

## Hungry or not

by Melissa Wickenberg

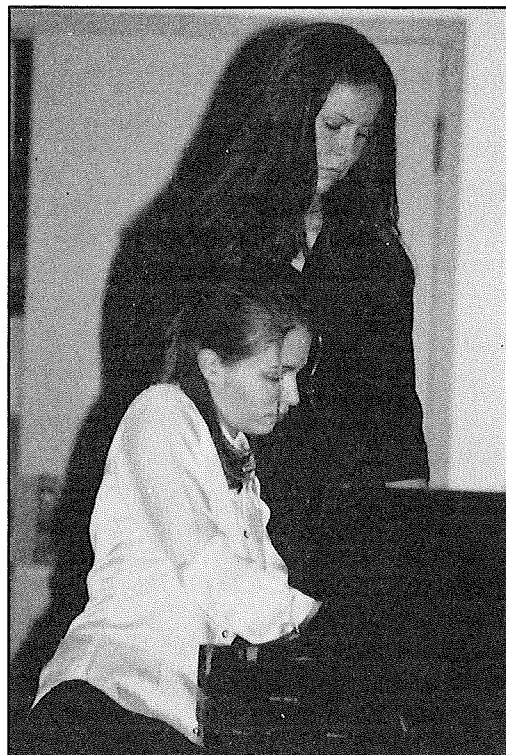
I could smell the alcohol on his breath as I smiled and handed him a cup of warm soup and a sandwich. He kept telling us how wonderful we were to come out and do this for people like him. Then he said, "I know you think I am just an old drunk fool who doesn't know what he is talking about, but I want you to always remember this: Jesus schools, and the Holy Spirit pulls."

I couldn't believe it. Here I thought I was the one coming out and helping the "poor" people in the streets of Spokane. But in all reality, I was the one getting a lesson from one of the ones I had come to help.

Feed the Hungry is a mission trip that any student can go on every Tuesday evening. It's a group of nine students and a sponsor who spend their recreation time on one of the many dark, lonely street corners of Spokane making and handing out hot soup, cider, and sandwiches.

Becki Bigelow stated, "We always sing as we hand out the food. People come up to us and tell us that it really lifts them up and gives them hope. Often, if they know the song, they will join in singing it with us."

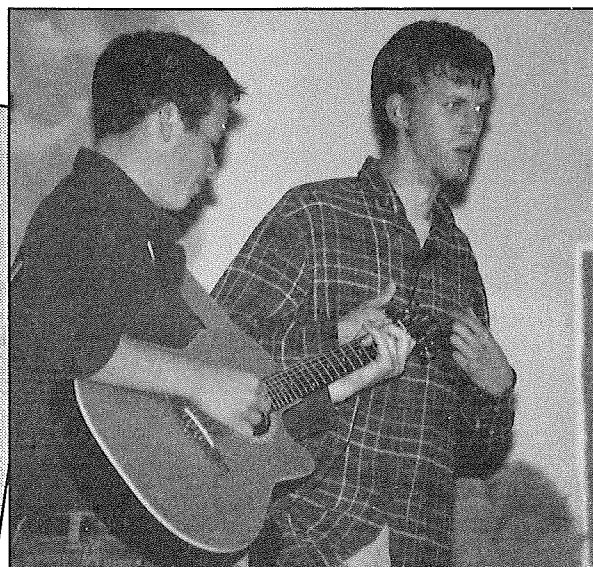
Sure you may not be going to another country where you can't understand a word anyone says to you. But it's a mission field right at our doorstep, and I guarantee you will take more out of it than you put in.



Elizabeth Randall plays "Norwegian Concerto" as her sister Rachel assists

### "A Night on the Town" *Amie De Coeur* Amateur Hour Winners

Grand Prize: Philip Byrd & Kathilee Davidson, violin duet  
Piano: Becki Bigelow, marimba solo  
Instrumental: Sally Roth, flute solo  
Vocal: Nicole Morgan  
Novelty: Dan Hudson & Brent Davis  
Audience Choice: Philip Byrd & Kathilee Davidson, violin duet



Brent Davis and Dan Hudson perform their winning number, "A Mountain of a Man"

# Grounded!

by Sally Roth

Have you ever been grounded? Imagine if you were stuck in that dismal situation for weeks, years, or an entire lifetime! Until a few weeks ago, this was my fate . . . until the day I stepped into an open cockpit, strapped on a parachute and a 1940's leather bomber helmet, and fumbled with a very strange and complicated seatbelt.

"Are you ready?" said the pilot, Addison Pemberton, a very cool guy.

"Let's go!" I said, and waved to Mr. Lacey, contentedly taking photos several yards from the fuselage.

The propeller spun faster and faster, and after a rather bumpy ride down the airstrip, I could feel the plane pulling off the ground.

"Whoa!" I yelled through the radio, because there was nothing else to say. It was amazing! I looked at the altimeter and found we were at 4,000 feet almost before I had a chance to breathe.

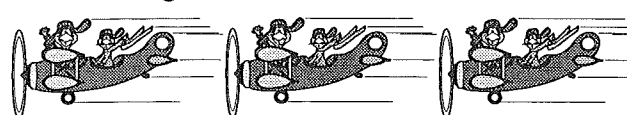
UCA looks so tiny from way up above. The sky is a fresh blue, the sun bright, and you can see for miles all around.

"When you're ready to spin, just say OK," said Mr. Pemberton.

I wasted no time. "OK!" And the scenery scrolled down.

This is the cool part. Do you think roller coasters are fun? Nothing can compare to this coaster that is suspended in thin air and going 80 miles per hour. And this one can turn just about any direction you want it to. In this particular plane, you can flip and turn for two hours without running out of gas. And the best part is that if the pilot somehow messes up and the plane dies, you get to use the parachute and skydive back down!

You've got to try it. Take the aviation class next year, and you will understand the big smile on the face of a first timer, and understand what it really means to be grounded.



Sally Roth prepares to take off during the annual fly-in on October 6

## Bump . . . set . . . spike!

by Jennifer Pielat

Standing behind the line, I toss the ball into the air and send a perfect serve sailing over the net. I watch our team set up a great bump, set, spike play ending as the ball pounds into the floor on the other side of the net. That is what I like about volleyball: practicing and working to make great plays.

The girls' volleyball season got off to a great start this year. Virgie and Bridgette Darrough are coaching the varsity and junior varsity teams.

The ladies have played teams from South Hill, Lake City Junior Academy, and Havermill and are undefeated.

Ashley Shelton says, "Playing on the volleyball team is really fun and it helps me get to know new people. GO LIONS!"



## The sound of music

by Dan Hudson

If you happened into the choir room during the 5:18 period you would find a group of inconceivably attractive and incredibly intelligent students. This is not, of course, the full UCA Choir, but the Choraliers. This is the group of kids who on the first week of school nervously entered Mr. Anderson's cavernous office and tried sight reading through a seemingly random song of his choice. After fumbling around and feeling their cheeks flush warm with the red of embarrassment, they were dismissed from the room, and left to wonder for the next few days if they had made the cut. But a grand total of 29 of the best singers on campus have ended up in this elite choir.

The 2002-2003 Choraliers made a smashing debut on Parent Weekend, singing a beautiful variation of "Nearer, Still Nearer." A sextet, assembled just for the song, sang the second verse in two trios and then joined in the final strain. With many songs in the works, this year looks promising.

On November 1 and 2 you may have had a chance to hear the group come and sing if you attend either the Yakima or Ellensburg churches. This was the first tour, with a long evening vespers concert in Yakima, and a shorter concert for church service in Ellensburg. At both places the Choraliers were treated to friendly people, great food, and never ending desert scenery. It is always fun for them to spend time with each other and sing their best for God. Their prayer for all of their performances is that He will be glorified.

An even smaller choral group is the Octet. The students that make it up this year are 2nd Bass Bob Lenz, Baritone Dan Hudson, 2nd Tenor Adam Schilt, 1st Tenor Philip Byrd, 2nd Alto Rebecca Burke, 1st Alto Kaitlynn James, 2nd Soprano Naomi Clark, and 1st Soprano Mindy Tachenko. They also sang for Parent Weekend--a very pretty version of the contemporary Christian song, "Shine On Us."

The year has started off well for the Choral Department, and many more good things are expected throughout the year.

## Bible Conference

by Mindie Getty

"Let's Get Tight" (Staying Close to Jesus). That was the theme for the 2002 Bible Conference held at Camp MiVoden on Hayden Lake at the end of October.

It was a beautiful note to start on as everyone began arriving. Those in attendance included 32 from UCA, one from Milo, four from Orofino, two from Moses Lake, 17 from Mount Ellis, 43 from Auburn, nine from Columbia, 10 from Sandpoint, 38 from Gem State, 9 from Cascade, and 14 from Portland. As the crowd grew, chaos reigned until 6:30, when the first meeting began.

Elder Alfonso McCarthy, director of Youth Ministries for the NPUC, was once again in attendance, organizing and announcing activities. The guest speaker was A.J. Grant, whose style of preaching reached many. A Special Feature was Pastor Clarissa Worley. All were all blessed not only by her preaching but also by her singing. Everyone was also serenaded by a male quartet from Venezuela named "Spiritual Roots," who sang often.

There were so many activities to do, ranging from swimming to hiking. There was a "UCA style" afterglow around a bonfire Friday night, and even "Family" was sung before prayer.

"I gained a blessing from A.J. Grant's talks about his experience as a high-schooler and how he related them to people in the Bible and their relationship with Christ," said Elizabeth Randall.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- NOV 26 Thanksgiving Vacation
- DEC 6 Basketball Tournament
- 8 Christmas Banquet
- 15 ACT Tests
- 20-21 Christmas Concerts
- 22 Christmas Vacation



## The lording of the flies

by Maranatha Hay

A dense cloud settles over the UCA campus. It fluctuates as a wave and then concentrates itself in the most sensitive of areas: the cafeteria. The air is filled with knats, in quantities so gargantuan that one is reminded of the seven plagues.

This is an annual event, dubbed by some as the "gnatfest." Millions of these wee buggies descend each year and generally stay around a week. Girls running around wide-eyed with bugs plastered onto their chapstick are a sad but common sight. Boys are reduced to wearing bed sheets to the cafe and to class. Even teachers use umbrellas on crystal clear days, trying to foil the natural threat.

So how do you beat the bug depression? Most endure, living lives as close to normal as possible. Others wear hoods as tightly pulled as circulation will allow. Sophomore Mandy Wilson commented, "They're so despicable; we wrapped ourselves really, really tight in our blankets and went to the cafeteria." Amanda Jehle covers her face with her hands and tries not to breathe--which limits her conversation around campus. Anything that shields the face or closes off the skin area is prime.

The question of the season, however, is this: Should they be endured or eradicated? Paul Cockerham, a junior, seems to have an opinion. "They

should be killed; they're a menace to this campus."

The gnat horde does seem to generate obvious discomfort, but one can't help but wonder if the cost of purging them from the campus might be too high a price to rid us of a week's insanity.



Phillip Sherwood goes Celtic during Amateur Hour

## Amateur Hour auditions

by Chelsea Moore

Excitement filled the air and a "whisper of butterflies" flew throughout the music building. And what made this aura of "high tensions?" . . . Amateur Hour auditions! Yes, the yearly tradition was fulfilled. UCA students buzzed about practicing the lines of hilarious scripts, reviewing how many sharps or flats were in the second movement of some grand concerto, or simply waiting calmly for their turn. When that time came, the performer would step into the room, and the door would close. Inside, the music committee, girls' club officers and deans welcomed them. When they finished, they were graciously thanked and then congratulated by those waiting outside.

When all the auditions are completed, the performers must wait in suspense until the following morning. Whether or not they make it, the experience, as students have said time and again, is extremely valuable and helps them know what to expect the following year, when we, once again, will have auditions. Have you started practicing?

## Class Elections

by Tommy Cutting

When class elections were held, it was an interesting event to say the least. After the votes were cast and counted, we all assembled in the gym for the fun part: announcing the officers. When I got to the gym, I thought the view would be less obstructed from up in the weight room, so up I went. Arriving in the weight room, I was slightly confused at some of the eccentric characters who were cavorting about--a mummy, a man covered in duct tape, and a five foot five impersonation of Batman, to name a few. But these only proved to be minor distractions, and I soon found myself enjoying the performances down below.

First up were the freshmen who came running to the stage in football jerseys at the announcement of their names. Next it was the sophomores' turn. Their little show started with a strangely-colored figure with its arms crossed. Someone later suggested that it was meant to look like an Oscar. Then one by one the officers came out, announced as if they were being awarded their own Oscar. Then it was time for the juniors. I just knew that they would bring some quality entertainment my way, and of course they did. One by one their names were announced and they made their way up to the stage, doubled over in laughter by the witty comments of Dan Hudson. And last, but not least, came the seniors, their performance explaining all of the unusual characters I had seen in the weight room. From James Bond to Duct Tape Man they all assembled on stage where their true identities were revealed.

That's the story on how all of the classes presented their officers, and I must say that it made voting an entirely new and interesting experience.

*See the list of class officers on the back page*

## The promise

by Natasha Ham

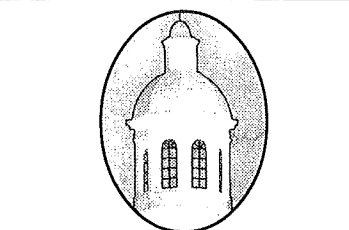
As you read the word *hunger*, what comes to mind? Do you see images of starving children in Africa, or the homeless on the streets in Spokane? Do you think of the people in the world without the knowledge of God, or us as students here at UCA? Or perhaps all of the above have to do with hunger . . .

On Friday night, October 18th, from 6:00 until 7:00, the Power House was open to students and staff for a season of prayer and fasting. Of the roughly 15 people who came, nine students chose to miss their evening meal. They signed over the cafeteria rebate of three dollars each to go towards Spokane's Challenge Hunger Program, which took place the week of October 14-20. As we gathered there to help ease Spokane's physical hunger, we also acknowledged a spiritual hunger of the human heart that is often overlooked. It was refreshing and encouraging to share our concerns and prayer requests with one another, and then to come before God with our campus and our community in mind. Specifically, we all prayed for God's blessing and guidance for our upcoming HOPE Task Force day, Prayer Conference at MiVoden, and the October Homeleave.

One participant shared, "It was a safe haven, a place of trust in each other and in God. We came together as a family, were still before God, and the Holy Spirit was there." Our sponsor that evening, Andrew Bigelow, says it was awesome to see how God is actively working in the lives of students here at UCA. He hopes to continue a group meeting of fasting and prayer once a month, and possibly more often with increased support. This is an incredible opportunity for us as students to make a direct impact on our community, as well as right here in our campus.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled." Mt 5:6, NIV. "Blessed are you who hunger now, for you will be satisfied." Lk 6:21a, NIV.

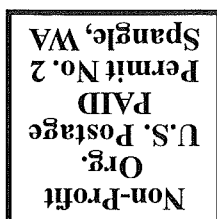
Jesus has fulfilled these promises for us! "I am the bread of life." John 6:48, NIV. We can help Him fulfill the promise for our community in the physical sense of fasting, and in the spiritual sense by our everyday interactions with each other and with the people of Spokane. Will you choose to let Jesus challenge hunger in your life this month?



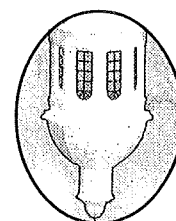
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