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# IN MEMORIAM

Kimberly Kalinas October 1971 - July 1990

Kimberly was a 1989 graduate of our Upward Bound Program. She received the Literary Magazine Award during the summer of 1988 and was the Secretary of Student Government her senior year. Upon graduation, Kim was selected to receive Upward Bound's Award for Progress. Last year she was our "Bridge Student of the Summer."

In June, Kim completed her first year at Wilkes University. She was pursuing her goal of becoming a nurse and also working as one of our office assistants.

We are that much better for Kim's support and contributions to our Upward Bound. We miss her already.

# THIS ISSUE IS DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY OF RYAN WHITE

MARY WALSH

"Ryan White"

Courage, bravery, and passionate hope. with the knowledge of your own death, you had to cope. In my eyes, a hero you'll always be, to take the jeers and taunts so bravely, When you didn't need it. But love and happiness you always needed. The sound of your name, well it brings to mind Thoughts of sharing, caring, and being kind. Through all your pain, Through all your strife. You remained same You valued life. You gave our lives so much meaning You were such a fine human being: To bear your life. I wouldn't know how We love you and miss you so much now. You faced your problems with as much Courage as one could get. And that courage as one could get Now only in my mind can I see you so bright

I'll never forget you. Ryan White!

The Flower

A beautiful petal, part of a flower, One of nature's gift's, from only one rain shower .

A song it sings of perfect scent. The listener knows exactly what is meant.

Sometimes cruel things make them bend. They are so delicate they won't mend.

If you pick them, their life will end, Then forever gone is your friend.

-Kimbo

# AMY ZUKOSKI

Knock! Knock! Should I answer it? How do I know who is there?

Ding! Dong! Should I answer It? How do I know what they bear?

They may be carrying a bullet inside a metal gun They may be offering me their heart...a heart full of love.

Knock! Knock! How could I tell what is out there? Should I open up and see?

Ding! Dong! You cannot tell what is out there, unless you open your heart and see.

TERRA WILUSHEWSKI

"Laughter--My Prescription"

Instead of frowns That wrinkle your face, Put a smile In its place. Instead of tears From a broken heart, Shead tears of Joy, Come one, be smart! Isn't laughter

Sweeter than crying? Doesn't it make life Worth the trying? So giggle, laught, And smile at things. Instead of always crying Over what life brings.

# VALARIE KLIAMOVICH

"Don't Leave Me Now!"

"I wish Mom would get over her cold already," I said to my father. He just looked at me with a stern and somewhat scared face. I didn't really understand why he looked that way, but then again I didn't really care.

My family wasn't too close, but lately my parents and the rest of the family seemed to want to spend as much time as they could together. My parents were on the phone all the time. My parent's friends brought all kinds of things to the house like flowers, cards, and food.

"Wow," I thought to myself, "these people are strange! I wonder what's going on?"

That night I began to wonder. My grandparents and parents sat me down at the kitchen table.

"There is something we've got to tell you," my grandmother said softly.

Everyone was silent, you could even hear the dripping faucet. Then my mother began to cry.

"What's wrong," I asked, confused and sympathetic to everyone at the table.

"I have cancer," my mother sobbed,

"What are you talking about? Things like this don't happen to me or my family," I said to myself. "Is my mother going to die?"

As the days dragged by, I would sit and think about the times I did something wrong that disappointed my mother. All I wanted was for her to be happy.

I often would stop and pray to God that He would spare my mother's life.

I wasn't real young at the time, but too young to really know what was going on. All I knew was that I could

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lose my mother.

I tried to think of a way I could help her. The only way I could think of was to be brave, pray and do as much as I could around the house.

The day of my mother's operation wasthere. My entire family was at the hospital. The hours felt like days and my eyes became heavy. The doctor approached us with a smile.

"Everything went just fine," he grinned. "Just remember, it's not over yet."

"Not over yet? What does he mean?" I asked my grandmother.

"You see," she said, "in order for a cancer patient to be considered cured they must go five years without any signs of cancer."

It has been almost five years now since my mother's operation. In this coming August, she will be considered cured.

Through this experience, I have gained a new love for my mother and a best friend.

I would also like to say, "I love you, Mom." I thought I might not ever get the chance to tell you that face to face again.

"God, I thank You for sparing my mother's life."

"Laughing helps the mending heart." --Liza Lettle

Chart Tran July 10, 1997 MARY WALSH

"November 5"

As I sit here with my friends off in a dazed kind of way, I started thinking of when I was born Sixteen years from this day. I thank God for making me A lively and healthy child But, remember there are few and this subject must be filed. Imagine yourself in your mother's womb unprotected and defenseless. You feel your mother running around Sad and very relentless. You don't know what is going on And neither does your mother. You feel her crying terribly She doesn't know where's your father. Next thing you know, you're laying down Your laying on a cold operating table. A man reaches in and pulls you out. You try to stop, but you're not able. You're laying on an ice cold bench Gasping for breath. Everyone is just staring at you Just sitting, watching your death.

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# JANINE HYDE

(For the UB summer students, 1985, and for Tom and Stella--thanks)

Sitting in the lounge of a Wilkes U. dorm housing Upward Bound students for a six-week summer session. I try to remember what it was like being 16.

I know that somewhere in that first summer I fell in love, danced too close, yelled too loud, and ran up stairs. I soaked in things I should've have. also some things I should.

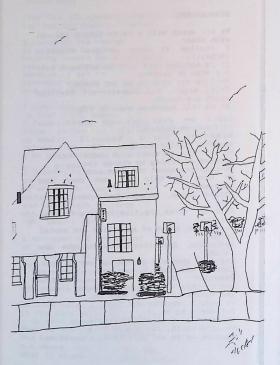
I learned to slow down, to take it all in, to write, to read, and learn and then to teach, and touch and speak back to those who screamed, "No, you can't," "Oh, yes, I can."

I shrugged off the weight of self-doubt, anger, and insecurity. But most of all I learned I was worth something, I would be someone, and people truly cared.

Sitting here, alone, in the rare silence, I do envy these klds. They've got it. I know it. And by the end of six weeks, they'll know, too, what it means to be Upward Bound.

#### STAN MADERO

We all speak with a harsh tongue against each other. I realize it when we are fighting verbally. It is noticed more with an argument with a sister or brother Well we say what is on our minds. Hate, anger, and despair--all feelings which are known. We go into suspense when we fight. Can't we ever try to amend our differences peacefully? Remember World War II. for example--Hitler and Mussolini. We all have to start with ourselves. Instead of trying to change the world . We complain about the arms race. We have to help our own poor and homeless. Ronald Regan, George Bush--they don't care What our lives are like as long as they are cozy. Ignore out cries of education and social being. Democrats, Republicans, Communists are words. They say they can change our world. Corrupt and power hungry men. Remember Nixon, Hitler, Stalin, Lenin--they lied again and again. The future is ours to work on. We should remember our past. But dwelling on it Makes it an everlasting circle. We, the youth, can change this Because we're all different, you and me.



# AMY ZUKOSKI

# "Never Say Goodbye"

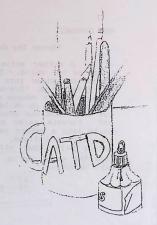
A mother anticipates the first words of her child. The child crawis across the floor into her arms, saying his first word, "Bye-bye." Those arms being his only source of protection and strength. Why do children later in life run away from the arms they once clung to? Parents raise and nurture their child into a mature being with his own ideals, aspirations, and dreams. A mature being that will soon step out into the cruel world, turn around and say, "Good-bye."

# JENNIFER WILLIAMS "Love"

Can you believe how much I cared. About the love that we once shared? I can't believe how much it made me cry, When I heard the words that made our love die

I hope that you remember me,

'cause you're the one who set me free!



MARY WALSH

#### "WAR"

They sit in the jungle all quiet at night,

They're too afraid to look at the bloody sight.

They sit their watch in suffering pain As their friends all die or go insane. They wait for a pullet to let them die As they ask the famous guestion, Why?

### JOHN GADOMSKI

I lay awake all night Just thinking about her Thinking that she must might Care about me But the sun rises and I find out she does not But why do I still care for her Is it her smile Or the way she walks I'll love her forever But still go unnoticed.

# TERRA WILUSHEWSKI

## "Friends"

Friendship never questions you It doesn't have to ask. It shows in what you say and do No matter what the task. You cannot see it with your eye Or hold it in your hand. Together we must work and try. " To keep God's simple plan. A man named Jesus shows the way. He teaches us what to do. "Love one another every day, As much as I love you." When trials and troubles challenge you. And life seems so unfair. Hand in hand we'll see them through. Together we can bear. Over the years as we grow. It may be put to the test. It's truly up to us, you know. As friends we are the best. He who is a friend is always a friend, And a brother is born for the time of stress.

# A wise person hears one word and understands two

Yiddish Proverb

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STAN MADERO

"Feelings for a Friend"

There was a girl who was really bold She broke my heart and now it's cold. The feelings we shared were sometimes sad. I often wondered really why Some feelings we shared make me cry. The friendship we had was really great. Then when it stopped it made me hate. When feelings for a friend make you cry, All you can do is wonder why?

AMY ZUKOSKI

"Sitting on the Sand"

I was sitting on the sand one day, watching the boats dock in the bay. This little boy came up to me. I suppose he wanted to play.

I was sitting on the sand one day, with this boy for a while. Suddenly he stood and looked and gave me a smile.

I was sitting on the sand one day, watching the birds fly high. This little boy came up and said, "I have to say good-bye."

I was sltting on the sand, years later. watching the boats dock in the bay. This man came up to me. but had nothing to say.

# LIZA LETTIE

What's raging through their mind. Why me? How come? and What for? They think it's the only way out. Out that long and dusty door.

They don't ask their family. The ones who really care.

Maybe they have had enough. It's just too much for them to bear.

No one's in their corner, and No one's on their side.

They need someone to talk to, Someone to share the ride.

There are people out there Willing to listen to you.

Just call them up and work it out. You can always talk it through. There are no other choices. You're taking your life away.

You'll miss all the great things left It's not the price to pay.

So look down life's long haul And chose another door.

If you take it All away, You won't know what's in store.

TARA HILL "Genuine Friends" (For Krisann, Ruth, and Lyann)

I'll always remember our fun times together. They're a part of my memory that will last forever. Your genuine friendship is special to me. It's a friendship that will last through eternity. You're great people and you deserve the best. Don't ever settle for anything less. May love and success follow you through your days. Remember to hold on to your dreams and pursue them always! ERIN NEWSUN

# "The Waiting Room"

"Go find an inspiring place to write something creative," she said to her literary scholars. She palred us up and sent us off. We all went in different directions, not knowing where we'd end up. So the two of us, Amy and 1, wandered around the campus. We couldn't make up our minds about anything--should we go inside or outside, be in a classroom or out in a hall, sit at a desk or on the floor, write about this or that--and I could go on forever.

Finally, we settled in the last place on earth you'd expect us to be Inspired by (Yet it was convenient) -- the ladies' bathroom! Amy spread out on the floor and I curled up in the lounge chalr, my pen and paper ready to go. just waiting for that moment of inspiration to fall upon me, however the only thing that dld fall upon me was that stingy strong smell of ammonia. It did wonders for my stuff nose, though! But I was pleased to know that the ianitors did their job thoroughly. because at my high school, our bathroom was filled with a lots of odors...but. unfortunately for us, ammonia wasn't one of them.

Anyway, we signed, scribbled, and shifted about trying to come up with something interesting to write, and if I was inspired by anything, it was the atmosphere of my surroundings. The ladies' waiting room is not quite your average creative thinking room, but don't knock it 'til you try it!

#### BUNNIE UMALS

# "Mother's Hands"

The smooth, creamy potatoes are quartered and dropped into the pot. --a hill of smooth white stones.

My mother's small, strong hands carry the vegetables guickly to the stove. Nimble fingers fasten the lid.

Her weathered hands were smooth and young like mine once, and she doesn't mind.

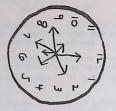
Those scars and wrinkles are beautiful to me. They are the signs of loving us.

#### JOE FLYNN

## "Count Thy Blessings!"

#### Count thy blessings!

Listening to the waves crash against the rocks can be peaceful and calm and glorious. But be very careful because the ugly witch of the sea can appear and cast a spell on some of you. the ears of life or the eyes of eternity can be gone forever. The lucky ones who survive the spell must be willing to ald their fellow man. They are life's real heros. Many times we take life for granted, but Count Thy Blessings!



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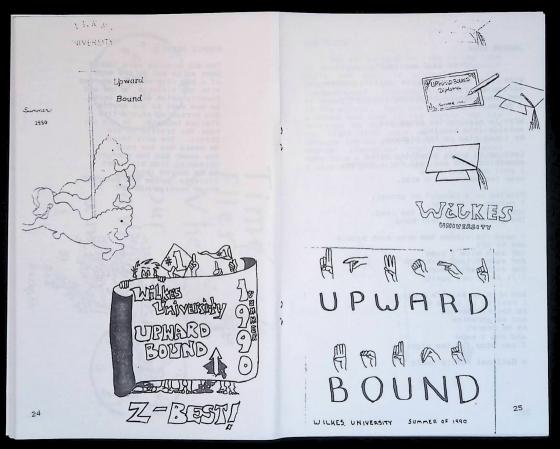
BONNIE OAKES

The boy without ears looked Down as he sat on the edge Of a big city roof, disturbed With the violence, crime and Poverty which existed below. He was deaf to the crying And screaming of the tiny Visions beneath. He did not hear the traffic on the Street. The only thing He heard was the pain, the anger and the confusion Screaming from his heart As he soared into the Violence, crime and poverty Which puzzled him so.

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Bob Passett,



## JANINE HYDE

"Poem of Discontent"

With the wall of slide guitar coming across the radio and the slapping of windshielf wipers, I drive at night.

NPR\* is playing the blues and outside it's pouring. My tires hiss on the highway.

Longing to touch something solid something firm and real for a change, I pull over and stoop near the passenger's side.

Picking up a handful of gravel, I return to the car, and steer her back on the road, the gravel in my left hand.

I open the window and drop each pebble one by one for each mile I pass for each friend I've lost for each family member I'll never see agaln.

And when my palm is empty, I realize it is as wet as the windshield and as abrasive as my regret and now I know I can stop for the night.

\* National Public Radio

# JOE FLYNN

How can we keep sailing in the lake of destruction and the sea of despair while out boat is encircled by the leadership and bad sharks of incompetence? Everyday the evil heads of power, money, and corruption appear in the mirror. Each one of us must take a stand and look in the mirror for the solution to our problem. Together we can fight this ogre we call politics because inside each of us lies a secret magical ingredient that will someday make this a wonderful world and allow us a calm and peaceful voyage.



THE MOST VALUABLE OF ALL TALENTS IS THAT OF NEVER USING TWO WORDS WHEN ONE WILL DO By: Thomas Jefferson

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To Love Is To Admire With The Heart; To Admire Is To Love With The Mind

THEODAILE GAUTHER CALLIGRAPHY STACY SCOTT

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#### "Daydreamer"

As I daydream. I see a far land. There is a castle which is falling down. A bright green moss has invaded its Beyond the castle I see structure. green fields which go on and on into the misty, unknown land beyond. In one direction. I see a mountain with a gentle waterfall creasing its side. At the end of the waterfall is a swiftly moving, shallow stream. As I follow the winding stream through a break in two small hills I find myself in a field full of gently swaying flowers. This is my dream of a world of mystical enchantment not known by many people today.

#### AMY ZUKOSKI

#### "To Herbert: With all My Love, You Ol' Foggy!"

# (For Liza!)

My love. I do remember the olden days. How can I forget? The way you danced and cared for our seven children. The way you cared for me...Helping me up the dredged stairs and inclines that my feeble body could not make. My ivory hair, my dresses, the way my stockings would fall down. Oh, how it seems like yesterday...Can you stop, just for one moment, and think ... think of the times on vacation... In texas, Bermuda, and the great outdoors. The cactuses we trampled. the mosquitos and beaches...how your wandering eyes (to other girlies!) amazed me. I have never seen ya move that fast in years: Could you only...Go...Back...Back in time with me? Our lives could be renewed!



# The Beachcomber

Among the pilgrims within minds reach. There lies a burn on a far-away beach . He dresses in rags of red, white, and blue. yes, proud of his country he's one of the fer An old and grey man, with scars from the wars; Must be bout one hundred, maybe some more. He lost his job about forty years ago When computers took over the entire show. He's quiet but friendly , honest and true; Would die for his country, yes, one of the few. It's such a terrible shame to see this man. Who proudly came forth to fight for our land, Homeless and hungry, not even a ponny. Ignored for his courage, he's one of the many.

Fred Brown

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BONNIE OAKES

"Walking on the Beach"

I'm walking on the beach Without shoes And the sand is squishing between my toes And I hate that feeling. I look out at the setting sun And try to tone out the squishing sand And think about other things. I think about the stuff in the middle of Fig Newtons And wonder if it's just figs or figs and others stuff And I think about the future And what I'll be doing in twenty years And what I'll be doing tomorrow. I think about hieroglyphics And how people had the patience to use them And what I'd be doing if I were in Egypt right now. I think about Kennedy's assassination And why Oswald did it And how Caroline and John felt when there were told Daddy wasn't coming home. I think about wool sweaters And how warm they are And how stupid sheep look after they've been shorn. I think about people's purpose in life And what we're supposed to be doing And if we're doing it right. I think about all the strange thoughts I'm thinking And look back to the setting sun And remember I'm trying to tone out the fact that I'm walking on the beach Without shoes And the sand is squishing between my toes And I hate that feeling.

LIZA LETTIE The rose buds open like glant eyes Seeing the world Like neither you or I.

Closing at night They lay to rest Waiting for a new day Like all the rest.

Opening again The very next morn The old ones die And new are born.

So you see my dear friend I hope you realize Roses are like life It's all in the eyes.

# AMY ZUKOSKI

#### "Stereotype"

He looks like a partler, because of his long hair. His feelings and insides they really don't want to share. They feel he's an alcoholic--A rebel without a goal. If they would look behind the appearance They would understand there is a soul.

# JOHN GADOMSKI

#### "Words"

Why do I get so stumbled up with things called words. Why can I express myself on paper why not to another person. Is it inside of me? Can that be the reason why, or is it because I don't even try.

Whether women are better than men I cannot say they are certainly no worse.

Golda Meir Calligraphy:KathleenKittrick

The past cannot be changed but the future is whatever you want it. to be.

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Calligraphy by Terra Wilushewski

Patience is a neccessary ingredient genius

By:Benjamin Disadi

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A sorrow shared is a sorrow halved;

A joy shared is a joy doubled.

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German Proverb

# JOHN GADOMSKI

# "DISTANCES"

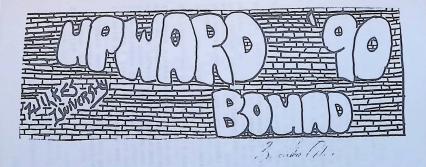
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Across a deep blue sea Where meadows lle As the wind wisks me away Hoping that there is a place A place for only me For when the sun sets It sets only for me It's the perfect scenery For time waits for me And these visions I see Are irresistible to me But alas, I can never Find such a place Because it's impossible for me.

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"Calcium rules, Dude!" --Staff's World guote

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