

The Echoes

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Dorm gets dirty

On the 6th of October the students of UCA gathered for two and a half hours of playing in the mud.

Before the game began, two trucks driven by Dan Bartholomew and Todd Davis, went through the sloppy mess a few times just to make sure that the mud was well-mixed and ready to go. After that both trucks became oozing masses of sticky muck.

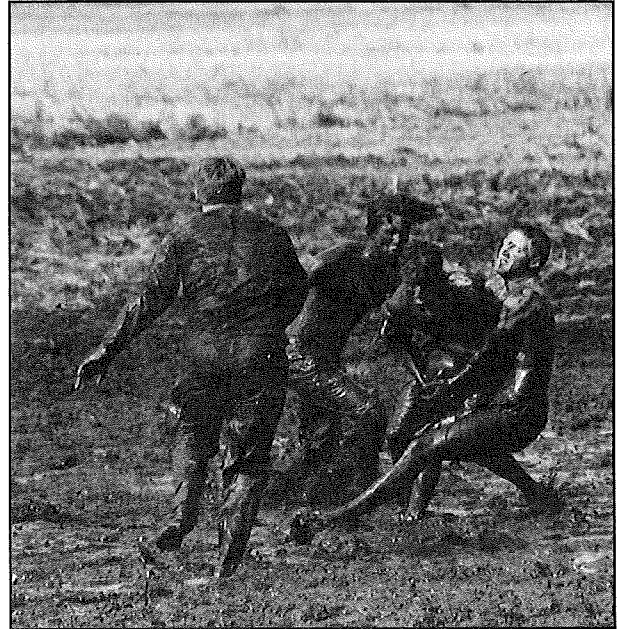
Over 40 guys played in the annual Mud Bowl football game. For some reason everyone seemed to get muddy even before the game started. Seeing someone slip in, possibly with a little help from an eager friend, wasn't an uncommon sight. Even two of the boys' deans, Dan Philpott and Jerry Larson, went in the mud--although it may not have been by choice. Once the game began there were some spectacular tackles, followed by even more spectacular splashes.

At half-time the girls interfered in the game and started an enormous mud fight. They were having so much fun that people had some trouble getting them to stop so that the game could start up again.

When it was all over and all of the players had been hosed off, a drenched crowd left the playing field to return to the dorms.

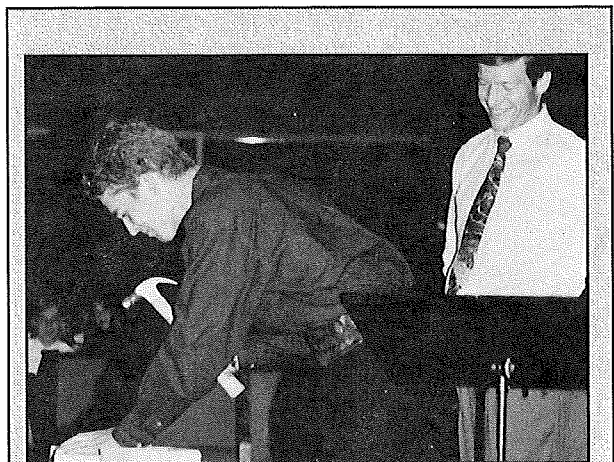
Peter Ellis, the man in charge of Mud Bowl this year, said that everything went well and that he plans to use the same location next year because "the mud was the best there."

Andy Dougherty



Mud, mud, glorious mud . . . Participants in the annual Mud Bowl prove their fearless courage and faith in detergent commercials.

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A Theme Week
and the
December 15 Banquet



The theme for this year's Fall Week of Prayer was "Going First Class!" Here, Josh Tomczek helps guest speaker, Pastor Roger Cain, make a point.

The spirit moves on campus

The Spirit of Spangle was shown to all during Spirit Week, Oct. 14-18. The students and faculty of UCA disguised themselves as twins, kindergartners, hippies, and grandparents--just for a week--to show their pride in UCA.

Monday was Twins Day when students were encouraged to trick people into seeing double. A few people went out of their way to get into some very groovy costumes, such as Raggedy Ann and Andy, while others opted for the simpler, everyday look. Many wore jeans and a shirt they just happened to have like someone else's.

We all took a trip back to yesteryear on Kindergarten Day. People showed up to school wearing their hair in Pigtails or carrying stuffed animals. It was all good fun as the cafe was transformed into Sesame Street during lunch and dinner.

Seventies Day was Wednesday. Everybody showed up in a variety of leisure suits, bell bottoms, and an unhealthy amount of polyester.

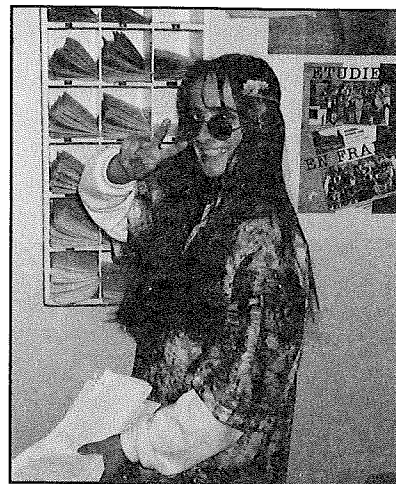
The easiest day to dress up for was Thursday, when each class was assigned a color to wear. Seniors wore

red, juniors wore blue, sophomores wore green, and freshmen wore white. A group of junior boys took this opportunity to paint just about every visible part of their bodies blue, walking around like a troupe of smurf space invaders.

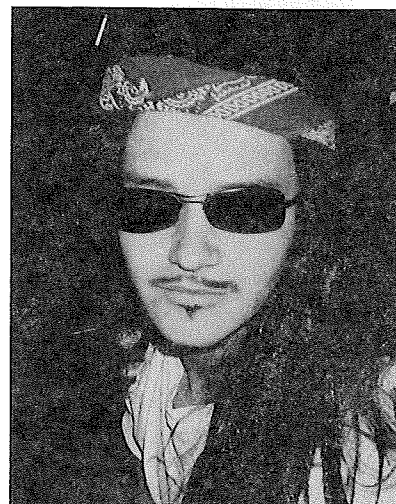
The last day was Friday, Geriatrics Day, and people tried their best to make themselves look old. People took many different approaches, and some even showed up with gray hair and hunched backs. At lunch there was a pudding feed, where blindfolded participants attempted to feed their partners pudding. As the cafe watched with amusement, Jairo Perkins smeared an entire bowl of pudding across Juan Casteneda's face. Apparently Juan didn't mind, though, because later he said, "That was cool. We should do it more often."

The point of Spirit Week is clear--to build pride and togetherness among the UCA students. Eli Stanciu gave this insightful thought, "It was a good week, because a lot of people participated." Also, it does make life a little more interesting when you see pistachio pudding dripping off someone's face.

Lynn Rae Belles



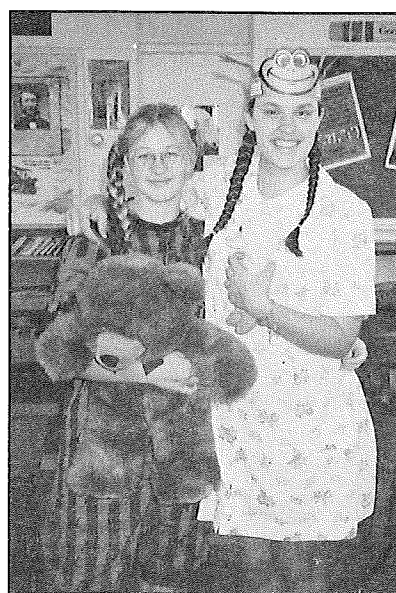
Andria Fargo returns to the seventies



Jairo Perkins???



Margie Jones and Jennifer Cross show their spirit during Spirit Week



Tiffany Wright and Lynn Belles enjoy Kindergarten Day

Process raises questions

A call for names. Hands shooting into the air. Not-so-subtle pleas. Hope. Catching glimpses at the paper of a scribbling neighbor. Anxiety. Endless waiting. Polite conversation. The bursting open of the door. The appearance of the class sponsor. The announcement of a name. Cheers erupting. A few downcast faces. . . This is the way we elected class officers. ASB officers were elected in a similar manner. It was quick, easy, effective. . . but is it the best way?

Students were nominated on the spur of the moment--bringing quite a surprise to some, satisfaction to others. By this system, a student doesn't run for an office, they're placed into it. Other students who really wanted to be in an office (and could've done a good job) were either not nominated or just simply faded outside the limelight of popularity.

After the elections, a few bitter words were circulating around--statements such as, "It's just a popularity contest," or "We all knew who would win, so we didn't even bother to try to get someone to nominate us." Then from the new students came the declaration, "We didn't know anybody, so we just voted for the names we'd heard before."

Daniel Perrin, the senior class president, believes there should be

preliminary elections--allowing everyone who wants to run for an office and those who are nominated to be on a list. Then, before the actual election, the students would vote for two of the people on the list. The top three or four students would be voted on during the actual election night, with each having a maximum of three minutes to tell their class why they want to be elected.

The problem is that the new students don't know the other students in their class. They have no idea who would do a good job. The old students also might not know who would do a good job.

"I think that there should be campaigning," declared Ms. Perry. "The way it is now, some students get elected, and they don't really care whether they're in office or not."

Joel Mundall thinks that there should not be full-scale campaigns, but enough campaigning so that everyone would know who is running and why they want to be in office.

A majority of the student body is for campaigns. They feel that it would make elections a bit more fair and exciting and give students a better idea of who would make good officers. According to Mr. Peach, elections used to be a really big deal. So why aren't they now?

Tiffany Wright



Becca Nutter is either shocked at the election process or is participating in Spirit Week.

Dorm phones may work soon

For \$5 a month, UCA students may have working phones in their dorm rooms soon. "The phones are taking longer than I ever thought it could take," said Don Perkins, UCA's business manager. He is confident though, "When they (the phones) work, everyone will be happy."

Over two months into the school year dorm students still didn't have the promised phones. The project is nearing completion, however, and may be done by the time you read this. Currently, only some of the students' phones work, and there are no outside lines--meaning that the students can't call off campus.

The students have mixed feelings about the new telephones. Richard Davis finds talking on the telephone a "good excuse not to do homework." Some of the teachers may not agree. Joshua Jones is happy for whatever he can get, "It's a great idea, and now we don't have to depend on the dorm desk workers to find us when we have a call."

Most of the complaints involved students whose phones don't work. Unless there are any unforeseen delays, all of the telephones will be working soon.

Andy Dougherty



These hard workers find that improvisation is sometimes the key on H.O.P.E. Taskforce days.

Knowledge Bowl with a twist

Wednesday night joint worships all seem the same. Song service, presentation of student of the week, and a guest speaker. But the night of October 16 was different. Yeah, it may have been hippie 70's day, but there was an adrenalin excitement for a one-of-a-kind event that couldn't be beat. Knowledge Bowl.

This year there were differences in the questions and scoring from how it had been before. In the past we were given questions about the "outside

world" and the first team to five won that round and then waited impatiently for their next victims. But this time we were given questions from different educational departments that were worth anywhere from 5 to 25 points. The class that got to 50 points first won that round and waited for a more worthy opponent. Whoever won the entire tournament received fifty dollars for their class fund.

The first round was between the freshmen and the sophomores. As

confident as the class of 2000 was, they couldn't hold off the class of 1999. Juniors were stunned by the prowess of the senior class as they were conquered by the seniors with a score of 50 to nothing. But that was where the seniors' joyride came to an abrupt end. The sophomore class bested the best.

All in all, everyone had fun whether they participated up front or cheered their teams on to victory.

Alyssa Rana

Net 96 beams down to Spangle

Beamed in 12 different languages to two-thirds of the known world, Net '96 was the largest television crusade yet. From the tenth of October to the ninth of November, the dynamic Mark Finley preached the gospel to people world-wide.

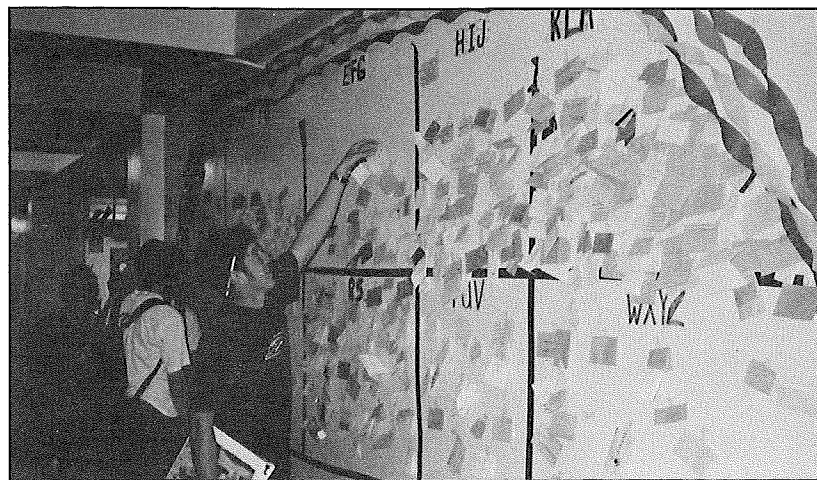
Among these teeming masses were the few regulars who watched the meetings at the Spangle Adventist Church. Though mostly staff and students from UCA and local church members, some non-Adventists from the local community stopped by to see what all the ruckus was about.

Students who attended the meetings did so with a small but significant personal sacrifice. With the broadcast starting at 7:15 in the Pacific time-zone, those students who chose to attend missed both dorm worship and their recreation period.

According to Pastor Meidinger, "Even though these meetings were designed for non-Adventists, it was also a good opportunity for review and to reaffirm what we as a church believe." In Spokane, non-Adventist turnout was a different story entirely. At the Central church, there was a broad cross-section of non-Adventists along with quite a few local church members in attendance.

Adventist or not, they all came for the same reason: to hear the good news of Jesus Christ. Mark Finley, as always, spoke to the hearts of his audience, were they ten feet or ten thousand miles away. His compelling style and vivid illustrations brought the message of the second coming to life.

Seth Terry



Cameron Gray reaches for a warm fuzzy note from the wall



Inadvertently left out of the new staff section in the last issue, Jackie Wren is the new Home Economics and Art teacher. Mrs Wren has worked on campus at BJK Felts for a number of years.

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Love confuses, robs unwary of friendship

There are so many joys that come with a relationship. The feelings are indescribable, yet every once in a while I am forced to stop and think, "Do I know what love really is?" I wonder if it is possible at this age to comprehend the power of a kiss or the complex meaning of those three simple words: "I love you." Are high-school students mature enough to handle relationships?

When a girl and guy first get together, they look so happy. But then, about a month later, they break up. The girl cries over her now ex-boyfriend all night, and her friends decide to execute the poor fellow at sunrise. Was that one month of "pure" joy worth all the ending pain? From much experience, I have learned that it can take a LONG time to recover from a breakup. What is it that makes that bond so great, anyway?

At this age, all a typical girl-boy relationship seems like is "let's be best

friends until I get sick of you." Why can't a relationship be the same as any other friendship? I never DUMP my friends. I never truly get sick of them! Unless a friend did something really horrid to me, I know there would never be a time when I wouldn't be able to talk to or look at her. Yet with a boyfriend or girlfriend, these rules don't seem to apply. A closeness develops in a relationship that pretty much ruins any chances for a normal friendship after that closeness is gone. So once it is gone, what have you gained from your experience? Almost nothing! We don't need practice developing that bond, it will come naturally when the time is right.

Yet, it is impossible to avoid attraction. Relationships are fun as long as they aren't taken too seriously. It is easy to get too involved way too fast. Just remember that college will be a time of major change. Because of this,

it seems almost unhealthy for us to try and emulate adult relationships now. We really aren't sure what we want yet. Most of us don't really know what the word "love" means. You never know, chances are that ten years from now you will find that the person you marry will be that once nerd of a freshman you absolutely detested in high school.

There are a lot of cool couples at UCA. They don't always seclude themselves from the rest of the crowd. They seem to be more friends than anything, and their relationships seem pretty well balanced. But then, I have seen those that move way too fast, lack communication, or just try too hard at it thing they really know nothing about. This is what we need to try and avoid. A boyfriend or girlfriend isn't the most important thing in high school. Good grades and great friends should rule over everything else.

Lisa Gilbert

Classes know how to party

The half moon shone bright, the winds were reduced to a light breeze, and the torrents of rain were kept at bay on the evening of October 19.

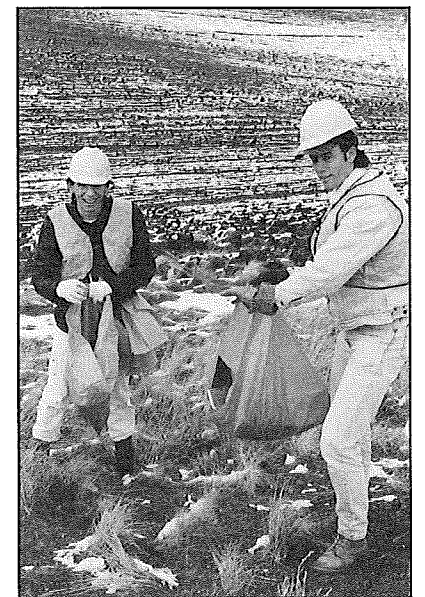
Seniors rushed about the dorms, readying themselves for the long night ahead. They glanced constantly out their windows to make sure the bus wasn't leaving yet--forcing them to remain behind. Finally, they sped off to Spokane, arriving at the arena just before the hockey game. The next three hours were spent booing and cheering amid the din of the thousands of people in the stands. Occasionally students were forced to shove fellow classmates back into their seats for cheering for the wrong team. Afterwards, the seniors enjoyed themselves at Taco Bell. "It was cool and Taco Bell rocked!" exclaimed Mark Keymer later. Meanwhile, back at campus, the other three classes were having some fun of their own.

After the gruelling walk to the Lion's Den, freshmen enjoyed themselves with food from Taco Bell, ice cream, and games. Later, they sat glued to the television, delighted with a movie.

Sophomores found themselves in a large barn dunking for apples, eating doughnuts from a string, and diving into a kiddie pool filled with popcorn in order to find twistie ties with their teeth. Later, they roasted marshmallows while they enjoyed the large, warm bonfire. During this entire time, they enjoyed listening to country music. "It was a lot of fun," declared Samantha Miller, "but the game where we had to jump around the bales of hay was embarrassing."

Juniors ate hot dogs and played various relay games, including one in which they exhausted themselves with blowing up balloons and popping them. Later, they laughed heartily at their chosen videos of "Mr. Bean". However, not only did the juniors have fun, but they also saved money and seized upon a good money-making idea: each student donated a quarter to their class.

Tiffany Wright



Seth Terry and Peter Sheidler enjoy wearing a hat or two as they clean up along the highway during the last H.O.P.E. Taskforce day.

We have organization

The night was dark on October 5 as the students split up and met with their classes to choose their class officers. The suspense hung in the air, and the tension quickened every heart. But by the time the evening was over, each class had leaders, and UCA had a new future.

Class organizations are always hard for the freshmen because they've never experienced them before and don't know exactly what to expect. But the class of 2000 rose to the top this year. Coordination and cooperation seemed to be their theme, and the announcing of their officers in a fashion show was an original idea. When asked what his goals for the freshman class were, freshman sponsor, Mr. Davis, replied, "Unifying them into a cohesive unit that will carry them on to graduation."

The sophomore class started the year with the Mission Impossible theme. The officers, dressed in black, rappelled from the loft and sneaked up onto the stage, where they were introduced, amid many cheers and much applause, by Mr. Larson. The sophomores are excited about this year and their enthusiasm inspires us all. Mrs. Starr, a sophomore class sponsor, said, "We have an enthusiastic bunch of officers. They are all great planners."

The class which was most creative in their presentation of officers was probably the juniors. Their drama unfolded in front of a backdrop depicting a crumbled down administration building. Pastor Fred posed as a news reporter, and with a video camera following his every move, he reported the scene. "They are still looking for any survivors," he said. Then from the stage door a stretcher was brought out and a body was

dumped on the floor. The play actors gathered around and identified the body, and Pastor Fred announced the name of the person and the office they held. Amazingly, the corpses came to life immediately after being introduced. When asked what he felt the goals for his class were, Joel Dickerson, class pianist, answered, "We want to have great parties, a good time, and still have money left over for next year."

Although the juniors may have been the most creative, the most significant "coming out" was that of the seniors. Up until that night, no students had been allowed in the new administration building. The senior officers experienced a first. Each officer was assigned to appear in a window on first floor, except the president who was chosen to appear on the not-yet finished second floor. The walls of the ad. building were up, but the insides were still a skeleton, so moving around inside after dark was a little tricky. When it was time for the presentation of the senior officers, everyone came outside the gym. Benjie Maxson announced the officers, and as they were announced, they stepped in front of "their" windows. Strobe lights flashed in the background and a spotlight illuminated them from the front.

When the senior class president, Daniel Perrin, was asked what his goals for this year are, he replied, "To help the students realize that there is more than this life, and to have fun." In response to the same question, Paula Kildal, senior class secretary, answered, "For the school to be spiritually unified. For the seniors to be really bonded as a class and to graduate. I'd like to break down the barriers between the classes."

Amelia Magnuson

Class officers

Seniors

President	Daniel Perrin
Vice President	Kevin Burman
Secretary	Paula Kildal
Chaplain	Brian Roth
Treasurer	Mark Keymer
Boys' Sports Coord	Karl Meidinger
Girls' Sports Coord	Julie Hone
Chorister	Amelia Magnuson
Pianist	Rachel Jenks
Sergeant-at-Arms	David Evans

Juniors

President	Andy Edwards
Vice President	Vicki Kildal
Secretary	Kari Whitley
Chaplain	Rebecca Nutter
Treasurer	Jake Trees
Boys' Sports Coord	Rian Berry
Girls' Sports Coord	Sky Meharry
Chorister	Tara Wilson
Pianist	Joel Dickerson
Sergeant-at-Arms	Marshall Staggs

Sophomores

President	SaraJuyne Smith
Vice President	Kurt Meidinger
Secretary	Jamie Miller
Chaplain	Phil Giese
Treasurer	Cameron Cook
Boys' Sports Coord	Brandon White
Girls' Sports Coord	Sarah Jacobson
Chorister	Jody Straub
Pianist	Julie Hogue
Sergeant-at-Arms	Manuel Perez

Freshmen

President	Lindsay Janke
Vice President	Heather Joice
Secretary	Katy Hardy
Chaplain	Nat Magnuson
Treasurer	Crystal Norton
Boys' Sports Coord	Randy Orcutt
Girls' Sports Coord	Chaunalett Current
Chorister	Lisa Eslinger
Pianist	Trissa Gifford
Sergeant-at-Arms	Marcus Nutter

Congratulations

UCA Presidential Survey

The race is over, but before the election, 100 UCA students were polled about their ideal president...

The students were asked which budgets an ideal president would increase and decrease first.

Increase	Decrease
-71% education	-4% education
-4% foreign aid	-44% foreign aid
-11% environmental protection	-16% environmental protection
-7% defense	-24% defense
-7% other	-12% other

To find out which issues were important to the students, they were asked whether their ideal president would support various issues.

	Yes	No
Death Penalty	88%	12%
Prayer in school	84%	16%
Legalizing Marijuana	11%	89%
Women in Combat	85%	15%
Animal Testing	23%	77%
A Ban on Abortions	52%	48%

And about the very visible issue of abortion...

Abortions should require parental permission	21%
Only the girl's permission is necessary	37%
Is Pro-Life	42%

The president the students would choose would fight for

Uniforms in school	Yes 8%	No 92%
Tighter gun control	Yes 56%	No 44%
Same-Sex marriage	Yes 17%	No 83%
National curfew for teens	Yes 15%	No 85%
Mandatory community service for students	Yes 30%	No 70%
Cutting off welfare to teenage moms	Yes 26%	No 74%

The president's opinion about media censorship should be

Allowing anyone to watch any t.v. show, movie, or website they want	44%
Letting parents block some out	56%

The places where students would most like to see their president are

Greenpeace rally	26%
Duck hunting	5%
At a National Rifle Association convention	15%
Watching Dumb and Dumber	21%
At Woodstock 3	15%
On any talk show playing an instrument	15%

The places where students would least like to see their president are:

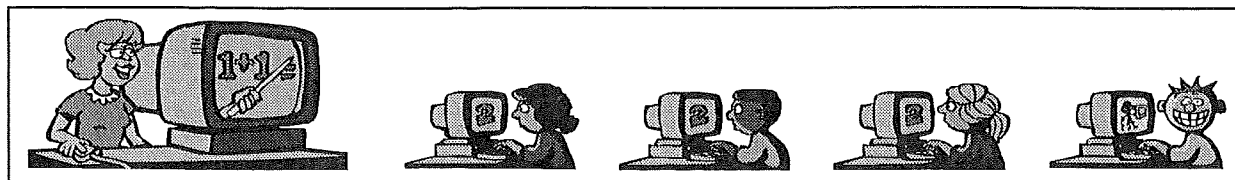
Greenpeace rally	14%
Duck hunting	22%
At a National Rifle Association Convention	14%
Watching Dumb and Dumber	19%
At Woodstock 3	6%
On any talk show playing an instrument	11%

The students think the president should be forced to spend one day a year:

Alone in the wilderness	34%
Standing in line at the D.M.V.	28%
Doing whatever their kids want	38%

Obviously (and fortunately in some cases) the majority of students here were not able to vote. Someday when they are able to vote, they will help improve the economy and decrease the deficit. Won't they?

Lynn Rae Belles



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Are they for you?

It's Monday--again. But wait, maybe you'll survive because you know that at the end of this exhausting, tiresome day is Bible Study. At seven o'clock, you eagerly grab your Bible and head on over to either Mr. Thorman's house, or Pastor Fred's office in the Ad. Building.

Pretty soon you find yourself sitting Indian style in a circle, talking of eternal values. Because members of these groups are around the same age and believe the same, there is a special intimacy involved. To Amity Pipkin, who attends Pastor Fred's Bible study, it's "a relaxing hour where we study the Bible and get our questions answered. Pastor Fred doesn't stick to one plan. He is very willing to discuss what students want to study." The way Pastor Fred explains things makes them easy to understand. Hans Helmstetler says, "It's cool. You learn a lot and the things we study make sense." Jennifer

Cross explains, "I feel comfortable, like I'm with family. I also like the way we discuss texts."

Thorman's group has a time for sharing how God has led in the last week, or just for talking about what's on your heart. One student put it this way, "Bible study gives me a chance to spiritually refocus each week." Sharna Aaen added, "For me, Bible study seems to make the week's burdens easier." Students are encouraged to pick a certain subject of their interest and go back to it every week. It's like a continued story that leaves them hanging and they are always wondering what happens next. Students in this Bible study like to study the Bible in depth and are currently studying Revelation. Though they mostly stick to a certain subject, students appreciate Mr. Thorman being willing to talk about a problem you may have. What you say is important and needed. "Bible

study is what brought me to God," Amelia Magnuson said. At the end of every Bible study, the members join hands and pray for God's guidance throughout the week and for application of what they have learned in their own lives.

The people who go to these Bible studies aren't necessarily Bible experts. They attend them because they hunger for a closer walk with God.

Olivia Noel

