

echoes

November 2000



Spectators at games on the field dwindle as the weather gets colder. But a small group of fans braves the weather to watch a November football game.

Bush wins here

Upper Columbia Academy certainly does not represent the nation as a whole. When the votes were counted in a mock election here on November 7, there was no historically close race. The campus wasn't divided right down the middle. George W. Bush was the easy winner--as were all the other Republican candidates on the ballot. Bush received 76% of the 189 votes. Gore received 12%, Nader 9% and Buchanan 3%. (Although some of the Buchanan voters may have been trying to vote for Gore.)

Students were also able to elect their class officers relatively quickly and smoothly. As for the national election, do we have a president-elect yet?

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Happy Thanksgiving



The second trumpets play at the Coeur d'Alene church

Band takes talents on tour

The band shared their talents with Coeur d'Alene and Sandpoint in their first performances of the school year.

Planning for this tour began about a year earlier, according to Mr. Turner, who also said that the trip cost about \$600. However, the trip's benefits outweigh the cost by giving potential students an opportunity to learn more about UCA and to hear its excellent band led by Mr. Lange.

Reflecting on the weekend, Mr. Lange said, "It's an excellent way for starting the school year." Both audiences gave overwhelming financial support. Also, students and staff were delighted with the good meals and the potluck. The meals gave band members a break from the usual cafe food. Furthermore, many students also enjoyed getting more sleep.

There was a good turnout in the Coeur d'Alene church sanctuary for the sacred concert starting at 7:00 Friday night. The concert included many hymns arranged for bands including "O Divine Redeemer" ("Prayer"), featuring Mrs. Anderson on trombone accompanied by the band.

On Sabbath morning, band members went to various different churches and gave special music.

Then the band went to Sandpoint for Saturday night's secular concert. Sandpoint's smaller audience didn't lack enthusiasm or applause. The concert included a new piece called "Odyssey for Percussion," which naturally featured the percussion section. The band also played contemporary music including "Music from Toy Story 2." After the concert, the band returned to UCA so some students could take the SAT on Sunday morning.

Randy Mundall

Dean hopes for cold reception

Dean Scribner and many of the boys in the dorm would like to see a dorm store that would provide a variety of snacks of a substantial food value.

In order to open the dorm store, Dean Scribner needs to find a large freezer for items like pizza, ice-cream bars and other frozen foods. The Dean already has many other items for the

store, but in order to make the store complete he needs a freezer.

The Dean asked many of the boys in the dorm what they would like to see available in the store. Some of the suggestions were frozen pizzas, ice cream, pop tarts, and Top-Ramen. The Dean would also like to provide more healthful foods and snacks, not just

Students party at the mission

On Tuesday, October 31, twenty-five UCA students put on Union Gospel Mission's (UGM) annual harvest party for approximately 150 men.

Twelve clowns attended and ran the different booths set up around the mission. The octet played Name That Tune with the men there, and then performed a short concert. The other 3-5 students baked cookies for the men. The event was coordinated by Cheri Corder and the mission's director. Not a normal Hope Taskforce, this project was organized by Mrs. Corder for two main reasons: to be a rich opportunity for the students to experience direct contact with the residents of the mission and to have a lot of fun.

Most people know about the clowns and the octet and the cookies, but what about the mission? UGM will be celebrating its 50th anniversary next year. They have room for men to stay long-term, for just a couple of weeks, or overnight. The longest anyone can live there is two years.

When the men arrive they are given pajamas and give up their old, dirty clothes. If they are just staying overnight, they get their clothes back the next morning after they shower. If the men live there, they must take showers daily, attend a daily worship service and also work 4 hours a day for UGM. They also have a GED program, and job counseling and job preparatory services.

The men appeared to have enjoyed the visit from UCA immensely and hopefully we will get the opportunity to do something like it again.

Christi Utt

candy bars and pop.

A dorm store would provide an easier, more reliable way to buy snacks and other items because the candy and pop machines do not always work properly and can be out of order. The dorm store will be an all-around improvement for the dorm.

Josh Bryan

Spangle Wood faces uncertain future

Near the end of October, Spangle Wood Products was not receiving enough orders to keep the business going, so Pastor Paul Lundgrin organized a prayer vigil at the church for November 1.

The plant needs orders to survive. Many peoples' welfare is at stake. People from around the community depend on the job as a source of income, and many UCA students need the work to pay tuition. Many people involved are worried.

The prayer vigil was meant to calm all of these worries and bolster faith. To begin it, Pastor Paul Lundgrin, Principal John Nafie, and Spangle Wood Products manager Rick Claridge spoke for a few minutes about the different problems. Then it was time to stop dwelling on the problems and start trusting God.

Claridge said that several of the supervisors, students, and conference leaders showed up, and they prayed for almost an hour together. Many prayed, not for the necessary orders, but for faith that God would help them through the difficult time and that they would trust Him no matter what.

Of course, many of the UCA student workers didn't view this as a difficult time. In fact, because of the slow business, Claridge gave them a three-day break. So although still a crisis, it also became a chance to catch up on sleep, homework, and on precious "loafing time." UCA senior Crysta Newman even shouted out, "Thank you, God—I need the rest!"

Still, these are serious times. But the industry has been faced with trials like these before. Just last May the plant was shut down for four days. But the people involved always pray, trusting it will work out. God is in control and He will work it out—one way or another.

Kathleen Boone

Ask and a van shall be fixed unto you

Ten college students (seven boys and two girls), a beat up van, and a small trailer brought Week of Prayer to UCA a couple of weeks ago.

This group of college students decided to take a year off school to go around to different academies to share their faith in God with others.

However, just the desire to share God with others was not enough. They faced financial needs and needed a vehicle. They got a vehicle but it wasn't what they had in mind. The van they had borrowed had many problems—it broke down a lot. They were very lucky to have a mechanic with them. To top it off they needed insurance. But with all the difficulties, God brought them to UCA.

One of the speakers' goals was to be involved with the student body at UCA. They stayed in the dormitories and went around from room to room visiting with the students. While many just kicked back and talked, others poured their hearts out and prayed together. They sat through classes and even involved themselves in the discussions taking place. Some even took quizzes.

They also involved UCA students in their presentations. UCA students helped lead out in song services and participated in impromptu skits.

Students were sad to see them go. "I think Week of Prayer was awesome, and it was hard to see the speakers move on." Said Shea Milliron. But like they say, everything good must end.

Lourdes Colin

Invasion of the fuzzies

Chaos filled the upstairs hall of the administration building during the week of October 16 through 21. It was Week of Prayer, and everyone knows what that brings--the warm fuzzy board.

The warm fuzzy board is a couple of large boards leaned up against the wall, divided into several different sections. Each section has one or two letters of the alphabet taped on, so people can post or receive notes by their last names.

The warm fuzzy board was created so that students could have the chance to write notes of encouragement or kindness to make each other feel good and to break up the old routine of school.

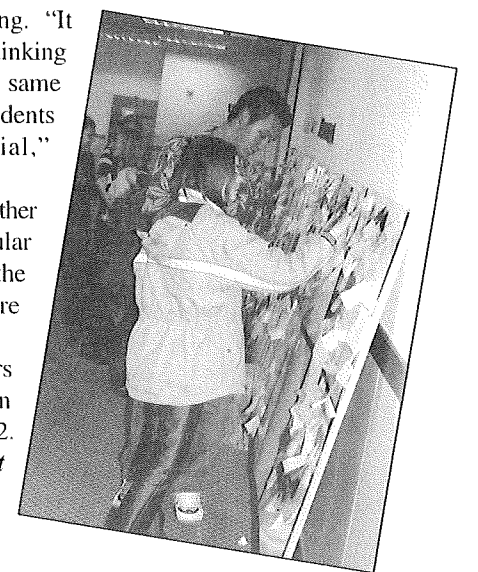
But for some people, like Mr. Lacey for example, the old routine is just fine. "I'm launching a full-scale attack on the warm fuzzy board," said Mr. Lacey, with his squirt bottle aimed at some of the students in the hall.

For others, it was a really cool thing. "It made me feel good that people were thinking about me," said Larissa Skinner. The same feeling was shared by many other students as well. "It is nice to feel special," commented Nick Lambert.

Overall, it seems the idea of making other people feel special was a pretty popular one, as it was supported by most of the student body. A lot of the students were sad to see it go.

But not to worry, kids. Dry those tears because there's more warm fuzzy action coming your way with Week of Prayer 2.

Casey Luport



No boys allowed

Attention all members of the UCA's girl's club: it has been brought to my attention that our scheme to have a night of fun without the guys was a complete success.

October 22, 2000, will be a date that will go down in history. Thank you all for your participation. Not only were the girls of UCA able to keep the boys away, but they also had fun in the process.

Dean Keele instigated the "Girls Night Out" two years ago. It was so much fun she decided to bring it back. "I thought it would be fun. Girls always enjoy doing hair and dressing up. It was just something fun to do," she commented.

Girls from each hall chose delegates

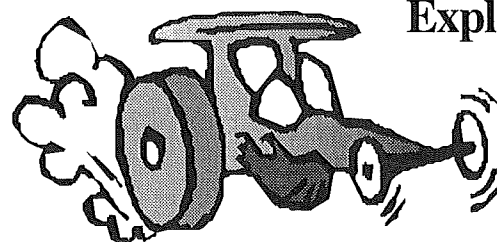
to compete in several categories for creativeness and elegance. They even choose people to look like someone else on campus.

The deans chose three intelligent ladies, Ms. McGuire, Ms. Denise and Ms. Wolfson, to judge the night's events. Cameras flashed as contestants paraded in front of the judges.

"I felt like a dress up doll," said Laura McDow.

The prizes were simple. 1st place was a milkshake from the Harvester; 2nd place, a candy bar and a pop; and 3rd place, a candy bar or a pop. But each participant and their team made a lot of fun memories.

Christina Wilbur



Explore the fast lane

This quarter, twenty-two students, under the direction of Mr. Chuck Paulson, will learn to drive. Although they may dread it, the experience will pay off in the long run.

Driver's Education costs the student \$300 and supplies them with the experience they need to take their test and receive a license. Each learner is scheduled for eight drives throughout the quarter and graded on their performance.

As you can imagine, everyone gets quite nervous on their first drive. Laura McDow, who is taking Driver's Ed. this quarter, says, "I'm scared to get in the car." Fortunately there haven't been any accidents this year. It seems the class has been successful in teaching proper skills before going out on the road. Mr. Paulson is brave to ride with amateurs, though. He says the most common mistakes are making a left turn rather than a right, or drifting too far when changing lanes on a freeway.

Students here at UCA are privileged to have the opportunity to take Driver's Ed. It allows them to get their permits at age 15, and gives them hands on driving experience for their test. We're turning out great drivers right and left!

Laura Davis

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Classes vote for leaders

October gave a chance for UCA students to participate in class elections.

Senior elections ran along the same process as in the years before. Seniors could register themselves to run for an office by October 11. Then, the whole class was encouraged to participate in elimination voting on October 16 and 18, and then the final election was on October 21.

The new senior officers are now faced with many decisions concerning graduation (class aim, motto, text, and gift), senior class trip, senior recognition, and, of course, the ever-present fund raising.

Junior elections were similar to senior elections, with only one exception: students were allowed to nominate other people as well as sign themselves up. Some of the junior class commented that they liked this nomination process because it allowed insecure leaders to be on the ballot. Ron Turner comments, "What we have done for the past four years in the election process has been more fair than other election processes." Furthermore, Mr. Turner believes that our current election process is very healthy and without problems, but is always open to change.

The freshman and sophomore elections ran just like the senior election process; however, the responsibilities for their officers are slightly different. Freshmen and sophomores do not have as many events to plan, but they still need to organize for class parties, track-and-field day, and a Sabbath School presentation. The underclass officers are also learn the tasks and responsibilities class leadership requires.

In general, UCA's elections have allowed students to participate in a democratic political process. This education will help students to better understand the general politics of the whole country.

Timothy Hoffmann



Heaven or . . . that other place

Life as an RA is filled with the best things in the world. The girls you are "ruling" over are as meek as can be and obey every word you say. They bring you jelly beans and cookies so you can keep them on your good side. The girls help you with your homework and you help them with theirs. They make sure you are comfortable at all times and do as much as they can to help you.

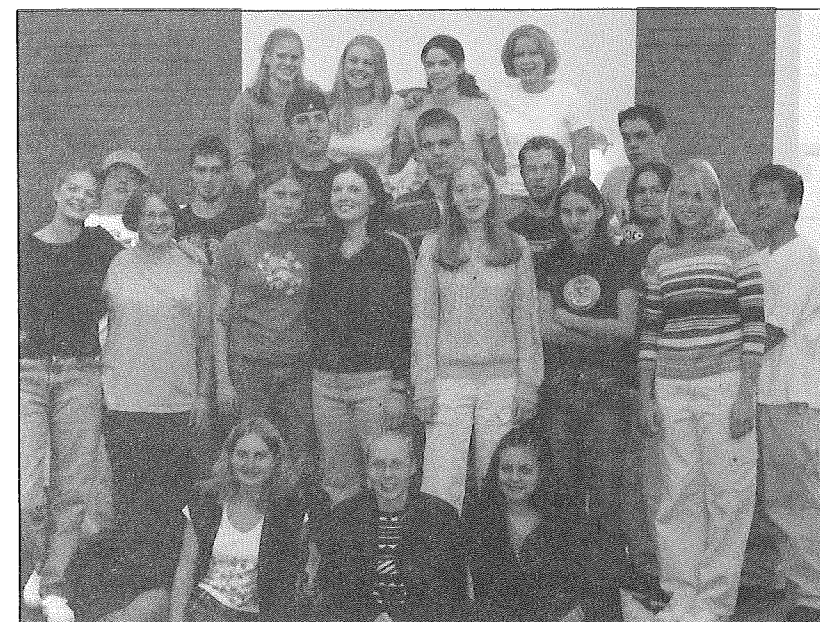
Well, if RA life were really like that, it would be like living in heaven. But RA's have to sit on their hall and be like Nazis, telling wayward girls to go to their rooms and be quiet or go to bed. "For me the only disadvantage is that some nights I have to chase my girls through the halls and bring them back to their rooms kicking and screaming. Some days I hate the whole job of being an RA, but overall I love the job and my girls," said Wendy Dale, RA on 1st South. Sometimes it is hard to put your foot down. The girls don't really like it and it can sometimes lead to conflict.

An RA works 24 hours a day and never gets breaks. It is hard although the girls think that it is easy because all they ever see you do is sit on your hall and do nothing. It is challenging to tell others your age what to do. You can be risking not being friends with someone. You also have to deal with those girls that don't really like you or that you don't really like yourself.

But then there is the good side of being an RA. It feels good to be there for your girls--laughing, talking, crying, and just going through your good and bad times together. As an RA you get to meet more people and develop strong friendships with them. Witnessing and sharing God's love is also a part of an RA's job, and being an RA teaches responsibility, patience, and kindness.

The girls at UCA would like to thank all the RA's for their hard work: Wendy Dale, Lourdes Colin, Kirsten Helmstetter, Michelle Mayle, Jennifer McClintock, Rachel Reedy, Ashley Strickland, and Jessica Williams

Lourdes Colin



Four-year Seniors gather for a picture and to start planning their activities

Jonathan Lundgrin

Is academy easier the second time around? For Jonathan Lundgrin being back at academy for the second time brings much more responsibility than the first.

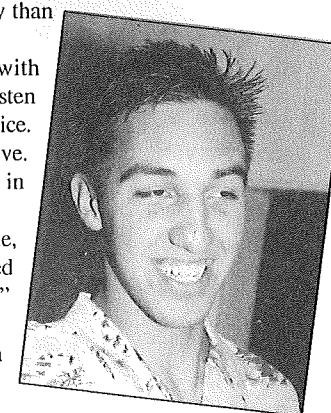
Being a Taskforce Dean isn't the easiest job. Along with responsibility you need determination and the willingness to listen and learn from others. You also need to be there to give good advice.

Lundgrin's experience working with youth is quite extensive. He has worked at two summer camps, Pine Springs Ranch in California, and Glacier View in Colorado.

Lundgrin graduated from Chisholm Trail Academy in Keene, Texas, and attended Southwestern University where he studied Math and Religion and sang in a recruiting group, "The Company." He is very athletic and especially enjoys the Dallas Cowboys.

Lundgrin would like to teach Math and possibly become a youth pastor later if that's where God directs him.

Jonathan Koncz



Fluffy the fish

A hamster cage was found in a trash can on 2nd floor in the Girl's Dorm. We are almost positive it wasn't thrown out because "fluffy the fish" was flushed down the toilet. This and other similar instances confirm the Dean's fears of illegal wildlife in the dorm. And no, we aren't talking about the girls. When asked about the presence of pets in the dorm, Dean Ceri Myers laughed and said, "The deans didn't know about this?!"

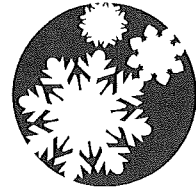
The UCA student handbook mentions pets in part 6 of "Items Not Permitted at School. Though there are no fines for having a pet in the dorm, if a critter is caught it will face Ad Council and be subject to dismissal.

After some undercover dorm work, we find a variety of wildlife. From the ever-present, ever-silent, ever-welcomed company of the fish to the scaly iguana and the hamster who seems to have escaped or met an untimely death (as evidenced by the cage on 2nd floor).

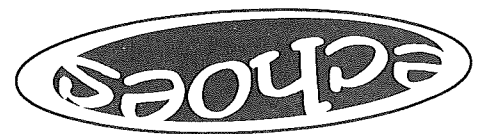
It seems the wildlife has died down this year, or the hiding places have multiplied. The presence of a duck in the dorm was hard to hide last year when it quacked after lights-out. The mouse that occasionally went to class finally died when it was introduced to calculus--the book that is.

Though we may mourn the loss of fluffy the "fish," we know that as homeleave comes around, more pets will grace our campus with their chirp, quack or roar.

Laura McDow



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Winter arrives

The fall leaves are on the ground, and the temperature is dropping to a very uncomfortable level. Snow has made its first appearance. Everyone is pulling out their coats, gloves and scarves.

Winter is the time for many sports including ice fishing, skating, skiing, and snowboarding. Here at UCA winter is a time for soup in the café. We also witness to others by caroling. There are snowball fights and great big snowmen are made. Winter also brings out the Christmas lights that cast their friendly glow into the night.

Outdoors people go for hikes and experience the beauty of the snow which covers the ground and the trees. One of God's greatest wintertime gifts is the snow. It mutes the noise and shows indescribable beauty when it flashes and shimmers in the sun. It just goes to show that God is the perfect artist.

Despite all the cold, winter can bring people together, especially during everyone's favorite holiday--Christmas.

If you dislike winter, just take a look outside your window and watch the snow fall from the sky. Next time you are sledding, skiing or snowboarding, take the time to observe the crisp beauty of your surroundings. You just might end up liking it.

Jason Wallis



The first snowfall was November 8 which prompted the necessary trajectory experiments with snowballs. Later in the week, temperatures dipped into the teens, guaranteeing the snow a long life.

