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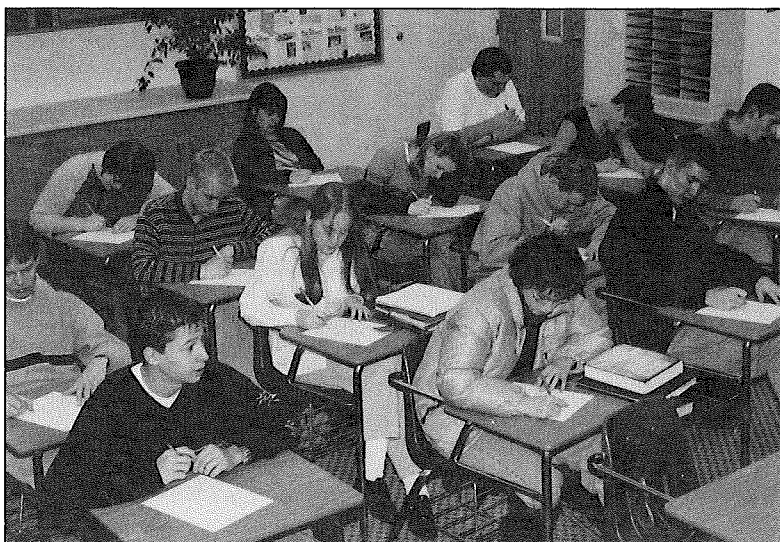
UCA escapes Y2K bug

Like in much of the world, none of the devastating Year 2000 problems were experienced on the UCA campus. Services and administration kept going with almost no problems. According to Ron Davis, the campus computer support director, "The computer problems encountered have been minor." One or two computers set the date to 1980, but that was easily remedied. UCA was prepared for most trouble that could have happened. According to Scott Campbell of the maintenance department, UCA acquired 1100 gallons of kerosene and eight industrial space heaters. Extension cords and batteries were also available.

Around the world little actually happened. There was an alarm system flaw in a nuclear reactor in Japan that set off the alarms. Some people received checks dated 1900 from automated computers and others saw the date of 19100 on various computer programs. These problems were the exceptions rather than the rule. Many computer businesses that made money from the Y2K scare are now out of business. Many people are now wondering what to do with the 20-year supply of dried food in their bomb shelter, and others will have reduced grocery bills for a few weeks as they use their emergency food supplies. Perhaps the summer will see an increased interest in camping as people use the rest of their Y2K supplies. Anyway, it's nice to know we won't have to deal with a problem like this again.

Barry Grussling

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Juniors find that in English class 2000 looks remarkably similar to 1999

Extended Christmas break draws mixed reviews

This year the Christmas break was extended to allow for any Y2K problems that might have happened. The school did not want students travelling during a dangerous situation and definitely did not want hundreds of students back on campus if there was no electricity. But nothing happened, and we got an extra week of Christmas vacation.

The three-week Christmas break drew mixed reviews. A few students thought that the break was too long. They got bored. For those who had winter fever, the extra time was no problem at all. They wished the break could have been longer. Some were working hard to make a little extra cash; others were staying up late and taking total advantage of all the free time they had. But whatever they did, after an extra week of vacation getting back into the swing of things at school can be difficult. Readjusting to school schedules and appointments took just a little more effort.

To make up for that extra week of vacation, this year's spring break isn't as long. Some said that they would have rather had a longer spring break. It will seem especially short compared to last year's spring break which was two weeks long to fit around the mission trip schedules.

Did students miss anything during Christmas break? Yes. Many mentioned that the main thing they missed was their friends.

Stephon Schulze

Rec ski 2000 gets underway

The 2000 UCA recreational ski/ski class program got underway on January 16 with a stormy visit to Silver Mountain that ended with the mountain closing at 1:00 pm. Five more Sundays are planned as ski days: one more at Silver Mountain, three at Schweitzer Mountain, and, the international highlight, one day at Red Mountain in British Columbia. The ski class program goes to Silver Mountain the first four times, then once to both Red Mountain and Schweitzer Mountain with the rec. skiers.

The program costs \$160 without rentals. Renting equipment brings the cost up to \$245 for skis, or \$275 for a snowboard.

To qualify for P.E. credit students must attend five of the six planned trips. Students who choose not to go on one may sell their ticket or be refunded the amount one ticket costs through the school. Season pass holders at any of the resorts the program goes to can get a discount.

Students who live in Spokane or would like to be picked up along the route on Sundays may turn in a request on the Friday before, by 12 p.m., to Mr. Peach, and arrangements will be made.

Since both Sunday meals are missed on ski days, participants make delicious sack lunches in the cafeteria on the night before. Supper usually handled with a stop at Taco Bell on the way back to school.

As you enjoy this opportunity, please ski and snowboard with caution to avoid unnecessary injury and maintain our good safety record. Any questions concerning the program should be directed to Mr. Peach.

Daniel Zimmerman

Schrader elected council president

On Friday, December 3, 1999, Krista Schrader was elected the president of the UCA Student Council with a unanimous vote.

This position will require Schrader to preside over every council meeting, organize all agenda items, and keep order in each meeting. Schrader was an advocate of the plans for a council last year and was thus a good choice for President. Also elected to a post on the council was Crystal Trethewey, the new Secretary.

"The student council," said newly elected Schrader, "will work hard at helping faculty and students alike."

The student council this year will attempt to offer changes to some school policies such as Friday nights at staff houses, the consistency of school rules, mixed seating on buses at night, media issues, and additional library hours. Currently the council is discussing media items and the consistency of

school rule enforcement.

David Nielsen, observing student at the meeting, had this to say about the freedom of having media access, "Freedom is equated with responsibility."

The student council must follow Robert's Rules of Order. These rules keep meetings structured and include raising hands to speak, giving motions, seconding motions, voting, and following standard protocol.

The student council cannot by itself change anything. The council will follow a two tiered system of decision making. The first tier is one of open discussion. The second tier is the study and recommendation stage. After both of these stages have been completed an issue may go to the faculty council. The faculty has the final vote, but the student council can offer very good solutions to problems.

Jon Engelman

Students lead the way

A few weeks ago 11 students were chosen by the student body to speak at this year's Student Week of Prayer. These participants were chosen out of all the students in the school during Bible classes. The speakers were planning to have a retreat December 9 through 12, but a lot of the speakers were sick, as was most of the school, and the retreat along with classes ended up being canceled for three days. The retreat was rescheduled for January 13 through 15.

So, what is the difference between the other weeks of prayer and Student Week of Prayer? The obvious difference, of course, is that there are many speakers and they are all students. During Student Week of Prayer two students speak at each meeting, there is one meeting everyday, and the student audience seems to be more energized. They are excited about this week of prayer more than any other during the year.

Students like Student Week of Prayer best because the speakers come to school everyday. They know what is going on here. They are known and respected individuals, showing others what God is like. They are the religious leaders of the school.

Satan is trying extra hard this year to bring this school down. The December epidemic of sickness was an example of this. Though he has not finished, we can make his task impossible if we ask Jesus to lead us and pray fervently for others.

Krista Schrader

SPEAKERS

Robert Bailey
Matt Byrd
Hailu Gabriel
Erin Griffin
Heather Kuiken
Steve Leitner
Staj Olson
Ben Reese
Bob Renck
Raelynn Spady
Lindsey Smith
Dean Young

Pranksters terrorize campus



Students use pranks to escape boredom. Some popular pranks are taking towels or keys, and giving cold showers. Others are putting cool-aid in shower heads, lighting firecrackers in showers, and falsely announcing free donuts in the lobby.

One of the more interesting pranks this year was when Kimberly Maxted was duct taped to the flagpole. On a Sunday in November, Kimberly was singing a song over and over, and she refused to stop. This slightly annoyed some of her friends, so they dragged her to the flagpole and duct taped her securely to it. As they were doing this they said, "We wouldn't be doing this if we weren't your friends." The

commotion drew a few spectators. Many of her friends came out to keep her company. Several people even brought their guitars to serenade her. After a little more than half an hour Kimberly was cut loose. Afterward, Kimberly said, "Even though I enjoyed the different experience I don't recommend adding it to your list of favorite pastimes. It's nice to know I have such good friends. And just so you all know, it won't happen to me again!"

There have been many good pranks over the years. In one high school, the day before graduation several students locked all the desks in a storage room and in the bathrooms. They only left one girls' bathroom unlocked. Another high school wrote their school's initials in fertilizer on their rival's football field.

Harmless pranks can add entertainment to life and reduce stress, but the victim's feelings must always be considered.

Reuben Rogers

Gymnastics team finally pulls it together

The UCA gymnastics team has suffered some setbacks so far this year. Many of the gymnasts have been either injured or sick, and this has caused two of their shows to be cancelled. The team was able to perform for the ASB Christmas party in December, which is the only performance they have been able to do so far this year. Their performance wasn't a full show, but they did perform their entry and finale.

The team is working hard to pull a show together by the 28th of January when they will perform at Spokane Valley Junior Academy. The team has lots of talent and energy, so they will have no problem with pulling one together. A new feature for this year's show is a tossing routine. The routine will contain back flips, front flips, and many more new stunts. There will also be many routines done by individual gymnasts and different combinations of gymnasts. In the entry and finale of the show, there are quite a few new pyramids and some difficult tumbling. "This team is the best team I've ever seen, and I'm happy to be on it and to be the best gymnast," said Ross Tobia with a big smile.

Though the team did get off to a rough start, it doesn't look like it will continue. "We are looking forward to a full schedule this year. This year's schedule takes us to Seattle, Brewster and Ellensburg to name a few," said John Soule, the coach of the team. The team is looking forward to touring together, and it looks like it's going to be a good year for the UCA gymnastics team after all.

Mandy Hebard

Students step out as leaders

The decisive change in this year's missions program is the addition of formal student leadership. On two of the trips offered by UCA this year, students will help lead their peers to a more effective ministry. The two trips will be to Peru and Guatemala. These trips will need experienced student leaders because of their focus on evangelism.

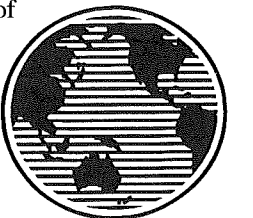
In the past students have had the opportunity to go on different trips sponsored by UCA, and each trip has had something different to offer. Students that have already ventured into the world of international evangelism have seen different techniques for sharing the gospel. These students have experience to offer this year's trips. They can help their friends and peers be more effective in witnessing by offering advice based upon previous experience.

To affirm student leadership, the mission trip board is offering a scholarship for each student leader. The two student leaders going to Peru will receive \$550 toward their mission expenses and the two student leaders going to Guatemala will each receive \$450. In order to receive the honor of being elected a student leader each person must meet three criteria: They must have participated on a mission trip before, completed witnessing training through Pastor Riffel's Sharing Your Faith class, and earned the respect of their peers and of the faculty.

In addition to our evangelism mission trips there are two other mission trips geared more towards construction. These trips will be going to Borneo and Michigan. All of the trips this year are very affordably priced.

With the addition of student leadership UCA's missions program continues to grow strong on its firm foundation.

Staj Olson





Christmas music tradition continues

On December 17 and 18, UCA closed the year with the traditional sacred and secular musical programs in the gym.

Friday evening's sacred program included numbers from the choir, choraliars, brass choir, vocal octet, flute ensemble and saxophone quartet. Erika Beck and Cassandra Shewmake played piano solos.

Saturday evening's secular program again featured the choir, band, and choraliars with a piano solo by Alecia Stentzel. Mrs. Synnove Anderson, Trissa Gifford, Sung Hee Park and Michael Waters managed to play a double piano duet although Michael Waters could use only one hand after an unplanned accident with a glass door in the music building. Elder John Loor was the Master of Ceremonies for the program.

After Saturday evening's program, the school administration provided a reception in the cafeteria before all departed for Christmas vacation.



Choraliers applaud their director, Curtis Anderson, on his Dec. 17 birthday



The band's tuba section makes its presence known



Melanie Henneberg, Paul Haberly, Bob Renck and Andrea Stout take up their positions in the percussion section

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Elegance returns to UCA

December 12, 1999, the Masquerade Christmas Banquet sponsored by Girls Club was held at UCA. The UCA cafeteria was turned into a banquet hall. After the meal the participants went to a ballet at the Met.

Cafeteria workers worked Saturday night and all Sunday preparing the banquet meal. The menu included tortellini & angel hair (marinara & alfredo sauce), breaded ravioli and cheese sticks, croissants and rolls, jalapeno hot stuffers, assorted vegetables, and assorted dessert pies. To drink there was sparkling white grape juice.

Escorting from the girls' dorm started at 4:00. The air was filled with anticipation and excitement as the gentlemen waited for the ladies. There was a flurry of excitement as rain started to fall on the couples waiting in line to get in.

Various artists performed for entertainment during the meal. Andrew Perin and Sandra Van Doren sang "Only You." Jenni Swisher and Stephanie Dyer sang "Face of Love." Lisa Badzick sang "Santa Baby." The Brass Quintet also performed "Deck the Halls."

After the meal the participants loaded the bus to go to Spokane. At the Met they saw the ballet "The Toy Shelf." The ballet was presented by Dance Theater Northwest with Janet Wilder, Artistic Director.

Following the ballet everyone went back to the bus for the ride back to school. In the dorms after the ride back everyone was talking about their dates and what a good time they had.

Sarah Rogers

Brian Catelli



Chris Jepson, Taylor Wilkens, Ross Magi and Kevin Ekvall dutifully pose for a photograph during the ASB Christmas banquet

Salvation gives birth to Christmas

The ASB Christmas party was held at the Salvation Army headquarters in Spokane on December 5, 1999. The Salvation Army took half of the 60 elementary school kids, who came to have some Christmas they would not receive at home, shopping for a whole set of clothes, from a coat and shoes to socks and underwear. The other half attended a Christmas Carnival organized by Mr. Thayer with the help of the ASB officers and 119 UCA students. Then the two groups of kids switched, so they all were able to attend the carnival and go shopping.

When the kids were at the carnival they had a student partner that took them to all the booths and ate with them. Pizza was served for everyone. While the kids ate, the science club entertained them with a presentation on liquid nitrogen, and the drama team presented a Christmas skit.

Candy prizes were won from the booths for pinning the nose on Rudolph or for making a paper airplane that would fly. There was also a bean bag toss and a fishing game. The kids' favorite game was throwing wet sponges at their partners.

The Carnival ended with the gymnastic team's first two performances. Their programs were the highlight of the evening. As Mr. Thayer summarized, "The kids really enjoyed the diversity we had for them this year from drama and science to games and gymnastics. The gymnastics was especially enjoyed by both the UCA students and the kids."

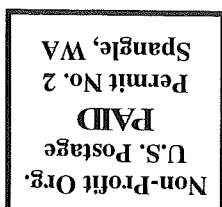
Mr. Thayer also had this to say, "The unique thing about the Christmas party this year was that we went to the Salvation Army to put it on. This gave us the ability to do more for the kids. And they loved it!"

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 2-6	Homeleave-the last one for almost 6 weeks!
February 9-12	Choral Clinic at WWC
February 18-19	Gymnastics Tour
February 20	Valentine's Banquet
February 24	Midterm
February 24-26	UCC Band Clinic at UCA

Girls Club Officers

Jessica Engelhart, President
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There is someone who is always there to talk to, gives good and bad advice (but always makes it sound good), and annoys you . . . but you still love them like a brother or a sister. A roommate is someone who replaces that lovely voice of your mom at 6:00 am singing "It's time to get up. It's time to get up. It's time to get up in the morning." There are advantages--and disadvantages--to having a roommate.

One disadvantage is the continuing battle over the one phone line in each dorm room. If one roommate is on the phone with his mommy the other roommate can forget about talking to his lady friend.

Good friends have a way of changing a little when they room together. They get to know each other better than anyone else in the school. They find out all kinds of new things about each other. They find out their roommate is not clean and doesn't regularly do such essentials as brush his teeth or wash his clothes.

If one gets over these minor disadvantages, some advantages can be



Snow finally comes to campus

seen. It is good to have a friend who is always there, someone to argue with but who will lift you up when you're down. A

good roommate is a good influence and a best friend.

Randy Johnson