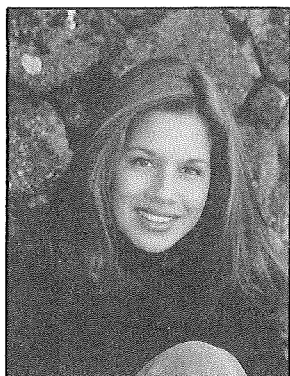


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I think if God were to write the senior class a letter it might go something like this

Dear Graduate,

Between you and the distant horizon is a whole new world. This new world and all its opportunities summon you to get going, to take off on your own journey.

But no matter how far you can see ahead, or how well you've charted your course, you can't determine exactly how you will get to where you want to go. There's always that unexpected storm or that extremely high mountain range that keeps you from knowing which route you should take.

Keep your eyes on Me. Never give up in despair because the road to me is sometimes difficult. Keep in mind that champions keep on going. Setbacks do not devastate them. They just spur on the champion to work harder.

Some may travel a short, smooth path to Me. Others a long and rocky road. It doesn't matter how long it takes you. All that matters is that you reach Me and find the comfort I have to give to you.

Your obedience and yielding compliance to what I have called you to do must in the end be your choice. You can follow Me and My word, or you can go your own way. The choice is yours. The only force I will ever use on you is the force of love.

Love,
God

Cherie Martinez
President, Class of 2002

CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2002

Student of the Year

Cherie Martinez

Jon Jackson

Spiritual Leader of the Year

Lindsey Smith

Michael Johnston

Principal's Choice Award

Megan Lacey

Kevin Ekvall

Student Choice Award

Cherie Martinez

Kevin Ekvall

Caring Heart Award

Michael Johnston

Class of 2002

Class Aim

Let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us.

Hebrews 12:1

Class Motto

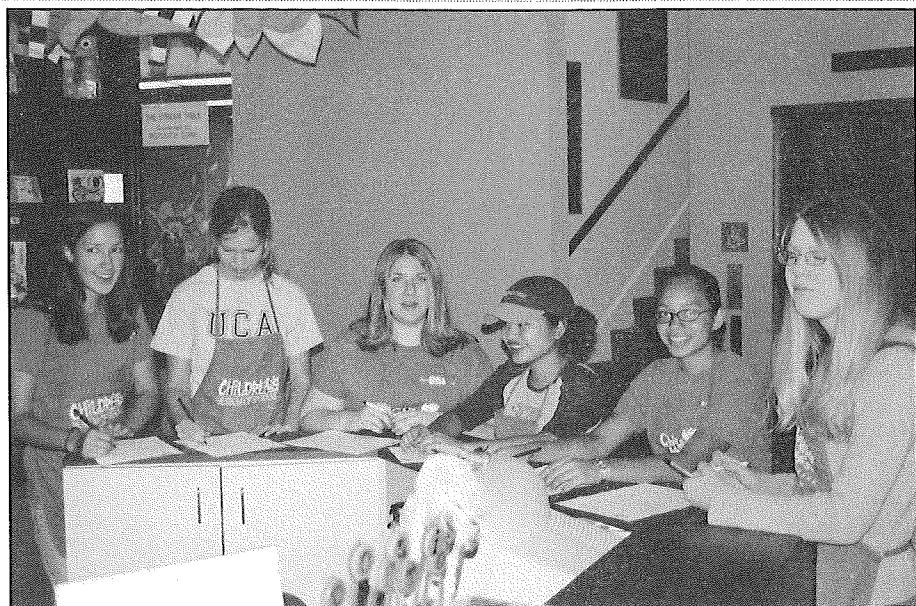
I know not what the future holds, but I know Who holds the future.

Class Colors

Red, White and Blue



Heather Austermuhl, Tiffany Blankenship, Dee Rogers, Maria Cruz, Dani Pavlic and Kimberly Warren check in to help at the Spokane Children's Museum during May's HOPE Task Force day.



Spring Fever

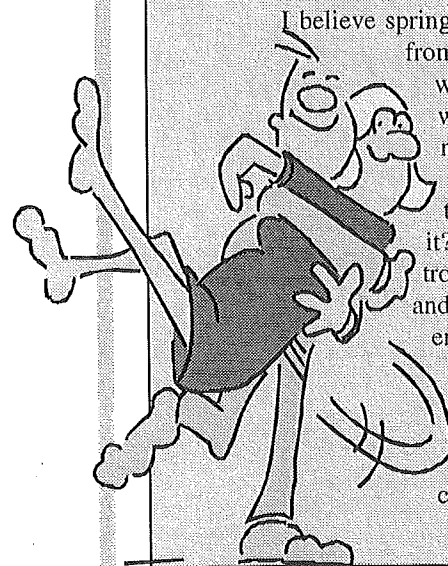
Spring fever is an oft talked about phenomenon among both students and faculty, especially after the last snowfall in May. It doesn't seem like a very real threat around winter time, but come the first blades of green grass . . . it begins. It is slow at first, but then, just like a train, it picks up steam. Steam? "What is this?" you ask. Spring fever, of course. Pay attention.

Spring fever is many different things to many different people, but I asked just a couple of stellar individuals their thoughts on the subject. According to Luke Chilson, it is when couples get together and become twitterpated with each other. Jeff Dickerson, on the other hand, said spring fever was the desire to be free from faculty. So for faculty it must be a desire to be free from . . .

I believe spring fever is that longing to be free from the eternal nightmare of homework. It is to have not a care in the world, to be able to relax and enjoy nature in all its forms.

So how do you stamp out this fever? Do you simply ignore it? Impossible. Do you try to control it? Forget it! My humble advice, and this is truly a novel concept, is to enjoy it. It only lasts a month or so anyway. Before you know it, the grueling summer will be here. So study just enough to pass your classes; be brave and skip a class; go and just have fun.

Byron Moore



The last HOPE

It was with bittersweet sentiments that students headed out on HOPE Task Force on May 3. The usual joy and excitement was threaded with mild sadness. You see, Friday, May 4, was our last HOPE of the year, and for those of us who are Seniors, the last HOPE of our lives. As we look back at the hours spent cleaning, clowning, and cooking, we can't help but wish the community service days would continue forever. The memories they've given us are many and will undoubtedly remain until our fiftieth class reunion.

I remember picking apples for a man with a broken arm, tidying an overgrown cemetery, and sweeping a nursing home parking lot. Most recently I handed out packets to thousands of eager athletes as they picked up their numbers for the Bloomsday Race. The people seemed quite pleased to see our smiling faces and hear our cheerful voices, "Here sir! I've got a bag just for you right here sir!"

Yes, HOPE Task Force has been prime. Though we aim to give to our neighbours, we end up receiving as well. Sometimes it's a plate of doughnuts, other times it's a simple pat on the back. But there's always a reward for helping others. How glad we all are that we've had the opportunity to be part of HOPE Task Force.

Megan Lacey

Hey you!

What makes people desire to see their names in print? Every month that I submit an article to the paper, someone always seems to ask me to quote them or at least use their name somewhere in the article. It is the main thing that people look for when they pick up the paper. "Is my name or picture in it this time?" they wonder. Every month when *the Echoes* comes out, students will pick it up and casually flip through it, looking for something about themselves within the pages.

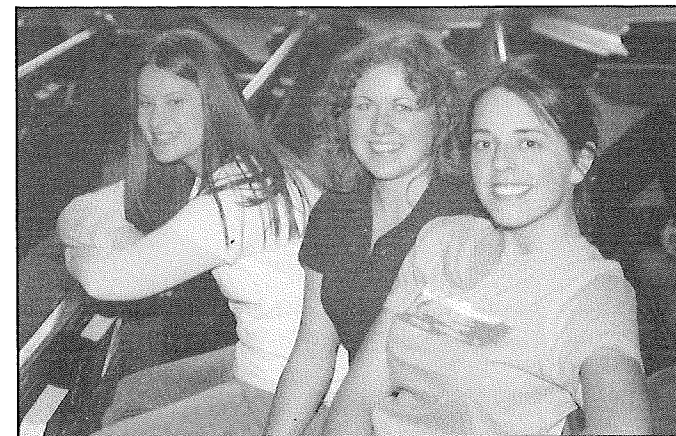
As Niké Van Sky put it, "I want to see me!" Kristy Davies says that it's exciting because "it makes you feel famous." Eight out of ten students said that they look for themselves when asked what they looked for first. Many of those questioned also stated that they look at the pictures first and might not take the time to read the articles at all.

So, in a final effort to have students read my article, I must make a sacrifice. LOOK. Here is your name: Steve Morgan, Naomi Daniell, Amber Vaudreuil, Ginnie Duke, Andrea Stout, Kristen Opp, Marsha Williams, Ashley Shelton, Tom Trefz, and Danelle Smith. At least now those people will at least pause for a moment when they scan this article.

Why is it that we think of ourselves first? The same behavior takes over when we look at yearbooks, the *Like It Looks*, and even year-end videos. Everyone wants to be recognized. I could write a whole article of just quotes and names, and more people would read it than if I had written brilliantly about a band concert or banquet.

This article is for you: Darson Balsemer, Troy Davis, Barbara Douglas, Deidre Christensen, Abby Marson, Benn Roth and everyone else who's just scanning for their names in the midst of some amazing articles.

Melanie Henneberg



Push the limits

A small percentage of upper classmen have been enrolled in Advanced Placement (AP) classes this year and took their final tests during the week of May 6-10. The majority of the students taking the tests were juniors enrolled in AP English. The other AP classes offered were History and Calculus. Each of these two classes had 3 to 5 students enrolled. The teachers are Tammy McGuire, English; Olin Peach, History; and Marvin Thorman, Calculus.

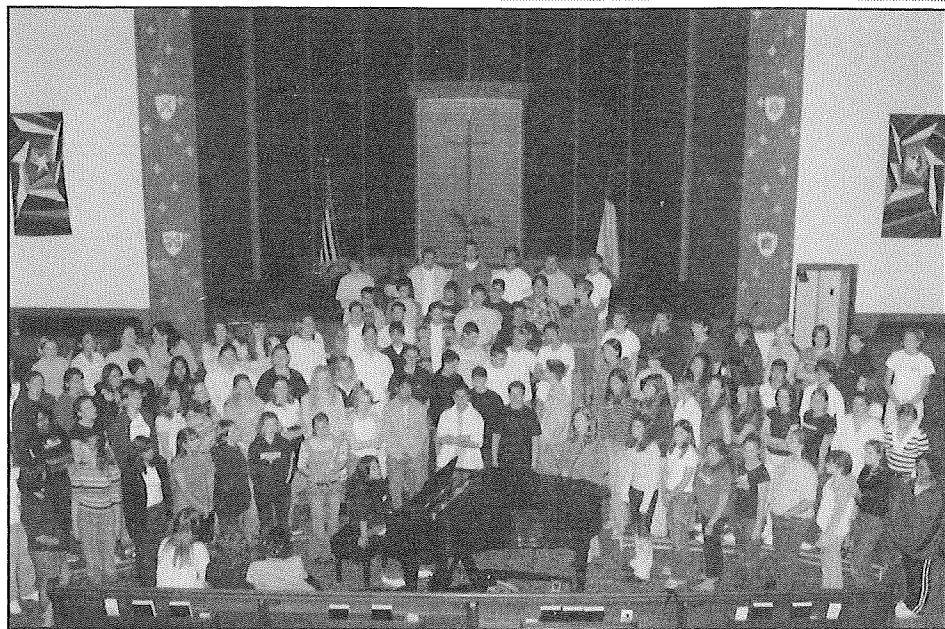
The whole year of AP class work prepares the students for the final test that lasts for three hours. It is the most extreme and intense test a high-school student can take. Usually the tests involve multiple-choice and free-response sections. After the three hours, most students are worn out and usually don't think they did very well. If they do score high enough on the test, they receive college credit for the class. Receiving college credit will free up students' schedules and reduce costs when they head to their first year of college.

The tests are scored by the College Board and the results usually come back sometime in July. Joy or disappointment lies just around the corner.

The same AP classes will be offered next year, and students interested in enrolling should contact the instructor before the end of the year.

Naomi Daniell

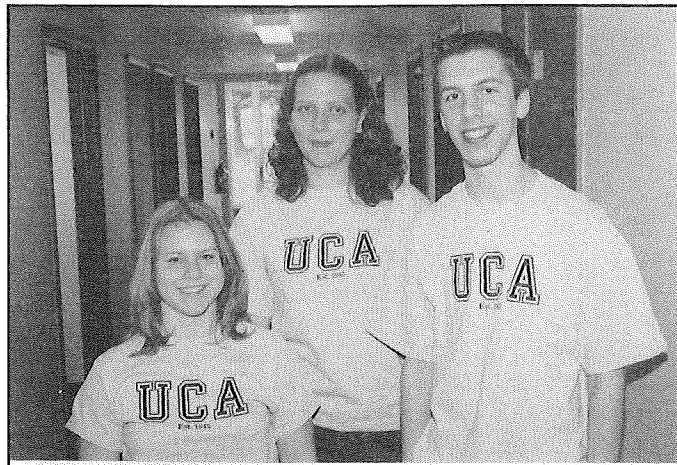
The choir practices on May 10 in Spokane's Westminster Church of Christ for their annual in-town Friday evening Vespers program.



Academy Day

The usual crowd of 200 visitors showed up for Academy Day on April 16. Departments had contests with prizes and visitors toured the campus, tried cafeteria food, and enjoyed presentations by the music department and gymnastics team while learning what UCA has to offer.

Christa Bertleson, Jennifer Pielat, and Zachary Parker wear stylish new UCA t-shirts in the music building on Academy Day



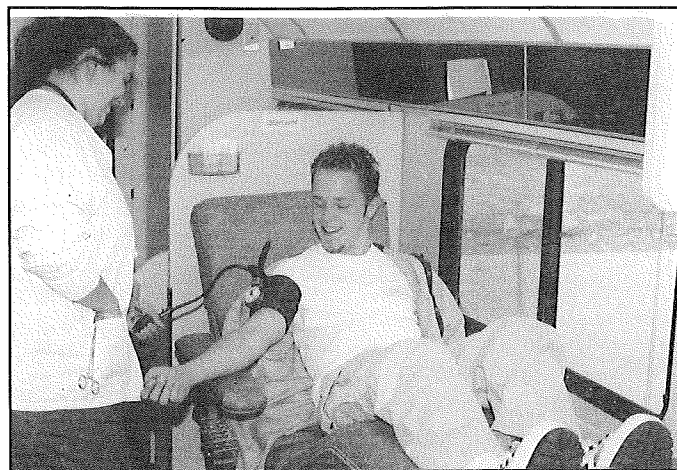
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Cory Smith happily prepares to give blood during the last blood drive on April 17. The bloodmobile was open from 2:00 to 7:00 p.m., and there was a good turnout of donors.

Advanced bio hits the road

So many students were waiting at the flagpole at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 21, it looked like the whole school was packing up and leaving. But it was just the long-awaited beginning of the Advanced Biology trip.

The 71 students and 10 adult sponsors spent their first night at Puget Sound Adventist Academy. Sleeping on gym mats and classroom floors was survivable, but trying to accommodate everyone in the few showers challenged the laws of physics and the hot water system.

Seattle was the next destination, and at an early 8:00 a.m. the group arrived for their departure on to the water. The boat ride was an experience not many will forget. The air on deck was chilly so most stayed inside, but all kept busy and learned a lot about Puget Sound and its marine life. One student agreed that the boat ride was the best event of the whole trip, while others were relieved to get back on stable ground. Eventually, the tired bunch was delivered to Burlington Christian School for another night in a luxurious gym.

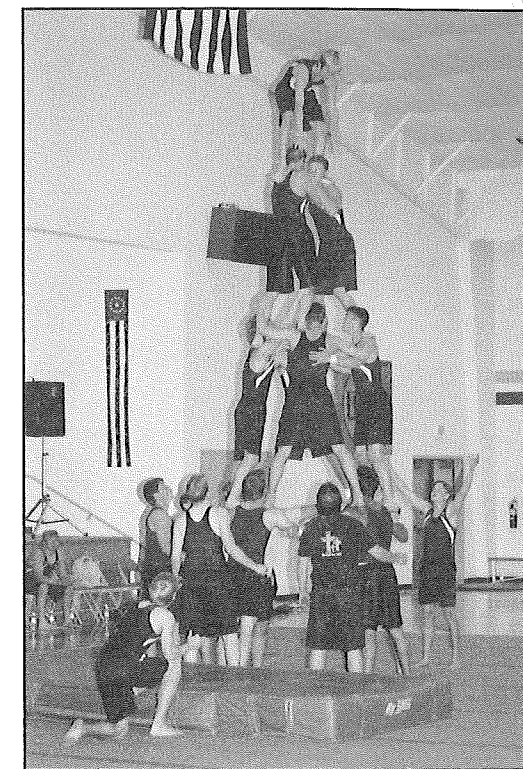
The next day's event was split between three groups. Each did a project during the morning and then shared with the whole class what they had learned. That afternoon on the way to their final stop in Vancouver, B.C., the students had a little time to rejuvenate at Bellingham's YMCA.

On the last night, everyone toured Vancouver's aquarium. They were able to hold sea stars and urchins and get fairly close to bigger animals like sea lions and a dolphin. Other creatures ranged in size from small fish to beluga whales. When the tour ended it was 1:00 a.m., and the group slept right there in the aquarium.

As the buses drove away the next morning, most everyone agreed the whole trip was worthwhile. The last task was for the sponsors to get all students on their way home for homeleave. So each bus and van set out with different time schedules and destinations, but in every vehicle were happy, satisfied, and tired teens.

Michelle Bernal

Gymnastics home show



At 9:00 p.m. on May 11, the gymnastics team presented their annual home show in the gym and amazed the crowd with feats demanding strength, balance, skill, and--at times--a sense of humor.



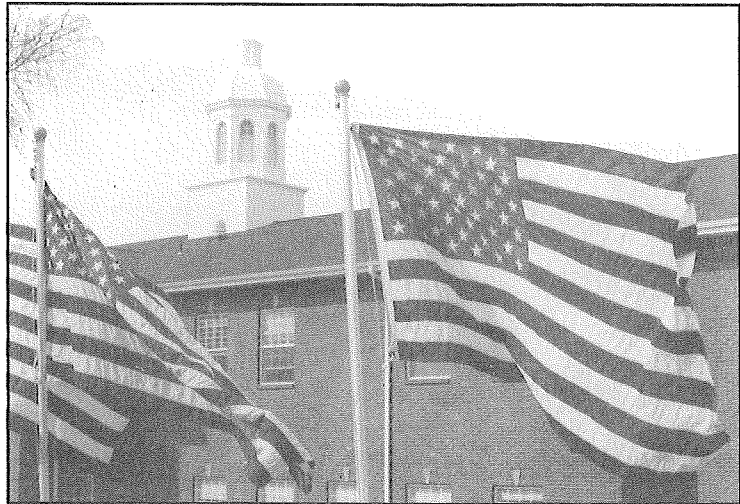
Senior Shannon Keller was chosen as the Union Gospel Mission's Youth Volunteer of the Year. Shannon has helped there with HOPE Task Force and other projects since her freshman year and has obviously made a positive impression.

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summer!**



Alumni Weekend on April 12 and 13 provided the usual opportunity for old friends and classmates to visit but was also a special patriotic extravaganza that included patriotic hymns, tributes, and a 21 gun salute. Flags were installed on both sides of the sidewalks that lead to the gymnasium, and Al Shrock built a huge flag in the shape of the United States for a backdrop on the stage.