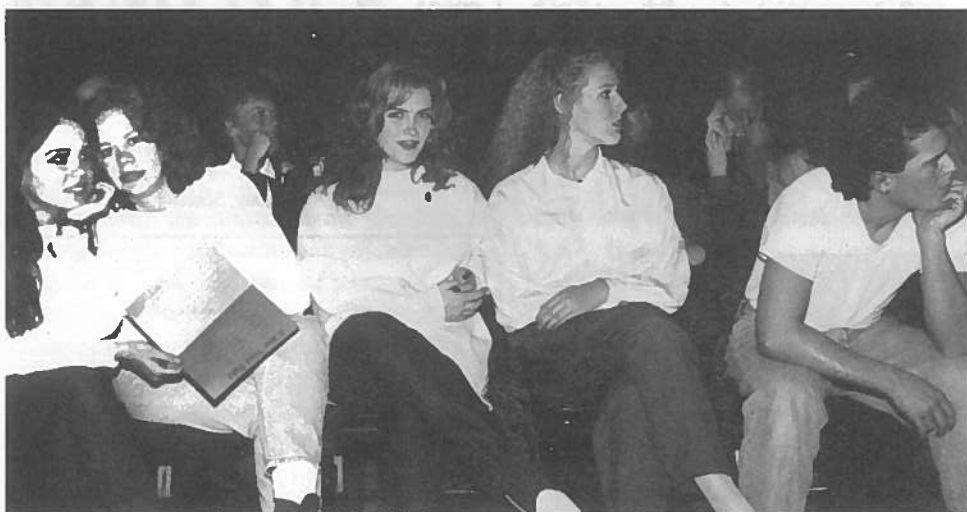


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TOP: Shane Anderson and friends Andy Henneberg, John Hisey, and Greg Lamberton concentrate on harmony.

CENTER: Part of the crowd that was enthralled with the entertainment.

BOTTOM: The Girls' Club officers take a bow.

AMATEUR HOUR

On Friday the 13th of November, over a thousand Adventists from around the Upper Columbia Conference gathered together on the UCA campus for a long, enjoyable convocation weekend. Saturday night, visitors and students alike packed the gymnasium by the hundreds to experience a wonderful evening at the Girls' Club (Amie de Couer) Amateur Hour

The Amateur Hour consisted of vocal solos, piano pieces, instrumental numbers, and a few skits that all added up to an extravaganza of fun and top-notch entertainment. From Cheris Jones' comical vocal solo "Lying Little Daisy" to Geoff Greenway's colorful rendition of "76 Trombones," the evening proved wonderfully fun to say the least.

In between skits and solos, UCA English professor, Tammy McGuire, emceed the show with hilarious jokes and humorous stories. Her rhetoric, syntax, and tonal usage definitely deserved an "A" for brightening up the evening with laughs galore.

After many categorical prizes had been awarded, Jenny Canaday was given the judges' grand prize for her superb violin solo. "Shane Anderson and Friends" received the audience grand prize for their outstanding performance of an old time favorite, "Happy Together."

The entire evening was a grand experience of excellent entertainment and wonderful talent. The Girls' Club officers did a great job in providing a superb program with some serious fun, "A Star-Filled Night."

Adam Ferguson.

GOD'S SNOWFLAKE

*A single snowflake falls in peaceful bliss
Gliding softly, so softly without a sound
Falling slowly, gently, to the ground
Alike yet different from his brothers
A perfect snowflake different from all others*

*From God a beautiful snowflake's pure kiss
Crafted for the purpose to bring us love
Love in a single soft snowflake from above
It goes straight about its task and falls so fast
So simple a life only to melt at last*

LeRoy Wheeler

DORM LIFE REVISITED

Riiiiiiii . . . Bang! I crash my alarm clock to rubble on my desk, roll over, and go back to sleep. Suddenly I'm awakened by a hysterical roommate yelling something like, "7:05! Get out of bed! You've got a class!"

"Of course I've got a class," I mumble. "I'm a Junior."

"No! No! You've got A CLASS!"

At this I fly out of bed and grab my towel on the run to the shower. I reach the shower just in time to see a blue Smurf-like being come running out. I turn on the "hot" water and turn plum blue. Then I know that it was no Smurf I'd seen. After thawing out I dress quickly and race to class at 7:15.

Life has once more begun in the guy's dorm. It starts as people stagger to the showers or try to wake up their friends by pounding on their doors. The old building shakes and shudders to its very core.

During the day our dorm is in the constant chaos of comings and goings. Then, at 8:00 pm, we close the day and start study hall with evening worship. After worship we report to our hall and check in with our Resident Assistant for the first hour of study hall. During the first hour we are given the chance to shower, do laundry, or visit with our friends.

The second hour of study hall comes all too quickly, and students are herded off to their rooms from different hiding places in the dorm. If they stray from their rooms, they are obligated to do push-ups.

Finally the lights blink at about 10:30 pm, and a few minutes, or moments, later they go out until morning. Most students now sleep; but come morning, they are up to do it all again.

Dean Stevens and his assistant, Dean Threadgill, do a good job of managing the R.A. and keeping the dorm under control.

LeRoy Wheeler

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!



REMEMBER THE DOUGHNUTS? Amie Chilson and Carrie Mastronarde look on delightedly as Mrs. Marsh offers them some snack items. Did they resist temptation?

INGATHERING

Single-digit temperatures did not stop ingatherers on December 6, the first night of ingathering. Dozens met in the cafeteria, organized, then loaded into busses, vans, and cars to head out to Spokane's South Hill region. The groups were greeted with a positive and generous response from the community and then headed back to the cafeteria to be warmed and fortified with flagons of hot chocolate or hot apple cider.

Remembering Pastor Meidinger's sermon earlier in the day, many could not help but realize that they had been sent by angels to make a positive contact for Christ with the residents of the South Hill community. And that is what "the pride" is all about!

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It only takes a little snow to get some folks started. Here a desperate snowboarder tries a run on "Mount Boys' Dorm."



Lorelei Heicksen shows her school spirit during "Hat & Hair Day."

SPIRIT WEEK

Spirit week was a lot of fun this year. We opened with a crazy "Hat & Hair Day." Tuesday was "Backwards Day," and pride ran high as students suffered for the sake of their classes: Shoes appeared on the wrong feet, and shirts sported buttons down the back. Wednesday--"Career Day"--was an experience. Students took over the jobs of teachers and vice versa. Thursday was enough to make anyone's "eye for fashion" confused. "Clash Day" prompted us to throw inhibitions to the wind and be wild. That day, "You look awful!" was considered a high compliment. And then, on Friday, we summed it all up with "UCA Day." Anything from basketball uniforms to UCA buttons could be expected. For a whole week we had showed how proud we were of our school. I, for one, was proud of our pride.

Sarah Coleman

BAND TOUR

The Clarkston church welcomed the Upper Columbia Academy Band Friday evening, November 6, with a supper of shamburgers. Soon afterwards, the band repaid them with a terrific sacred concert. The concert over, the students were divided out among the good folks who had volunteered to keep them over the weekend.

Sabbath found the students and their hosts at their separate churches where some of the students had special music. That evening, the band played a secular concert at Beacon Junior High School in Lewiston, Idaho. At 9:00 the next morning, the tired band members headed for the busses that would take them back to school.

On the whole, the band tour, as one of the band members said, "...was a learning experience, both individually and as a group."

Kristine Hillmon

F.C.A.

Basketball, football, softball, volleyball, Christian fellowship, and a little bit of soreness was what the Fellowship of Christian Athletes was all about. This year nearly forty girls and guys loaded into our bus and headed for Walla Walla College where F.C.A. was being held.

Our time was very limited. Each minute we were being drilled in a sport or were getting to know people better. We were privileged to have Dean Russel, former national wrestling champion, as our guest speaker.

After a long workout on Saturday night, Coach Soule took us all out for pizza. Sunday morning rolled around, and everyone clambered on to the bus--still half asleep and in pain--for the drive back to school. Another successful outing was accomplished.

Leah Westerdahl

DEAN THREADGILL

Mike Threadgill, our new assistant mens' dean, was born in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. When asked in what year, he smilingly said, "The flower child era." About his age he would only say, "I'm not old enough to be your father." Other sources (faculty member Joe Threadgill!) report he had a birthday on October 21.

Mr. Threadgill made it through UCA and went on to Walla Walla College where he majored in business. Recently graduated, he arrived on the UCA campus in the middle of the first quarter to be our new assistant mens' dean. He also coaches the varsity volleyball team.

Mr. Threadgill's hobbies include windsurfing, tennis, ant farming, singing solos, and playing the French horn. He especially loves playing volleyball. His future goal is to own and operate a business, but until then, we're glad he's here to keep us in line, take away our radios, and, seriously, be a true Christian friend to us. Please stay awhile. We're happy you're here!

Adam Ferguson

CLASS PARTIES

Class parties this year were full of excitement. Remember? The Seniors and Juniors had the choice of either going to watch a hockey game in Spokane, which was a slicing thrill, or to Eastern Washington University in Cheney to watch a volleyball game--bump, set, spike! The Sophomores went ice skating at the Eagle Ice Arena in Spokane. There were a few bruised knees and scratched elbows, but you didn't hear anyone complaining! Last, but not least, the Freshmen held their party in our grade school here across campus. They started the night off with nachos, pizza, ice-cream and cake, and then experienced thrilling relay games and other amusements such as "pass the tangerine."

Thank-you to all the class officers and sponsors for selecting great places to have a night packed full of entertainment and plain old fun!

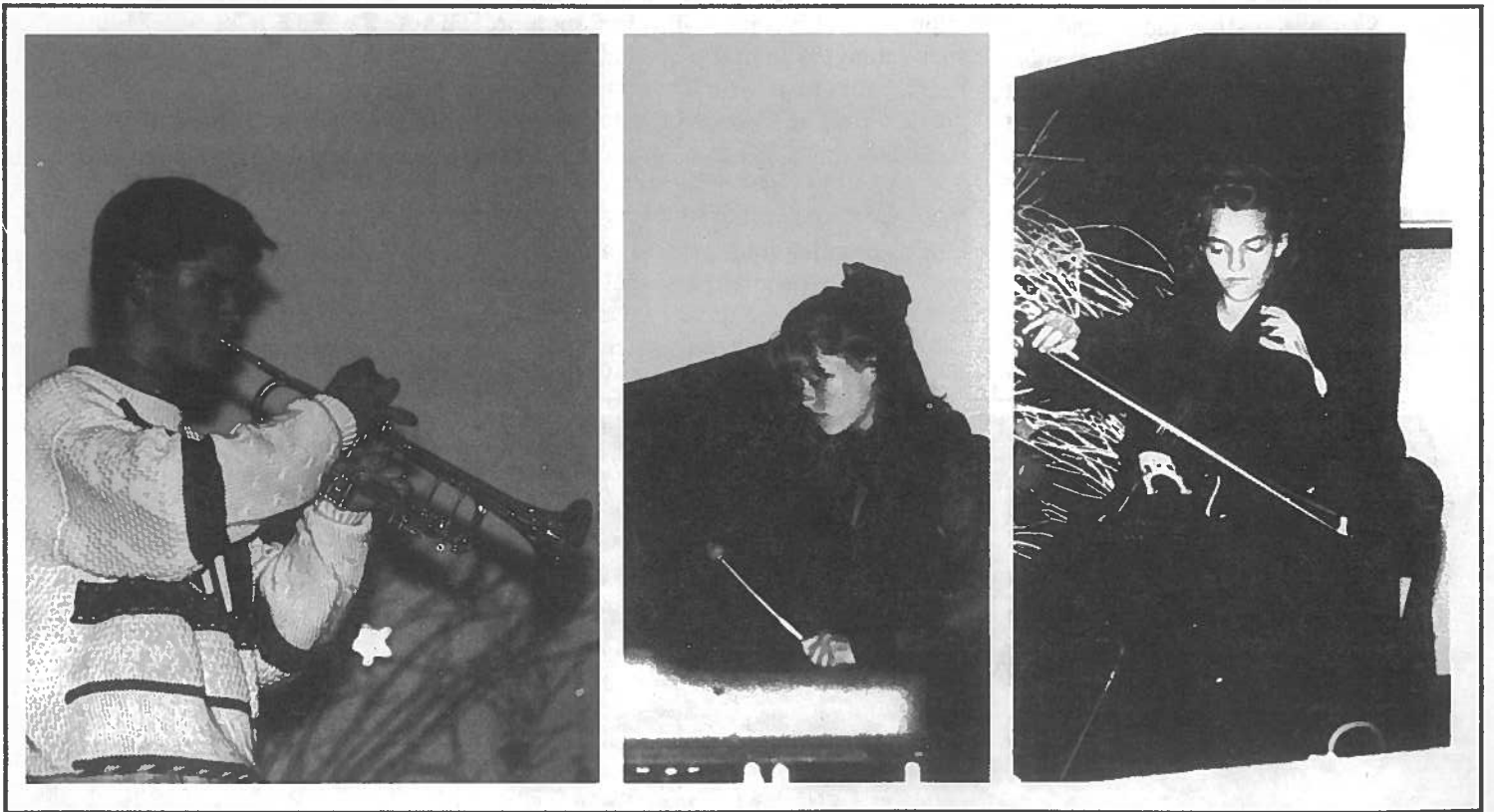
Priscilla Fernandez



Priscilla Fernandez finds a "surprise" under a bed in the girls' dorm!

SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!

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Some of the participants in the amateur hour, from left to right: Shaun Lunt, trumpet; Beth Willingham, marimba; and Shelly Wareham, cello