

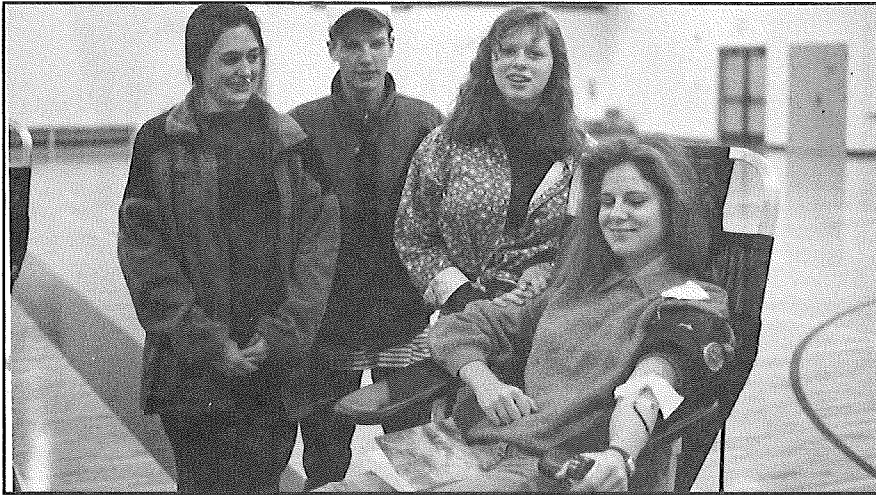
# THE ECHOES

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## UCA gives the gift again



*Sara Guth enjoys a pleasant moment of relaxation as Carrie Clarke, Will Nelson and Jamie Lund stand by to offer encouragement. Sixty-one useable units of blood were donated by students and staff--much more than in either drive last year.*

## Look who's talking

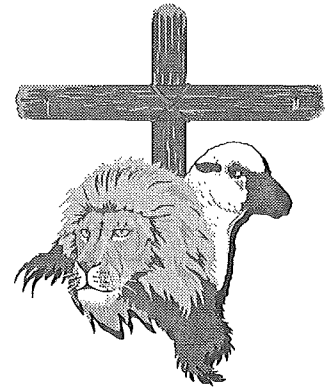
It all began with an innocent sheet of paper. On the paper, covering both sides, was printed a list of every single UCA student's name. These seemingly insignificant documents were handed out in Bible class with instructions to circle those we thought would make the best Week of Prayer speakers. We did so, and heard nothing of the results for quite some time. Most of us actually forgot about it. Then, suddenly, the results surfaced: We, as a student body, had selected twelve student speakers.

Immediately, the prayers started. The "chosen" prayed especially hard, searching for just the right topic and asking God for guidance in their presentations. During the Week of Prayer Retreat at Alta Lake, each speaker grew closer to those in the group and to God. Expectancy was in the air, for we each

felt that He had a special plan for the upcoming week. It was only when Student Week of Prayer actually began that we realized just how special that plan was.

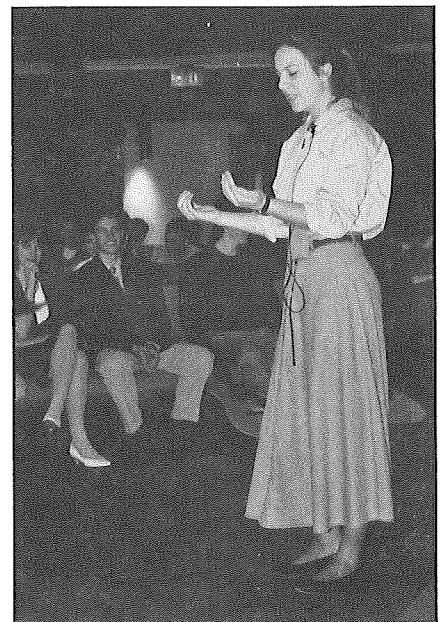
Meetings were held in the evenings, with two speakers for each session. Speakers chose to open their hearts first to God and then to UCA as a whole. The results were truly miraculous. As we listened to talks about fear, love, impacts, eternity, friends, prayer, and other powerful subjects, Jesus and His angels were working overtime to reach our hearts through every message. And it worked. As a result of the Week of Prayer, UCA has become more sensitive to the whispered words of God, "Follow Me." My prayer is that our budding relationship with Him grows throughout the year.

*Sarah Coleman*



### Second Semester ASB Officers:

President: Eric Kendall  
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Chaplain: Sarah Coleman  
Sergeant-at-Arms: Sid Hardy  
Pianist: Sara Grable  
Chorister: Caroline Nicola



*Roni Sue Scott delivers her message during Week of Prayer*

## Flock of seniors recognized on gym stage

Graduation is still over three months away, but evidences of its approach are seen. The weekend of January 27 & 28 hosted Senior Recognition. The Friday and Sabbath programs were held in the gym. Most of the participants were seniors, who also presented many wonderful musical numbers. Perry Melnychenko spoke on both occasions. His story during the church service had many of the class sniffing on stage.

It was like a graduation practice. The class marched in and sat on the stage. With over a hundred seniors, the effect was impressive. The students all received a Bible with their names and graduation year stamped on the cover.

Saturday night was a time for showing the parents that their money and support had not been wasted. The class put on a talent show. The program was stuffed with comedy acts, instrument solos, vocal solos and group numbers. The one act that seemed to be the crowd's favorite earned an encore: Mr. Jenks, Jason Smith, Zach Mason and Charley Coleman were cheered back on to give the audience more of that country sound.

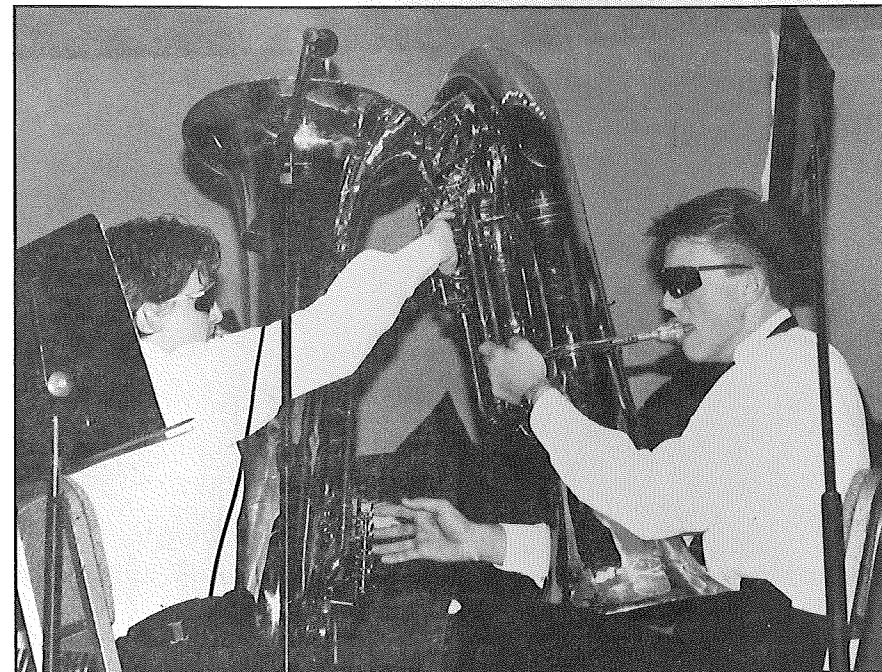
The weekend was a huge success. Afterwards, all those involved breathed a sigh of relief that everything had gone well and they could relax once again.

The Senior Class of 1995 is striving for that great day in June when they will get to march one more time for their final recognition as seniors and to the even better title of graduates. They will certainly reach that goal and beyond if they only remember their motto: "If God be for us who can be against us."

Kambra Buell



Sidney Phillips, Alex Hager, Broc Finkbiner, Jim Edwards and Aaron Canwell were "In the Mood" to add a little culture to the talent show



Lisa Momb and Jesse Dovich played a unique arrangement, "Two Tough Tubas."

## Downhome one more time

The disjointed strains of an unfamiliar tune were drowned out by thundering applause from the audience desperately attempting to get the performers off stage. It was the 1st annual Leroy Wheeler Memorial Down Home Christmas Show.

This unique show allowed students to display not-so-amazing talents. Performers ranged from the Moron Tabernacle Choir gargling, nose humming,

and lip strumming three semi-recognizable Christmas tunes to Jessica Craik's 360-degree arm rotation. There was a duet impersonation of Leroy, and Priscilla Fernandez did impersonations of many of the faculty. Amazingly, her grades didn't suffer--too much. Paul Jenks emceed the show and even Leroy Wheeler himself made an appearance.

The highly-talented and well-organized Christmas shows began four years

ago with Leroy serenading female UCA students on the sidewalk in front of the girls' dorm. When he was asked to stop, Leroy went to Mr. Jenks and requested to perform for the student body. The Leroy Wheeler Down Home Christmas Show came to life. It just might continue for many years as a tradition on the Upper Columbia Academy campus.

Jennifer Wikoff

## UCA helps the Dineh

They live in extreme poverty much like their ancestors did, but they live in a modern world and country. They call themselves the Dineh, and their land is the Dinehtah. The Navajo of Monument Valley are some of the poorest people in the United States. They live in small hogans with dirt floors in one of the most remote areas of America. In the winter, many young children and older Navajo get sick because it is hard to stay warm.

In this type of life it is hard to hope for things to get better. But this year will be different. UCA has asked churches and people to donate coats, sweaters, blankets, and other warm clothing, along with money for shipping, as part of an outreach project.

Mr. Martling, teacher and yearbook sponsor, is in charge of the project here. He is working with his sister, Dawn Carney, who works at the clinic on the reservation. The donation part of the project has gone well. One area of the conference gave over 180 articles of clothing and blankets. In all, over 49 bags and boxes, at fifteen to twenty pounds each, have been donated.

An outreach trip to the reservation is being planned by UCA for spring break. The trip is still in the making, but there is already a major showing of interest. These are beautiful people and they live in a very beautiful area, but beauty won't keep them warm. This is an awesome opportunity for the students to learn about a different culture and to have the experience of helping someone who really needs help.

To learn more about the Monument Valley reservation or to be put on their mailing list write to: Monument Valley Health Foundation, P.O. Box 360004, Monument Valley, UT 84536, or call toll-free 1-800-54NAVAJO.

Philip Cromwell

## Radio-mania

Knock, knock, knock!! "I want your radio!" The dreaded phrase echoes through the space that just a moment ago was your stomach. Sighing despairingly, you know in your heart you have no choice but to hand over the forbidden object to the dean. The only thoughts running through your mind are "Oh, no! I've been caught!" and "How am I going to explain this to my parents?"

Janelle Denny, Head Dean of Women here at the academy, has confiscated a total of 40 radios in the girls' dorm so far this school year. "We don't go out and look for them, but if we see them or hear them, we take them." CD's and tapes aren't taken, but that's a big tip-off that there's a player around somewhere.

The Dean sends a letter explaining the situation to the parents of the student in question. The fine for having a radio/diskman/stereo at the school is \$25 (cash), and the object will be sent home with the student the first homeleave or open weekend after the money is received. The dean then requests a note or a phone call from the parents to assure that it remained at home. The money goes directly into an account and is used, along with the laundry, soda, and candy machine funds, exclusively for dorm improvement.

One girl, who had a walkman taken last year, was upset at the time but accepted the consequences of being caught. Another had her clock radio taken, but her larger stereo system was too well-hidden to be caught. "It was kind of funny. They took the one I never use," she commented.

Dean Janelle also mentioned that 2 televisions and 1 VCR have been found this year. The fine for them is \$35, but otherwise they are handled the same.

Is it possible that a compromise could be reached concerning this rule? Perhaps small walkmans or diskmans (with headphones) could be allowed. Perhaps one or two "community" players could be set up in the recreation rooms. For now, though, be very careful because the dean is watching YOU!!

Sarah Artz

## The tragedy of social

If you've ever been half of a couple here at UCA, perhaps you have encountered the horrifying experience of being put on social. This can definitely be classified as a BAD THING. According to Dean Janelle, if a faculty person decides that a couple are being a little too friendly, they can be given a social warning or be put on social. It all depends on how friendly these people were being and how unreasonable the faculty person is feeling that day. Then the faculty person calls Mrs. Marsh and tells her the date and everything else. Then Mrs. Marsh sends out a memo to every single faculty person on Planet UCA telling them about the social warning. If a faculty person catches the couple being really friendly again after a social warning, they automatically get put on social.

Social means no talking, letters, phone calls, or personal contact of any kind between the couple. As my twitterpated roommate and her boyfriend can tell you, this causes much emotional and mental anguish. However, this turn of events has seldom stopped any determined couple. Somehow these unfortunate people always seem to manage to exchange illicit notes and phone calls and arrange clandestine meetings. This could be highly-dangerous because if a person got caught, she would obviously get even more time on social and would probably be unable to see her boyfriend for the rest of her natural life. After a week of social, the couple are on probation for a month during which they get an automatic social without warning if they get caught doing anything even slightly wild and crazy.

Many people who have experienced the harshness of social could easily classify it as cruel and unusual punishment. So, if you don't want to be put on social, remember that song we all used to sing in Cradle Roll when we were little. . . .

Rosemary Casareale



## Spirited message prompts contemplation

Pastor Wayne Hicks presented the topic of school spirit to our school Friday, January 13. He passed the microphone around during vespers, asking the students how they felt about the school spirit at UCA.

One of the questions Pastor Hicks asked was to define what school spirit meant to us. My answer would have been "cheering for your school because you're proud to be a part of it." The next question he asked really got us thinking. He told us to list three things that made school spirit. My answer would have been similar to some of yours: teamwork, having a common goal and working together to achieve it, being involved in making your school the best it can be, and loving each other as Christ loved us. We didn't all agree on the answer to the next

question, "What three things could ruin the school's spirit?" Well, if we seclude ourselves from others, it will make it impossible for the "team" to work. If we can't agree on a common goal, which should be Christ in a Christian school, and if we don't always show compassion and acceptance towards each other, the spirit will be ruined.

Then the biggest question of all was asked. "Does UCA have school spirit?" This question brought two totally separate answers. I wondered how we could feel so differently about our school. Then I realized there are some of you who aren't that involved in school activities. As a result, you can't expect to feel the school spirit. I encourage you to get involved. So many of us are afraid to expand our circle of friends. We hang

around the people we know best because we feel secure around them. We are afraid of letting our true colors show because we don't want to come into conflict with someone who has different goals than we do. Sometimes I feel like shaking this school, turning it up-side-down and asking each one of you, "Why are you here? Why are we afraid to let Christ shine in a Christian academy? Didn't we all come to UCA because we all had a common goal?" As Pastor Hicks was saying, "Either you came here because you have a relationship with Christ, or because you desire to have a relationship with Christ."

I'd like to leave you with one thought. Imagine how powerful the Spirit at U.C.A. would be if we all allowed God's Spirit to cheer for our team.

*Junelle Pellow*

## Sequestered for a month

Somehow we survived the month of January that is filled with nothing but closed weekends. Between Christmas and February homeleave there is only one open weekend, leaving four closed weekends in a row.

What was going through some committee's head when they made up the calendar? Do they think students want to stay here for four weekends? Do they think our parents can come and see us whenever they want to? No, most parents work during the week, some even on the weekends, which makes it rather difficult for them to come and see their sons and daughters. They usually like it when we are able to come home to them.

Parents can't afford to come up very often, especially if they live far away. Even if they only come for a day, it still costs money for fuel and meals. Kambra Buell is upset about closed weekends because by the time she gets to go home again her nephew will be a whole month older.

Another bad point is that January seems to be the longest month of the year, dragging on and on. We have just left our families and want to go back home.

There must be something the committee can do to change the number of closed weekends. Maybe if a student isn't in band or choir or otherwise involved, they should be able to go home.

I know there may be no way around this problem now, but maybe in the future the committee can try to space out big weekends more and have a few more open weekends.

*Vashti Munson*

*"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it, You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets."*

*Matthew 22:37-40*

### Upcoming Events

#### February

- 20 Valentine's Banquet
- 23-25 Choral Clinic
- 26 Rec Ski Resumes

#### March

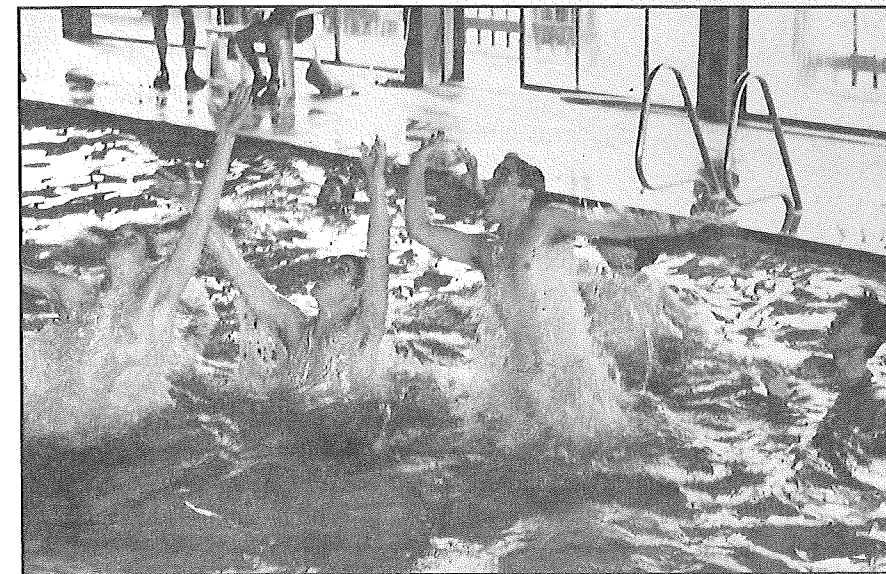
- 3&4 Gymnastics Tour
- 6-11 Spring Week of Prayer
- 12 Hope Taskforce
- 15-26 Spring Vacation

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*A group of students frolic in the pool at Camp MiVoden on Winter Campus Day. Ice-skating, ping-pong, videos, and table games were other activities for those at the camp. A large group also went skiing at Silver Mountain.*

## Germes run wild at UCA

Every year many students get sick. It seems once the flu or a cold gets started, it becomes a never-ending cycle of sickness. And this year is no exception. There have been over 154 students sick. Many students have gone home because of the severity of their illness. This causes them a lot of worry when they come back and try to catch up on all their schoolwork.

For students who try to get well at school it can be just as difficult. Stuffy rooms, annoying friends, and lots of noise are just some of the complaints made by sick UCA-ites.

The usual process of declaring yourself contaminated goes something like this: first wake up at six-thirty (very impractical for seniors) so you can call Mrs. Hardy. Even sickies have to be on time. Then as soon as Mrs. Hardy arrives, describe your symptoms in a weak tone of voice, groaning now and then. The stoned look is also effective. After she has examined you, Mrs. Hardy usually gives you some little pills to take. Then away to the clinic you go.

But this spring you can stay healthy by following some simple guidelines: plenty of rest, lots of water, and regular exercise in the fresh air and sunshine. You can also boost your immune system by taking vitamin supplements, especially vitamin C, and by staying happy. Tell a friend a joke (keep it decent). After all, laughter is the best medicine.

*Sarah Holmes*

## CUC visits UCA

Sunday, December 31, the New England Youth Ensemble and the Columbia Union Collegiate choir graced UCA's campus with their presence. Previous to coming out west, the ensemble had just performed for the 23rd year in a row at Carnegie Hall.

The choir and ensemble members come from all over the world. Even the directors come from other countries. Mr. Bingham, the choir director, is from Australia. Dr. Rittenhouse, the ensemble director, is from Canada. Other members are from Russia, India, Canada, and New Zealand, to name a few.

Before the performance, a few UCA students were invited to play with the symphony. They were Ryan Crisman, Jay Ham, Tara Gee, and Zach Mason.

Finally the guests had to leave. They packed their instruments quickly and were off into the frigid regions of British Columbia to play their next concert.

*Zach Mason*

## Inane remark annoys janitor

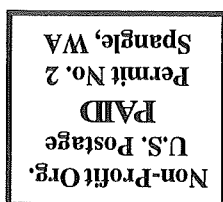
There are jobs that people seem repulsed by. One of those jobs is the janitorial job. It involves sweeping the Ad. building and cleaning the bathroom. Sweeping doesn't sound too bad, but it is the bathroom cleaning that does. Most people that come into the bathroom and see me cleaning for the very first time think that I'm being punished. They get scrunched looks on their faces and say, "Is this your job?" I tell them, "Yes, this is my job." Then they have to ask the question, "Having fun yet?"

I especially get the heat when I'm cleaning those porcelain statues we call toilets. When I'm cleaning around that bowl with only one glove on because I can't find the other one, I'm not in the best mood for the question "Having fun yet?" It can get even worse if I forget to tuck my tie in, and it ends up going fishing. Sometimes I get the privilege of cleaning up a little prank that someone cleverly pulled so they can brag about it later. But the opposition has been weak. Sugar on the toilet seat is about the easiest prank to clean. Filling up the bowl with a whole roll of toilet paper is not the coolest thing to do. However, those toilets can put out a large amount of torque when operating at peak performance. They can do the 3 gallon flush in about 10 seconds-- and even faster with the plunger.

All the toilets have personalities. Some don't give any trouble while others rebel. The toilet next to the window is the worst. It usually flushes three times after the initial flush. I think people like to kick it because some days it leaks and makes a long river to the drain that doesn't drain. This leaves a puddle in the middle of the bathroom that I get to clean up. Some toilets are really slow when flushing. I have never seen water so buoyant. The water just circles around and around and around... Then maybe it changes its mind and makes a weird sound and doesn't flush.

Am I having fun yet? I don't know if people ask me that because they are really concerned if I'm being entertained. I'll be gone next year and someone else will have to do the job. All I ask of the student body is to leave the hallways messy for him. Please put sugar on the toilet seat once a month. Kick the toilet so that it leaks, and, above all, ask him if he is having fun yet.

*Broc Finkbiner*



## Senior dilemma begins

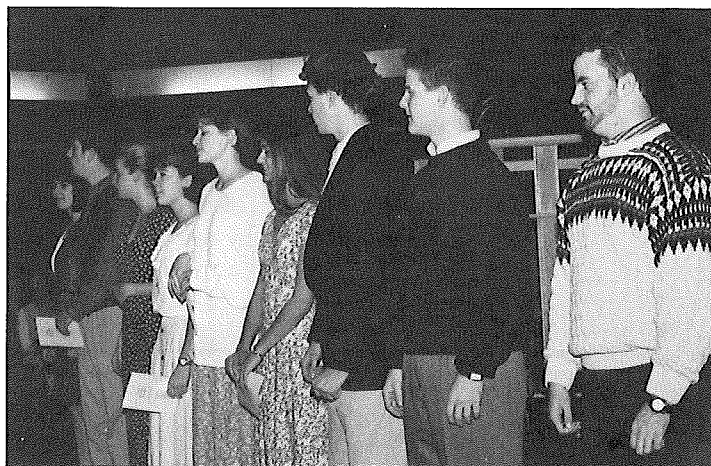
Now that we're "big" seniors and soon to be little freshmen, the question of what we are going to do with our lives keeps popping up. What are we going to take in college? How long do we have to continue going to school? Is our GPA high enough for us to be accepted into the field we want so desperately? How much is college going to cost? Do we even know for sure what we want? A lot of us seniors don't.

Mr. Stevens, the senior Bible teacher, has been trying to get the seniors to think about this now, so when it gets time to go register at college we will at least have some idea what we are interested in.

"Facing Life" is what Mr. Stevens is teaching us, but now that we have a peek, not all of us are dying to jump out of the nest and fly. We see our parents and wonder if we want to become like them. Maybe pumping gas for a living doesn't sound that bad, but the plan is to make lots of money, so pumping gas is out. We move on to being surgeons, engineers or business executives with companies spread out all over the world. This sounds great, but then the folks from Walla Walla come and tell us all the classes we have to take and the GPA we have to maintain while taking all the hard classes for the money-making jobs.

Well now, maybe being a teacher or nurse doesn't sound so bad after all. Maybe even being like our parents isn't such a bad idea. But we are still confused. Just to live and survive sounds good. So if our mothers and fathers are reading this, we hope you will still be proud of us when we're filling up your cars with gas instead of being introduced to all your friends as "your son (or daughter), the physician." Who knows, maybe we'll get promoted to the cash register.

Angel Cox



*Student week of prayer speakers take up the traditional location in the front of the church to lead out in song service*

# CLASS OF '95!