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Christmas talent show features Wheeler

This year was the sixth Downhome Christmas Show featuring excited students and faculty sharing their "talents" with the rest of the school. This show has traditionally involved some serious acts as well as some "humor" acts. The original mastermind behind the show was the infamous UCA cowboy, LeRoy Wheeler.

As the story goes, six years ago LeRoy Wheeler tried to audition for the fall Amateur Hour. As Mr. Perkins said it, "LeRoy couldn't carry a tune in a bucket." But nothing would stop LeRoy. He asked then recruiter Mr. Jenks for his own show before Christmas on a Wednesday night. Mr. Jenks agreed.

Ever since, the annual event has been "looked forward to" each year. LeRoy has even returned to UCA for the show in the two years since his graduation. Now the show contains a wide variety of acts, but the favorite of some continues to be the ultimate country Christmas song, sung by LeRoy, that includes Santa, Grandma, broken hearts, a dog, a pick-up, and a reindeer.

Geof Greenway



Dan Meidinger, Fred Riffel and Don Perkins give a stunned LeRoy Wheeler some downhome competition

Joint worships prompt thought

Joint worship is one of the greatest times for the student body to pull together. It is a time when we can learn more about ourselves and the speakers that come to share their stories.

The guest speakers so far this year have been very interesting and have enlightened us with many different views. Susan Jen, a health specialist, came and shared her views on diet and how it effects us. Fred Crowle came and shared his views on how he raised his kids and what NBC has done for many youth. Eva Lessman shared what she experienced during the holocaust. Although these speakers, and others, may have said some things I questioned, they made me think about my beliefs and why I believe the way I do. Overall, joint worship has been an excellent experience.

When asked why joint worship was such an excellent experience this year, Kimberly Follett said, "I like joint worship because it is a chance to hear from the outside world and to worship with actually having worship. It is more like an opening of our eyes to new subjects and new ideas."

Another thing that many students think has made worship so exciting this year is the song service.

Joint worship is a great time for everybody and has occasionally tested my personal beliefs to make me stronger.

Chris Swisher

Banquets produce good times

Banquets are the favorite activity of most students because it gives them a chance to get away from the stressful life of a UCA student

Students look forward to the Christmas and Valentines Banquets. The atmosphere is full of fun and happy times. In the past there have been things that are supposed to entertain us. Romeo and Juliet, the play, was brought to us last year at the Valentine's banquet. At the Christmas Banquet, the evening was full of piano playing and Mr. Jenks' country version of Christmas songs.

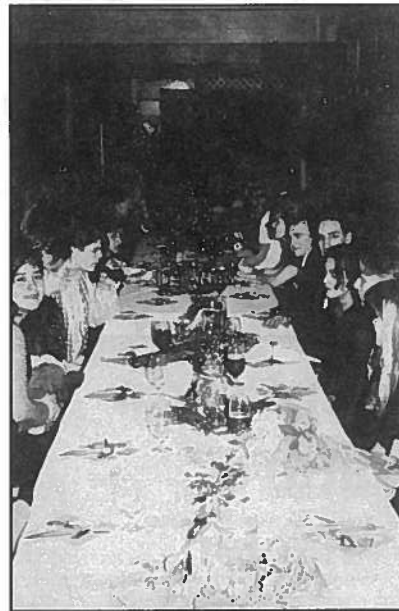
A seven-course meal is always wonderfully prepared by Mr. Blankenship and his helpers. This year's Christmas banquet was wonderfully done by the Girls' club members. The theme was 'An Old-Fashioned Christmas'. The students were served mashed potatoes with gravy, stuffing, cranberry sauce, salad, and green beans. Dessert was a choice of berry, pumpkin or cherry.

After dinner limousines were waiting to transport groups of six to the Gym for the activities. The night was full of music and clips of Disney Christmas cartoons. The evening was thoroughly enjoyed by all; even Mr. Lacey proved he could be reasonably entertaining as he introduced the program, and Ms. McGuire, with her sidekick (the trusty overhead projector), proved that because reindeer can not really fly, there is no such thing as Santa Claus.

Heather Garcia



Olivia Noel and Erica Willinger start the banquet variety program



The cafeteria pulls out the stops on banquet nights



Jeremy Craik, Jeff Stonebraker, Patrick McGee, Jon Sue, Carson Ferguson and Walter Klein demonstrate some elegant banquet night camaraderie

Comfort found in prayer

A teenager's life is not a wide, smooth road with signs to point to the right way. Many times life seems to be a gravel road with pot holes and dead ends. When traveling on these "gravel roads" it is comforting to know that there is someone out there saying a special prayer just for you. Prayer Patch is a special program at UCA that takes adults from all around the Northwest and matches them with students here. These special adults basically adopt the students for the year, giving them encouragement and the knowledge that someone cares.

When talking to some of the students about their prayer partners, you hear words like caring, faithful, and sincere. Many students receive letters monthly, birthday cards, and, sometimes, even care packages. The majority of the UCA students never actually meet their prayer partners face-to-face, but that doesn't stop a bond from forming. The bond is formed through prayer, faith, and a deep love for God.

Wendi White

Many prepare for band tour

Many times the UCA Concert Band goes on tour. Each year about the same things happen. The band tours to some distant spot in the Upper Columbia Conference. A concert of sacred music is played for Friday night; then, the next night, secular music is played, usually at a different location.

This Concert-Band-going-on-tour picture is vividly portrayed in many minds. But most don't realize what goes on behind the scenes. Obviously, many, many hours of practice go into a good-sounding performance. In band, 40 minutes of practice, outside band time, are required each week to receive and "A" for the quarter. The band also practices for 45 minutes four days a week.

The tour date is set when the calendar is produced; then Mr. Lange and his workers spend many hours preparing transportation and housing for all 71 band members. One evening, about 2 months in advance, a clipboard is distributed in band for each member to choose a packing partner. These partners are the people that will be staying together in the host church area.

The list is then forwarded to a coordinator in the host church who spends countless hours arranging for homes for the band members. If members want to stay in a mixed guy/girl group, extra permission must be obtained from each member's parents. Finally, after sleepless nights of finding homes and preparing food for the hungry band members, the coordinator can smile happily as the members arrive and jump off the bus.

Don't forget the equipment, though. All members are responsible for their instruments. Larger instruments such as tubas, drums, and chimes are carried on a moving truck. Also carried are all the music stands, some chairs, and member luggage. All the "stuff" amounts to a LOT of work.

But, usually the band sounds great, and the program is pulled off so smoothly as to make it difficult to believe that so much work and behind the scenes goings-on play a big part in making the tour successful. None of the great tours would be possible without Mr. Lange and his workers.

Geof Greenway

Blood saves many lives

On November 13, 1995, blood was sucked from forty-six UCA students to save 46 lives. The forty-six pints of blood that traveled through the 46 needles will go to help 46 people that have been in car accidents, surgery, or need blood on a regular basis for diseases such as hypoglycemia.

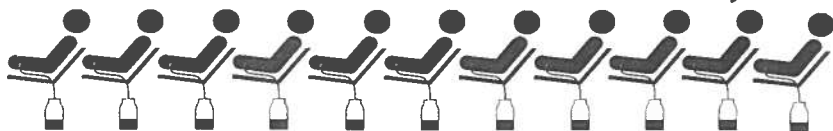
Why did these 46 students want to have a needle poke them and take a pint of blood? "I wanted to save a life," says first time donor Kathryn Mundall. "I was a little bit scared but it was worth the small amount of pain."

Last year, Mrs. Torkelsen showed videos about adults and children whose lives had been saved because someone cared enough to donate blood. Sara Grable saw these videos and said, "I wanted to help the kids." One pint of her blood saved someone's life.

For some, a little extra courage is needed. Erica Blessing brings her stuffed animals to hug. "It doesn't hurt as much when I have Otis," she says.

In addition to saving a life, donors receive donuts, orange juice, water, cookies, heart stickers (which sometimes include a kiss!), and the satisfaction of knowing that by giving an hour out of their day and a pint of blood, they give a stranger another chance at life.

Katy Harlan



A section of the Concert Band plays at home during the Community Christmas Concert

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Homeleave bus rides again

The morning of Homeleave is a happy day at UCA. Shortened classes and no homework bring smiles to students' faces. The typical homeleave day starts with breakfast, followed by a few hours of classes. Then those students who forgot to pack the night before frantically try to stuff their suitcases five minutes before the bus is scheduled to leave. Happy faces slowly fade as students approach the big long beast-known as "the homeleave bus." They know what lies ahead of them!

Some students actually do have a positive experience riding on the homeleave bus. "It's fun if you have the right people on the bus," states Katy Harlan. Jeremy Griffin says, "I liked it! It gave me time to bond with my friends." For most students it's an experience they will never forget. When asked about the bathroom in the back of the bus, Katy Harlan replied,

"I try not to dwell on the bad points of the trip!" Most students pass the time away by talking to their friends, but those who get bus sick and take a motion sickness pill don't remember they were even on the bus.

A secret tip from Jeremy Griffin to those who do ride the homeleave bus: "When you are riding with Mr. Burgess Grubbs, ask him to tell you the Cinderella story."

Misty Park

Tutors help boost scores

Anyone who has ever been on D, F and I list, or has just had trouble in a subject, can testify to the fact that it is extremely frustrating, especially if help cannot be found. Well, this year, because of a change in the tutoring program, help is more readily available.

Mrs. Perkins is in charge of the tutoring program this year. She tutors from 10:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. and from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Since this is not nearly enough time to reach everyone, the school has hired student tutors.

Student tutors work mostly during study hall. In the guys' dorm, Jon Larsen, Joel Mundall, Tim Hanson, Hanns Rookstool, and Eugene Lewis tutor most subjects from 8:45-10:00 in T.L.C. In the girls' dorm, Melissa Tucker tutors for about two hours in the kitchenette starting immediately after worship. Carman Griffin and Amity Pipkin also tutor by arrangement.

Although some students find tutoring hard to work into their schedule, most find it readily available and helpful. "It's too available," groaned tutoring regular, Misty Woodruff. "I feel that tutoring is there for me if I need it," said Melissa LaPorte "but as long as I get the right answer, I don't care." Suzie LaPorte and Jessica Lamb agreed that it was great for those who needed it regularly and nice to have around just in case they ever do.

Melissa Tucker

Build your house on the Rock!

Unity experienced by classes

Every year before the rush of the holiday season, classes plan parties for a Saturday night so class members can have a good time and get to know each other better.

In anticipation of the night's events, the students of UCA rushed out of the Saturday evening vespers to enjoy an evening of fun and games in their class parties.

The Freshman all joined together in the multi-purpose room for a polite game of pillow fighting and eventually settled down to watch a video.

The Sophomores paid a \$5.00 fee to watch the Spokane Chiefs face off against the Tri-Cities Americans. They envisioned many fist fights, blood splats, and yelling, but only witnessed a few.

The Juniors met together in the cafeteria for a few games such as pin-the-nose-on-Rudolph, balloon-dart-shooting, eating-the-doughnut-on-a-string and many more. They also experienced a freezing, but short, hay-ride out by the old plane hanger in which they warmed themselves in front of an old Warren Miller movie called "The Steep and Deep."

As always, the Senior class bash was filled with excitement and enchantment as they shared a few dozen hot, tasty pieces of pizza and thirsted after many different flavored floats in the gym. They burned off all the gained fat by playing games such as card sucking, balloon-around-ankle-popping and dare base. Then they split up into two different groups. One went to Spokane to watch the new Warren Miller movie, and the other slipped into the guys' dorm to watch a couple of movies.

The class spirit was high that night, and most left their parties tired, but united.

Rita Canaday

Spirit Week brings out craziness in students

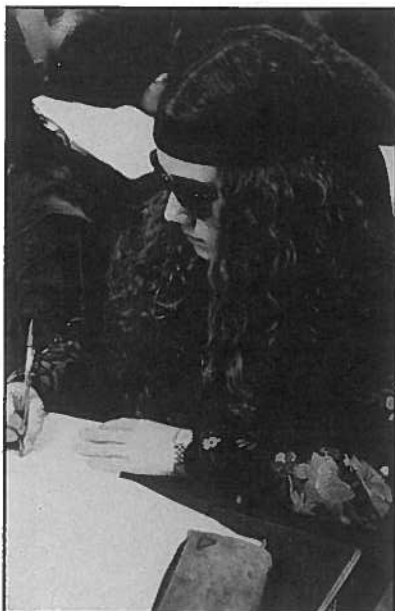
Spirit Week created a time for anyone and everyone to let go and have fun while showing school spirit.

The ASB officers and sponsors worked hard to get students involved in Spirit Week and to make it exciting. Monday was Western day with an array of cowboys, farmers, and Indians. To finish off the day, an indoor barn party was held at supper time complete with a covered wagon and a bar. The crowd ate cornbread and chili and the bartenders served delicious drinks. A few brave students played messy, but exciting, games.

The second day was filled with nerds. Some wore taped glasses, some suspenders and high-water pants. Participants did their best to look their worst.

Hat and hair day was an active day because most everyone could participate. Ask around and you'll still hear different stories of who had the wildest hair or the craziest hat. The day got even better during supper when a salon was set up so students could have their hair "done."

Thursday, 70's day, brought back the days of peace signs and polyester. There was a split between the



Heather Goudey and Jeremy Craik take two different approaches during Spirit Week

groovin' hippies and those who preferred the classy polyester pants suits. One student said, "I feel like I'm in a time warp."

Spirit week ended with a new twist this year. Gold and black day produced a day of varsity uniforms, school jackets, and UCA shirts. It allowed students to show school spirit

in a way suited specifically to UCA.

Spirit Week wasn't on the school calendar this year, but the ASB officers and sponsors wouldn't have it disappear. They realized the importance of school spirit and that dressing up to show it is a nice change in pace.

Bethany Smith

Rules burden all

Rules. Are they a necessary boundary or a meddlesome restriction? Rules that are perceived to be fair and reasonable will elicit attitudes of respect and cooperation. On the other hand, rules that seem unreasonable or out-dated will be met with belligerence and rebellion.

It is the goal of the faculty to develop rules for UCA that maintain and uphold Christian standards. In a changing world of declining morals, there is considerable difficulty in creating rules that maintain standards while allowing the expression of individuality. This difficulty produces a variety of reactions from students. To some, acceptance of rules is a natural response. Others find it a challenge to search for ways around the rules.

Making rules that will please faculty, parents, and students requires an attitude of sharing and accepting of varying opinions. This effort will continue to improve the quality of UCA.

Bonnie Twigg

not coming up. .

How to:

- reach financial independence with your own pencil sharpener
- entertain ad council
- break the Taco Bell habit
- impress a senior
- graduate in seven years without really trying
- turn grocery bags into fashionable clothing
- annoy a room-mate and appear innocent
- calculate crumpled paper trajectory
- convert your computer to run on natural gas
- sleep in class with your eyes open

EKE presents professional amateur hour

This year's Amateur Hour was full to overflowing with quality entertainment. Hosted by the EKE Men's Dormitory, Amateur Hour included skits, piano selections, instrumental solos, and vocal performances. Mike and Joe Threadgill began the event by presenting the EKE Dorm Council members. Led by Cory Wetterlin, the Council president, the members included Bill Hendricks, Matt Williams, Brian Flemmer, Jon Larsen, Brandon Snell, and Warren Wessels. The show was then handed over to Greg Smith, master of ceremonies, who kept the audience occupied between acts.

The stage was a fishing wharf setting, designed by Heather Threadgill. With help from Armand Devoir, Peter Hardy, Gena Cowen, and all three of the men's deans, the background was set up in genuine EKE style.

As the program ended, the audience was asked to vote for their favorite act. Summer Bartholomew, Amanda McCoy, and Courtney Pellow won with their rendition of "Chapel of Love." They were accompanied by Rachel Jenks on the piano, Kevin King on bass guitar, Olivia Noel on mandolin, and Sara Smith on chimes.

Other categories included Best Instrumental, won by Tim Brockman and Shawn Dietrich with a trumpet duet, and Best Vocal, won by Jamie Lund, who sang "Adele's Laughing Song," accompanied again by Rachel Jenks on the piano. Finally, Best Novelty was won by Warren Wessels, Dustin McGuire, Cory Wetterlin, Dallas Harris, and Tim Brockman, who presented Monty Python's skit, "Banana Defense." The evening's Grand Prize went to Amelia Magnuson who played a flute solo.

At the end of the show, the audience dispersed, some laughing, some not, but all with a memory of the 1995 Amateur Hour.



Warren Wessels

Students take over

Student government day is a day set aside where the ASB officers are able to show the administrative personnel what leadership skills they might have. To show this the students take over.

As we've seen in the past years, the ASB officers were able to take over Ad Council and other leadership positions. During the day Chris Swisher, the ASB president, took over the head honcho's position as principal. Another position invaded was Mr. Hardy's--taken over by vice-president, Jon Larson. It was an eventful day that won't soon be forgotten by those who participated.

Here are some responses from students and faculty that participated. Bethany Smith, "good learning experience of how the administration works." Brian Yeager, "of all the days at U.C.A. this was one of them." Chris Swisher thought that student government day didn't go as planned and hopes next year will be planned better. Becky Porch said that it was a pretty cool experience.

Hopefully in the future Student Government Day will be planned better and more people will be able to participate.

Cindy Girdharry

Sick list relieves ill students

It happens every year, and it could happen to anybody. Someone manages to get sick and has to spend most of their week in miserable condition. Once you realize you have caught a terrible sickness, the school nurse comes and checks to make sure you are truly sick and not faking to skip classes. If you are genuinely sick, she puts you on the sick-list.

In the guys' dorm, the good part of being on sick-list is that you are able to stay in your room all day relaxing and have people bring you food. The bad thing is that you are actually sick! You also have to stay in your room and are not allowed to have visitors.

An easy way to avoid getting sick is to stay away from all the sick people, get a lot of rest, and make sure you eat healthfully.

David Perrin

Intramurals open opportunity for many

Intramurals give more people the chance to play during rec. Having intramurals helps keep the courts from being taken over by the same people every night.

Some students wonder why there are not any courts for open games, games that are open for anyone to play in during rec. They feel that rec. seems to be a spectator sport. The reason is to involve more people in rec. If all the courts were for open games, then the same people would play every night. Why don't they just leave one court open, then? Well, there are too many intramural teams. There are almost too many teams to work with as it is. The teams would play even less if they eliminated a court.

Coach Soule is planning to open the gym to more open games towards spring, during the softball season. That way he could have intramurals on the field and have the gym open for indoor soccer or something like that. The main problem he is dealing with right now is getting help with supervision.

Another thing that Soule is working on is having the weight room open during rec., but, again he has the problem of supervision.

Seth McNeill

Vandalism pulls students together

Some students pull together by doing vandalistic acts such as pilfering Christmas trees, painting "96" on the shed, and writing on the campus walls. Other students pull together to stop vandalism.

During October the Men's dorm went through a period of rebellion. A group of EKE Men demonstrated their rebellion by punching holes through the ceiling, carving bathroom stalls, and breaking chairs in the worship room. The result: EKE Men's activities funds were used to pay for the damage.

Most of the EKE Men were appalled. ASB President, Chris Swisher, said, "I am proud to be a member of EKE but am disgruntled at the vandals."

The deans and the R.A.s met to form a plan to stop this vandalism. Mr. Hardy came to discuss vandalism, and the EKE men were able to express their opinions. Carson Ferguson said, "I have been here for four years and the deans have worked hard to make our dorm nice. We need to pull together as a dorm, and if I personally catch you, I will turn you in." The students who have pulled together to stop the vandalism have succeeded in their efforts.

Kim Follett

Don't tell all

Rumors are everywhere. Here they are especially alluring because living in a dorm is so unnatural. Students seem to have so few interesting things to occupy their time that they give in to the temptation to talk about things that are none of their business. Living so close to many people of the same age, you find out things about them you usually wouldn't.

Rumors are often started because a person is jealous or simply dislikes an individual. Rumors started for these reasons are most often untrue. Favorite rumors are that a person is gay, promiscuous, or using drugs, alcohol or cigarettes. Others are that a student is no longer attending school, that they are going out with someone, or what they might or might not have done with their boyfriend or girlfriend. These topics are childish and unfair. Rumors that teachers plan all their tests and quizzes for the same day aren't as damaging. They are humorous, but they get students in the habit of spreading stories.

Rumors can cause friends to become enemies and can also ruin a person's reputation. Even though hearing a great story about someone is exciting and you can't wait to tell someone else about it, you should remember how it feels to have someone say something about you--especially if it's not true. Doesn't it hurt?

Kirstin Kiele

Spangle enjoys 'Silent Night'

This December 16, KUCA, UCA's radio station, hosted the program with "the most audience participation" of all KUCA's programs, the "Silent Night Marathon." Geoff Greenway says it all began when, a few years ago, he was working at the station alone one Friday afternoon, got bored, and just started playing different versions of the well-known hymn, "Silent Night." The listening audience started calling in with their reactions to the incident.

The radio station got so much reaction that they decided to do it again the next year. So, each December since then, KUCA has played a collection of different artists' renditions of "Silent Night."

The program also includes live performances, a history of "Silent Night," jokes, callers from the audience discussing the program with the host, and a poll of listeners of which version they like most or least. There are usually about twenty

selections of "Silent Night" played.

Another benefit of the marathon (besides listeners' enjoyment) is fund-raising for a charity. KUCA's listeners call in during the marathon and make monetary pledges to the chosen charity. Last year, it was the Prison Fellowship Angel Tree project. This year it was for Burgess Grubbs' grandson, whose dad is sick.

All in all, the "Silent Night Marathon" seems to be a favorite among KUCA's listeners.

Gabrielle Kiele



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Future gets closer

For many high school students, the time after grade 12 is one big blank spot. Senior year is when teachers and college representatives start talking about "your future," but mentally, the "future" is still far away. This future is getting closer and closer all the time, though, and someday soon will be graduation.

What happens then? Everyone has different plans, but nothing is definite yet. Jillayne Mathis says she's going to "have fun" after high school--whatever that means. The general plan includes going to college and working to pay off tuition. Some other possibilities include joining the military, starting a career immediately, or just taking some time off.

Whatever your plans are, they should relate to your chosen career. So find out what you want to do and learn what you need to get there. And enjoy yourself 'til grad!

Jennifer Barton



Eager scientists won't let a thing like Spirit Week keep them from their work. But if you look closely, you can see something appears a little different.

