

echoes

April 1998

Music-a-Rama!



TOP: Steven Ellison, Scott Parish, Mike Kyle, Andrew Mason and David Mundall prepare to resume playing after the intermission at Music-a-Rama.

BOTTOM: During the intermission, people study Lego displays at one of the arts and crafts tables.

Seniors head south

Most of the seniors had a great time at Walla Walla College during college days. Sunday through Tuesday afternoon, April 5-7, seniors from NPUC academies migrated to WWC to win scholarships, visit some classes, and get an idea of what college life has to offer. For the seniors of UCA, getting away from everyday classes for a couple of days was a great break.

The extra long weekend started on Sunday afternoon after ACT tests. After everyone was checked and accounted for, and after all the luggage was packed, we started our journey south to Walla Walla in two full busses. Once we arrived and got settled into the dorms, everyone gathered around for a picnic supper on the Centennial Green while a band played some oldie tunes from the stage. Most of the students thought the food was way too expensive, but they liked the variety and taste.

The next day, all the seniors gathered in the College Church for morning worship, then it was off to different experiences that ranged from flying over campus to visiting a zoology class. A talent show took place in the evening with representatives from each academy performing. Melissa Hibbs represented UCA with the song "My Heart Will Go On." The day concluded with evening worship in the church and check-in at eleven.

Tuesday, after morning worship, there was an awards program and slide show with seniors receiving hundreds of dollars in awards and scholarships. Then after saying good-byes and doing paperwork for next year, we headed back for our last few weeks of school.

I congratulate all the awesome UCA seniors that participated, won scholarships, and showed our UCA pride.

Bob Pielat

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Students find a mission

During spring vacation this year UCA students were involved in more mission trips than ever. Students travelled to Utah, Zimbabwe, Belize, and the Phillipines. Next year, spring vacation will be extended to allow students to participate in mission trips without missing any days of school. Here are reports from two of this year's adventures:

Utah

Spring break, ten students with Mr. and Mrs. Grubbs drove down to Utah to do whatever work Day Star Academy (previously known as Castle Valley Academy) had to be done. They arrived early Thursday morning after driving all night in the school's blue van.

Day Star was still in session when the UCA members arrived, but after eating an incredibly delicious meal together at the school's cafeteria, the 27 students that are enrolled there left on their spring break. UCA students quickly fell in love with the valley, the school farm, and . . . the cook. All the Day Star faculty were extremely nice and made the rest of the stay very enjoyable.

The work projects included building a pole barn (to house farm machinery), finishing the foundation around a house that had been moved onto campus, and taking apart most of a barn that was badly damaged in a wind storm. All the people on the projects were kept pleasantly busy working under the Utah sun, which gave sunburns to a few.

Sabbath and Monday were both taken off from work to go to church, see Arches National Park, and visit Monument Valley. Photos were shot almost as much as puns were told, which aggravated some but gave the rest of the group lots of enjoyment. Burgess Grubbs was found to be an excellent storyteller and a great tourist guide as well.

Early Friday morning, the UCA students returned and concluded what seemed to be an extremely short spring break. Everyone met new friends along the way and learned a lot about each other and themselves. The trip was an incredible experience with a perfect mixture of fun and play.

Scott Parish

Zimbabwe

When you realize that the world is bigger than your wildest imaginations, you dream bigger dreams. When you realize that the Devil is real but God is more powerful, you begin to pray. When you realize that people are looking to you for an example, you begin to change.

I realized these things while on a trip that would not have happened without divine intervention. On my own I could not have raised \$1550 for a chance to broaden my horizons and travel halfway around the globe. The people I have met and the places I have seen are irrevocably etched in my mind.

I met a continent, a country, a city, and a people/ I met the Sindebele people of Bulawayo, Zimbabwe, Africa. They taught me to rely on God for everything because they have nothing. Every meal they eat is providential. The unemployment rate is over 40%. That means that nearly half of the families have no source of income. They have to rely on charity to keep their families alive. But in the midst of all their trials, they cannot find time to complain; they are too busy singing joyfully to their God. Maybe that is the greatest lesson we can learn.

Ryan Holcomb

Seniors dazzle during recognition

Senior Recognition is, of course, a time to recognize the seniors! This year the school again presented the Class of '98 with Bibles that had our names engraved on them, and a senior parent donated money for pins that asked WWJD? (What would Jesus do?) That is definitely something seniors need to think about as we step into the future.

For Senior Recognition weekend, the class chose great speakers. Friday night vespers was done by Keith Garrison. He related stories and memories of Senior Survival as we all listened intently. Buell Fogg delivered the Sabbath sermon, which was about spreading light. He kept the seniors busy by having us read out loud from our new Bibles.

Many parents, friends, and family came to show support for the Class of '98. Kara Wetterlin remarked, "It was amazing to see all of the people here just for us." But having so many people in the gym did make things a little uncomfortable. "It was hot and tiring," said Dustin Arlt. Greg Pipoly agreed that it was hot.

On Saturday night during the Senior Talent Show, it was very entertaining to watch Mr. Stevens and Ms. McGuire discuss the merits of puns. Ms. McGuire also seemed to develop an admirer in the audience named Harry. But in the end the mysterious Harry got dumped. As for the talent program itself, some said they hadn't seen that much talent in one class for a long, long time. Nigel Raymer summed it up best. "It was an awesome experience."

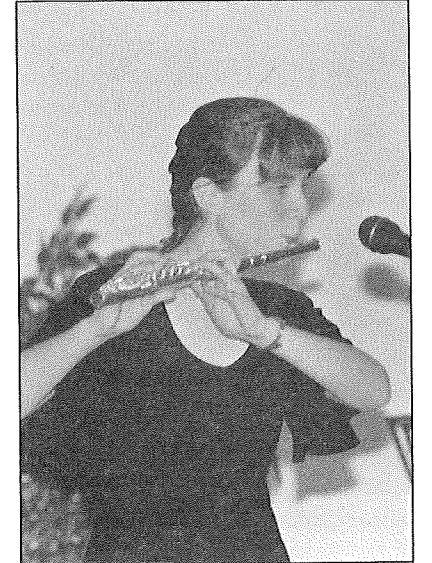
As parents, friends, and family headed home, UCA students headed off to class. It was a good weekend that unfortunately ended in a bad way-- SUNDAY school!

Sarah Webster

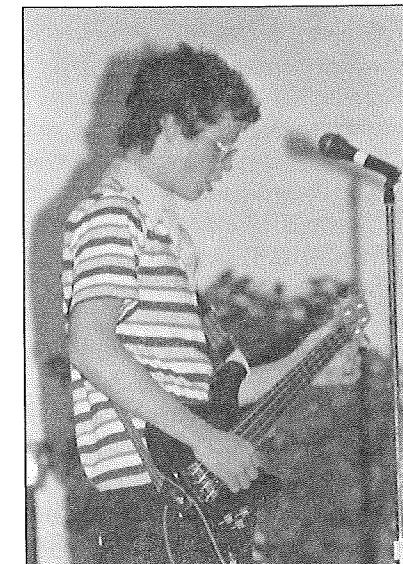
Senior talent show



Danny Hanson and Kim Kaiser seem unperturbed by an aluminum apparition that appears before them



Jennifer Bigelow



Matt Steinbach



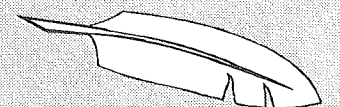
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Class of 1998

Motto:

Dream as if you'd live forever, but live as if you'd die today.

Aim:

Live and dream in Christ.

Senioritis returns to campus

High school is almost over for the class of 1998. The weather is nice. Spring is here. Everyone is getting restless. Senioritis is spreading once again. What is senioritis? It's when seniors start getting restless, sick of classes and school, and impatient for graduation and summer.

When some seniors were asked about graduation and senioritis, this is what they said.

Sarah Webster: I can't wait for graduation so I can get on with my life!

Travis Laws: It's weird cuz you want to graduate but then you sort of don't. You want it all to end but then again you don't.

Bill Workman and Kara Wetterlin (both four-year seniors): Four years has been way too long and we want out!

Greg Pipoly: I don't think I can take this anymore! I want to be a freeloader. Yeah!

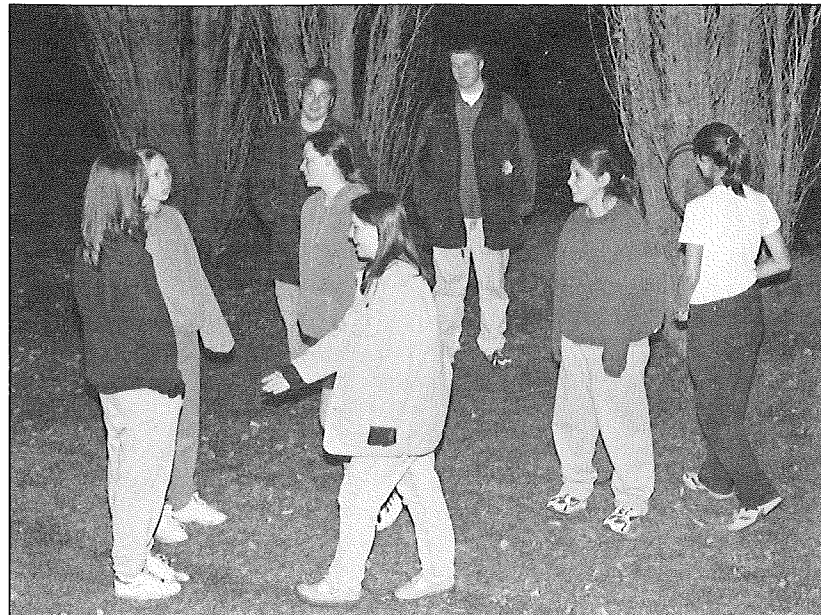
Rodney DeHaan: I got senioritis when I was a sophomore, and I haven't found the cure.

Michael Messervy: Everybody's got it and nobody can escape it ... It's the ever-present struggle between time and temperament. Will we make it? That is the question.

Dustin Arlt: It's been a great year but I can't wait to get out of here.

But don't worry, seniors. Graduation is next month. Good luck to the class of '98!

Jennifer Buchholz



Rec is sometimes just a good time to stand around and talk with friends

On becoming a senior

Next year I become a senior.

With this elevation in grade comes a higher-class of sophistication and communication. Also, a wonderful aura of maturity will surround us as we pass through the last year of school. In a few more months we will be the upperclassmen: a role model for the younger and a cause of pride for the old.

Now, I would like to take this moment to list the things that will follow me in this step forward to adulthood.

NUMBER 1: I will refuse to grow any older than 18. While many other seniors may continue growing up, I will completely stop and remain at this chosen age until I deem it time to continue to the age of 30 when I will start my thrilling life of working at McDonald's.

NUMBER 2: I will remain immature. As the maturity wagon moves on for most, I will be left behind being stupid. And I will be proud of that fact, so by the time I'm 37 I will still be throwing hot sauce packets at people across the dining area of Taco Bell.

NUMBER 3: I will be happy. I will spend my senior year being joyous. There will be plenty of time to be miserable and cynical by the time I'm 42.

And, at last, **NUMBER 4:** I will desperately hope that I will not be like Mr. Lacey by the time I'm 57!

Aside from those four things, I'm ready to become a senior. Long live the class of '99!

Bryan Larson

Next St. Patrick's Day, forget about pinching, wearing green, and leprechauns, and remember these words from *The Confession of Saint Patrick*:

SO INDEED I MUST ACCEPT WITH EQUANIMITY WHATEVER BEFALLS ME, BE IT GOOD OR EVIL, AND ALWAYS GIVE THANKS TO GOD, WHO TAUGHT ME TO TRUST IN HIM ALWAYS WITHOUT HESITATION, ...

Another week of prayer hits the mark

Was March 3-7, 1998, just another Week of Prayer? Definitely not! Vitya Wsevolodovich Czerkasij (better known as Pastor Vic) made his mark. Although the Week of Prayer didn't start until Tuesday, and there was HOPE Taskforce Friday, Pastor Vic had plenty of time to challenge everyone at UCA to live their lives for Christ.

During the meetings, Pastor Vic shared very personal details from his own life. He gave us reasons why he shouldn't be our speaker. Then he explained why he was--by the grace of Christ. When he was young, his dream was to be a doctor, but one semester at Harvard changed his priorities. He decided to go to Southern and major in theology. He chose well.

As our Week of Prayer speaker, he seemed to know just what to talk about. Krista Willinger stated that after the meetings every night she would have questions, and then the next day Pastor Vic talked about those very questions. It seems that God was working in wonderful ways. Not only did Pastor Vic know what to say himself, but he also encouraged others to share their experiences.

Sometimes a Week of Prayer speaker is totally out of touch with how to relate to the students. Pastor Vic, on the other hand, knew how to get our attention. He could be totally serious and then suddenly lighten the mood to keep our attention. Most of the students were definitely blessed.

And what was Pastor Vic's impression of the students at UCA? He said, "I was very impressed with the young people's response." So, the exchange worked. Pastor Vic influenced our lives and we also affected his in some way.

I guess we showed him that the Northwest can be just as hospitable as the South ...

Cassi Shrock

New building jogs memories

This year has brought many changes to our campus. The most noticeable of these would have to be the beautiful new ad building. With its big pillars and beautiful bell tower, it far surpasses the old building as far as looks are concerned. But thinking back to the old ad building, I remember more than just looks, and I can't help but compare the characters of the two.

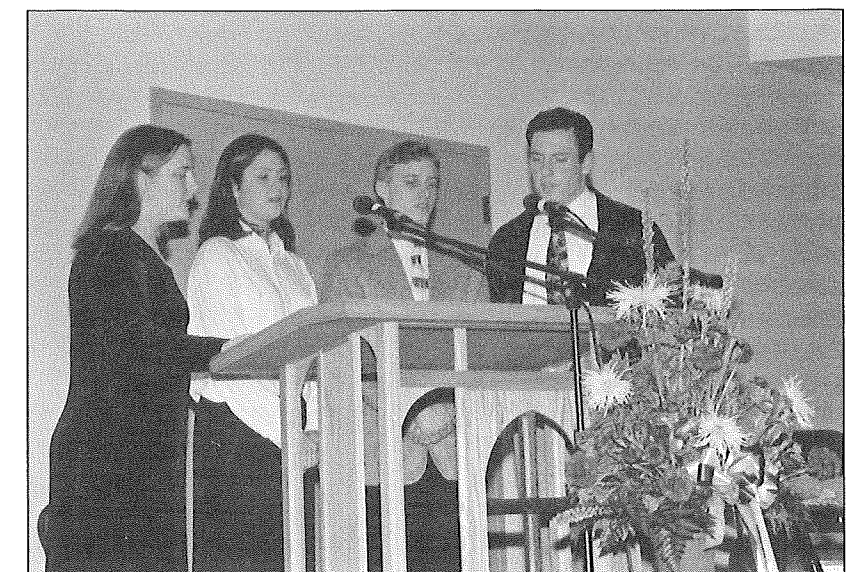
The old building, though rather ugly, gave a warm feeling when you walked in. As you looked down the hall you would see happy groups of friends talking and laughing quietly together. In the library you would see the same-groups of friends studying, talking, and enjoying being with each other. When you walked past the offices of Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Marsh, or Mrs. Starr, their open doors invited you to stop and say hi.

The feeling is different this year. There are not many warm feelings when you walk into the new ad

building. Everything has a new attitude. The office doors are closed (it happens automatically) and more professional looking. There are hardly ever happy groups of friends in the halls because new rules prevent loitering. The library also has stricter rules so people can study without being distracted. These new rules, though they may be necessary, are hard to accept sometimes. There is no student center, so there really is nowhere to go to be with friends between classes.

But in the end, the positives of the new building far outweigh the negatives. WE are blessed to have such a wonderful building on campus. I do hope, though, that some of the warmer and friendlier feelings of the old ugly ad building will somehow creep their way into the new one. Looks are nice, but it is the feelings that students will remember for the rest of their lives.

Chelene Canwell



Vicki Kildal, Chelsey Ham, Joel Dickerson, and Gaelan Katz sing as a mixed quartet during Senior Recognition Weekend

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UCA joins the web

Over the past few months, I have had the privilege of getting UCA's web site started. The Internet now has an official UCA presence. Although there are many things to be fixed and all sorts of things to add, it certainly has its beginning.

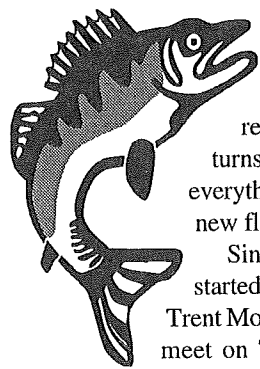
Why does UCA need a web site on the world wide web? Many companies and businesses are now supporting web sites, and although it may seem like just a trend, it really is a whole new way of communication through media. I can say that before I came to UCA I looked for a web site for the school but didn't find one and was disappointed.

What does the site have on it? The UCA web site now includes some basic contact information, a list of classes, some links to Internet Adventist resources, and a school calendar. There is also a new section from the English department, courtesy of Tammy McGuire. She put it together and made a large section for her Film as Literature class.

There are also plans for expanding the web site. We plan to include a map of campus with links to the major buildings with pictures and other interesting information. Another project that will begin during April is the adding of an alumni section. The 98-99 bulletin will also be put on the site for prospective students who are interested.

The web site is a great way for UCA to reach another group of young people. It is easy to access and easy to find information on the web site. Check it out, the address is: <http://www.ucaa.org>

George Lewis



New dorm club starts

It is finally spring. Students, especially seniors, are ready for school to be out. Trees grow leaves, the grass turns green, and flowers bloom. But more important than everything else is the fact that fish become more active, and a new fly-fishing season starts!

Since fly-fishing is starting to pick up, Mr. Thomson has started a fly-fishing club in the SKS dorm. Its members include Trent Morgan, Elijah Brito, James Hill, and Steven Ellison. They meet on Thursday nights, whenever possible. Mr. Thomson showed them how to tie a few basic fly patterns, and they are gaining

knowledge and skill in the art of tying flies.

The club is awaiting its first fishing trip when members will see fish rise to take a personally-tied fly. A place and date have not been set, but it will probably take place at one of the local lakes in late April or early May.

Steven Ellison

True or False (1 point)

Choraliers turn down contract

Saying neither she nor the group were interested in hitting the big time, choral director Carmen Swigart announced last month that she was turning down a recording contract offered to herself and the Choraliers by ZapEm Records. "We definitely had some differences--you get what I'm saying?" remarked Swigart as she hummed a few bars from *Siegfried*.

The chain of events that led to the unexpected offer started with an impromptu concert the Choraliers gave at the Spokane Food Bank during a HOPE Taskforce outreach day. "We just started to sing to help the work go faster," said Ryan Holcomb. "We didn't know people from ZapEm were using the Food Bank as a soundstage for a music video." But a ZapEm recording crew overheard the Choraliers, and that eventually led to the contract offer.

Although the contract was for only one album and a video, the group was uncomfortable with clauses requiring modernistic plastic costumes and some rap numbers. "We can rap with the best of them," said Vicki Kildal, "but why should we sacrifice our dignity for a few hundred thousand dollars?"

Fans hungry for the Choraliers sound will have to remain satisfied with the cassettes Mr. Lake has made of on-campus performances or wait patiently for a new Steve Darmody album on which the Choraliers feature as back-up singers.

National Honor Society

Each year a faculty council selects students for membership in the National Honor Society.

Scholarship, leadership, service, and character are considered for each sophomore, junior or senior that meets the qualifying g.p.a. of 3.5. Freshmen are not eligible.

Using subjective and objective criteria, the council ranks each eligible student in each of the four criteria, using a ten-point scale. If the average of the four numbers reaches a predetermined level, the student is selected for the National Honor Society.

More specific information about the selection process is available in the registrar's office and is posted in that office window.

Fishing for a few fools

Every year as people's lives become more stressed, school draws closer to an end and tax time draws nigh, the foolhardy and those lacking mental aptitude make their presence known. In their quest for recognition and attention from their unsuspecting peers, these unemployed comedians wreak havoc on the civilized world through careless pranks and ill-advised practical jokes.

While the origins of April Fools Day are unclear, some say it is when nature "fools" humanity with changes in weather. Another explanation has to do with the change to the Gregorian calendar in 1582, which moved New Year's Day to January 1. Those who were unaware of the change or were too conservative to break tradition celebrated on April 1, the last day of the old 8-day New Year's festival. In France (where victims are called "April fish"), Britain, and America (where it was introduced in colonial times), favorite gags include sending someone on an impossible errand and running harmless fibs in the media. When the victim grows confused or realizes he is being tricked, the joker calls out "April fool!" In France, people stick cutout paper fish on one another's backs or send them anonymously in the mail.

Thankfully, the day is well behind us now.

Bobby Sanborn

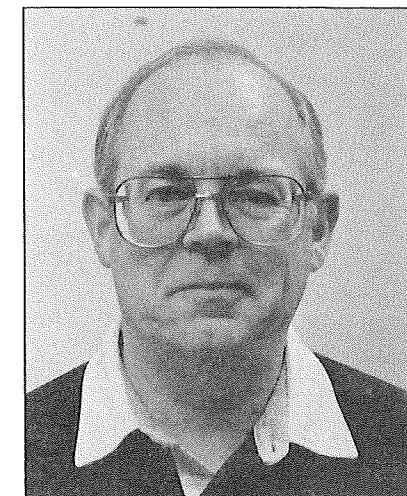
Some remember how it was part 2

Mr. Stevens, Mr. Peach and Mr. Lange have had some of longest stays at UCA. In the last issue we reported Mr. Stevens' and Mr. Peach's remarks. This time we look at what Mr. Lange had to say.

Mr. Lange, the band and instrument teacher, spent time teaching at different schools before coming to UCA but his last 29 years have been here. He plans to continue here for a few more years. He has been here this long because of the positive response he has had from the students. "The Lord meant it to be this way," he says. He has received many other offers but they never worked out. He also gives credit to his wife who has supported him over the years.

He teaches over 160 individual lessons each week and has helped bring out the talents of many students. After all this, he still says, "I've had no bad years."

When asked about the changes he has seen he mentioned many things like the barn, the chicken sheds, the girls dorm, and the gym. He remembers what it was like to move from the old to the new gym. Many years ago, right after the end of graduation, the staff took everything out of the old gym that could be salvaged (parts can still be seen around campus). The next day, the construction crews tore the old gym down. For all of the next school year, students had to be bussed to the Liberty



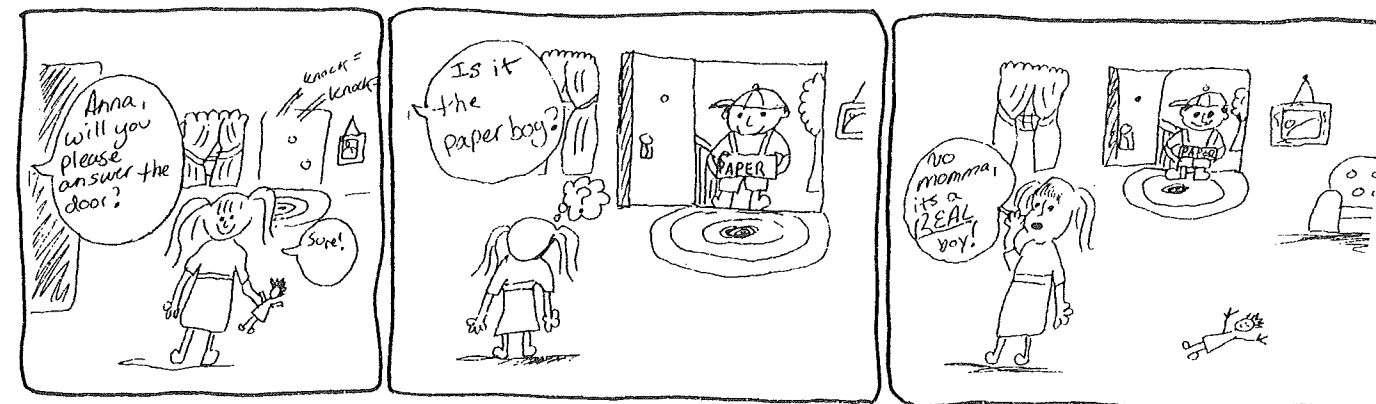
Mr. Jerry Lange

High School gym twice a week for intermural practice while the new gym was being built. By the end of the year, the gym was complete enough to be used for graduation. Mr. Lange also remembered facts about the basement of the old administration building. When it was torn down last summer, the basement contained a computer room, student center, and library. But before that it was the school chapel where the popping noises of the heating pipes occurred during prayer almost every time.

After they retire, the Langes are not completely sure what they will do. They would like to relax and spend more time with music and gardening.

Andrew Sheidler

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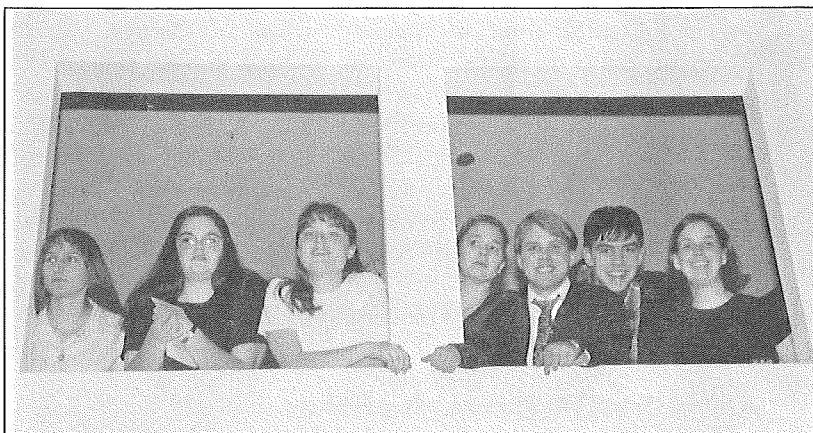


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*O God, my soul's director,
Hear us, instruments of the heavenly voice
That resounds through the heavens
And commands us to praise you.
We praise you how we know best.
We praise you in song.*

*O God, my soul's lover,
Help me—your hands—to touch the dark world
That surrounds me.
Show me how to shine your light of love.
I would love as You love;
I would love completely.*

Ryan Holcomb



Rebecca Oplinger, Sara Strickland, Jennifer Bigelow, Lisa Apigian, Bob Pielael, Will Cordis, and Lisa Gilbert wait to march during Senior Recognition

GRADUATION IS MAY 31!