

The Knightly Chronicle

“Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.”
Ephesians 6:11



“Equipping students to glorify God and to seek to do His will”



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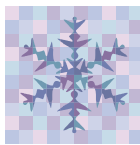
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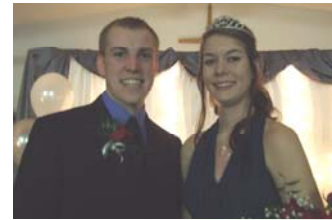


School News: Homecoming, Pies Warm Winter

By Austin Wollman, *Knightly Chronicle* writer

Many recent events at ACS have helped make another Aberdeen winter bearable. The student council was hard at work in January figuring out when the school would have its homecoming game. The homecoming game was played on Saturday, February 6th against Summit; two days earlier, the homecoming court was decided and honored in a special North Campus ceremony. The 2010 Homecoming King and Queen, selected by ACS 7-12 students and teachers, were seniors Jordan Keahey and Stephanie Palmer; the Prince and Princess, selected at random, were kindergarteners Walker Larson and Joy Rohrbach.

*R, top: Homecoming King and Queen Jordan Keahey and Stephanie Palmer
R, bottom: Prince and Princess Walker Larson (on right) and Joy Rohrbach*



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Christmas Passes Festively at ACS

By Stephen Inches, *Knightly Chronicle* writer

Another Christmas is here and gone, and seemed to go by much too quickly. Christmas break at ACS started on December 23rd and lasted until January 3rd. This Christmas break was shorter than some, because in previous years the second quarter had ended a week or two after Christmas break, but this year the second quarter ended before the break. Most students liked this schedule better, because there was no break before the semester finals.

The annual ACS Christmas concert was held on December 18th at 7:00 P.M. at the South Campus.



ACS middle schoolers decorate the sanctuary tree as Christmas approaches

The elementary and secondary students had a choir and band portion in the concert. Mrs. Fischer, an Aberdeen piano teacher, played piano for the choir, and Mrs. Amy Beaner was the band director.

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Naomi and Jacob, greeted by various Keaheys, arrive at Aberdeen Regional Airport for Christmas break.

By Madison Inches, *Knightly Chronicle* writer

Naomi and Jacob Fuhrman, both graduates from ACS (Jacob in 2008 and Naomi in 2009), are both now in college. Naomi is in her first year at West Point, the U. S. military academy in New York, and Jacob is in his second year at Wheaton, near Chicago. Naomi and Jacob both were very active in our school and participated in sports and the arts. This article tells what their lives are like now.

Naomi is not sure what her major will be yet, but she said she'd probably decide

on either a double Portuguese-Spanish major or human geography. When she was asked what she would do after college, she replied, "I'll probably branch into military intelligence ... I've given some thought to aviation, but I like the MI choices for now. Possibly language specialist, or whatever I'm 'voluntold' to do." She said that being asked her favorite memory at ACS was the hardest question ever. She said that she would have to say rehearsals for the dinner theatre, *The Importance of Being Earnest*, and all of the craziness that went down when ACS students spent time around each other.

When asked her favorite thing about West Point, she replied, "My *least* favorite thing is that it took me most of a semester to realize that I'm at college — everyone was like, 'No, I'm not at college, I'm at West Point.' I like the travel opportunities, but my favorite thing is the people. Girls are definitely outnumbered (like a 9-1 ratio), but most of the guys here — I say again, most — are like brothers who take care of me as long as I pull my own weight. And a sense of humor is easily developed when all you have as entertainment on weekends is your friends and government-issued items."

Her words of advice for ACS students are: #1) Daily time with God, daily thought about God, daily heart for God, daily active submission to God. Get to know God right now and right here, because He will be the same when you leave home ... but you will change. #2) You can physically do a lot more than you think you can, so relentlessly give God your goals and dreams and He will shape your will to His. Peace and power comes only from the Mighty Warrior who goes before you and me. #3) Eat whole-grain foods, limit your sugar intake, eat lots of steak, and enjoy your refrigerator. Also enjoy the privilege of talking outside and going to the bathroom without being in full uniform.

Jacob is a music major in the bachelor of arts program. He plays a lot of organ and harpsichord. He said that his situation is a little bit complicated; most of the music majors at Wheaton are doing B.M. (Bachelor of Music) programs, but he's doing a B.A. (Bachelor of Arts, with music as his major). Basically, though, he does all of the same things as the B.M. people plus many more core classes. When he was asked to give advice for students at ACS, he replied, "Do a lot of activities. Enjoy high school, but don't be afraid or worried about having it end. As awesome or awful as high school can be, college is completely different. Don't waste your time.

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Sports: **Knights Basketball**

By Austin Wollman, *Knights Chronicle* writer



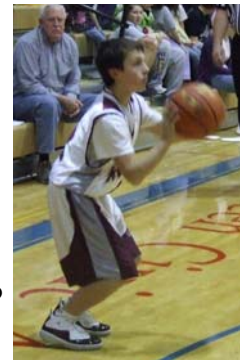
Austin Wollman tips off in the boys' season opener against Roslyn

The boys' and girls' basketball seasons are both well underway. The girls started before Thanksgiving and the boys started afterward. Mr. Gregg Hintz is the returning coach for the girls, as well as Mr. Dave Palmer returning as head coach for the boys.

The girls made history on Friday, December 11, by putting in the record book the first varsity win ever in ACS girls' basketball. They played Roslyn, a team our players are greatly acquainted with because we play them four times, twice at home and twice away. There were two other games that day by the boys' teams, one a JV game and one being the boys' varsity game. Both of these teams also won, so that ACS swept the Roslyn Vikings that Friday. The varsity scores were ACS boys 42, Roslyn 29, and ACS girls 37, Roslyn 27. At that point, the girls' team had played two games already, and it was the first game of the season for the boys.

Both varsity teams have played a number of games since then and still have games to come in February. Both teams are still figuring out each member's roles on and off the court. The teams are also faced with new challenges, with players having changed since last season, but all the players are still out there to glorify the name of Christ, and are looking to finish their seasons well and to play strong. Wins and losses are not the key, but showing what our school stands for; and that is spreading the word of Christ to others. Student-athletes can do that on and off the court in the way they present themselves and come across to others. One thing that is common to all our teams is playing for the glory of God; that can be shown on the court by helping someone get up, and there are many other ways.

We need to cheer on both teams whether they are winning or losing. We look forward to seeing ACS students, staff, and family members continue to cheer one another on. Go Knights!



Matthew Rohrbach launches a three



Emma Niewenhuis shoots against Sunshine Bible Academy



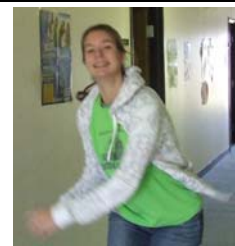
Ruth Latterell drives to the hoop and shoots

Features: **This Issue's Photo Survey**

In this issue of the *Knights Chronicle*, we took our cue from a previous year and asked various students the meaning of a mysterious word, or in this case, phrase: "nux vomica." Freshman Job Niewenhuis felt the phrase referred to "many unicorns," while sophomore Ruth Latterell guessed that it means "good candy." Two more sophomores, Jordan Rohrbach and

Noble La Croix, were given similar impressions of explosions. Jordan said the phrase meant "a blow-up of fire" and Noble, interestingly, that the term dealt with "blowing up vodka." Finally, senior Stephanie Palmer believed the phrase meant "nuclear missiles that make you vomit."

In fact, nux vomica is the poisonous seed (especially including strychnine) of an Asian tree. Now you know.



CHRISTMAS AT ACS — contd. from page 1

On the 22nd (the last day of school before the break), the North Campus had shortened classes until 12:40. Then, from 12:40 until when school ended, we had a Christmas party. The party consisted of too much enjoyable food, games, and cleaning out lockers. ACS alumni were invited to the party also, and six of the eight 2009 graduates came (Dani La Croix, Julie Adams, David and Michael Rohrbach, Naomi Fuhrman, and Morgan Stahl). It was fun to see these former classmates and good friends again.

Several people were asked what the best thing they did during the Christmas break was, and here are some responses. Mrs. Beaner spent time with family in town. Many of her relatives came to Aberdeen. Freshman Job Niewenhuis' favorite memory from Christmas was going to Hot Springs, where the weather was good (unlike everywhere else). He also went to Denver for a youth conference, along with Stephanie and Jenny Palmer and Sam and Emma Niewenhuis. Among sophomores, Corey Palmer enjoyed playing games with his family and Jordan Rohrbach enjoyed making cookies. Christmas was a joyous time for all to remember the birth of our Lord and appreciate being with family.



Students and staff enjoyed the "white elephant" gift exchange on December 22nd.

NAOMI AND JACOB — contd. from page 2

Our two Fuhrman family graduates (Jacob with senior Stephen Inches and his "gift") at the ACS Christmas party.

Apply to one or two colleges that you're not sure you can get into, and don't be afraid to go far away from home (and don't tell your mothers I said that). Loneliness really isn't a huge deal after the first few months."

After he graduates, he's planning on going to grad school with the eventual goal of getting a DMA (Doctor of Musical Arts) degree in organ performance. After that, he'll hopefully be an organ professor somewhere, remaining there in Wheaton if possible, and be music director at a church. When he was asked his favorite memory at ACS, Jacob replied, "Getting to know Mr. Carlson through cross-country my senior year was really a neat experience. Besides, he told me about deep-dish pizza. I mean, what more do I need to say? He's a teacher, but he's also really friendly. He would have been great as a big brother."

Jacob said that the favorite thing about his school is definitely the people. Everybody says that, I think, but it's completely true. He said that ACS has a great Christian community, and Wheaton's is like that in some ways, except that it's much bigger, and he is immersed in it all the time. Living on campus, eating with students, going to class with them, playing music with them, swimming with them, and spending practically all his waking hours with wonderful solid friends is, to use Jacob's word, incomparable.

I Never Said That!

(This issue's amazing quotes from ACS North Campus students and faculty)

Okay, let's talk about *poetry!* – Stephanie (at the beginning of English IV class)

You are a ... let me think of the word, let me think of the word ... girl! – Noble to Abby

They don't fight with me because I'm handsome. – Corey

All of your eyes are crazy. – Jordan K.

She laughed like a hyena ... with a microphone. – Stephen

"It would be like if you put a banana under a bed and left it." "Did you put it under my bed?" – Alex and Sam N.

They are racists against hair. – Sam N.

He's a cold druid. – Mr. Yates

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Cydney

Happy Birthday!

By Madison Inches, *Knighly Chronicle* writer

Once again we have passed the Christmas season, and once again we are experiencing the harsh South Dakota winter. School started again a month ago (to the dismay of some of the students), and it is now February 2010. In this issue, we celebrate the nine North Campus birthdays in late fall and winter at Aberdeen Christian School.



Mariah

First, office administrator Miss Kerre Nitz had her birthday back on the 12th of November. One food that she would never give up is any kind with fiber in it. When asked which she liked better between hands and feet, she replied, "Feet! I love to run, and I would struggle to run without feet. God has given me the ability and passion to run. When I run I feel the Lord's delight. My goal is hopefully to accomplish my first marathon this summer." Her favorite colors are turquoise and hot pink. 7th-grader Mariah Vilhauer had her birthday on the 18th of November. Her favorite wintertime activities are ice skating, drinking hot chocolate, and drinking coffee. Three things she couldn't live without are God, the Internet, and music. Her favorite foods are cheesecake and Chinese food.



Stephanie

Our high-school administrator and science teacher, Mr. Mike Iseman, had a birthday on the 27th of January. The best vacation he ever had was when he went to Rocky Mountain National Park in Colorado with Mrs. Iseman. If he had a choice between being able to fly and receiving a million dollars, he would rather be able to fly, because then he could make a million dollars displaying his flying abilities. As for Mr. Iseman's favorite age, he replied, "Thirty was a great year!"

Senior Stephanie Palmer had her birthday on the 3rd of February. Asked about the best vacation she ever had, she replied, "My cousin's wedding in Denver, white water rafting, and craziness. I love my family!" If she had the choice of being able to fly or receiving a million dollars, she would rather receive a million dollars, because she could then pay for college. When asked what her favorite age was so far, she replied, "This year has been good."



Mr. Carlson and Mr. Iseman

Freshman Cydney Wollman and junior Alex Droog both just celebrated their birthdays on the 7th of February. Cydney said that if she could be born into history as any famous person, she would come as Sacagawea, because this Native American heroine had a "cool life." When asked how she would describe herself in three words, she replied, "Cyd the Squid." The funniest thing that ever happened to her was when she and Mary Wylie got pulled over on the way to practice because Mary's license plate had expired, and then she realized that she had forgotten her ID. As for Alex, the best vacation he ever had was when he went to Las Vegas a few months ago. If he could make the flying v. million-dollar choice, he would rather receive a million dollars. The question of his favorite age to have been made him think, but he said that he would have to say thirteen.



Mr. Palmer

Part-time 7th-grader Tucker Iwerks will have his birthday on the 12th of February. His best vacation was when he went to Disney World with his family and cousins. His favorite age to have been so far is twelve, and he also said that between being able to fly and receiving a million dollars, he would rather be able to fly.

Mr. Josh Carlson, who teaches a variety of 7-12 classes, will have his birthday on the 25th of February. His favorite day of the year is Thanksgiving, because he gets to see his family and eat a lot of food. His weirdest "quirk" is that he wishes he had lobster hands, and his worst pet peeve is whiners. Finally, teacher and computer administrator Mr. Doug Palmer's birthday will come on the 28th of February. One food that he would never give up is pizza; and when asked which he liked better between hands and feet, he replied, "Hands, because I can see them better and they seem more useful." Mr. Palmer's favorite color is blue.

These are all of the winter birthdays at Aberdeen Christian High School, so for those coming later in February, be sure to wish them a happy birthday!

SCHOOL NEWS — contd. from page 1

L: North Campus staff did their best to stay cheerful through 8-inch snowfalls and sub-zero weather.

Along with homecoming came the design for the t-shirts and the themes of Spirit Week (Feb. 1-5), including the special days that the North Campus has just been experiencing. (See collage, p. 8.) On January 29th Aberdeen Christian played Sunshine Bible, and following the basketball games was the school's second annual pie auction. This is a way in which the school can raise money, and families and friends can enjoy both

pies and the game of basketball. Last year Aberdeen Christian defeated Sunshine Bible, but this year the Knights lost. This event used a lot of people's help, because without parents and faculty baking or buying pies, there couldn't be an auction. The school wants to spread the word of Christ, and this is one small way to help this goal be accomplished.

Other school news includes Mr. Iseman's anatomy and physiology class visiting their first cadaver lab this year; they have a few more to go to. Some students may enjoy things like this and others may not, but it is an experience in life that many never get.

R: Ethiopian Christian Obeng Okello gave a remarkable testimony to the school in December about surviving his country's civil war.

**UNBELIEVEABLE QUOTES** — contd. from page 4

So let's say you couldn't type, but your throat works. They would give you a job anyway. – Mr. Carlson
Corey's hands are like Grinch fingers. – Jenny

"Konichiwa – what does konichiwa mean?" "Go have some ice cream." – Cydney and Madison

Do you need help thinking for yourself? – Jordan K.

"I've seen you listed as 6'1" before." "I'm barely 6'9"!" – Mr. Iseman and Jenny

It isn't right to kill Santa Claus. – Sam P.

His adult life was so boring. He just got poor and died. – Noble (about W. A. Mozart), Music

"Nobody forced them to go to Minnesota." "Jesus forced them to go." – Dr. West and Dani La Croix (about Crown Bible College)

Dear Corey, please help God. – Mary (praying)

Tengo muchos hombres. Meaning, "I have many men" instead of "I am really hungry." – Abby

I bet you can have plastic surgery to get a tail. – Sam N.

If I was an Indian, I'd want my name to be Big Fork. – Emma

"You can live with only one kidney, right?" "Yeah, didn't Adam only have one because God used the other one to make Eve?" – Jenny and Jordan R.

Noble kept looking at the clock, so I put a pea over it. – Mrs. Keahey

"Why aren't you cross-country skiing right now?" "It's not snowing." – Jordan R. and Mr. Carlson

"Then his leg breaks and does like a 360." "If you don't think of it as a leg, it's not that bad." – Mr. Iseman and Jenny

You mean Seattle, Texas? – Jordan R.

"He lived in Minnesota." "Ohh! That's so near!" – Mr. Iseman and Emma

Madison Inches died, a wildfire was chasing my car, and my mom was put on trial for murder. – Emma (referring to a dream she had)

Thyroid juice. – Alex (asked to name the hormone in the thyroid)

"Hormones are ... ?" "Terrible." – Mr. Iseman and Stephanie

She's got it coming ... she peppered me. – Alex

"We should have a warning system when Emma sneezes!" "She could be our fire alarm." – Jordan R. and Job

She makes being a human very hard. – Jordan K. (about Stephanie)

What I mean is that I have admiration for bald men. – Mr. Carlson

Mrs. Keahey is a ninja. – Corey

"Wow, Mr. C. [speaking sarcastically], this should go down in history!" "It is in history." – Cydney and Job

Can fat people ice-skate better? – Rachel

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POETRY FROM THE ENGLISH II CLASS

Haiku: "The No Hair Poem" by Emma Niewenhuis and Jenny Palmer

Baldness is a fad
That never seems to get old
Why have any hair?

Limerick by Noble La Croix and Jordan Rohrbach

There once was a man with a shoe.
The color of this shoe was blue.
It ripped from the top,
And with a little flop
It changed to a different hue.



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Moment or Eternity?

Essay by Stephen Inches

Through recent experiences, I have come to realize that it is easy to get caught up in a moment when something exciting or emotional happens and forget how irrelevant that moment is compared to eternity. It is easy to live for and continue to dwell on that moment even when it is passed, instead of moving on.

In my junior year of high school, my school's sports program became a varsity program. Not only that, but I played basketball for my school, and two of my good friends, Michael and David Rohrbach, who also played basketball, came to my school that year. We were so excited for basketball season to start that we had a count-down on the wall in the lunchroom at school.

The night finally came for the first varsity boy's basketball game in our school's history. We went into the game playing hard and quickly took a 29-7 lead. Our team was full of energy and excitement, but we watched the lead slowly slip away as the game went on. Rosland, the other team, made six points in six seconds, making a three, stealing the ball and making another three. The second shot tied the game at the buzzer. We then lost in overtime. Our whole team had a depressed mood for a few days after that game. We got caught up in the moment and failed to see the big picture.

We lost the next two games after that also. We wanted to win so badly. Our fourth game was our first home game that season. It was a close game all the way to the end, but we managed to get the victory. It was the first varsity win of any sport in our school's history! That was a night of celebration and rejoicing. We got caught up in the moment and failed to see the big picture.

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The Black Boot: Part One

Short story by Madison Inches

It was a beautiful fall afternoon, and Ariella Nash was enjoying every minute of it. She and her friends were lying on the grass after volleyball practice, soaking up the sunshine. Ariella sighed in contentment, and watched as a squirrel scurried about in search of food.

She turned and looked at Kaitlin, her friend, who was lying on the ground beside her. Ariella and Kaitlin's families had known each other since the girls were toddlers. This weekend, their families were going on a trip to Minnesota, to visit some friends. Ariella and Kaitlin had both pleaded with their parents to let them stay at Ariella's house, which was outside of Britton, South Dakota. Their parents both relented, but since they were both only fifteen, Ariella's brother, Josh, was going to check up on them every day.

Ariella stood up and took her sports bag to her car. After she had loaded her bag, she went back to where Kaitlin was lying. "We should probably go," Ariella said to Kaitlin. The girls got up, said goodbye to their friends and got into Ariella's car.

When they got to Ariella's country home, the girls started heading toward the house. Suddenly Kaitlin gasped and stopped walking. "What is it?" Ariella asked, alarmed. All she could do was point and Ariella looked where she was pointing. She nearly stopped breathing when she saw it. A window had been broken and the curtains fluttered in the breeze. "Well, I guess Josh got tired of waiting," Ariella tried to joke. Kaitlin shook her head. "I don't think so."

The broken window had scared her, but Ariella didn't want to leave.

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MOMENT OR ETERNITY? — contd. from page 7

Our thirteenth game of the season was one I will never forget. We were at Doland-Conde. We had beaten them earlier that year, but this game was different. They had quickly built a twelve-point lead, but by the middle of the fourth quarter, the score was tied. At this point, both of our starting posts had fouled out of the game. I could not go in because I had already played six quarters (the maximum a player can play per day between varsity and junior varsity). That meant that the next player in line to come in off the bench was an eighth grader, my friend Job Niewenhuis. He went into the game with a “deer in the headlights” look on his face, but he scored three times, the last of which was a pass from Michael right under the basket, and the shot won the game as time ran out. We flooded the court, surrounding Job in excitement. We got caught up in the moment and failed to see the big picture.

At the end of the season, just a few minutes after our final game, the team sat in the locker room talking about everything that had happened that season. We were dwelling on those moments instead of looking ahead to the new things God had for us and moving on to those new things. I’m not saying it’s wrong to remember good things that have happened. I’m also not saying that it’s wrong to get excited, or sad, or have any other emotion in big moments; but if we only live for those moments, we will always feel empty when they are over. We must live with an eternal perspective, because it will keep us from being caught up in the moment or dwelling on moments past, instead of moving on to the new plans that God has for us.

THE BLACK BOOT — contd. from page 7

“Maybe you should go get the police,” Ariella suggested. “Leave you alone?” Kaitlin said in disbelief. “Yeah, I’ll be fine,” Ariella insisted. “I just know you’ll go into the house, though,” Kaitlin said. “I’ll be careful, I promise,” Ariella assured her. “Okay, then, I’ll go,” Kaitlin said.

Ariella watched as the car drove away, and then went to get her horse. She decided that she would ride around until Kaitlin got back so she wouldn’t be tempted to go into the house. Honey, her horse, whinnied when she saw Ariella. “Hello, Honey,” Ariella greeted her. “How about a bareback ride?” Bareback riding was Ariella’s favorite kind. It consisted of riding with only a bridle, no saddle. She glanced at the window and froze when she saw the curtain drop back into place. Someone had been watching her.

Ariella couldn’t wait any longer. She had to go take a look in the house. As she walked up the stairs to the deck, she thought she heard footsteps. She walked into the house, looking at the broken window. She stared in horror at the carpet. There were muddy boot prints leading to her parents’ room. Ariella crept along toward the room, hoping that whoever had broken the window wasn’t in it. Her parents’ room had been looked through. She carefully took out her dad’s pistol. He had always told them where it was in case of an emergency. This definitely qualified as one. *This story will finish in the next issue of the Knighly Chronicle!*

