



Schoolwork dominates

by *Brianna Woodruff*

When faced with a load of homework, students are forced with a decision. Should they stay up late so they can get it done, or should they go to bed so that they will be able to fully function the next day in class?

Students who are involved with extracurricular activities after school sometimes don't get home or back to their dorm rooms until late in the evening, and RA's usually get off work late. If these students have a lot of homework to do, some will stay up late to study in order to keep up their grades. This really can take a toll if the students must get up early the next morning. Such behavior has negative effects that can easily be overlooked. The immune system, for instance, requires adequate sleep to be in full working condition, and the brain needs time to rest and sort out the information being learned in school.

What some students don't realize is that their brains and bodies will perform much better if allowed a good night's sleep. The question is how can this be accomplished in the lives of students who are involved in lots of extra activities? The solution comes down to balance. If a student can find some time the next morning to study, then maybe it would be more beneficial for them to go to bed earlier and get up early to study. But today's society encourages late nights and in some cases there is no good alternative.

Although it is very important for students to do their homework to meet the expectations of their teachers, their health is a crucial factor that should not be ignored.

Cold weather comes

by *Tyler Shupe*

Over the third week of October, UCA was hit with a very cold front. A couple of mornings had ice on the ground and a couple of other days had frost.

Kids all over campus pulled out the jeans and sweat-shirts, some for the first time in months, as protection from cold weather. A new rule also emerged during the cold spell: If you weren't walking between the dorms and the ad building you had to have a sweater or jacket on. If you were caught without one, the school would put you on a one-day in-school suspension. Cold weather doesn't help much with the common cold or the flu, so staff decided to have this rule because they wanted to try and help students get better from the big flu epidemic that cancelled Parent Weekend.

The cold also affected varsity football practice, and because of the cold, maintenance had to blow out all the sprinkler lines to prevent them from freezing and bursting. This meant there was no place to get a drink up on the field. It is also harder to do physical activity in the cold because cold weather makes fingers and limbs cold, which make it harder to pull flags and catch balls. And if your feet are cold, even running becomes a challenge.

This cold weather is affecting a lot of people, but it is around to stay, so people will get used to it. Maybe.

Freshman feed

by *Cassie Stenquist*

At nine o'clock one Sunday morning, ASB officers stumbled sleepily into the cafeteria to make breakfast--not breakfast for just anyone, but for our wonderful freshmen.

ASB thought it would be fun to get to know the freshmen a little bit better and do something special for them. So, all of the officers spent the next hour cutting vegetables, making tater tots and muffins, loading boxes with food, and making trips across the street to the grade school. Once everything was set up, freshmen started arriving.

After we all said a prayer together, the freshmen were greeted by a table spread with hash browns, and any kind of omelet made to order by Pastor Fred and Coach Soulé.

Overall, we had a great time together with good food, friends, and fun.

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For the grace of God has dawned upon the world with healing for all mankind; and by it we are disciplined to renounce godless ways and worldly desires, and to live a life of temperance, honesty, and godliness. Titus 2:11+12

Helpful google docs

by Amanda Johnson

Doing your homework in groups has just become a lot easier. With the new program called Google Documents, you and the rest of your group can work on a project for a class all at the same time. It is simple to use . . . unless the internet is down.

Google Docs could be called an on-line Microsoft Word. Everyone that attends UCA has an e-mail account created for them. Using their log-in, they can then go to their Google Docs page to work on documents or presentations.

You can access Google Docs from any computer connected to the internet, which eliminates the problems of losing your thumb drive or sending material via e-mail. Documents can be shared on the site with teachers, and even printing from the site is easy.

If you have a group project, you can share with everyone in your group so everyone can work on it even if they are at home. "I like being able to see what everyone has done and to be able to work together," said Yuji Shin after finishing a group project for Bible class.

Although it might be confusing at first, give Google Docs a try. It can be very helpful and will make your life easier.

Kodak moments

by Robert Gatchalian

Moments only last a second but pictures last a lifetime.

On October 12, 2009, senior pictures were due. Some seniors didn't really care what they looked like or about the quality of the picture. But for most it was important to look their best for their last year. They paid large amounts of money to get their pictures taken by a professional.

"I felt awkward about the whole process, conceited, and glamorous," said Sid Krall.

"I thought it was a big deal about nothing. My own mom was snapping pictures of me looking stupid in a nice shirt," said Tyler Freeman.

In general most people felt awkward and embarrassed about the whole situation, especially those who had their parent take their picture. But a few had a good time being silly in front of the lens. Some even enjoyed it so much that they took way more pictures than they needed. And some even dressed up for high fashion's sake.

"I like senior pictures. My pictures weren't generic. I was being myself," said Eric Weber.

All in all, opinions about senior pictures vary from those who absolutely hated the process to those who went way beyond the call of duty.



Thanksgiving in October not November

by Taylor M. Noy

Yes, it's true: Thanksgiving truly takes place in October, not November. If you're thinking someone has their months wrong, you should know Thanksgiving happens at least twice a year. For Canadians, Thanksgiving is the second Monday of October and for Americans it is always the last Thursday of November.

You're probably wondering why Thanksgiving is earlier for Canadians than it is for Americans. The answer to that question is an easy one. Because Canada is farther north than the US, winter starts earlier and so must the harvest. On January 31, 1957, Canada's Parliament proclaimed, "A Day of General Thanksgiving to Almighty God for the bountiful harvest with which Canada has been blessed . . . to be observed on the 2nd Monday in October."

UCA, of course, has time off only for the November Thanksgiving, which means Canadians here on campus didn't get to go home to celebrate. Michel Pelletier was asked if she missed not being home for Thanksgiving this year, and her response was, "No, my family doesn't really celebrate Thanksgiving." Alanna Augustin and Marlayna Zado both disagreed with Michel and said that they missed being home this year.

All three girls celebrated their own way even though they couldn't be home. Michel Pelletier went to Lynsey Smith's room with Mishayla Brown where they all drank Martinelli's Sparkling Cider and ate some Canadian popcorn to celebrate. Alanna Augustin drank Canadian coffee substitute and Marlayna Zado carved a pumpkin which is one of her family's traditions.

Pests of UCA

by Rachel Jorgensen

The leaves were changing colors and were slowly floating down one by one from the trees; the sun seemed to hide behind clouds more often, gradually enveloping campus in darkness; rain showers appeared here and there; and when walking to morning classes the sound of frozen ground crunching beneath one's feet could be heard. These were but a few signs we had indicating the arrival of the most beautiful season: fall.

Along with something as nice as fall usually there comes something not so nice. Bugs. Yes, bugs. Each year brings those little blue bugs seem to appear overnight, just waiting to surprise you in the morning. All around campus you can see little clusters of these critters hovering in the air like students hanging out between classes. "It's as if we're living through one of the Egyptian plagues," said juniors Bianca Lopez and Geoffrey Hughes.

But worst of all were the swarms of these bugs in front of the cafeteria. Walking just a few feet there caused you to be covered from head to toe with these little nuisances. "I could never stand those tiny bugs that get in your eyes and nose. And they fly in your mouth and cause you to choke and cough. They make the normal walk to the café for lunch one that you dread," stated former student Alex Wickward.

Once inside of the café, students groomed each other like monkeys before they reached their food. "I think those little bugs are a living sandstorm because every time I walk through them they get EVERYWHERE," said junior Dakota Anderson. "Ha Ha," laughed senior Sara Rose. "I've never tasted anything so sweet. And the closeness I feel when I walk through a swarm? Unbelievable."

No matter how pesky these little bugs can be, they only stick around for a while, and once they are gone, winter is very fast approaching.

Not enough paper

by Tyler Redberg

There is always a time in your life where you get the urge to write on a desk. Honestly. And at UCA kids love to write on desks. Sometimes they sign their own name, sometimes they doodle and create a masterpiece, and sometimes they write the person's name they have a crush on.

Luis Gonzalez confessed, "When I get bored, I see a picture in my head but I am too lazy to pull out a piece of paper so I just draw on the desk." But not everyone writes on their desks. Robert Gatchalian hates it when people doodle on his desk because he is the one who always ends up erasing it.

I took a poll on how many kids write on their desks during class. I asked 30 people. Fifteen said they did, ten said they did it sometimes, and five said they just hate writing on desks.

The next time you get the urge to write on your desk, just remember who cleans it up. And when you think about it, wouldn't it be a lot easier just to pull out a piece of paper?



Fall fashions

by Rachel Blake

This year's fall fashions are vintage and fit the needs of those who want to be comfortable. Even though we have practically skipped fall this year, the trends and styles are staying awhile. Here are some tips for what to wear in the morning.

For women, the things to wear are skinny jeans, scarves and boots. Skinny jeans are cute, comfortable, and a way to go for the slimmer look. Boots over skinny jeans seem to be the most popular right now, whether they are Ugg boots or healed dress boots. They are not only stylish, but also keep you warm and will come in handy when it snows. The last trend for the ladies is scarves. Scarves keep you warm and are also a great accessory for a plain colored top. They are light weight and can easily be taken off when you don't want one on anymore.

Okay, honestly, guys wear whatever they want when dressing casual. So guys, if you are wearing a t-shirt and jeans no one is going to complain. But dressing up is a different story. This fall, it is smart to get out the sweater vests and dress shirts. Any dress shirt will go with a nice pair of slacks and you'll look very handsome. Sweater vests, ties and scarves are a nice touch to make you look a little more sophisticated. Also, what looks very nice and is coming back into style are pea coats. For those of you who don't know what they are, pea coats are hip line coats that are black and usually made out of wool. Pea coats will give a nice slender look and are also very simple and comfortable.

Styles and trends are always changing. If you don't like what is "in" this fall, then don't wear it. Wear what you like and what you think is comfortable. These are just tips and suggestions about what is stylish to the people around you. Although these clothes are comfortable and trendy, they are not for everyone.

Stress

by *Justine Johnson*

Stress likes to creep up on you when you are least expecting it and then it feels like your whole world is going to crash in around you. Stress in a girls' dorm is caused by worrying about school, friends, boys, life, and living with a bunch of girls 24/7.

Girls have very stressful lives and men don't have any idea what we go through every day. They just think we need to get over it. Stress is caused by worrying about how you are going to deal with a huge test or a bunch of homework, dealing with drama which is a very big part of a girl's life, or stressing over a boy, family life or just life in general.

One thing that greatly stresses out girls in the dorm is drama, and there seems to be a lot of it here. Drama creates gossip, which usually hurts someone's feelings. Stress stops you from being able to study, and that causes even more stress. Boys cause stress, of course, by pretending they like you one day and then flirting with someone else the next. And when you want some boy to like you and he doesn't, well, you get all stressed out over it.

Dorm stresses seem kind of stupid when you remember others have to worry about work, supporting a family, making money, and doing the everyday things just to survive in life. Couples fight, divorces come about, and children get in the middle. Now that's real stress.

But some students at UCA do have a stressful time of it because they miss their family and friends and don't like living in the dorm. But we all have to look at the bright side and see that these are little stresses that can be worked out.

We can smile and help each other, and even if it seems we can't make our own world a better place, we can certainly make someone else's better.

Dorm life

by *Allie Suppe'*

Everyone says that the UCA experience is unlike any other and that it is an experience you will not soon forget. They say how the spiritual emphasis and all of the activities and friends make this school great. But what they fail to tell you is that dorm life is really . . . interesting. People tend to leave that detail out of the boarding school experience, and now, I know why.

Dorm life is an experience all its own. The best part is when you forget to turn off the lights before the power goes out. You continue studying with a flashlight and finally go to bed. Then, at 5:30 a.m. when the power comes back on you are warmly awakened with the lights' brilliance, filling every corner of the room.

Whether this is your first year, or you are returning student, everyone has the same opinion of the showers, and the laundry situation is another story in itself.

But while dorm life may sound insane, it is what makes UCA fun! For all of us, everyday has a new experience, and I know I wouldn't trade it for anything.



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Put your face on Facebook

by *Amanda Johnson*

Joining the network of friends and family on Facebook only happens to those who get good grades. For some people this restriction doesn't matter, but others just must have Facebook access.

This year there has been a slight change with how the internet works. Access depends upon grades. If you are in category 1, meaning you have A's or B's, you can have access to Facebook and more resources than the lower categories have. For some, Facebook is the most important benefit of getting good grades, and it inspires them to keep their GPA high.

Facebook is an internet site where you can communicate with friends. When you add people as friends, they can see your information as well as communicate with you. There is also an instant messenger feature that allows you to chat with your friends if they are online.

For most teenagers Facebook is preferred over MySpace, and more adults use Facebook, too. "Facebook is so easy to use!" Mellisa Still said after creating her account. You can add different applications to have top friends, play games, join groups, and give gifts to your friends. All of this is available to students as a benefit from earning good grades.

Most students have a Facebook account. Maxine Chavez enjoys being able to check her Facebook page at school rather than waiting until she is home. "It's great!" she says. With Facebook you can talk to your friends and family and share pictures and comments from school. "The only way I can talk to my sister is on Facebook," said Seth White after hearing that number one's are allowed to use the web site.

So get good grades and you can be a part of Facebook!

Waffles again

by *Alex Drury*

There are very few things that will always taste like they're straight from home, but waffles are one of those things, and, yes, they're found in the UCA Café.

On days where you really don't know what the meals are made of, or if you're still hungry but you don't want to eat the same food again, waffles are just what you need. Depending on the day, you can mix the batter with cinnamon, cinnamon *and* sugar, or peanut butter chips. If you don't like mixing ingredients into the batter, you can always just put peanut butter, butter, syrup or whatever you like on top. Some days the cafeteria helps out with strawberries and whipped cream, and on other days they have blueberries. Waffles are big, too, so you can have them as a full meal or share them with someone else . . . or a whole group of people.

Whether it's breakfast, lunch or dinner, while dining at the UCA Café, you can find waffles always there as a nice little alternative or addition to any meal.

Salads make the cut

by *Melissa McCrery*

As I go through the line for food in the café, I sometimes realize that there is nothing that looks interesting to eat. So I quickly make the decision to skip through the line, grab a plate, and head for the salad bar.

At the salad bar I place some lettuce, tomato, and some bell peppers on to my plate. Then comes the big decision: what kind of dressing to drizzle on top of my lovely plate of greens? There is always the ever popular, Ranch; the low fat option, Italian; and the slightly disgusting Thousand Island. I choose the low fat option and head to find my friends.

Salad is always a good option on one of those days where everything looks interesting because you are wondering what in the world it is.

Now, I know that most people would choose a waffle or a peanut butter and jelly sandwich, but salad will always get my vote.



Dealing with darkness

by *Derek Riffel*

The power to all of the UCA campus was out for several hours because a truck crashed into a support cable for a telephone pole by the air strip and ripped down the top of the pole.

On Friday, October 9, the power was suddenly off. All the lights went out, computers shut down, and people were left in darkness.

Some thought that it was cool that the power was off because they got to skip some of their typing classes. Others were frustrated because they were working on their computers and lost their work. Tyler Redberg was very annoyed when he lost a paper he was working on for Facing Life, and could be heard yelling pitifully from the computer lab about how he had not saved his work and how it was all gone.

Some were even late or absent from some of their classes because their alarm clocks stopped working when the power went out.

Although some thought the school should close, the faculty decided to keep it open because while most of the lights were out in the ad building, there were a few emergency lights and many rooms were well-lit from windows. Also, there were no lights in the dorms, so had students gone back to their rooms, they could have got lost or been injured in the darkness!

The power came back on when classes were over, and by evening everything was getting back to normal. But the day of no power showed us all how much we depend on electricity, and how we take it for granted.

Fire drills

by *Mellisa Still*

Why does everyone hate fire drills?

Most think they take up time that we don't have to spare, especially during study hall. But the practice could help save a life, and it's best to take drills seriously.

I went around the school and asked three girls what they thought about the fire drills.

Alyssa said, "I think honestly that they're a good thing to practice. They help us know what to do when there is a fire even though they are sometimes annoying." Kayci simply said, "Confusing," and Danielle added, "I think that they're an important thing to practice, but extremely annoying."

The simple truth is that the more seriously we take them, the sooner they get over and the more prepared we will be. We may hate them now, but they could save a life.

Sugar & Spice

by Felicia Hughes

Dorm girls have a secret. Do you wonder how we can be so grouchy and mean in the morning? Well, it is all because of “sugar and spice.”

We have a little dorm store known as “Kingdom of Heaven,” that sells chocolate candy bars, Ben and Jerry’s ice cream, Hot Pockets, Oreos, chips, cake mixes, and just about anything else you can think of. We all get so hyped up and giddy in the evening, but when dawn arrives all that sugar and spice shows its evil side, the side of sickness, moodiness, and discomfort.

Now women need comfort, and sugar beats the little comfort boys offer and it’s less complicated, too. It helps with depression, stress, and hunger . . . until, of course, the morning after. So we thank the girls’ deans for providing for our needs and we won’t even complain about the constantly rising prices.

Photo class goes to Glacier

by Zachary Weijohn

Photography class ventured into Montana on their annual photography trip.

On Thursday, October 1, the 15 or so students left campus at about 4:30 p.m. in two vans and the trailer-towing Suburban. They were heading to a Presbyterian Glacier National Park. They arrived late and slept in cabins which, nicely enough, were heated. They awoke the next morning, ate, and were given their photography assignments. One assignment was to photograph objects that looked like the letters in their names.

The class spent the next two days in Montana enjoying the amazing scenery and the company of good friends. They also went bowling one night and enjoyed some delicious caramel apples. On Sunday, they headed back to campus.

Several days after the trip, students were dismayed to hear that unexpected expenses had caused the trip to go over budget, and that now, according to Mr. Brophy the photography teacher, the class would most likely stop using film and would focus on

less expensive digital photography.



Tastes of other cultures

by Brianna Woodruff

The students in Creative Foods class were given two opportunities to experiment with foods from other times and cultures. But this was not just for fun. It would help to determine their final grades.

The first project was on international foods and each student got to choose a different country and a recipe from that country to prepare. Class time was allowed for them to prepare their food. Electric mixers hummed and oil sizzled as students hurried to make their various dishes. On the day of presentation, all the food that was ready to be served was set out on tables. Then the students got to sample each dish and experience a taste of different cultures. Countries represented included Italy, Australia, Germany, Tanzania, and Korea. The dishes ranged from desserts to Italian pizza.

The second project was on American heritage food. Every student was required to pick a time period or specific subject from a given list. There were many options to choose from such as “Hearty Russian Recipes” and “America Welcomes Alaska and Hawaii.” Then they had to choose a recipe and prepare it. Once again the kitchen in the home-ec building rattled with activity as the students cooked up their creations. Presentation day came and, just as before, the food was displayed, ready to be tasted. This food fair mostly comprised of baked goods from biscuits and doughnuts to blueberry pie.

Students were allowed to take leftover food from the presentations. These assignments allowed the students to catch a glimpse of cuisine from the past and from foreign countries, an educational oasis for all.

1 2 3 hike!

by Arlene Bautista

Rushing, blocking, passing, faking, spinning . . . and touchdown!

Here at UCA, the guys’ varsity team has come up with some interesting code names for their plays. There’s the Megan Fox play, the Kim Kardashian, and many more. It seems they use celebrity girl names to give them extra motivation. Brian Bautista, especially, seemed not to be able to catch a ball or hold on to one until these code names were added to the game plan.

The team started the year with several losses to alumni, and just like every year some players have been sidelined by injuries. Tyler Redberg was injured during practice and Juan Mendoza hurt his shoulder. But supportive as they are, the players welcome newcomers to the team.

November’s tournament against other schools will require positive thinking, new plays, practice and teamwork. There will probably be more losses, but it’s just a game and, really, everyone’s a winner.

So have fun, varsity team, and show everyone who you guys really are.

Cold shower

by *Marlayna Zado*

Just before dorm worship my roommate came bounding into the room. She was acting strangely and seemed to be saying she had a boyfriend and might get a cold shower . . . tonight.

Soon the intercom boomed out that all girls needed to head down to the chapel for worship, so I left my roommate in her uncertain condition and started on my way downstairs. As soon as I walked into the chapel Alyssa Crain yanked me to the side and told me that my roommate would be getting a shower and that it was my job to keep her in the room.

After worship my roommate was frantically searching for a place to hide in the room when the announcement came over the intercom that she *needed* a cold shower. Then a group of girls came to the door and with my help from the inside they dragged my roommate away.

She did not go peacefully. After much kicking, pushing and dragging, we eventually we got her into the shower for a few seconds, getting quite wet ourselves.

I sprained my wrist and she received a couple of rug burns, but it was worth the price . . . the price of true love.

DF&I moved

by *Michael Bumgardner*

With the different forms of sickness going around campus DF&I study hall was moved to one hour in the day and one in the evening.

Instead of having DF&I at 5:30 a.m., the deans decided to keep the students out of the sick rooms where DF&I is held each Monday through Thursday morning. With so much sickness going around the guys' dorm, DF&I students were required to study for an hour sometime during the day in the Lion's Den, and then in the evening from 8:30 to 9:30. Tutoring sessions are also held in empty rooms that are located on each floor.

DF&I students really enjoyed the change, since they didn't have to wake up extra early to study. After listening to some of the students talk about the shift in schedule, Tim Erickson commented, "I am so glad that DF&I got moved. It finally gives me a chance to sleep in a little more."

Before long, the DF&I study schedule started to return to normal, and although the students don't enjoy the change back, it does give them a larger block of time during which they can more readily complete homework.

Sick rooms

by *Jayci Morgan*

As most of you have probably found out, we have sick rooms in the dorms this year. The sick rooms are for students who feel that they are too sick to go to school.

In past years, students who went on sick list were able to stay in their own rooms, but this year if you go on sick list you have to go to one of the sick rooms and stay in there all day.

According to Dean Teresa, we are required to have sick rooms, and with all the sickness going around, this probably isn't such a bad idea.

One student, Mellisa Still, who has experienced a sick room first-hand, said that the experience wasn't that bad since she slept most of the day. Her only complaint was that the room was really hot.

Maybe with specific sick rooms students will be less likely to go on sick list for minor reasons, such as being behind in homework. Maybe the rooms will encourage students to get a lot of sleep at night so they won't have to experience banishment on sick list.

Spending hours on amateur hour

by *Zachary Weijohn*

Amateur Hour takes many hours of work from many dedicated students and faculty.

Every year either Boys' Club or Girls' Club is responsible for Amateur Hour planning and preparations. This year the responsibility fell to Boys' Club.

Boys' Club includes guys' dorm residents headed by the deans. An election is held at the beginning of each school year to appoint Boys' Club officers. Officers consist of a representative from each class, a secretary, a sergeant-at-arms, a chaplain, a vice-president, and a president. These officers, along with the deans, plan the Amateur Hour event.

Many things must be addressed to plan Amateur Hour. The theme is one of the first major decisions that must be made. According to Boys' Club President, Grant Perdew, this year's theme is "Meet me at Grand Central." Another important and difficult task is picking an appropriate Master of Ceremonies for the night's festivities. Impartial and unbiased judges must also be found. Faculty members and students' parents cannot be chosen as judges due to their potential bias. This makes it difficult to find individuals who are appropriate as judges.

Auditions are another important aspect of Amateur Hour preparation. This year's Amateur Hour auditions were on Tuesday night, October 20. The auditions are screened and selected by several music directors and the Boys' Club President and Vice-president.

Boys' Club Secretary, Howard Heaton, commented on Amateur Hour, "It shows the character of our school by all the volunteering and work students, staff, and parents put into it," he said. Numerous other concerns like decorations, back stage workers, food, and servers were all addressed before the night of Amateur Hour.



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A rare atmosphere

by Shannon Gaskill

As you walk around the UCA campus, you may notice something special and different. This something isn't whether it's raining or snowing or whether the sun is shining. Instead, it's the people that make it special. It's the smiles decorating the faces of the students and teachers who actually care for you, challenge you, and help you. The joy of living is evident at UCA, and this is different from many other schools.

So what makes UCA seem different from other schools? You could say it's because we are out in the middle of what seems like never ending wheat fields or maybe because of the amazing music program, the talented gymnastics team, or the varsity sports programs. While these are possibilities, the biggest reason is the incredible student body and staff here, all with a common goal: to serve and follow Jesus Christ.

This year, the school's goal or motto is to live above the influence. With the unity of the students and teachers as well as help from God, the students here at Upper Columbia Academy will be able to live above the influence and find the true joy of living with Jesus Christ as the center.

Homeleave

by Danielle Wilson

After weeks of students contracting the Deadly Illness, and teachers piling on the homework, we finally get a break: homeleave.

Homeleave days are some of the most anticipated days all year. The classes are shortened to all fit into just a few short hours, and no homework is assigned in most of them that day. After the last bell sets us all free at exactly 12:12, we rush out the front doors of the Ad building, some to parents eagerly awaiting them, some to their own cars, and some to the buses. Everyone is ready to get off campus.

What students do over homeleave varies. A few will travel to places unknown, some will visit relatives and friends they haven't seen in a while, and a lot of us, myself included, have nothing really planned except to catch up on a lot of z's.

When we all return on Sunday, we are, hopefully, all rested and ready to face a few more weeks of school and everything that comes with it. And then... another homeleave.