

The Echoes

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Parker illustrates our beliefs



An unsuspecting Chad Vercio tries to identify a horrifying mystery object under the direction of Elder Richard Parker

In the week of October 2 through 7, UCA experienced its first Week of Prayer of the year. For Fall Week of Prayer, Richard Parker, the new Upper Columbia Conference youth director, came and gave two meetings a day Monday through Friday. He used many illustrations and willing volunteers from the audience to make his points.

Our beliefs and why we hold them was the week's theme. On Monday morning, surveys were passed out to each student asking them to rate items such as "Christmas" or "Reader's Digest" as either sacred or profane and to what degree. On Tuesday people's responses were looked at from differ-

ent angles.

Wednesday's topic was about people who may be different from others but deserve kindness. The illustration was "Bill," a huge red balloon which eager, suddenly-awake students were allowed to toss around the sanctuary by raising arms high in the air as the balloon came their way. Thursday morning brought a few brave people to the front to describe what they felt in Mr. Parker's mysterious paper bag. Everyone was shocked when he produced what they had described as "rough and cold and slimy." The frozen cow's tongue was used as an introduction to his talk on the power of words.

Friday, more students were lured to volunteer with the promise of Jolly Ranchers for their participation. Those brave souls drank Gatorade out of sample cups, proving that the outside isn't important after all--the inside is what counts.

Friday evening vespers was a powerful spiritual time. Everyone was asked if they wanted to stand and commit or recommit themselves to Christ in front of their friends. Most stood and then joined in a prayer of dedication.

God's wrath was the subject of the Sabbath message. Richard Parker explained how God's wrath fits in with His grace and love. God is very protective of His people, and when they sin, He is angry--at the sin. Satan mixes good with bad, like the mixture of apple juice and--uh--gasoline (which another student drank even though he didn't have to). The human being is tempted, but God knows that sin kills. He gets angry with sinful actions, not the person sinning.

All in all, our first week of prayer was a success. The meetings designed to help draw the school closer to God did accomplish their purpose. There was a lot to think about. By Friday everyone wanted to stand up and dedicate themselves to God.

Jennifer Barton

Warm, fuzzy messages float through school

What is warm and fuzzy and has words written all over it? Note Night and the Warm Fuzzy Board! UCA makes boarding school life more exciting by giving us a chance to write notes to our friends. Note Night and the Warm Fuzzy Board are ways to touch base with people we may not have the chance to see all the time.

Note Night occurs almost every Tuesday evening. The ladies and gentlemen from each dorm exchange notes. Jeanie Williams likes Note Night and thinks that it is an asset to our school. Sherisa Beerman says she just loves Note Night. Most of the ladies agree that school would not be the same without it. Chris Drake wrote an entire page for Senior AP about Note Night and why it was so important. He states that it is "an important aspect of UCA life." Not all the gentlemen agree, says Seth McNeill. Stephan Westcott thinks that it is time consuming. The ladies agree that it is time consuming, but say that it is well worth the time just to know someone thinks about them.

The Warm Fuzzy Board is an ASB tradition and appears about two or three times during the year. A wall in the Administration Building is divided into several smaller sections. Each section is labeled with a letter of the alphabet. The hall is usually packed with students and teachers writing notes, taping them to the wall, and picking up their own notes. Why they are called warm fuzzies is a mystery to most people, but Heidi Klein has an explanation. "It's fun and it's warm and fuzzy!"

Giving a note is a great way to help people know they are loved and appreciated. All things considered, Note Night and the Warm Fuzzy Board are a fun break in the normal routine at UCA.

Katy Harlan



Swarms of students flock to the "warm, fuzzy" board to send and retrieve messages

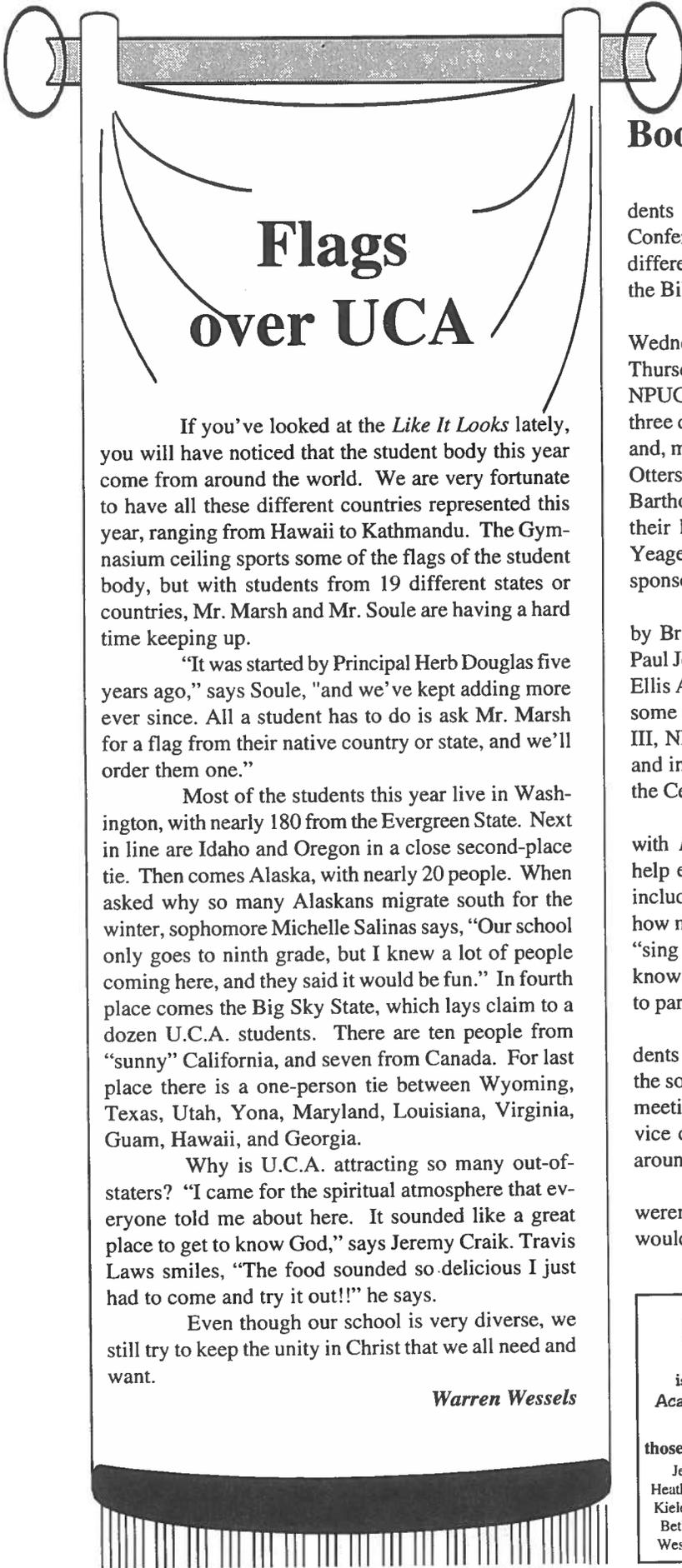
Warning! Epidemic affects seniors

If you are feeling ill, you aren't going insane. You just might have a severe case of Senioritis. The symptoms of this common disease are many. Your clothes don't fit anymore due to the fact that you have lost weight because even Taco Bell doesn't sound appetizing! Instead of asking how you are, the first thing your friends say as you pass them in the hallway is that you look terrible and should get some sleep. You take their advice and attempt getting on sick list, using the best of your imagination. Mrs. Hardy doesn't even need to take your temperature because you look so sick. You make your sickness last a week, of course, and the stress from the make-up work for that week throws you into an odd state of mind. Things you took so seriously before are now hysterically funny. Your alarm clock doesn't go off and you miss a chemistry test--You laugh! It was only 90% of your grade! Your friends start noticing your receding hairline. You tell them it's just their imagination, but really you are too embarrassed to tell them you pulled it out while having an anxiety attack five minutes before your ACT test. Your roommate kicks you out because she can't stand your attitude. You don't care--the prayer room is a nicer place to live anyway! Then suddenly you realize you have gone through twelve years of school. It's time to make your occupational decision. You decide you want to be a professional toy tester.

Warning! Poor judgment and a discombobulated state of mind is a sign of Senioritis! If any of the occurrences mentioned above are happening to you, seek counsel immediately!

Misty Park

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Flags over UCA

If you've looked at the *Like It Looks* lately, you will have noticed that the student body this year come from around the world. We are very fortunate to have all these different countries represented this year, ranging from Hawaii to Kathmandu. The Gymnasium ceiling sports some of the flags of the student body, but with students from 19 different states or countries, Mr. Marsh and Mr. Soule are having a hard time keeping up.

"It was started by Principal Herb Douglas five years ago," says Soule, "and we've kept adding more ever since. All a student has to do is ask Mr. Marsh for a flag from their native country or state, and we'll order them one."

Most of the students this year live in Washington, with nearly 180 from the Evergreen State. Next in line are Idaho and Oregon in a close second-place tie. Then comes Alaska, with nearly 20 people. When asked why so many Alaskans migrate south for the winter, sophomore Michelle Salinas says, "Our school only goes to ninth grade, but I knew a lot of people coming here, and they said it would be fun." In fourth place comes the Big Sky State, which lays claim to a dozen U.C.A. students. There are ten people from "sunny" California, and seven from Canada. For last place there is a one-person tie between Wyoming, Texas, Utah, Yona, Maryland, Louisiana, Virginia, Guam, Hawaii, and Georgia.

Why is U.C.A. attracting so many out-of-staters? "I came for the spiritual atmosphere that everyone told me about here. It sounded like a great place to get to know God," says Jeremy Craik. Travis Laws smiles, "The food sounded so delicious I just had to come and try it out!!" he says.

Even though our school is very diverse, we still try to keep the unity in Christ that we all need and want.

Warren Wessels

Book cause of conference

During the September homeleave several students traveled to Camp MiVoden for the NPUC Bible Conference held every fall. The weekend included many different activities ranging from swimming to studying the Bible or performing a skit.

Seniors returned from Senior Survival on Wednesday, then one of them turned right around on Thursday and left for Camp MiVoden for the annual NPUC Bible Conference. The Bible Conference is a three day event filled with music, special guests, prizes, and, most importantly, Bible study. Jesse Marple, Scott Otterstrom, Vicki Kildal, Geof Greenway, and Summer Bartholomew were the students from UCA who skipped their homeleave and went to the conference. Brian Yeager, AYA director, also gave his time to drive and sponsor the trip.

This conference started with a song service led by Bruce Christensen and former UCA staff member, Paul Jenks, who had traveled with the group from Mount Ellis Academy. About 10 different academies attended, some bringing as many as 35 students. Roscoe Howard III, NPUC Youth Director, welcomed all 200 students and introduced the special speaker, Pastor Bryant from the Central States Conference.

Friday morning, Pastor Karl Haffner arrived with *Insight* magazine prizes and many fun games to help everyone get to know each other better. Games included "Guess the name of the candy bar" and "See how many people you can meet in 2 minutes" as well as "sing a corny song and do a jig with a person you don't know." Everyone had fun, even those that didn't want to participate.

Sabbath afternoon was skit time, and the students from UCA performed a skit about families with the song "Between You And Me" from 4HIM. The last meeting on Sabbath was a very special communion service down by the MiVoden pool. Everyone gathered around and sang. It sounded great.

Although the usual 65 students from UCA weren't able to attend, those that did were blessed, and would probably participate again.

Geof Greenway

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Students take Bible into their own hands

This year many students at UCA are taking the initiative to get a better relationship with God. Prayer groups and Bible study groups are happening all over campus. Every Monday night, students participate in and lead Bible study groups at faculty houses. Mrs. Starr and Pastor Riffel have opened their homes for student-led Bible study groups.

The groups are casual with no set guideline for what they are going to study. They usually start with prayer, and maybe some singing; then, they go into studying the Bible. Some of the groups are led by students who attended the Prayer, Small Group, and Bible Study Leadership Conference in Oklahoma. The format is according to what the group wants to do. Sometimes they are just discussion groups, where they talk about things that concern them. At other times, they may pick a passage from the Bible and do a study on it. Everyone reads the text and asks any questions they may have on that passage. No question is foolish; anything that would help give an understanding of what the passage is saying is accepted. The group members work together to answer each other's questions and gain a better understanding of the Bible.

If you are looking for a good place to grow closer to God, check out a student-led Bible study group near you.

Jon Larsen

**Happy
Thanksgiving**

Music in action

On the UCA campus you will find many musically-talented people. The hot place for these talented people to hang out is UCA's own music building. This three-story fortress is the location where many hours are logged on piano, instrument, and voice practice and lessons.

The band room is located on the first floor, and each evening at 5:15 you will find the UCA concert band, all 75 of them, hard at work under the excellent direction of Mr. Lange. Mrs. Anderson resides on the second floor, where she teaches piano lessons to 64 students. Last, but not least, is the third floor, where the choir room is found. At 11:15 every morning you will find the UCA choir singing under the talented direction of Ms. Swigart.

Tours and performances are the shining points for all the hard work and dedication these students put in. The band takes two tours a year, one in the fall and another in the spring. Choir and piano students also take a tour in the spring. These tours are taken into the outlying communities where the musicians play at churches and schools. They perform both sacred and secular concerts while on tour. Their other shining point is the home performances. All three music programs are involved in these also. They perform an average of four home performances a year.

The music building is open from 7:15 am to 6 pm four days a week and half days on Friday. At any given time you can find people in their respective practice rooms working hard to perfect their talents. Music is an outlet for everyone's creative talents, and I thank UCA for giving us the chance to use them.

Wendi White



The choir practices in the church to prepare for an at-home Sabbath performance





Fearless dorm men don kilts

It was a wet, chilly October week as the lads of the dorm swallowed their porridge (and pride) and ventured forth in kilts and other Scottish paraphernalia. Highlander Week was another activity-packed extravaganza arranged to amuse the members of EKE. As the skirl of the bagpipes floated from a strategically-mounted speaker, various feats of strength and skill were demonstrated on the front lawn. In the cafeteria, contestants in the ginger-ale drinking contest made themselves ill and begged to be taken back to the highlands. . . Och aye, it was a week to be remembered.

Another week, with a different theme, is planned for later in the year. What do men wear in the far reaches of the Amazon?

Robert Burns

Students choose new leaders

On Saturday night, October 7, after the sundown meeting ended, UCA students met with their classes to select their leaders for this year.

The elections took about two hours. The offices voted for were President, Vice-President, Chaplain, Treasurer, Secretary, Sergeant-at-Arms, Girls' Sports Coordinator, Boys' Sports Coordinator, Chorister, Pianist, and Class Historian (Freshman).

When all the classes had finished voting, they gathered in the gym for the presentations. The Freshmen did theirs first. Brian Yeager announced, as pictures of the electees

were shown on the projector screen. When their names were called out, the officers ran up on stage.

Next were the Sophomores. On the screen a video was shown of skiers. Then Armand Devoir announced the names of the officers as they came forward, complete with skiing gear.

The Junior presentation, narrated by Jeanie Williams, began with two archeologists (Mrs. Haeger and Mr. McFeeters) exploring Egyptian ruins. Suddenly, they screamed and ran away. Out of the tombs appeared, one-by-one as Jeanie introduced them, the Junior class officers (or Pharaoh

and his attendants)!

The last presentation, done by the Seniors, had a circus theme. Cindy Girdharry and Michelle Wagner (both in circus costumes) announced in ringmaster style while the class officers (human cannonballs) were shot out of a huge cannon (at least it seemed that way), landing on a trampoline held by twenty-four of their classmates. The rest of the Seniors accompanied the show with drumrolls pounded on the floor.

The night was enjoyed by many, and there were a few surprised new officers!

Gabrielle Kiele

1995-1996 Class Officers

	<i>FRESHMEN</i>	<i>SOPHOMORES</i>	<i>JUNIORS</i>	<i>SENIORS</i>
President:	Jason Stewart	Brooke Segebartt	David Flaiz	Jay Ham
Vice President:	SaraJuyne Smith	Aleka Willey	Kevin Burman	Katie Torkelsen
Secretary:	Brandon White	Chelane Canwell	Paula Kildal	Janel Rookstool
Treasurer:	Cameron Cook	Sarah Webster	Lindy Renck	Shawn Dietrich
Chaplain:	Jamie Miller	Marshall Stagg	Amity Pipkin	Shenalyn Horning
Pianist:	Sherri Wessels	Heidi Leno	Rachel Jenks	Cory Wetterlin
Chorister:	Amy Kimball	Vicky Kildal	Amanda McCoy	Kries Giese
Sergeant-at-Arms:	Manuel Perez	Misty Woodruff	David Evans	Bill Hendricks
Boys' Sports Coordinator:	Kurt Meidinger	Jaron Sue	Dan Bartholomew	David Fischer
Girls' Sports Coordinator:	Marie Barton	Stephanie Christensen	Heidi Juhl	Amy Bieber
Historian:	Jesse Marple	N/A	N/A	N/A



Explore England with Mike and Heidi

On March 18 Mike and Heidi Threadgill along with approximately 30 U.C.A. students will be boarding a plane for a ten day tour of our mother country, England.

Since this is Mike and Heidi's first time taking a group of students to Europe, they will be hitching up with Ms. Joanne Carlisle who teaches at Lake City Jr. Academy in Coeur d'Alene. Ms. Carlisle has been taking a group of students the past four years and through her experiences she knows what tourists want to see.

During their eight-night stay, they will be staying in tourist-class hotels (whatever that means) in London, Brighton, the Bath Region, and Stratford. Some of the highlights of the trip will be visiting Westminster Abbey, the site of royal coronations for the past 900 years; Warwick Castle, England's best-preserved medieval castle; and the Roman Baths where vacationing Romans used to enjoy the hot springs.

If you're like Mr. Lacey (and most of us aren't), you'll be sure to want to place orders for genuine cricket equipment and portraits of the Queen with those students who are going on the trip.

Kim Follett

Challenge hits northwest

How many of you were signed up for the Bible conference? If you were, you probably didn't get to follow through with your plans since the dates that UCA had were mysteriously incorrect. As a result, the Bible conference was actually being held during our homeleave. However, our school was not the only one that received the wrong dates. Auburn Academy also received the wrong dates and was unable to attend the original Bible conference. Although they were unable to attend, they wanted to do something fun. So using their cunning wit and creativity, they planned their own Bible conference called Northwest Bible Challenge. This rally was held October 20-21, 1995, at Auburn Academy. It featured many exciting workshops and keynote speaker, Terry Johnson, who is a former Presidential Honor Guard.

Who was invited? All teens and young adults, youth Sabbath School leaders, and anyone interested in youth actions for Jesus. UCA took a group of about 12. Our fearless new assistant men's dean, Peter Ellis, and our H.O.P.E. Taskforce coordinator, Mrs. Torkelson, led the group to Auburn Academy for this exciting rally. Not only did our students attend, but they also led out in part of the lesson study for Sabbath School and had a H.O.P.E. Taskforce presentation.

The rally was an exciting event and will hopefully be something to look forward to in the future, that is if we can get the dates right!

Chris Swisher

Students witness through work

This year at UCA we have a new industry. The conference has sent us Lon and Jody Boothby to run a Magabooks ministry. Five people in the morning and five in the afternoon go into Spokane to sell books door to door. They sell books such as Desire of Ages, Great Controversy, He Taught Love (Christ's Object Lessons), a story book, and a cookbook.

When the students start their shift, they have a worship and then go out and sell books. When they come to a door, the first book they try to sell is the cookbook. Then they go on and show more of their books if they see more spiritual interest. If there are kids, they show them the story book.

It is called Magabooks because the books they sell are more the size and shape of magazines. They make the books that way because people are used to having magazines sold door to door. Some people may wonder about the safety of sending academy kids door to door in the Spokane area, but there are many provisions made for the kid's safety. All carry CB radios and are in contact with Mr. Boothby often. Mr. Boothby also keeps track of all the students while he goes with one of them.

The greatest part of Magabooks is how many lives it changes. The people who are visited and buy the books are witnessed to. In each book there is a response card that they can return for more information. The cards are sent back either to the Boothbys so they can visit again, or to a pastor in the area that can help. The other people ministered to are the kids that are out selling the literature. They grow closer to God and they also get to see the power of prayer.

Seth McNeill



Upper classmen benefit

The words "Senior Privileges" arouse a lot of emotion to all of us who are seniors and have eagerly awaited the day when those privileges would finally be ours. The seniors put in requests for privileges and then the faculty come to an agreement about these privileges for the school year and set the guidelines for them.

Many seniors enjoy the *privileges* because they evoke a sense of freedom and make one feel trustworthy. Although the other classes are sometimes jealous of it all, they have to remember that their turn is coming.

One senior privilege in the girls' dorm is getting one worship skip a week and a later curfew than freshmen, sophomores, and juniors. The boys' dorm has a senior T.V. room which has a big screen T.V. and VCR.

I talked with some of the seniors about privileges they would like, and many said they would appreciate longer visiting hours in the dorms. Also, they would appreciate more leniency in being able to drive into town with their cars. (After all, if our parents allow us to have cars at UCA, then, obviously, they trust our judgment on this issue.)

Of course, there are always more privileges that we would like to request, but I guess we should be content with some of the ones the faculty have so graciously allowed us to have.

Bonnie Twigg

Students battle dormitory doldrums

As exciting as a place like U.C.A. is, boring times are bound to spring up for almost everybody. To avoid insanity, students have to come up with things to do. Many students were asked what they do for fun when life in general grinds to a standstill. Some activities, like sleep, were mentioned by nearly every student, while others, like doing the mosh with a pillow, were a bit more rare. Kari Whitley and Desiree Wagner said that they sit out in the hall and make fun of or "discuss" people; Misty Park said that she comes up with tricks to play on her roommate; Lynn Belles simply said that she leaves.

Some people, however, didn't have as much to say. Amity Pipkin responded with, "I hardly have time to get bored," while Laura Way didn't even seem to know what "boredom" meant. Other students seemed to be able to define the word, but still weren't anxious to talk. Kathryn Mundall and Sarah Webster both said that they didn't want what they did to go into the newspaper. "I could tell you what I do," said Heidi Lewis, "but I might get in trouble. I don't do homework." After some prodding, she finally admitted, "I listen to...you know...that."

Some activities were very popular. Many people, like Jason Riggs, who said that he went to Brian and Seth's room, seemed to find visiting a cure for boredom. Making phone calls or writing letters to "that special friend" was also a great hit. Oddly enough, stairwells hold a certain fascination for both dorms although the activities performed there are slightly different. While the guys, according to Stephan Westcott and Seth McNeill, attempt to spit down the stairwell, the girls stick to more sanitary activities such as dropping superballs to see if they'll bounce back up to the top.

All in all, the students here seem to manage the boredom fairly well. Even if they just have to bum around and wander the halls aimlessly as Becca Nutter and Deise Dobelin said they do, no one seems to be too dissatisfied. Eventually, all students find their own way to deal with the problem

Melissa Tucker

Get into the action

If you were to ask a student here on the UCA campus what there is to do in the evenings, their answer would probably include sports. On any given night between 6:15 and 8:00 p.m., the upper and lower ballfields are filled with people playing or watching sports. At 6:15, varsity soccer and football players head up to the field to start their workout and listen to words of wisdom from their coaches. For the less committed, there are always intramural games. Rec period starts at 7:00 and many would-be athletes converge on the field to show off their prowess. The next hour is spent in attempting to prove that your team is the best on the field. If your particular team is not playing that night, you can spend your time socializing or join in a game of catch or pick up basketball.

Many students find an outlet in sports. "It helps you improve in sports that you like, and you can be with people," says Bill Hendricks. Laura Marsh says that sports help her relieve stress. No matter what reason you have for playing sports, it can be a fun way to end your day and release the energy pent up from a long day of sitting in class.

Jon Larsen

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Campus still alive with most students gone

Not all of us are lucky enough to have a place to go on open weekends. These students have nothing to do but laundry and homework, and everybody knows how much fun that is. So open weekends can get a little boring. Because of this, a committee made up of Mr. Stevens, Mr. Soule, Dean Cowen, Mr. Marsh, Mr. Mike Threadgill and Brian Yeager has been organized to come up with fun activities for these weekends. This committee has only met once, but they already have the activities for the entire year planned. The committee tells the deans the entertainment planned for the open weekend the Thursday before that weekend. They organize these activities so that the students who are interested in having a good time will have that opportunity. Some activities planned so far this year have been a trip to the local fair, a night of games in the gym, ice skating and a video. The school paid part of the skating fee, making the trip more affordable for the students. They also provided free transportation to the activities located off campus. These activities keep students out of trouble at a time when they could easily get bored and try to find their own entertainment. I would tell you the plans for the future, but it's more fun to be surprised.

Kirstin Kiele



Benji Gross shows some highland spirit