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Noteworthy Music

The Christmas concert was a great way to start vacation. Even though the flu was going around and many were home sick, the concert was a success. It gave a wonderful, warm, toasty feeling inside to hear all the voices lifted up in Christmas song. The band was a beautiful combination of sounds, giving us another perspective on Christmas music. Miss McGuire especially enjoyed the concert and even took time in one of her classes to tell us how she felt (I always consider a program a success when a teacher takes class time to talk about it!).

The reception after the concert was also done beautifully, thanks to Mr. Blankenship. The cookies and punch gave us a foretaste of the Christmas feasts to come. You could feel the spirit of Christmas in the air. Smiles were abundant. Yes, the Christmas concert was a success in giving us a taste of the Christmas Spirit.

Amee Wesner



Vocalize! The UCA Choir, under Ms Swigart's direction, practices a Christmas song for the concert.

Gymnastics and Drama Moving Forward

On January 21, the UCA Gymnastics Team and Drama Club headed down to Moscow for the first leg of their winter tour. Arriving just after lunch, they performed a successful mini-show for the grade school there. After re-loading all the equipment and mats, they were off for the Lewiston/Clarkston area. Sabbath, the Drama Club presented several plays at the two churches, and the Gymnastics Team put on a full show after sundown, interspersed with plays and skits. The highlight of the drama presentation was a play called "Not Guilty" and Gymnastics featured difficult routines throughout their programs.

Both groups have put in long hours of practice and hard work to make this tour a special one and we are grateful that all went well. We offer a special thanks to all who made this trip possible.

Malissa Griffitts

What's Happening!

February 8-13 - Home Leave
3-16 - Mexico Trip
20 - Valentine's Banquet
24-26 - UCC Band Clinic

March 7-12 - Week of Prayer
15-27 - Spring Break



Band members concentrate on perfection during another Holiday arrangement

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This impressive-looking bunch of smiling people also happens to be our Week of Prayer speakers. Great job, guys!

Appreciation

Laura Renck - I just want to say thanks to Heather Threadgill for laughing at our jokes and having stress-free classes.

Nicole Morgal - Thanks to Mr. Thayer and Miss Perry for all their help in the grade rush.

Eric Buck - Thanks to the guys' deans for making this year even more enjoyable than the last.

Ginger Pifher - Thanks, Dean Janelle, for making life a lot easier and carefree in the dorm.

Anonymous - Rose Parker because she runs the Lion's Den.

Rose Brower - Sharon Robinson, because she's happy and friendly and very positive.

Sid Hardy - I appreciate Heather Threadgill because she's nice and funny.

Jeremy Foss - I appreciate Mr. Blankenship because of all the hard work that he's willing to put in at the cafeteria.

Students Share Convictions

The UCA students and faculty, during the week of January 3-8, were blessed with a very special Student Week of Prayer. Each of the eleven students selected as speakers delivered a powerful talk that touched the lives of all who attended the meetings. In their own unique ways, the speakers presented issues significant both to them and their listeners. Monologues, poems, songs, and basic speeches all contained insights and words that brought God even closer to those at UCA. Thank you Andrea Bender, Jeremy Foss, Nikia Furman, Becca Hatley, Travis Hornby, Greg Lamberton, Heather Nelson, Joe Osborne, Ginger Pifher, Jon Volyn, and Leah Westerdahl for such a thought-provoking, powerful, and meaningful Week of Prayer.

Lisa Matson

Giving from the Heart

On December 15, 39 devoted students could be seen volunteering their time, energy, and blood ... wait a minute? BLOOD? That's right! These brave souls were the few who dared to donate their plasma, platelets and red blood cells to the Spokane Blood Bank. Originally, 110 students were signed up, but the flu got the better of many, and only a minority were able to donate. However, 39 pints of blood isn't bad for our first Blood Drive! Thanks to all who participated.

Recognition

Each week at Joint Worship, two or three students are recognized for having an especially positive influence in the school. Nominations can be made by the students themselves or by faculty members. Here is the official record of those students for the first semester.

Andrea Bender
 Joel Bedingfield
 Emily Bonden
 Kiff Christensen
 Angela Griffith
 Katy Harlan
 Philip Herzer
 Heather Heaton
 Travis Hornby
 Forrest Jellison
 Travis Knoop
 Greg Lamberton
 D'Arcy Simanton
 Laura Way
 Erin Wiggins
 Chris Drake
 Lynn Werner
 Bruce Neu
 Bethany Smith
 Charley Coleman
 Jason Holder

Thank you, Students of the Week, for your good attitudes and great personalities. We appreciate you, as well as those whose names are not recorded here.

Thunderbird Factory: A Cut Above

Some 72 UCA students are included in the 126 employees of the on-campus industry, Thunderbird. Not only does Thunderbird provide much-needed jobs for students, it also is a work-training and learning experience. Thunderbird is ranked number one in employee safety for its safety measures and safety training program. The students that work there have work in a clean Christian environment that gives them the opportunity to grow and mature as workplace Christians.

Thunderbird itself does not exactly make furniture. It makes the furniture parts that are assembled at another factory. Raw cut alder (a medium hardwood) is brought in and ripped down so that all knots, rot, and other lumber defects can be cut out. These clean-cut boards are glued together to create panels. The panels are then trimmed to appropriate size and finished with a planer and sander on both sides. To cut down on scrap waste, Thunderbird also cuts finger joints for hardwood flooring.

Bob Jacobson, the factory manager, mentions his personal pleasure in seeing a new employee who has never worked before learn to work and mature to be an honest, hard worker.

An average student will earn \$250 per month at Thunderbird. Some make as much as \$325. This year, students will earn over \$200,000. In one month last year, the factory had gross sales of \$450,000. Much of this, of course, is spent on running costs and overhead.

All in all, Thunderbird is an asset to UCA and its students. Many of the students could not go to school here if not for Thunderbird. As well as teaching life lessons that can't be learned in the classroom, it offers work experience that puts these students two steps ahead of the average student in public school.

LeRoy Wheeler



Thunderbird employees keep very busy on a typical work day.

Down Home Talents Discovered

On December 15 at 5:30 p.m., the fourth annual LeRoy Wheeler Down Home Christmas Show got to an upbeat start with music from the new UCA Bluegrass Band. Zach Mason, Charley Coleman, Jason Smith, Randy Koenke, and Mr. Jenks blended their talents together to form some truly unique bluegrass music. They performed a total of three numbers during the course of the evening. Other high-voltage performers included Miss McGuire, who brought to light a new twist with "Rudolph's Night Off." Shane Anderson finally decided that a Ford truck was actually better, but sang about his "Rusty Chevrolet" anyway. Jeremy Foss performed "Grown-up Christmas List," popularized by Amy Grant, and Mr. McFeeters couldn't resist the urge to read the "Cajun Night Before Christmas." Andy Hennenberg surprised everyone with his "hand cooing" version of "Jingle Bells." And, as always, Leroy Wheeler sang a truly forgettable country song along with Bill Wells.

The Down Home Christmas Show was a true success, and a great display of some little-known talent on campus. It was an assembly no one will soon forget. However, this show was probably the last to be hosted by LeRoy Wheeler as he will be graduating this spring.

Geoffrey Greenway



The Bluegrass Band twangs out a "cowboy" version of Deck the Halls.

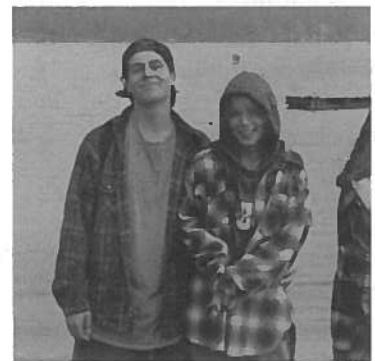
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