speaker, Pastor Pedrito Maynard-Reid, originally from Jamaica and now teaching at Walla Walla college, to energetically take our worship services to an all new level.

During the week we learned there are two types of Christians--true Christians and fake Christians--and how we can be more like true Christians. Pastor Pedrito also shared with us his different experiences in Jamaica and taught us a new praise song, "Nothing Is Impossible."

The week ended with students giving their lives to God, thanks to God speaking through this lively and energetic man who has touched many hearts and surely won many souls for God.

Classes elect officers

by Michael Moore

At 9:00 p.m. on the blustery Saturday of October 18th, great anticipation arose. Every student on campus hurried to the gym, covering the empty floor. Many chattered to their friends about the usual everyday things, but most had the question "who?" on their minds. It was Class Night and class officers would be introduced.

Each class presented their officers in an interesting way. The freshmen chose to use a white sheet hung up between two posts. On the sheet it said "To Tell The Truth." Each freshman officer along with two others explained why they were the best person for that office. After that, the true officer stepped out onto the stage behind a music stand with their name on it. Joe Lake said the freshman presentation was the best of them all.

The sophomore class officers gathered on stage and stood with unique stances. Mr. Thorman then presented them by calling out their name and office. Each officer waved to the crowd.

Officers of the junior class dressed in as much black as they could to fit the Mission Impossible theme. When the music started from the Mission Impossible soundtrack, all the junior officers scampered up and took their places on stage. One by one the class positions and the junior names were proclaimed.

The seniors made an eight foot wide pathway up to the stage with lighted candles and six torches. They were preceded by seniors Michael Moore and Ross Beier who escorted the medieval time herald, Dan Hudson, up to the stage by the light of two torches. Dan unrolled the scroll and one by one read the names. After each class office was read the officer would walk up the pathway to the stage, then Dan would read their name.

The night came to a close after the seniors wrapped up their presentation. The night had been filled with marvelous excitement and loud cheering. The names had been set. The class officers that will shape our school year were on the job.

The class presidents are Andrew Vizcarra, freshmen; Jessica de Oro, sophomores; Chelsea Moore, juniors; and Elizabeth Randall, seniors.

(for a complete officer list see the back page)

Many audition for Amateur Hour

By **Dustin Billington**

Once again it was time for Amateur Hour Auditions, a time for hopeful students to demonstrate their various talents. The event took place in the Music Building on 3rd floor in the choraliers' room where the judges critiqued each performance.

The lobby on 2nd floor was crowded and noisy with people waiting with anticipation for their auditions. Some were in practice rooms cramming in one last practice. Others were in the lobby lazing around and talking expertly about how the auditions were going. After an audition, most performers would go back down to 2nd floor and tell everyone how it went. Brent Davis and Peter Lacey gave a sample of the guitar duet they had performed. Everyone was amazed. All that Evan Kinne could utter was "Wooa."

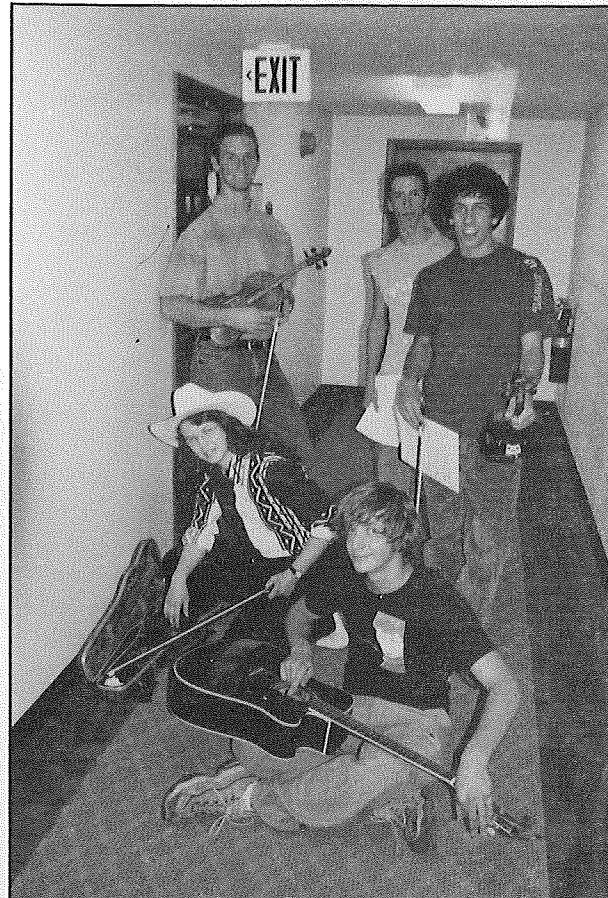
Up on 3rd floor the atmosphere was a little different; all was very still and quiet as people hovered by the closed door trying to hear different performers' auditions.

The auditions showed lots of variety and talent as performers made the most of their five-minute slots. The acts included piano solos, skits, vocal solos, and band groups.

This year Men's Club is in charge of Amateur Hour. The judges for the tryouts were Dean Scribner; Brandon Glovatsky, Men's Club President; Warren Corbett, Men's Club Vice President; Mr. Lange; Mr. Anderson; Dean Denise; Miss Magnuson; Mrs. Kinne; and Mr. Nafie.

This year 50 people auditioned—almost double the number from years past—but only 18 acts can be accepted.

Overall, the auditions seemed to be a success and promised an exciting Amateur Hour.



On the evening of October 7 in the third-floor hallway of the music building, Philip Sherwood, Kathilee Davidson, Nolan Kinne, Philip Byrd and Zach Parker adjust thier instruments and calmly wait to face the judges in the choraliers' practice room.

Parent Weekend

By **Carissa Hosey**

When Parent Weekend came, everybody was scurrying around trying to find their parents, where they were supposed to be, and what they were supposed to be doing.

Everyone was busy, from Mr. Lange directing the sextet and Mr. Anderson directing the choir to Mr. Nafie making sure that everyone was staying out of trouble. Parents were expected to start showing up on Friday evening.

After breakfast on Sabbath, the day's special events started at 9:30 with Sabbath School in the gym.

The 1st sopranos in the choir went early to the choir room to warm up their voices for the extremely high notes in the song "Give Me That Old Time Religion." Little did they know that not only would they have to reach those high notes but they would also have to stand for 45 minutes on the stage.

Dan Matthews spoke for church about the three most important words: I forgive you. and then the cafeteria served lunch to 1200 people. After lunch there were several seminars for parents.

On Saturday night there was a banquet for parents and then the scheduled program ended with that wonderful event called parent teacher conferences. These conferences also continued on Sunday morning.



Bryan Maas explains the intricacies of propeller dynamics to a guest at the annual Fly-in

Juniors face PSAT's

By **Justin Pleier**

PSAT stands for Pre Standard Achievement Test. These nationwide tests occur on Saturday the 18th and Tuesday the 21st of October. UCA, of course, only gives the test on Tuesday.

The PSAT is not a general population test but is intended for students who plan to go to college. A top score can earn scholarship money, but the test also helps students know how well they will do in college and reveals their strengths and weaknesses.

The tests are returned to students in late December or early January and can also help students prepare for the SAT their senior year.

All UCA juniors packed into four classrooms and took the test on the 21st. Other students attended regular classes as usual but had to watch the clock and not rely on the bells which were turned off to help the juniors concentrate.

Drama team comes together

By **Paul Cockerham**

It started on a September night when seventy hopeful people showed up for the first try-out to fill ten spots on the UCA drama team. For most it was a nerve racking experience. Reading the lines given them with both enthusiasm and sincerity while being recorded on video seemed to present a greater challenge than most had anticipated.

When it was all said and done there were just twenty people left standing ready to face the next level of tryouts. The next obstacle in the way of the drama hopefuls was memorizing four pages of lines and performing them in front of three judges who had all been on the drama team previously. After careful consideration and prayer by the judges, the drama team was established.

"The next step for the team is to build confidence in each other and get ready to show God's love to people through drama," said Dewann Bach, student drama leader. This is definitely a challenge but with the prayers and continued support of the student body this goal can be accomplished.

Annual fly-in runs into bad weather

By **Danielle Pownall**

Upper Columbia Academy puts on a fly-in each year. The person in charge of the whole shindig is Mr. Paulson, who works very hard making sure everyone has been called and invited to come and show their airplanes to the UCA aeronautical crowd.

This year the fly-in was moved a week later to Parent Weekend, and the weather took a turn for the worse. Despite the cold, windy weather, a few planes did land and others flew by.

Although the turnout was much smaller this year, students were still able to go up for rides. Mr. Maxson gave several brave students rides of a lifetime in his cropduster. He would fly as low as three feet from the ground at speeds from 60 to 80 mph. Sally Roth described her ride as a roller-coaster with unbelievable G-forces.

Overall, the fourth annual fly-in, complete with traditional pancake breakfast, didn't turn out too badly at all.



UCA

Drama Team

Dewann Bach
Philip Byrd
Paul Cockerham
Jarod Franklin
Christina Hack
Annalisa Ham
Joe Jenks
Tori Shelton
Amber Trott
Mandy Wilson

It takes five in Spangle

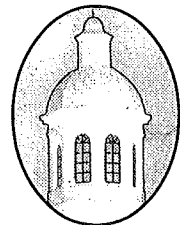
by Brandon Glovatsky

Although it may take two to tango, five individuals proved to be most effective in the UCA Brass Quintet. The members of the quintet are Phillip Sherwood from Pasco, Washington, on 2nd trumpet; Marlin Thorman from Spangle, Washington, on French horn; Brent Davis from Spokane, Washington, on trombone; Brandon Glovatsky from Grassy Butte, North Dakota, on tuba; and the group's instructor, Jerry Lange, on 1st trumpet. Practices are held on Mondays and Thursdays at the 11:15 period and the group can be heard performing for various occasions such as church offertory and Gala Fundraisers.

Also being involved in both band and ensemble tours, the group plays a broad spectrum of music from simple church hymn to a Scott Joplin rag. Brent considers the music challenging yet at the same time groovy. Marlin says his favorite part of being in the group is just having fun with everyone. He enjoys playing Concert Etude the most. Jerry Lange, during his 35 years of teaching at UCA, has acquired lots of music for the group, most of it from Malecki Music in Spokane.

Mr. Lange assisted in starting the first quintet in 1980 when original members Jeff Hildy, Greg Warren, Mike Johnson, and Glen Gimble were inspired by both the Spo-

kane Brass Quintet and the Canadian Brass Quintet. Twenty-three years and several groups later, the quintet has drawn in participant Brandon from North Dakota who says playing in the group is worth the 900 mile drive. All the members of the quintet enjoy themselves while playing. You will enjoy their playing also. Be sure to check your calendar and attend the next performance by the UCA Brass Quintet.



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Unwelcome guests in dorm

by Heidi White

Numerous terrified shrieks were heard throughout the girl's dorm. Ladies jumped onto their beds or nearby chairs to avoid their furry, and very unwelcome, little guests. Yes! You guessed it there were mice in the girls' dorm. Now, these mice weren't cute and cuddly like your stuffed Mickey Mouse from Disney World or your cute little pet hamster that got loose in your house and was tragically eaten by your cat fluffy. They were ugly wild little critters and carriers of who-knows-what kinds of diseases.

Now you would think that Amie and Pierre (the girls' dorm cats) would take care of any little mouse problem. It has been rumored, however, that they are the culprits for bringing the mice into the dorm in the first place.

Ladies were told to keep all of their food out of site, and out of the tiny pests' smell range. The deans passed out sticky mousetrap pads to those who had the little monsters running in and out of their rooms. These pads were used to catch the mice but not to kill them. The question many girls wanted answered was what to do with the mouse once it was on the sticky pad. Most girls wouldn't even want to be in the same room with a mouse even if it was stuck to a sticky pad much less pick up the sticky pad and dispose of it. The deans got many calls asking for the tiny terrified trapped critters to be removed from girls' rooms.

The end of October brought the end of the threat. The exterminator came to save the day. Everyone can now sleep soundly knowing that the mice in the girls' dorm have been terminated.

Permits required for cafe workers

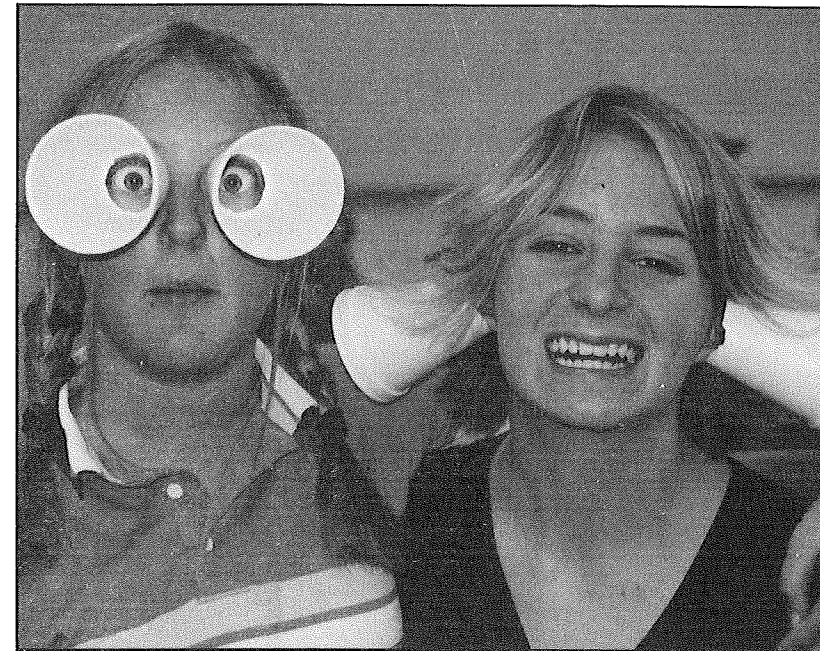
By Ryan Yeo

A group of 36 students missed a good half-day of school on September 30. Mr. Turner, in our lovely UCA buses, took one group of café workers in the morning and another in the afternoon into Spokane to take required food-handling tests.

Yes, they were tests but nothing to worry about. According to Leo Trujillo, "It was so easy. They were all common-sense questions. The only ones I didn't know were the ones that dealt with how long to cook meats; and I don't cook and we don't eat meat, so that meant nothing to me."

All the students passed the test and their permits are good for three years. So now the café workers are officially approved to serve food and clean the dishes.

But not only did these new café workers get to skip a half a day of school and take easy tests, they also ventured on a detour to Pizza Hut where Mr. Blankenship treated them to pizza. (Like they don't deal with food enough!)



Seniors Brittany Pick and Megan Eklund discover a new stress-relieving IQ-enhancing use for styrofoam cups as they ponder their futures

Watch out for that ball!

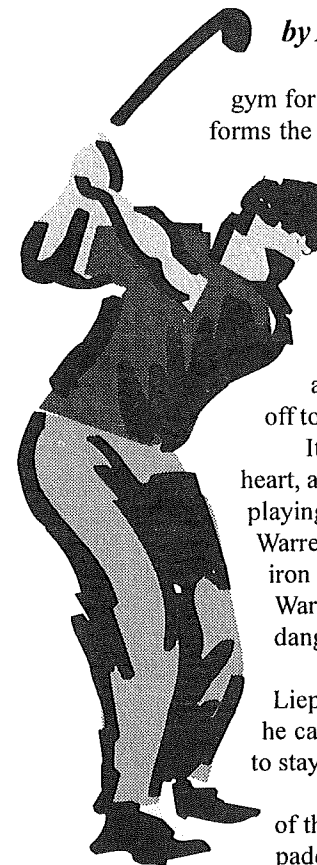
by Aaron Hays

At 10:27 a.m. class begins. Nine students head to the gym for golf class. Matt Liepke, Coach Soule's assistant, informs the students that they will be playing golf today, something, perhaps, not too unusual for golf class. But right away a red flag shoots up in Melinda Hamilton's mind. She remembers the time this year when she was almost hit by Warren Corbett's speeding golf ball. She just laughed when she recalled the event and said danger was indeed present in golf class. "I teed up my ball, and I took a swing at it, but my driver head was crooked and the ball took off toward Melinda," said Warren.

It would seem that there was some revenge in Melinda's heart, and a week later she found her opportunity. They were playing golf and whoever could hit a cone first would win. Warren was looking at his ball, and Melinda, having a nine iron in her hand, decided to hit her ball . . . right toward Warren. It struck his foot. Is anyone concerned with this danger?

Now Ryan Yeo, a fellow golf student, says Liepke is concerned with the dangers and is doing the best he can to keep the students safe. He always tells students to stay behind the line until all the balls have been hit.

Golf class can be dangerous, but students come out of the class with a greater respect for hard hats and body padding plus an understanding of golf and how to play it.



College fair

by Shawna Eisendrath

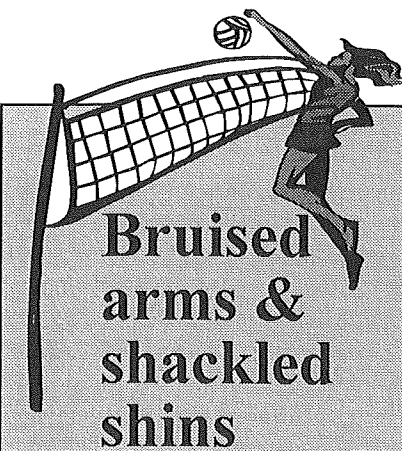
This year, on October 6th, all the seniors were excused from their 2:06 to 4:30 classes to attend the annual College Fair, which took place in the gymnasium. Altogether, 12 colleges showed up, which is the most UCA has ever had. A few of the colleges came unexpectedly. These included Canadian University College, Southern Adventist University, Columbia Union College and Avondale College. For this event, representatives of different Adventist colleges come to promote their schools, hoping to convince students to attend.

The fair helped many students get a grasp on the different colleges and compare them. Most seniors found that the fair helped them make decisions. It was good to meet with the recruiters, ask any questions, and pick up free information pamphlets.

This is now the time for seniors to make the decision about where to live and what to do for the next four years of their lives. For many of them this will be an exciting and thrilling adventure, and for others . . . well, let's not talk about that right now.

Colleges that Visited

Andrews University
Avondale College
Canadian University College
Columbia Union College
Kettering College of Medical Arts
La Sierra University
Newbold College
Pacific Union College
Southern Adventist University
Southwestern Adventist College
Union College
Walla Walla College



Bruised arms & shackled shins

by Lana Burke

They follow the arc with watchful eyes and skillfully position themselves for the perfect hit.

BAM! A thunderous hit. The projectile is hit and sent spinning back into space, careening towards the other group who now prepare for the counter-attack.

They yell out their right to take the hit. The hitter drops to the ground with an intent look. They don't notice the scratch now trickling on their shin.

They only see the volleyball.

With a grunt the ball is hurtled into the air, only to be caught in a web of cords.

Groans break out as the other team smiles and exclaims happily. The hitter hangs her head and sighs in defeat.

Another practice. Another ball in the net.

The players have now wandered from their spots, all examining and comparing their fresh wounds, the quality of their knee guards and the dark swollen bruises appearing on their forearms that still taste the force of the volleyball.

"Okay, okay, come on, let's go!" Someone yells. The talking dies down as they begin to regroup.

This is just another practice; it's not the first and it won't be the last. They take their beginning positions and ready for a serve. Their calf muscles tighten as they watch the ball rise in the air, poised for a hit.

It's just another day in volleyball.

Boys' dorm store

by Adam Jackson

The boys' dorm store plays more of a role in dorm life than most people realize.

Not only is a great place to buy your evening hunger snacks, but it also raises much needed funds for boys' dorm projects.

The store sells the regular items such as mini pizzas, ice-cream bars, candy bars, and soda, but it serves a larger task as well. The diner, "Big Daddy's Diner," the very popular spot to have dorm parties, was largely paid for by the store. It will pay for other projects in the future.

The store's normal operating hours are from about 10:00 to 10:15 p.m., but has been open on request from time to time. The store usually gets anywhere from 5 to 10 customers a night, who spend up to \$5 each. This year there has been an increase in the girls' interest in the store, and they are becoming more involved in purchasing goods which in turn helps the boys' dorm but makes restocking a more frequent necessity. The monthly restocking of the store is no easy task and costs between \$500 and \$700.

Dean Brito and Aaron Vizcarra will serve you at the store and will gladly take your contributions as well.

So next time you think about buying snacks, be sure to check out the boys' dorm store. It has a great selection of foods and funds school projects.

First soccer practice

By Chuck Choi

On October 7th at 6:15 p.m., about 20 people started appearing on the football field. There were already others on the field practicing flag football. However, the new arrivals did not look like football players. They were carrying soccer balls and wearing soccer cleats.

One guy of the group started to warm up. He stretched his arms and legs and jogged around half of the field. The practice was significant because it was the very first varsity soccer team practice.

At 6:25 p.m., Senor De Oro, the head coach of the soccer team, appeared. He greeted the players and started to explain about formations and positions. There would be 3 forwards, 4 midfielders, 3 defenders and one goal keeper.

The real practice began. In groups of three they practiced trapping, controlling, passing, and receiving the ball. It wasn't easy, but they never gave up.

By 7:00 p.m., they were in their positions. Chuck Choi, Evan Pavlic and Timothy Workman were forwards. Ross Bier, Philip Sherwood, Leo Trujillo and Danny Cutting were midfielders. Isaac Rosas, Kola Shippentower and Brittany Anderson were defenders. Tommy Cutting was the goal keeper.

At first they were clumsy and were poor at keeping their positions. However, as time passed, they got better. Improvement was obvious. The team was practicing really hard, and it was beautiful.



Scoring perfect 10's

by Danelle Smith

Knock, knock . . . The keys jingle into the lock and the door swings open to a hopefully clean room: beds made and tidy, floor vacuumed, sink area clean, and garbage taken out. Down the checklist the dean goes, completing another room check.

How do you avoid worrying about the dreadful room checks that happen three or four times a week? Yes, you can throw your belongings into the closet and under the bed, but it is better to be prepared. Clean your room the night before; then in the morning, tidy up a few things, and off you go.

The nice thing about room checks is that they force you to have a space that is livable no matter how busy you are. And coming into a clean room helps the stresses of life to be more bearable. Also, some privileges come along with being consistently neat and clean. The following school year, for instance, you may be able to get a room you like.

So, next time you hear the knock, knock, knock or see the sheet of paper with your room grade, relax, you've got it under control.



Stephanie Kay and Jennifer Johnston smile happily as they collect goods for the Union Gospel Mission during October's HOPE Task Force day

Old sewer lagoons strike back

by Tiffany Weakly

A new storage lagoon is coming soon. At the start of the year, we had three lagoons, but soon we will have two lagoons, a storage pond plus the bonus of a lovely green wetland.

Originally the three old lagoons were lined with naturally-formed clay. Clay works adequately; however, state regulations now require sewer lagoons to be lined with an impermeable membrane. UCA is using Polyvinyl Chloride, also known as PVC.

The new lagoon is actually a five-acre storage pond for winter. Storage is important in the winter when the wetland does not need water for plants. Without the storage lagoon there would be a big problem if there was any unevaporated water.

The wetland is for excess water that does not evaporate. Un-evaporated water can flow directly from the large lagoon to the wetland or through the storage lagoon first. Nutrients from the un-evaporated water will be awesome for growing a beautiful garden of sorts. It sounds ugly, but Mr. Williams says it will be nice and green. Mr. Mann adds that when finished the wetland will be used as an outdoor lab for biology classes.

So, when the work that has been transforming the land north of campus is finished, the grand total will be: one small lagoon feeding into a large lagoon which pumps into the storage lagoon or wetland.

The infamous cold shower

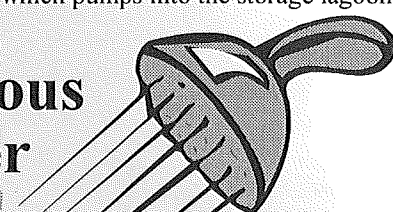
by Phillip Sherwood

Violated by the downpour of numerous droplets of freezing cold water, a hapless victim lets out an ear-piercing scream that shakes the dorm walls. It is then that everyone knows someone has said "yes" to the much-debated question, "Will you go out with me?" Soon they will be wishing they had kept quiet as their torture seems to last forever.

After hearing of mild concussions, bleeding, and maybe even a little rotten food in the face, many new couples kept their relationships between just the two of them to avoid the brutality. But guys and girls no longer need fear the cold shower. It was banned by the administration almost two years ago. The cold showers were simply getting too dangerous.

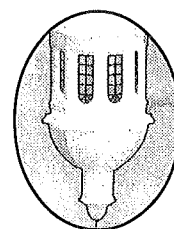
The tradition is considered hazing by the faculty, but to a victim it was a desperate struggle to be free from the brutal hands of the cold shower mobs. The mob of friends, on the other hand, saw it as a journey to manhood or a welcome to the dating world. It was an unforgettable opportunity to bond before their time became invaded with the "significant" other.

Caleb Nelson predicts that the timeless tradition that has been the highlight of many people's dorm experiences will soon be forgotten as the last few who experienced it graduate.



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