



Top: At the end of the Sabbath service on September 30, alumni join the Orchestra and Choraliars in singing "I Have Fixed My Mind."  
 Bottom: Alumni gather for the dedication of the Vietnam Era UCA Veterans' Memorial

# 2017

## We're just getting started

by *Katie Holloway-Cook*

By now you probably think that UCA is a little crazy with our germ sharing handshake, our migraine causing class night, the stressfulness at registration, and the weirdness at Freshman Retreat (among other things). Well, I have something to tell you: there is a lot more in store for you.

We still have lots of exciting events, and I'm not talking about your next biology test. We have our winter and spring banquets with their super awesome themes. Student Week of Prayer is also pretty exciting (as long as you're not one of the speakers. . . . It can be a little stressful for them.). There's also our awesome Spirit Week where you get to dress up and compete with the other classes. Oh, and we can't forget the school talent show, Amateur Hour.

So hold on to your hats and brace yourselves for a super awesome year at Upper Columbia Academy.

## Classes elect officers

On the evening of October 2, the classes elected and announced their officers.

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*Theme for the year:*

**ROOTED  
 IN HIM WE ARE UNSHAKEN**



Josiah Carter

## Boy's Dorm Renovation

by Josiah Carter

The Boys' Dorm at UCA is home to some 88 young men for nine months of the year. We eat food, play games, work out, sleep, and occasionally bathe in the dorm. The dorm is quite old, it has been around for 70 years, and has quite a few rough edges. Recently, there was an emphasis on the need for renovations in the dorm, and with the help of our new principal (Mr. Johnson), individual helpers, and donors, 1.7 million dollars was acquired. They decided that the most work in the dorm needed to focus on the rooms, hallways, and bathrooms.

They got right to work but not before hitting a minor road block. When I say minor, I mean that all the new beds, closets, desk tables, doors, and sinks were projected to get to the dorm a month after previously anticipated. Work for the construction and labor crews was slow for some time but then the truck with all the furniture got here. The next two weeks were filled with mixed emotions. The main emotions coming from the boys in the dorm were excitement about the furniture being here, optimism that the dorm would be done in no time, and disbelief that an entire construction and labor crew had not finished even one room in two weeks.

In an interview one of the boys living right by the bathroom tile saw station described the noise as "loud, ear-piercing and annoying," and he associated the sound to nails screeching down a chalkboard. He said the noise started at 6:30 a.m. almost every morning.

All of the guys at the dorm are stressed because of these renovations. The best solution is to stay optimistic and be thankful there are renovations—period. Most of the guys in the dorm handle it well despite cardboard boxes and hikes to the showers and bathroom. We shouldn't look for things to complain about but, rather, thank God for watching out for us and providing more than our necessities here at UCA.



Josiah Carter

Top: the tile saw in a hallway  
Bottom: a nearly-finished room

## The great wall

by Shine Alvarado

On a Wednesday afternoon, the senior class met in the Girls' Dorm Chapel to discuss the upcoming project for Civics and Pre Calculus. The question these two classes will work on is whether America should build a wall between its border and Mexico.

Everyone threw in perspectives. There were about 30 opinions on factors concerning the wall including cost, timing, discrimination, engineering, taxes, trade, America's integrity and pride, illegal activity, and historic relations between the United States and Mexico.

The project is very raw at the moment. Right now, students are doing as much as research on as many different perspectives as possible. The result? They don't know. Perhaps there will be a debate if two distinct opinions develop. There could be a presentation before the school of all the elements.

So there they are, the senior class, hoping to truly dig into one of the greatest debates going on in the country. UCA hopes to get rid of ignorance and confusion of the topic. The great wall. To build or not to build?

## New Year, New Class

by Chloe Paago

UCA has added a new language class: French! Mrs. Kramer has been teaching French for 25 years, having previously taught at Blue Mountain Academy. To give students more options, Mrs. Kramer requested another language class.

In French 1, students learn educational rap songs, play interactive games, eat inspired French cuisine, and learn Bible verses in French.

French is a helpful language to know. It is the 2<sup>nd</sup> most learned language, right after English. One of our closest neighboring countries, Canada, has French as one of its official languages, and fifty percent of English words are derived from French vocabulary.

The plan is to add French 2 next year, so students can have the required two consecutive years of foreign language study.

## Eclipse 2017

by Ellie Bunn

The first day of school was a very dark day this year—due to an eclipse, that is. On Monday, August 21, all of North America was treated to an eclipse of the sun. In some areas of the United States it was a total eclipse. In Spokane and Spangle, Washington, it was a 91% eclipse of the sun. From approximately 9:12 in the morning until 11:46, people were treated to one of nature's most amazing sites. During this time, the moon appeared to start on one side of the sun and cross directly across the sun and over to the other side, with the maximum coverage occurring at approximately 10:27 a.m. During this time, the temperature cooled slightly and the sky appeared to darken significantly.

A solar eclipse occurs when the moon passes between the sun and earth and blocks all or part of the sun's light from reaching the earth. While the sun is actually about 400 times larger in diameter than the moon, the moon is also about 400 times closer than the sun. Therefore, they appear to be about the same size in the sky. The last time the contiguous US saw a total eclipse was in 1979, 38 years ago.

At Upper Columbia Academy, students took turns going outside to look at the eclipse. The school had 50 pairs of eclipse glasses and some people brought their own, and so students were excused from class in groups to go out and see this amazing site. Some students even took the day off to go with their families to places where a total eclipse occurred.

All in all, this was an awesome site for all to see. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves and be amazed by the incredible natural wonder. The next total eclipse that will cross the United States is not until October 14, 2021.



## Doing to others

by Aaron Brown

On the Junior backpacking trip, we encountered a motorcyclist that was showing very unChristian like traits through how he spoke with us and how he interacted with pedestrians on the trail.

A few of us had finished walking and were waiting for the rest of the group when a couple of dirt bikers rode up and one of them told us that he had almost hit someone in our group and that we needed to tell the rest of our group to get out of the way when they hear a dirt bike coming. He expressed his frustration with having to swerve out of the way to avoid a collision and damage to his bike. He then told us that the next time he came upon a hiker that didn't move he would just hit them.

We apologized to him and he went on his way. After he left, we began to talk about how stupid he was for riding so fast on a hiking AND dirt-biking trail. We also began to call him an idiot for valuing his bike over a human life. But was that how Christians should respond? In Matthew 22, Jesus tells us to love our neighbors. He tells us to be loving and kind to those around us. We need to be firm in our love toward people no matter how they are to us!

## Freshman campout round two

by Jonathan Terry

Those of us who are lucky enough to have been here since our freshman year have all gone through the adventure formally known as Freshman Campout. We've gone through team building exercises such as the human knot, the blindfolded obstacle course, and the dreaded tarp. Since I had been one of the lucky ones to survive such a weekend three years ago, I jumped at the chance to be a senior counselor and watch as the freshmen suffer through the same painful events.

Going through the weekend, I noticed several similarities and differences between my freshman class and this year's freshman class. They worked well together (which is something my class didn't do) and communicated well. But anyone who's been involved with Freshman Campout knows that all of that goes away when the tarp comes around.

They tackled it well in the beginning, as most classes do, but after 25 to 30 minutes, they were ready to throw in the towel—much to the amusement of the counselors and staff who'd seen all of it before. About two hours in, all the senior counselors were just about as done with the project as the freshmen were. Although there was lots of complaining, some soft, gentle prodding by Mr. A and with the relocation to a bigger tarp, they were able to complete the task and untangle their sticky bodies.

The rest of the weekend went by fairly smoothly, and looking back on it, I was glad to have been a part of this event 3 years later because it taught me a lot of things I missed three years ago. So if you're ever given the opportunity to go on Freshman Campout as a senior, I strongly recommend you consider it because there's nothing quite like watching freshmen bond as they struggle through difficult tasks, and listening to their complaints and cries for help will certainly boost your mood and provide lessons as well as laughs for that weekend and beyond.



## Koinonia by Rachelle Santee

Many new and exciting things are happening at UCA this year. One thing is a new outlook on Sabbath school. Sabbath school will not be called Sabbath School anymore, but Koinonia. *Koinonia* is a Greek word used to describe fellowship, especially fellowship with common believers. This new outlook takes away the idea of another of school (Sabbath SCHOOL), and illustrates why we are at UCA in the first place.

Most of us are here because we want to have a fellowship with others who have similar beliefs. We also are seeking a stronger and healthier relationship with God. Church and Sabbath School are just one way students can try to find this fellowship. Sadly, many have lost this focus and look at everything as another test or chore. We as a school are hoping to not make Sabbath School just another class to go to, but an oasis at the end of a busy week. This new outlook on Sabbath School is to help students get back to the true meaning of church.

Sabbath should not be a day of doom and a day of do's and don'ts that leads to us celebrating when the sun goes down. No, it should be a day of rejoicing so that when the sun goes down we are wishing it would never end. Humans just naturally want to do things their own way and without God's help that's what we do. That's why more than anything we need a heart change, a new outlook on the same life we have. Through this new approach to Sabbath School we are praying for guidance to show us the true meaning of worship and church. The idea of fellowship as the heart of Sabbath School is just the beginning of a new and greater understanding.

When the early church was set up after Christ was crucified and went to heaven, it was all about fellowship and helping others. This year that is what we are trying to go back to. Instead of looking at what we can gain for ourselves, we are looking out for those around us. We are focusing more on our fellowship with Christ and with our peers. By going back to our roots, we hope to add new light to what was becoming a weekly monotony.

## Soccer tryouts by William Frohne

Soccer tryouts started the first Tuesday of the year with the biggest turnout in UCA soccer history. There was a lot of excitement around tryouts this year with the new coach and a large new student base.

On the first day of tryouts, close to 50 people came out. Coach Reading rotated us through four skills stations, giving all the players a chance to show a different part of their game. Once everyone had their turn at each station they divided us into 4 teams and let us scrimmage. On the sidelines Coaches Reading, Chavez, Rivera, and Barba watched with eagle eyes, writing notes by player's names. New students shining on the field put pressure on returning players to hold their spots.

The final day of tryouts was truly make-or-break with the whole time slot devoted to scrimmage. Nerves were high, and you could feel the tension in the air as we all warmed up. The teams were divided, and the games began. Everyone gave their all leading to highly competitive and entertaining scrimmages.

With the conclusion of tryouts, Coach Reading told us that the teams would be posted the next day, and on Friday morning between every class there was a stream of people running to the gym doors to see if the teams had been posted. Finally, just before lunch, there they were—first the Junior Varsity list and then Varsity. There was excitement for those that made it; but, sadly, there was also disappointment for those that, for one reason or another, hadn't made it.

These are arguably the strongest soccer teams UCA has fielded, and the season includes two tournaments and the most home and away games we have ever had. Congrats to all those who made the teams.

### UCA JV Soccer Team 2017-2018

Caleb Acker  
Corban Acker  
Peter Battaglia  
Rachelle Bordeaux  
Melvin Brazil-Geyshick  
Colin Cheney  
Dane Featherston  
Dylan Hill  
David Cook  
Micah Honner

Ethan Jiao  
Blake Johnson  
Christian Mathison  
Kevin Maggi  
Jordyn Morgan  
Braden Reitz  
Trace Rolle  
Johnathan Saavedra  
Ryan Smith  
Joey Urbin

### UCA Varsity Soccer Team 2017-2018

Colby Brookins  
Benji Buursma  
Anthoni Chavez  
Michael Daley  
Sheyanne Dubyna  
Kepron Abrha  
William Frohne  
Caleb Heimann  
Walker Johnson

Zach Oliverio  
Svea Smith  
Kurt Soloniuk  
Paul Tucker  
Jared Wallen  
Matthew Wallen  
Enlai Wang  
Stephen Willkinson



## The Fall Picnic by Elaijah Alvarado

It was time for the annual Fall Picnic at Camp MiVoden, a tradition held by UCA for years. Who wouldn't look forward to a whole day with no classes and just having fun with friends at the lake? This particular date is definitely one of the highlights of the school year. Thanks to the staff of both UCA and Camp Mivoden, students were able to participate in this event once again.

This year's picnic was somewhat different than previous ones. Due to the fire season raging around Spokane, the fall picnic was held back two days from the original date. The wait distressed many. For some, it meant extra homework and quizzes, but the promise of a day at the lake was bigger than the homework. When the day finally came, our hearts were filled with joy.

A variety of activities provided by the camp included canoeing, swimming, volley ball, and tubing. Given the smoky sky, there weren't that many people lying on the grass, but if students chose to just relax and take in the view of the beautiful lake, they could to their heart's content. One main attraction was the tubing activity. The long waits on the dock was rewarded with crazy rides that took adventurers across the lake and zipping through the water.

At the end of the day, the café staff provided us with pizza and drinks, which were devoured by the hungry mob of students after a long and fun day. After the dinner, worship was held right by the waterfront and songs and praises were sung, marking a conclusion to the picnic. Tired but satisfied, we all made our way back to the buses, and now the Fall Picnic at MiVoden is a memory that is not to be forgotten, but remembered by all.



## A Guide to Teachers

by Elianna Srikureja

As the school routine starts settling into your bones, it can be easy to go about day to day in a mindless bliss, not really paying attention to what's happening around you. However, I can assure you that really listening to what a teacher is saying and, if you can, starting the homework in class really goes a long way. There are other helpful strategies too.

Most teachers have a rule of not sleeping in their class, and while the consequences for such action may vary, the benefits of actually staying awake far outweigh the satisfaction of sleeping for a few minutes. Another rule that most teachers have is respect: respect of them, the classroom, your peers, and yourself. Following the guidelines set out by the teachers and the general regulations of the school will almost certainly guarantee the respect of your teachers.

Being able to get on a teacher's good side is an important step to academic success. Unfortunately, not all teachers are alike. Some like the loud outspoken kids in their class who bring lively conversations and discussions; others prefer the kids who attentively take notes. However, you still can earn that badge of respect from all of the teachers here at UCA. Here are the steps: ask questions, do the homework, be attentive, and, finally, make/bring them food.

Asking questions will help them to get to know you, and you get to know them better. Most teachers enjoy it when a student shows interest in the subject they are teaching. Doing the homework will tell them that you are responsible and trustworthy. Being attentive to what the atmosphere in their classroom is like will help you balance when to speak out and when to just stay quiet and take notes. Teachers will appreciate you being able to have a balance of fun and learning. And lastly, everyone loves food! Making someone food is the fastest way to get them to like you.

On a more serious note, getting to know the teachers on a personal level can help you in many ways. Many of the UCA staff are very willing to go out of their way to get to know each student on a one-to-one basis. They can be the best of friends and mentors and are here to help us become successful.

## God before food

by Maddy Clark

Many new rules were made to start off this year. Sometimes, everything we have to remember seems overwhelming. So many things come up from new laptops to having no cell phones in the ad building at all. But I'd like to mention the new idea for Sabbath lunch.

Let's say you have just gotten home from church and mom pulls the steaming casserole out of the oven for lunch. You sit down with your family at the clean and tidy dining room table with all of your nice dishes laid out perfectly. You sit around the table and pray for the meal. Then you enjoy the delicious food that your mom prepared the day before. You talk with your family about everything from how school went this week to what you'd like to do this afternoon. This is Sabbath lunch.

Now, at UCA I have noticed that after church gets out, Sabbath lunch has had a different feel. All of the students bolt out of the church as if they have been chained to their seats and suddenly released. They push their way out the door and sprint for the café, hoping to be first in line. All they can think about is food. And then there are always those poor girls struggling to run because of the extreme height of their heels! Everyone has forgotten the meaning of Sabbath. The meaning of rest.

I believe this is why we have returned to an old custom here at UCA. Instead of bolting for the door, we walk to the door. We walk calmly to the café and sit in our seats, waiting for the food to be ready. We all pray together and then we calmly are dismissed table by table to go and get food. The peace of Sabbath is welcome to stay for once.

So, along with all of the new rules and schedules that we have to get used to now, let's appreciate the effort to make Sabbath a little bit more restful and a little bit more about God.

## We the people

by Thomas Warren

As all students know by now, UCA has an Associated Student Body that is very active on campus, especially during the first week of school. ASB is responsible for Handshake and the worship that goes with it, Agape Vespers, and Class Night. In order to prepare for all these events, ASB officers and staff sponsors returned to campus this year on August 15. This year, however, marks significant change in ASB. At the end of last year the student body voted to approve the new ASB Constitution that has taken effect this school year. ASB President Kaitlyn Kramer said the new Constitution will make ASB more consistent and expectations more constant in the years to come.

Besides a new constitution, all new officers were also voted upon at the end of last year and will serve for this entire school year rather than for one semester. The officers worked as a team to organize the early events and are planning for numerous other events that will happen later in the school year.

The ASB at UCA works very hard to ensure that students enjoy their time here. We should all pray for guidance for this year's ASB as they tackle challenges ahead.

## Procrastination

by Daniel Stratte

When a large project comes along, a defining part of our personality comes out, and that part is a form of self control. We know what *should* be done, but wonder why we should do the project now when there are many better things to do. Right? We all have done it in at least one area of our lives, but despite the almost overwhelmingly negative connotations of the word, *procrastination* can be a useful tool.

Adam Grant, author of "Originals: How Non-conformists Change the World," claims that our first ideas are often the most conventional; whereas, procrastination allows a mind to wander, inducing more innovative thinking. For example, two of the most well-known speeches in American history, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr's "I Have a Dream" and Abraham Lincoln's "Gettysburg Address," were both revised at the last minute, which allowed flexibility and creativity to flourish. In addition, since Da Vinci painted the *Mona Lisa* over a span of 16 years, he could apply new knowledge and skills that made him a better painter.

Procrastination, however, can be taken too far and will often lead us to feelings of guilt and frustration. It will also cause us to rush to finish, causing poor work despite our creativity.

Although we all have experienced the negative effects of procrastination, moderate procrastination can allow the most creative and original ideas to come forth.

## Stress

by Hailee Huenergardt

We are already nearing the end of first quarter, and most of us are feeling the crazy stress. It seems to just hit you like a wave and pound you down into the ground. The prevailing idea in our culture is that stress is horrible for us, but have you ever considered stress can actually be good for your health? Short term and moderate stress can help improve memory, alertness, and performance.

Manageable and short-term stress increases memory, performance, and alertness through the growth of stem cells that turn into brain cells. Say you are walking on a path and someone jumps out to threaten you (and you obviously get away and are safe). It's crucial to remember that exact place where you were threatened and to avoid it in the future. You will remember that stop because of the stress it caused you. Your brain is constantly responding to stress. Of course, chronic stress is very harmful, but the stress caused by your next test, musical performance, or public speech will improve your performance and memory.

We all have different levels of stress we can take. Something that might not stress one person might overwhelm their friend. Being able to recognize the difference between chronic stress and a short-term stress will be very helpful. Try every day to have a positive attitude, and both types of stress should improve. Perhaps even now you might have a different view of your different daily stresses and can use them to your advantage and feel better about yourself.

## Senior Pictures

Brielle Bartels

Senior pictures can be one of the most stressful things on your to-do list. Although seemingly fun from an outside perspective, there are more than a few details that go into a successful senior picture experience.

First, you have to find a photographer to take your pictures. This can become a difficult task if you don't already know someone you trust. Some photographers take amazing shots but don't have the people skills to put their subjects at ease. Others have the people skills but lack the skill to make you look your best. The photographers that have the skill and friendliness are often overbooked, but if you are of the lucky and already know a pro to take your pictures, it's time to pick a theme, choose your clothes, and agree on a price.

Many photographers charge hundreds of dollars and are very busy, so if you have a friend that can give you a deal, you are a step ahead. Time is your other hurdle. Time is also money, something many don't have in abundance. An hour can cost a fortune, but that hour can give you some great memories. If you don't like the pictures, don't worry—your mother always will.

Lastly, you have to choose a theme. Some don't really care about this detail, but I suggest you give it some thought. Whatever you pick should reflect something you like or something that identifies you to others. Some pick sports, horses, flowers, nature, and graffiti. Others want a vintage look or a gritty industrial scene. Your clothes can do a lot to set your theme and to make you look your best. Fix your hair, get your clothes ready, pick your theme and 'enjoy' the ride.

This is stressful, takes your time, and has the possibility to make you look great or to remind you of why you hate pictures. It will be interesting to see the results of this year's senior photo shoots.



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## The Power of Words

by *Rachelle Santee*

Every day we have the choice to lift people up or tear them down by the words we say. A simple word like *hello* can make someone's day, but a negative comment can ruin someone for the rest of their life. So many times we forget the power of words. We tend to forget that every time we speak we can heal someone, or we can injure them. That's a lot of power entrusted to our selfish selves. I hope by being more aware of our power, we can control it more.

*Gossip* is a word we use a lot just like *drama*. Sometimes we use it so much we forget the damage it does to those around us. Every time we talk negatively about someone, we use our power to tear apart a person God made. It's especially awful when we do this to someone we consider a friend. That will leave a permanent scar on the friendship. Are a few words in a moment of frustration worth the pain they give that person and you? Is fitting in more important than a beautiful person God created? We should never let ourselves get so careless and caught up in the moment to stab someone in the back. Gossip can be about anything, really, a true negative fact about a person or a made-up story that degrades who that person is. The way to stay away from gossip is just not to get caught talking about other people except in positive ways.

Besides gossip, what about jokes and cuss words? Well, cuss words should never be on the top of one's vocabulary list. Joking is something we all do. Can that, at times, also be too much? They say there is a little truth to every "just kidding." Joking about someone can offend them unless you know them very well. We have to control ourselves because besides offending others there are some subjects we just shouldn't joke about such as sinful indulgences and death.

There must be hundreds of verses in the Bible that address the topic of our words. So what should we talk about? According to the Bible, we should talk about things above or, in other words, heavenly things. That might sound very boring, but when we are connected with Christ what is more fitting to talk about? There is nothing else in the universe better to say than praise towards our Creator. Talking about heaven, about God, and about the blessings He has given us should forever and always be the topics of our conversations.

The next time one of us opens our mouth to speak, let's remember the power we have. Is what I'm about to say going to lift someone up? Is it going to hurt someone? Is it going to hurt God? Let us encourage one another with words of praise.

## Deviating from devotions

by *Prema Pongrakthai*

"This summer my relationship with God was so weak!"

"Yeah I haven't had devotions in like a month."

Does this sound familiar? It does to me. This summer I did Youth Rush and let me tell you . . . it's HARD! But it's also a really awesome and life-changing experience. I usually had devotions daily and got to see God's miracles first hand. In that kind of situation it isn't hard to start having a relationship with God unless you really don't want to see Him there. Then I went back home and then back to UCA. Responsibility upon responsibility piled up and now that I wasn't knocking on doors or having to prove my faith to anyone, the relationship just dwindled. I didn't have to be faithful to God for anyone else, so I wasn't faithful to God. Honestly, guys, I have had four devotions in the last three weeks. Then something changed. I realized I had not been feeling like myself. I had low self-esteem, depression, and constant doubt. I knew it was due to my infrequency of time alone with God, but at the same time I didn't do anything about it. If that isn't lukewarm, I don't know what is. I took a deviation from devotions.

Why do we do this? Why do we drift so far? The reality is that you aren't always going to have time for an hour-long devotion every day. So on those days where you don't have or can't make the time, deviate from the devotions and instead make your whole day a devotion. Many of us think that God is best found in those formal, set apart times. He can be, but he is also a God who is everywhere all the time. He isn't a genie in a bottle that shows up every day for thirty minutes in the morning or for your meal prayers. Our God is bigger than that.

Now instead of feeling guilty or like a failure when I don't have devotions, I deviate to making my day a devotion. "God fill me up and take over my day. I want to spend it with you." We are living with God all day long, not just when we have devotions. So let's take the next step together and start having a lifestyle of devotion, not just a lifestyle with devotions.

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Mr. Spano announces the 2017-2018 ASB officers on registration day.