

# CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF '93

High school graduation is a solemn event that traditionally marks the passage from adolescence to some sort of adulthood. Graduation exercises for the Upper Columbia Academy class of 1993 will begin Friday, June 4, and end Sunday, June 6. Sixty-three seniors hope to graduate this year--the same number as graduated last year.

The class aim is, "Some people see things as they are and ask 'Why?' We dream things that never were and ask 'Why not?'" The motto is "The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands during challenges and controversy (Martin Luther King, Jr.)."

The long graduation weekend begins with a special consecration service on Friday night. On Sabbath morning there will be the traditional baccalaureate service followed, on Sunday morning, by the commencement exercises.

Afterwards, there will be happy yells and screams of freedom as the Class of '93 leaves UCA to meet new challenges.

*Jeff York*

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## Seniors go international

All seniors went to Edmonton? Well, not quite all of them, but most of the seniors went on their class trip to the Edmonton Mall in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.

The trip covered the four days from May 16 through May 19. The plan was to leave at 2:00 am on Sunday morning and get to Canadian Union College sometime Sunday afternoon. There are many different things to do at CUC, and it's a handy place to spend the night. Thanks CUC!

On Monday, arrangements were made to travel on to Edmonton, visit the Alberta Legislature, and terrorize the huge mall with passes for the Water and Amusement Parks there. Monday night was spent in an Edmonton motel.

Tuesday involved more time at the mall and the parks and a trip back to CUC to spend another night before starting the long 12-hour trip back to UCA on Wednesday morning.

*Jason Oster*



A fuzzy group of seniors (who by strange coincidence also happen to be in journalism class) gathers on the ad. building steps to bid you and UCA good-bye

## 4-year veterans tough it out at Sunriver

This year's four-year seniors went to Sunriver, Oregon. There are eleven of them, but only nine went on the trip. Mr. Peach is their sponsor and his wife joined them on the trip.

They left May 2, in one of the school vans and they got back Thursday, May 6. The first night they stayed at Mr. Peach's cabin. Then they went on to Sunriver the next day. They rented a large house near the resort. It came equipped with a hot tub, two VCR's and three TV's.

The seniors spent two full days enjoying skiing, racquet ball, swimming, tennis, biking, horseback riding, golf, and canoeing. It's a tough life.

The money for the trip came from selling senior survival shirts, a food fair, and contributions from each participant.

Those who went on the trip were Camille Barrow, Mark Christensen, Tim Freund, Shaun Lunt, Bob Schroetlin, Beth Willingham, Jason Oster, Shea Walter, Eric Wren, and Mr. and Mrs. Peach.

*Kim Schinke*

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Principal Larry Marsh has great plans for the future of UCA

## Principal recognizes needs

As we all know, this school is expanding, and with expansions, changes are made. Several new staff members have joined UCA as the enrollment has gone up. With these new and elite faculty we also received a new principal, Mr. Larry Marsh. Mr. Marsh has already proven himself valuable by providing the smooth year we have already enjoyed. But the real question is: WHO IS THIS MASKED MAN AND WHAT ARE HIS IDEAS?

Mr. Marsh, who grew up as a farm boy on a ranch in California, has spent the last 10 years as principal at Sunnysdale Academy in Missouri.

As he and the school have worked side-by-side this year, Mr. Marsh has seen great potential as new ideas have developed. After much evaluation, some of Mr. Marsh's short term goals for the school include the remodeling of at least one floor of each dorm every year.

When asked about some long term goals, his response concerned another much-needed improvement: the planning for the new administration building. This project is already in the process of being finalized. Another concern Mr. Marsh expressed was the need for more jobs for the 14 and 15-year-old students. Marsh explained that 16 year-old students can work at Thunderbird, but younger students can have a frustrating time finding a job.

Mr. Marsh has some unique and very good improvement plans for UCA. This school will be getting better and better every year. As a whole, we should be proud to say, "We are the few, the proud, the Lions."

*Frank Richey*

## Faculty claim talent

A Faculty Talent Show was scheduled again for this year. The show is a special little ditty that is held every year. It's a chance for our staff to let their hair down and show off a bit. However, it is usually held on an open weekend so very few students see it.

Yes, contrary to popular belief, faculty do have many talents, and most share willingly.

Last year Mrs. Thorman, a keyboard major, kept us on our toes with an astounding piano piece. Mr. Thayer sang a song accompanied by Mrs. Thorman, and Miss McGuire and Miss Voortman acted out parts of the song "Acids and Bases Have Two Different Faces."

So as you can see, talent lurks within our walls. Anticipation was high for this year's show. Did you see it? Will it ever happen again?

*Beth Willingham*

## Seniors, juniors get soaked

The junior-senior party on May 12 was one of the last get-togethers of the upper classmen.

A riotous time that included food and water (a lot of water) was enjoyed up at the conference office. Unsuspecting victims (students and staff) found themselves a little cooler and a lot wetter.

Perhaps if the weather had been cooler, everyone would have calmly gathered and discussed the past year (this talking about the past year, no doubt, would have prepared the seniors for becoming alumni). Realization that the whole senior class will graduate, leave, and never return again in it's entirety should have begun to hit home. Questions about what to do after graduation should have started to become important.

But by the time the party was over, everyone was well-fed and wringing water from their clothes. The seniors were looking forward to the next weekend when they would leave on their senior trip. Perhaps they started philosophizing then...

*Anthony Mohr*



Take a hill, a huge sheet of plastic, a heat wave, and some water, and daring souls can get wet, bruised and battered

# Riding high

The Bloomsday Youth Rally began in 1989 and has become an annual event. It first met at Spokane Junior Academy and then moved to Upper Columbia Academy. It is a two-day event that begins with vespers on Friday night and ends with a special performance on Saturday night.

Every year a guest is invited to speak for both Friday night vespers and the Sabbath church service. Usually, both sermons revolve around one central theme.

On the fifth anniversary of this program, Gordon Pifher talked about "Riding High." He explained that Jesus went out every Sabbath and healed the sick and helped people. This angered the Pharisees who thought he should have waited until Sabbath was over. He also said that we would have more fun doing what Jesus did on Sabbath than by doing anything else.

Sabbath was a unique day. After he gave his sermon, nearly 200 students and adults signed up for the several programs that he had arranged for the day. The programs included feeding the homeless, cutting out felts to send to Russia, and dressing up as clowns to pass out balloons with gospel messages in Riverfront Park. After it was all done, everyone who had participated agreed that they had had fun.

That night the UCA gymnastics team provided entertainment for those who stayed by to watch them. It was a packed day.

*Nathanael Kawamura*

# Dorm changes lie ahead

As the next school year approaches there are several changes that will take place in the guys' dorm. Joe Threadgill will be the new dean and his brother Mike will be the assistant. Joe will devote all his working time to being dean; he won't be taking on any teaching like he has while being assistant dean.

Joe says that the outside of the dorm and the landscaping around it will take on a new look with a lot of remodeling and improvement. He is also hopeful that the dorm bathrooms will be remodeled.

According to Joe there will be a new tutor service for guys that have D, F, or I slips. Joe says that "instead of just sitting around wondering what to do there will be a teacher and tutor to help the guys get caught up and understand their assignments." There will also be more emphasis on clubs such as arm wrestling, weight lifting, and golf.

"We will try to make life in the dorm a lot more like home life," Threadgill adds. There will probably be better TV privileges. However, policies like no radios and electricity off at night will probably remain the same, but there will definitely not be any new policies.

Joe is still in the process of writing up a proposal of all his new ideas, and says these things can't be completely unveiled yet because he doesn't want to get hopes up until he is sure of what will happen. As anyone can see, Joe already has a good start with many great ideas. Time will tell if his greatest plans are yet to be revealed.

*Craig Bartholomew*

# Annual picnic approaches

On May 30, Upper Columbia Academy has a Spring Picnic. It begins with a worship in the gym early in the morning. After loading the busses, we all head down to Liberty High School. Then, for the rest of the day there are races, hurdles, high jumps, javelin throws, and all sorts of track and field activities. Usually it is very hot so some people get into water fights, and the sunburns can be fierce. Heat (and mosquitoes) seem in good supply this year.

After the last race is run and the last water is thrown, happy, sunburned students pile back into the busses to come back to a picnic supper on the UCA football field. After ice cream and rootbeer the prizes and ribbons are handed out and next year's ASB officers are announced. They get to start their new jobs by cleaning up the mess.

*Kettie Fisher*

# de Vine Ministry

Over the last couple of years, UCA has been reaching out to the community with special programs. This year we started a few more programs and called them "de Vine Ministries."

Clown Ministries is where students dress up as clowns and go to children's hospitals to cheer up the patients. Feed the Hungry is a ministry in which we go to downtown Spokane to give food to the hungry. Another program is Church Outreach. For this program Mr. Jenks takes a few students with him to different churches to tell about their personal experiences with God. "KUCA" is a small radio station that plays Christian music for the campus.

These are but a few of the outreach programs that exist here at UCA. Most students have been on at least one out-reach program, and many have gone more than once. Fifty have gone more than four times and have received de Vine Ministry t-shirts. Several more students are about ready to get theirs.

De Vine Ministries has a large budget and is a priority on campus. There are plans to expand the program next year.

Mr. Jenks is the coordinator for the programs, and the students think he is doing a great job. "I believe that the out-reach programs are good for the students according to their spiritual gifts, and every student that goes in to the ministries comes out a different person," says Jenks.

De Vine Ministries will continue ministering to the people of the community until Christ comes again.

*Monte Vories*

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*"I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. If anyone does not remain in me, he is like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you. This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.*

*John 15:5-8*

# Earth Day recognized

On April 22, 1993, Mrs. Evans' English class recognized Earth Day by planning various activities all day long.

We started Earth Day with the judging of our poster contest. The five judges were Mr. Marsh, Mr. Thayer, Miss McGuire, Mr. Harlan, and Karen Felber from Fairfield Bank. The first-place winner was Jesse Dovich who won \$50 donated by the Fairfield Bank of Spangle. The second-place winner was Ginger Pifher who won a gift certificate for two to the Harvester.

During the day we ran environmental videos and conducted a rain forest activity in the Lion's Den. During the 11:15 and 4:30 periods we had planned to plant trees around the campus, but, unfortunately, we were rained out. Our class planted 40 trees the following week. The Third World Lunch was a big success. We had 142 participants and raised \$210. The money will go to support a child for a year.

The students had a check sheet. If they completed six of the eight activities they qualified for a UCA Earth Day water bottle. Another activity included listing four endangered species and ten ways to save the earth. Wearing an environmental T-shirt was another activity.

To conclude Earth Day we had a special joint worship given by Mrs. Evans in the gym. Then we handed out prizes to the winners of the poster contest, we recognized various groups on campus who recycled, and we handed out the water bottles to those who had completed their check sheet.

Thanks to everyone who participated in Earth Day. It was a big success.

*Kim Follett*

# CCA makes dramatic appearance

On May 10, Cascade Christian Academy's drama class entertained UCA students and faculty with a performance of "Helen Keller: The Miracle Worker."

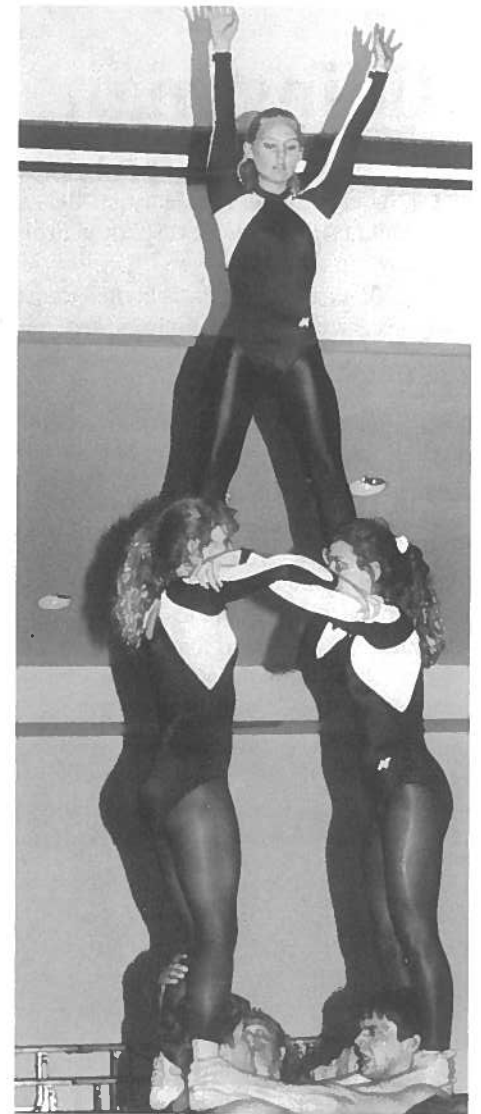
CCA has a history of drama. Clifford Dolph, drama and English teacher at CCA, has been teaching drama there for four years.

At CCA drama is a class that you get credit for. When it comes time to do a play, the students audition for each part. Those who do not fit a part become stage hands. Each job is essential for the success of a play.

Whenever attending a classic play such as this, a pillow is recommended. The plays range from two to four hours long. The longest play CCA has ever performed was "The Diary of Anne Frank." This play was three and a half hours long and contained two intermissions.

Thank-you for coming, CCA, and we wish you the best.

*Beth Willingham*



Christina Reimer balances on her teammates during the gymnastic team's home show

*I have swept away your offenses like a cloud, your sins like the morning mist. Return to me for I have redeemed you. Isaiah 44:22*

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## New courts

As previously reported (2 issues ago, actually) new, deluxe tennis/basketball courts will soon be built on campus. The originally-planned location east of the gym was too small so a new site had to be found.

The new site is under the old broom factory. No, they're not going to be subterranean courts; the buildings, that also once housed chickens, are going to be burned down (or up if you like) to make room for the courts--they may be smoldering as you read this! If not, take a last fond look. Next year new courts should be there.

## Cleanup

The previously-cancelled Campus Cleanup Day (April 29) was rescheduled for the afternoon of May 19. Students were divided into work crews and assigned different tasks, such as garbage collecting and flower planting, for the beautification of our campus. Also, the old broom factory buildings had to be prepared for demolition, stacks of valuable junk had to be moved, and some painting had to be done. Other crews tidied Spangle-Waverly Road in front of campus and a section of highway 195 from milepost 76 to milepost 78.

# Be baggy

Big, baggy, loose-fitting, saggy pants are neat and they're starting to catch on.

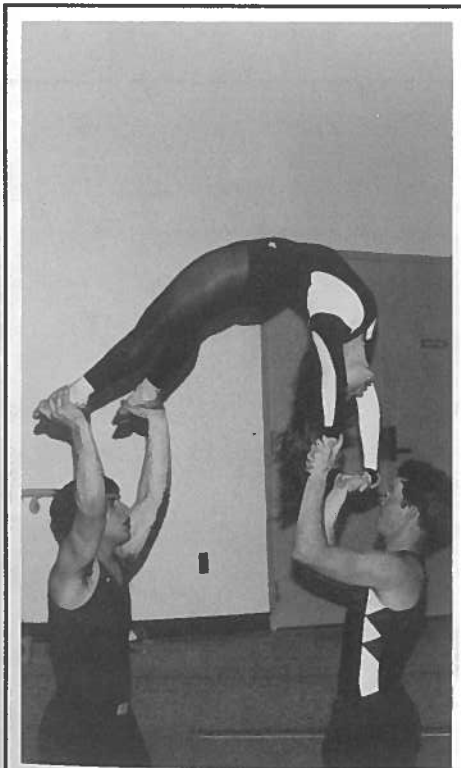
It used to be that when you saw someone wearing big pants you could assume that he rode one of those skateboard things. But now it could be just about anyone wearing them just because they look neat. That's all right.

I've come up with a few reasons why someone might choose to wear a big pair of jeans. They are as follows:

1. Saggy pants could provide a sort of air cushion for when someone decides to kick you.
2. They could be good for someone who's kind of chunky and wants to look skinny.
3. It could also be that you ride a skateboard and you don't want to look sloppy so you wear big pants so people can't see your bony legs flailing all around.

Whatever your reason, you should buy a pair of big pants so you can be stylish. Thank you. Enjoy.

*Joel Pankey*



Having a little back trouble? Beth Willingham gets the treatment from Cody Kellison and Jim Lounsbury

# Rest assured; we're secured

On most campuses around, sneaking out of the dorm is always something that kids think is fun because then they can say they pulled the wool over the faculty's eyes. Now, if that is something worth being proud of, you can take the chance of getting caught and pay a \$25 fine. One of our students, whom we will leave nameless for the sake of security purposes, has had over \$300 in fines.

It is rumored that there may be a security system put into the guys' dorm. Shouldn't we invest in air conditioners? From a student's point of view, it is unimportant to have a security system for keeping people in. There's nothing to see out there in the dark. You can see it a lot better in the light.

Occasionally it may be a good idea to keep people out. Such a situation has been handled nicely at the girls' dorm by the best security buzzers made--screaming girls.

Our faculty on this campus provide a great service when it comes to taking care of students who are out of the dorms at the wrong times. For some reason, though, it always seems that there are too many that want to help.

*Jeremy Douglass*

# Take out the trash

I'm tired of people who cut down others to make themselves look better. You and I don't do it, of course, but it happens. Just sit at a table in the cafeteria and listen.

One of the biggest fears of a new student coming into school is having a bad reputation among other students. A bad reputation can be easily gained by unintentionally rubbing someone the wrong way. Then, through idle gossip and in no time, the student's reputation is ruined for the year. The best plan is to go out of your way to make a new student feel at home. Don't always believe what other people say about someone else because what they say could be a lot of trash. Get to know people and decide for yourself if you like them. Don't let other people decide for you. Don't spread gossip.

Some of the time people do stupid things to make themselves look bad. They deliberately bring a bad reputation on themselves. To these people I say, "Get smart. Your reputation will stick with you a long time."

Those people who are always talking trash about others should ask themselves what they gain. Someday what they say will catch up with them, and when it does, they lose. Let's choose to win. Let's take out the trash.

*Jim Gordon*

# Empty wallets

There can't be too many wallets for Nate Kawamura, a senior here at UCA who collects wallets for a hobby. Nate started collecting wallets at a very young age and has continued to collect them ever since.

Nate has collected wallets from countries all over the world including countries such as Germany and Great Britain. Nate hasn't been to all the countries but had the wallets sent to him. Nate's collection has grown over the years to a substantial number. He is not sure how many he has all together. He has many different styles and colors of wallets and souvenir wallets from Marineland and other places he has visited.

Although wallet collecting is a very interesting and fascinating hobby, Nate doesn't plan to add any more wallets to his collection.

*Jake Warren*

# Band bows out

The last band tour of the year started at 8:00 a.m., Friday, April 23. We left UCA and went to play for Cascade Christian Academy in Wenatchee. After the concert we loaded the buses and went to eat in downtown Wenatchee.

Our next stop was the Yakima church. There the ladies had prepared a delicious supper. We prepared the stage and got ready for the evening program. The people at the church put us up for the night.

On Sabbath afternoon we went to Tri-Cities and put on a Saturday night concert. Sunday morning we took off for UCA and got back about noon. It was a long trip, but we all enjoyed it, and the people we stayed with made it enjoyable.

*Eric Wren*



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The days for studying are just about over. Here Katherine Hillmon, John Heyden, Gerrine Harding, Justin Aubertin, and Melissa DePaula do some of their last studying for the year.

Many improvements are planned for next year, and much work will be done during the summer. There will be some staff changes and we'll really miss the seniors... But we are looking forward to the arrival of the class of '97.

Y'all come back now.

**GOOD-BYE  
AND  
HAVE A  
GREAT  
SUMMER!**

