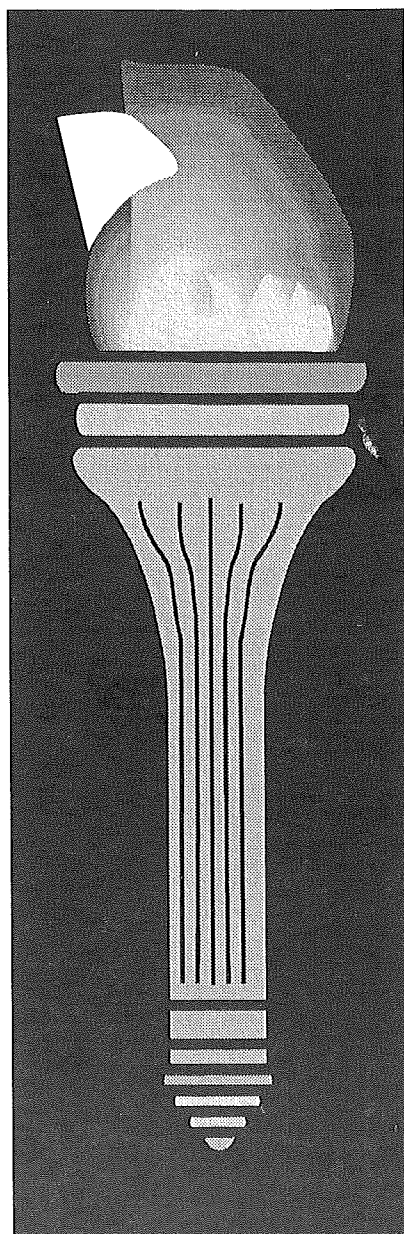


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## UCA Light Bearers

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen." (Matthew 28:19,20) This is what Tuesday Night Bible Studies are all about.

Every Tuesday night at 6:30 pm, one may find a group of UCA students eagerly waiting at the flagpole, ready to go into Spokane and pass out Bible Studies. There are currently four teams of students that go door to door and pass out these Bible Studies, but there is always room for more and anyone is welcome. Each week the groups return to their areas to give the next Bible study. The first time is usually scary for those who have never done it before, but many times they are just as eager to return as those who have been doing it for a while.

Currently students are handing out the Bible studies called "Peace Is An Inside Job." Kathy, a lady from Jennifer Cross and Staj Olson's route seems to be really enjoying these studies. "She has really enjoyed the book we gave her (*Happiness Digest*) and says that she reads it on the bus on her way to and from work," says Jennifer. Then there is Julie who said

yes to some in-home Bible studies. Although Margie Jones and Laisha Fisher have not yet started this in-home study, they are excited about the opportunity to share God in a more personal way. "It's cool! I can have the chance to help Julie get better acquainted with God," was Laisha's response.

Pastor Fred usually takes the group into Spokane. "It is really inspiring to watch the consistency of these students," remarks Pastor Fred. "Even when they don't see immediate results they keep plugging away, and I really appreciate their faithfulness."

"Something that is really meaningful to me is seeing the people take these Bible Studies and watching their reactions to the studies as time progresses," comments Amy Kimball.

Overall, students and community residents are growing in God from this active faith-sharing ministry. Jennifer Cross sums it up this way, "You may be the only Jesus some of these people will ever see so 'Let your light so shine before men...'"

Margie Jones

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## ASB Christmas Party

On Sunday, December 7, the ASB members hosted the annual Christmas party. Children, from babies to 10 and 12 year olds, and UCA students paired to have fun for about three hours.

A few weeks before the party, UCA students paired up with each other and signed up for a child. They could choose the age and sex of the child but weren't guaranteed anything. Then they bought a gift for the child when they found out the age and sex.

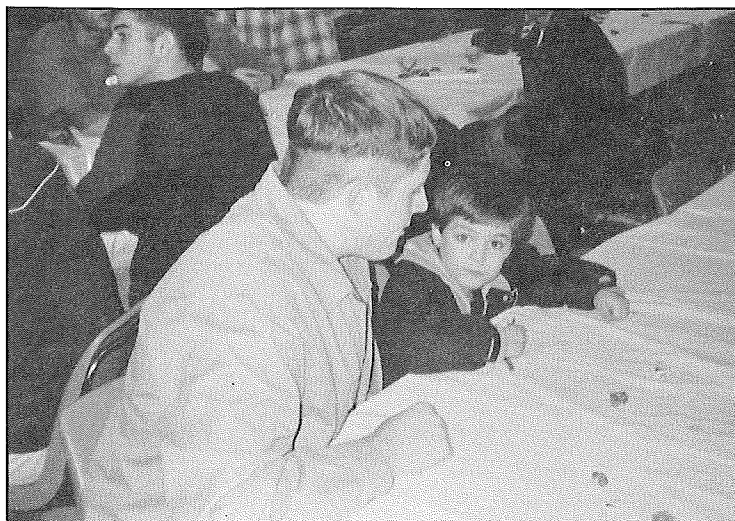
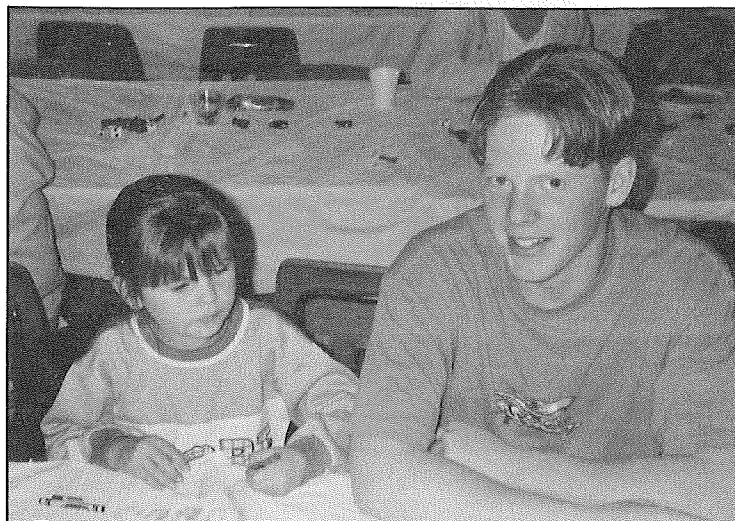
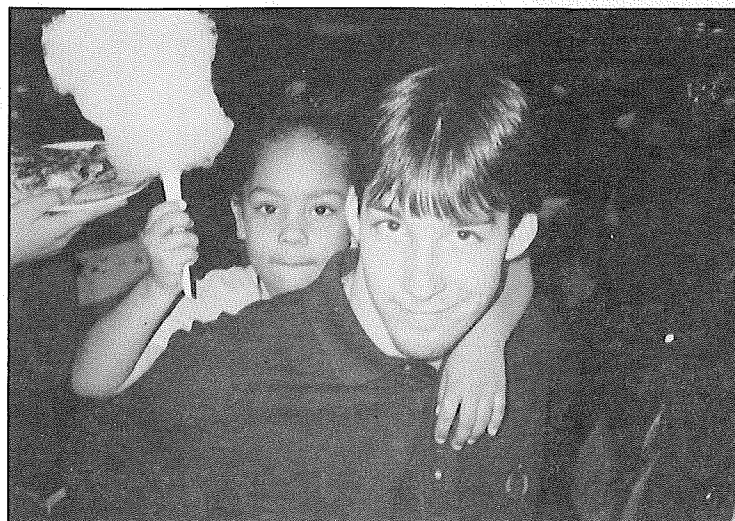
The ASB members set up and ran several different booths that included an all you can eat pizza booth, that was run by Gaelan Katz; a cotton candy booth, run by Jaron Sue; a cookie booth, run by Beth Klein; and a sponge-throw booth and a drink booth, both run by Nate Kay and Coach Soule.

They also had pictures for the kids with Santa and his elf, played by Coach Soule and Nate Kay. Manuel Perez said, "It was pretty cool. I had a fun time, and I got to sit on Santa's lap and have my picture taken."

Phil Prins said, "It was cool but I had a baby, and he kept crying and drooling on me. He also chewed on my shirt."

At about 7:00, students helped the kids gather all their presents and cookies and put them into specially-made goodie bags. Then, they lined up at the door to sign their kids out. When they were all gone, some students gathered up in the gym to watch "The Santa Clause."

*Jennifer Buchholz*



*Mike Bork, Eric Sayler and Todd Davis spend time with their children at the ASB Christmas Party*

## UCA around the world

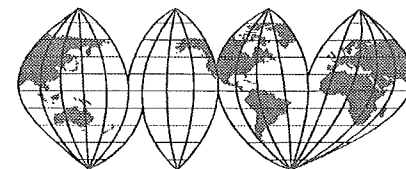
Students have a chance to show their colors by voyaging around the world to help other people learn about God and his second coming. There will be three main mission trips for students here at UCA this year.

The first mission trip is the traditional, long-standing trip to Mexico to build a church. Students pay \$500, but all participants are asked to raise as much as they can to help out the whole project. When asked what she looks forward to most about the trip, Jennifer Cross replied "To be able to help others and to get to know my classmates better." Students will leave February 5 and they will stay until the job is done, which is expected to be the 13th. When they get done, students will enjoy shopping, visiting Kino Beach, and resting. On their way home, they will stop and visit the Grand Canyon and will arrive back on campus on the 18th.

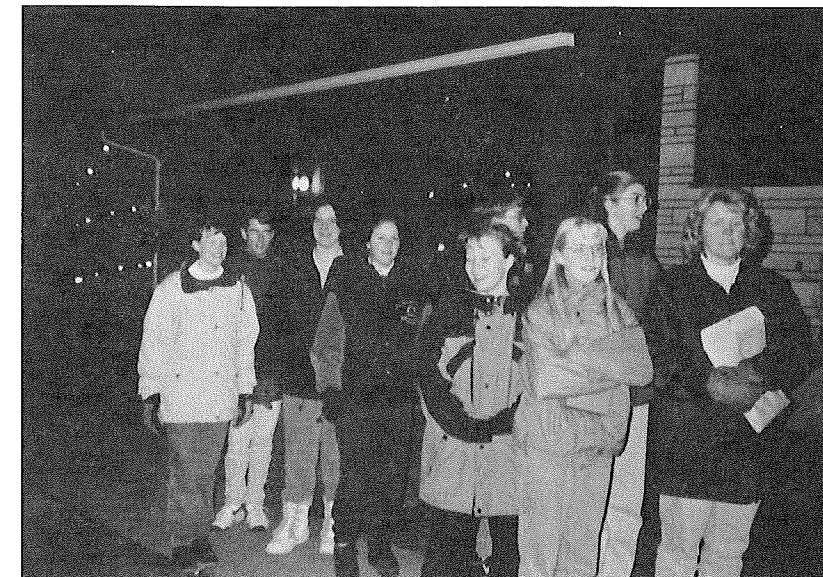
Another mission trip is heading to Belize. The trip will last from March 18 to 30 and will cost \$975 per person. The students will be able to enjoy the beauty of the Caribbean and will be able to spend their last Sabbath in the church they have built.

An African trip will go to Zimbabwe during spring break. It will cost \$1550 per person, which includes an airfare of \$1266. They will tour an African game park and visit Victoria Falls. Our Union Conference headquarters are in the city of Bulawayo. The office used to be a Catholic boarding school so the students will be able to use the dormitory and the cafeteria there.

*Laisa Fisher*



## Ingathering



*On the very cold evening of December 6, a musical group of ingatherers prepares to sing at a home on South Hill. Over \$300 was raised by the 50 students who participated in the two nights of ingathering*

## Students ponder old tradition

"They're like rules," said Evelyn Hillmon. "They're meant to be broken." That might explain why many people continue making new year's resolutions even though they seldom seem to work. Angela Sell suggested that, "New year's resolutions are people's attempt to make right their mistakes of the year before." Or maybe they continue simply out of habit or tradition.

Some people do manage to keep their new year's resolutions. Many times, however, people set unrealistic goals for themselves and try to solve everything at one time. "I think it's better to learn from life as you go along," Allison Bacon said, "and not make a whole bunch of promises to yourself that you're just going to forget a month later." Perhaps if people tried that approach, the new year would not bring the pressure to revise their lives so much.

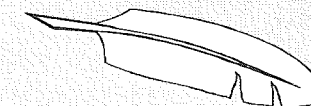
*Rebecca Oplinger*



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## Will student center move ahead?

With the destruction of the old administrative building, there have been many comments this year from students about the absence of a student center. The students need a place where they can go and relax. Mrs. Torkelsen and Mr. Marsh both agree that a student center is needed.

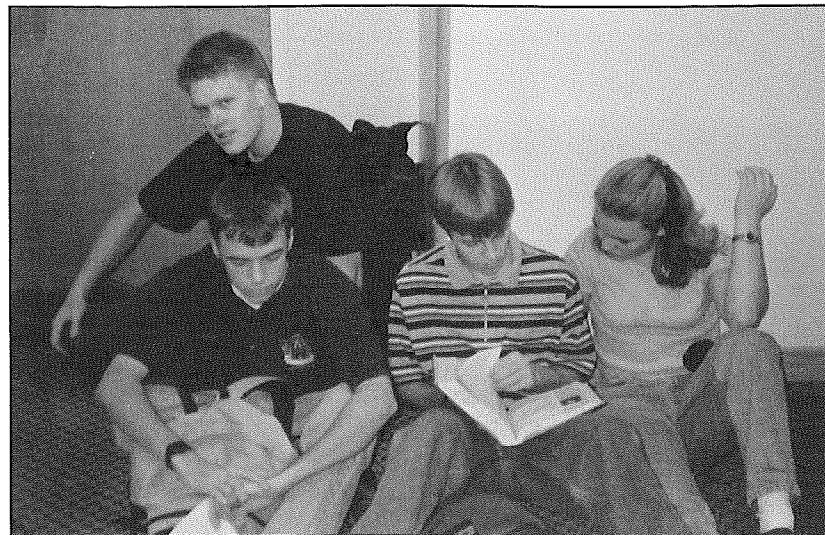
With the \$85,000 dollar cost of the landscaping that was done around the new ad building, there is no money available in the school's private fund for remodeling the old power house into a student center. The school board has not even met to discuss the issue, and before they can meet there has to be a survey done to see if the old power house is structurally sound enough for student occupancy. Such a survey would cost between \$2,000 and \$2,500.

There has also been a \$50,000 dollar matching-fund donation for the renovation of the music building that the school needs to match.

With that matching grant, the music building renovations take priority over the student center. So, the student center project is on hold.

A great help towards the project's advancement would be if the school could get a lot of support from the students. A matching-fund donation like the one for the music building would also be a great step towards getting the project going because as it stands, the school can not afford another major building project.

*Shaun Hendricks*



*Ted Kramer, Cameron Cook, Brandon White and Leslie Francis gather in an ad building hallway. Would they head to a student center instead?*

## To sleep or not to sleep?

With New Year's Eve being the last night of the calendar year, it is a time for celebration. Staying up late to party into the wee hours of the morning, long after the year has changed, is the most common New Year's tradition.

Chris Larsen and Nathan Humbert both confessed to staying up. Larsen did puzzles, played dominos, and also celebrated Christmas that night.

Humbert wanted to watch the ball fall, so to pass time he watched TV, particularly "The Late Night Show."

Some students didn't see any difference between December 31 and any other day, so they went to bed early. Jared Carr and Hans Helmstetler were among that crowd. Carr said, "I just felt like sleeping." Helmstetler replied, "I went to bed early because I had to be

## Christmas Music Covers Campus

On December 20, people from miles around had flocked to Upper Columbia Academy. Finally the moment that everyone was waiting for came. The band, dressed in sharp blacks and whites with instruments that reflected in brass and silver, took their places on risers to the left of the stage. The choir also entered, taking a stand on the stage and in anticipation of the imminent long homeleave, started the night off by singing "It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year." As the snow continued to fall, the audience was moved deeper and deeper into the holiday spirit with festive songs of every kind.

The choir, which had already had a concert of their own the night before, sang three arrangements, all of which were in English. Three songs were also sung by the Choraliers, and three played on the piano by students of Synnove Anderson. All of this was interspersed with seven songs by the concert band.

As I talked to people who attended and performed that night, they all thought that the program was splendid. Leo Lutz said, "The concert was pretty good, but the band was the best part."

After the band had played the last cheery notes of "Sleigh Ride," the people making their way home through the snow took home with them more than just their students.

*Scott Parish*

at work at 8 a.m."

What is special about bringing in the new year? Watches and clocks don't have the current year on them, so you don't see it change. For some it is a time to start over. People set goals, hoping to reach them even though few ever do. Maybe they consider it a fresh start with a clean slate.

*Steven Ellison*

## Fire away

One Tuesday at 12:36 p.m., an alarm rang out throughout the ad building. At first it sounded like the class bell, but then students realized it was the fire alarm. The teachers, unaware of any planned fire drill, emptied their classes of all students and herded them outside to safety. Luckily, everyone escaped the imaginary fire. As it turned out, some one had decided to pull a prank and release the fire the alarm from deep within the halls of the ad building.

A few faculty members scrambled around trying to locate the shut-off keys that nobody had while the fire alarm screamed on for almost half an hour.

Mr. Turner, our hero, through pure intellectual genius and mechanical expertise, was finally able pry open the alarm box and wedge the alarm trigger closed. This saved the 1:18 period from annihilation.

After the repairman arrived with a set of keys, he showed Mr. Turner the "correct" way to shut down the system by setting off the alarm all over again and almost causing another outbreak of terror.

Marty Schaffer said, "It was cool. We sat around and did nothing and class was canceled." That was just one of the many heart-wrenching testimonies of the several fire alarm survivors.

*Travis Laws*

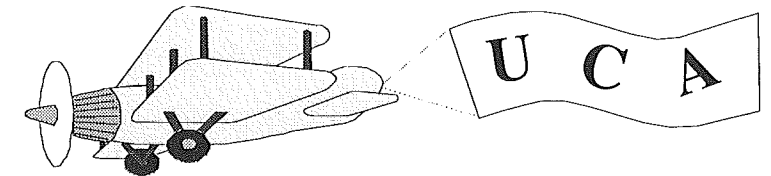
*think about it . . .*

*Do we go to church to please ourselves?*

*Should church be entertainment?*

*What is worship?*

*What is praise?*



## Students fly through semester

A few Upper Columbia Academy students recently finished ground school--the aerial version of driver's education. John Kitchens came out to the campus two nights a week for two months to instruct our students. Now the students can go on and take their practice flying hours, and their tests.

The course consisted primarily of videos from the King Video Course. "I'm glad I took it," said Jonathan Kincaid, a student in the ground school class. Most students were happy to have taken the course and to be ready to move on in the process of becoming pilots, either private or commercial.

Some students have decided to take on flight simulation rather than go into flying. Of course, that alternative isn't quite as fascinating as the real thing. "Flight simulators tend to create the urge to crash the plane in strange ways," says Scott Parish, who uses a flight simulator. Flight simulators offer their benefits also, though. They are cheaper, usually, and one can experience a wider variety of planes than is usual for most traditional pilots. Flight simulators can offer students the opportunity to practice flying helicopters, business jets, and Boeing 747s.

*George Lewis*

## Students disillusioned with church?

"The most interesting part of church," says Jennifer Bigelow, "is the children's story." One of the rules of UCA is that students who remain on campus during weekends must attend church. So, often throughout the dorms and halls murmurs can be heard about how students *have* to go.

On further investigation it seems that the students find it hard to listen in church. Most just don't seem to find the topics interesting. Jennifer Cross says that church should strive to meet the needs of the students. She suggests more music and sermons that would apply more directly to the students. "Because it is required, students look at it as something they have to do instead of something they want to do," she concludes.

What else disillusion students about the UCA church? "Dressing up," many said. There is some dissatisfaction with the fact that students are required to wear church attire to the meetings in

freezing weather and then suffer through the battle of lunch, trying to keep their church clothes from getting stained and from soaking up the aromas in the cafeteria. And, of course, Sabbath lunch most of the time involves the use of tomato sauce . . .

Missi Rau says that letting the students help out in the service is cool. "It would be even better if they let the students give a sermon once in a while," she suggests. Students are mostly interested in sermons that apply directly to them, given by someone who understands what it is like to be a teenager in 1998.

It is important that youth should choose to attend church even when it is not required, but many seem to associate the word church with negative ideas. What will happen in a few years when there is no longer anyone around to tell them to attend church?

*Lisa Gilbert*



## Taking it to the X-treme

Skydiving, skateboarding, rock climbing, BASE jumping--these are some of the extreme sports, the most dangerous sports in the world. Oddly enough, these sports seem to be some of the most popular. What makes them so popular? The people who indulge in them are addicted to adrenaline. These sports supply them with a thrill like nothing else can.

One of the most well-known extreme sports is bungee jumping. Participants tie a big rubber band to their feet and jump off something like a bridge or a crane. The rubber band thing eventually slows down the fall and stops the jumper just before he hits the ground. Dangerous? Not as much as you might think. A lot of preparation is taken to prevent injury or death, and as long as people remember to attach the other end of the rubber band, it is quite safe.

Another extreme sport is called BASE jumping. The BASE can be a building, antenna, cliff top or anything that is very tall. BASE jumpers jump off these tall objects--with special parachutes strapped to their backs. The parachute opens really fast, and once it opens, the jumper quickly has to make a safe landing. Unfortunately, the sport is illegal and can result in a fine of up to \$10,000 and a prison term. For some, that risk adds to the thrill.

A safer sport that has more participants and is getting really popular is rock climbing. There are rock climbing races and speed competitions, and people spend huge sums of money on the expensive equipment.

Some think that people who do extreme sports are nuts, but most of these sports are safer than driving a car. Maybe these sports aren't so loony after all.

*Bryan Reuer*

## Dining Out

One of the largest displays of PDA allowed on campus happened Sunday night, December 14, 1997. The annual Christmas Banquet, sponsored by the Girls' Club, provided those who went with an evening of fun, food, and entertainment.

The fun began with the evening's main highlight--getting off campus. The Girls' Club was allowed to have the Banquet at the South Hill SDA Church instead of at the school.

Upon arrival, the guests were led to their seats by two tuxedoed gentlemen, Charlie Webster and Troy Patzer. The meals were served by Keith Garrison and a few faculty. While waiting for the meal, formal pictures were offered by Northern Exposure.

During the meal, students were entertained with Christmas pieces performed by various students. The main attraction for entertainment was WWC's performing drama group. They had prepared a play for the occasion and also did a few impromptu skits with audience entertainment. Krista Willinger was one who didn't volunteer but was roped into participating by the actors.

Overall, the students enjoyed the chance to get off campus and spend a nice evening with their friends. "There was a nice atmosphere and a lovely environment," was Samantha Miller's opinion. Steve Porter was noticing something a little different, "The ladies were looking good--all of them."

*Cassi Shrock*

## Food gets weird

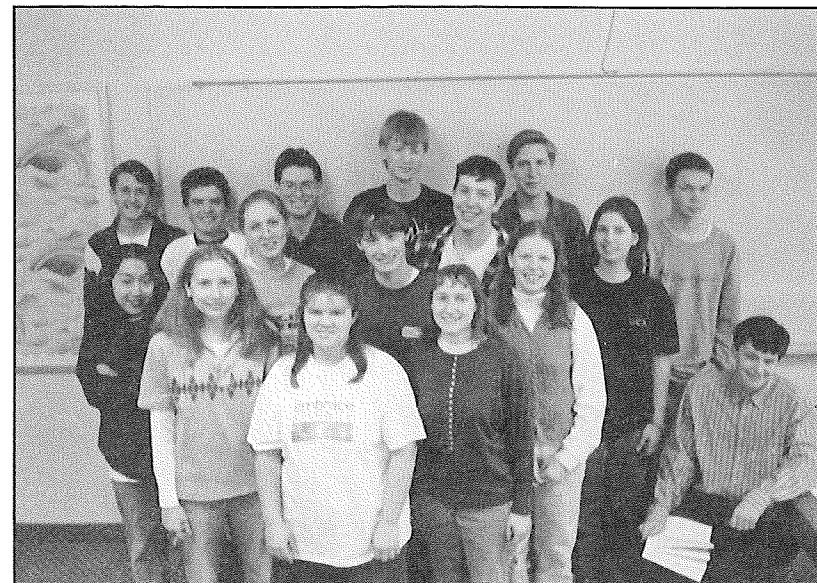
UCA students have many different tastes in food. The cafeteria doubles as a laboratory for creative minds, much to the dismay of some.

The bored and adventuresome add new twists to the average meal. Some students top salad with ketchup, mustard, Mrs. Dash, lemon juice, or dressing. Others mix cereal with juice or milk and top it with any combination of fruit, applesauce, raisins, dates, honey, sugar and wheat germ. Delicacies are pizza with ranch dressing and rice crispies with chocolate milk.

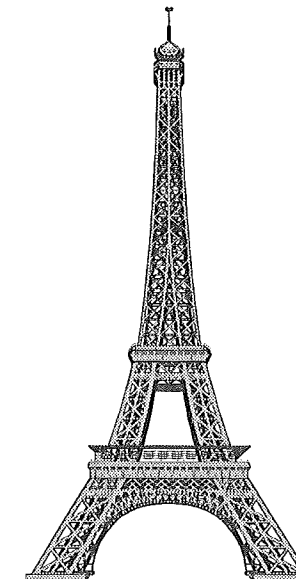
Drinks are also mixed to the student's taste. Drinks include juices, milks, sodas and water, and just about all of them have been combined.

"Many of the people who eat in the cafeteria have weird taste buds," explains Courtney Pellow. However, Sara Strickland thinks, "People are individuals. They can eat what they want." This raises the question: what is weird anyway?

*Emily Thornton*



*Members of Journalism class smile cheerily as the last day of class approaches*



## Old World brings new flavor

Some lucky UCA students will get a taste of Europe this spring. Two trips are offered. Mr. Peach leads one after school gets out, and Mr. Ellis leads one during spring break.

Mr. Peach's is a 26-day camping extravaganza. It covers 10 countries including Holland, the Czech Republic, Austria, Slovenia, Italy, and Switzerland. The cost is about \$2,200 not including passport, tent, sleeping bag, personal eating and drinking utensils, laundry, food, and souvenirs.

Mr. Ellis's is a 10-day jaunt. England and France are the focus of the trip. The cost is about \$1,395 not including souvenirs. Two meals per day are covered as well as hotel accommodations.

"I really really really really really wanna go!" exclaimed Sara Strickland. Sara hopes to raise enough dough to go with Mr. Peach. She and others are working and selling food in the dorm to help make their dreams come true.

Both trips offer the chance to see in-person places that before were only read in books or watched on TV. Jill Cramer sums it all up with, "I think it will be a blast and we will learn many new things."

*Emily Thornton*

## Students choose to ACT now

"You may now open your test booklets to test number one. Ready? Begin."

### Passage I

On designated testing dates, high-school students around the nation take standardized tests. On tests which are used to determine scholarship eligibility, certain regulations are present. Almost everything is standardized: desks must be three feet apart, test takers are assigned to their seats when they enter the room, tests and answer sheets are handed out in a specific order and are picked up the same way, calculators must be approved, and test takers must show identification.

1. These tests require that each desk center must be \_\_\_\_ feet from the next desk center.

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Answer: b

"Please put down your pencil and close your test booklet."

December 7, about 25 UCA students took the SAT (Scholastic Aptitude Test). December 14, about 80 students took the ACT (American College Testing Program Assessment). Soon, these students should be able to find out for what scholarships (if any) they are eligible.

*Joel Mundall*



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## Upcoming Events

Mexico Trip	Feb 5-18
Homeleave	Feb 10-15
WWC Choral Clinic	Feb 18-21
Gymnastics Tour	Feb 20-21
Valentine's Banquet	Feb 22
UCC Band Clinic	Feb 26-28
Spring Week of Prayer	March 2-7
Senior Recognition	March 13+14
Spring Mission Trip	March 18-29
Spring Break	March 18-29

