‘Overflow’ing with praise: Union-based band on the move in Christian music

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“This music is cool. I just wanted to write some phat songs for Jesus,” Partin said.

Partin also said the band’s desire is to show young people that Christian music is one way to praise Jesus.

On Oct. 26, Overflow played at an associational youth rally in Paris, Tenn. They will also do “fillers” for the SAC sponsored Variety Show at Union on Nov. 8. The band currently has a demo tape called “Moon” available at area Christian bookstores. In January, the group will start recording its first compact disc of the same name. Overflow’s desire for the future is to have its music in Christian bookstores across America, but at the same time to be available to play locally, members said.

Local Christian band Overflow reaches local audiences for Christ with its unique style of music.

‘Legend of Sleepy Hollow’ to delight local radio audiences

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What do Washington Irving, Hans Van Ripper and Jimmy Duke have in common?

All are part of Union’s first live radio show, “The Legend of Sleepy Hollow,” which will be performed Oct. 30-31 at 8 p.m. at the Carnegie by five students and three guest performers.

The production will be directed by senior Jimmy Duke.

Union cast members include Duke as Yoste Van Houten, senior Ben Hickey as Hans Van Ripper, senior Greg Jackson as Ichabod Crane, senior Shantel Malan as Katrina Van Tassel and junior Jay Watson as Brom Bones. Guest performers include 8-year-old Alexander Brueggeman as Peter Van Tassel and graduate Chris McNeece as Baltus Van Tassel.

Washington Irving’s chilling ghost story is scheduled to be broadcast on 101.5 FM on Halloween Eve and on Kix 96 the following evening. Tickets will be $5 at the door. Door prizes will also be distributed.

According to Duke, the cast is looking forward to the performances. “We’ve got some good people working on it,” Duke said. He also encourages students to participate in the performance. “How many times will they have a chance to participate in a good-old-fashioned radio play?” he queried with a smile.

Fraternities strive for deeper brotherhood, chapter excellence

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Union’s fraternities have been out and about over the first half of this fall semester. Each of the three men’s Greek organizations has worked hard to establish brotherhood among the actives and pledges, while striving to maintain high standards among the brothers through various activities.

Over Fall Break, Lambda Chi Alpha took a road trip that led them all the way to Canada as they visited several other Lambda Chi chapters. They traveled a total of 2,000 miles as they visited chapters ranging from Indiana University to the University of Toronto.

“It was interesting to go to state schools and meet the brothers and see the differences between us. Even though there were differences, the brotherhood was still there,” said Michael Norton, Lambda Chi president.

A few of the members had to leave the trip early, however. One experienced a death in the family, and another had a car accident. Despite these incidents, members said they felt like Lambda Chi grew.

“It was a time of strengthening for our brotherhood,” said Norton. Sigma Alpha Epsilon pledges learned the secrets of “toughing it” as they camped out and rapelled at Lady Finger Bluff, Tenn., over the fall holiday. Eighteen of the 21 pledges and three active members made the trek.

“I became one with nature (during the trip). I learned to live off the land,” freshman Reed Clark said of the experience.

Fraternity members also played paintball and enjoyed several exercises intended to help them get to know each other. In one of the exercises, “value shields,” the men shared things that they might not normally share, like who their idols are, their definitions of love and other personal information.

According to Brandon McWherter, SAE pledge educator, the trip was a success.

“It was really beneficial for us all,” McWherter said. “I think the pledges got a lot closer and really opened up to each other.”

Alpha Tau Omega has also done some impressive things lately. The chapter recently received honorable mention for the True Merit Award. This national award is given to chapters based on community service, fund raisers, grade point average and chapter advancement.

The nationwide award is a great honor for ATO.

“We’re proud of the recognition, because it is a result of sincere effort by every member of ATO,” said member David Chisolm.

This year, the fraternities have already done some exciting things. Union can look forward to what the upcoming years have in store for them.
Above and Beyond

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With Life Groups in full swing during their first semester of existence here at Union, group leaders have had their hands full. Despite the hustle and bustle of the responsibilities of the new ministry, certain students still manage to go above and beyond the call of duty. That honor is one that junior Steven Chipman and senior Beth Acree have earned, according to members of their freshman Life Group.

“They are both really sweet and caring,” said member Leah Young. “I got homesick one Thursday night, and Steven gave me his home phone number in case I needed to talk and just checked up on me.”

Freshman Jeremy Todd agreed.

“Chipman and Beth hang out with us,” he said. “They are easy to talk to and are always there for you.”

Not only are Steven and Beth leading their flock through Bill Hybel’s “Who You Are When No One’s Looking,” but they have added their own special touch to the weekly Life Group meetings.

Audrey Lemasters said that the two arrange different activities for each gathering. One night, the group had a “70s night,” when they had the chance to dress up in their favorite retro outfits. Another evening featured a pillow fight. Yet another activity included a “mystery meal,” in which students were served food without prior knowledge of what was on the menu.

“Even the activities in our meetings are always group-oriented,” Todd said. “It’s like being at home with a group of friends.”

“Steven and Beth work very well together,” explained Young. “They make Life Groups fun, but they also stay Scripturally based.”

Aside from the scheduled meetings to discuss the character study, Chipman and Acree also block off Friday nights as Life Group nights. Those evenings are opportunities for the group to go out to dinner, watch movies or just spend time together in an outside setting.

“In our Life Group, we’re always having fun,” Lemasters said with a smile. “It’s neat. Every Friday is Life Group night. They give up their Friday nights for us!”

“Both Chipman and Beth put everyone else before themselves. They will offer their help to us at any time,” Todd agreed.

Lemasters had to take Steven up on that offer Oct. 16. She said that her car broke down before she could get home for fall break, and she called people to ask for help.

“In the end, it was Steven who came to the rescue. Steven picked me up and took me home – six hours out of his way - that Thursday night! That’s definitely going above and beyond,” Lemasters said gratefully.

Member Jennifer Kormann said she has cultivated a friendship with Beth over the past few months.

“(Beth) truly cares about the Life Group. I have talked out a lot of my problems in my relationships with her,” she explained.

Upperclassmen agree that the two are tops in what they do.

“The cool thing about Chipman and Beth is that they want to make (Life Groups) good. They really have a deep concern for their group,” said senior Sarah Hackett.

“They’re so different but work so well together.”

In addition to working with their Life Group, Chipman and Acree are also involved in other on- and off-campus activities.

Chipman, an education major, is a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon and has served as a FOCUS leader. Union students may also recognize him as a faithful member of the post office staff, and he also helps out at West Jackson Baptist Church’s day care program.

Acree, while majoring in accounting/finance and Christian studies, juggles a full load of responsibilities at Englewood Baptist Church with the AWANA program, serves in numerous Disciple Now and Revival Teams and is a member of the Alpha Chi honor society. She has also served as Chi Omega’s treasurer. Recently, she worked as a summer missionary in Colorado.

Whether Chipman and Acree are leading their Life Group in meetings, spending time with them on Friday nights or just getting to know each member better, they have earned the respect and admiration of both their friends and their Life Group by going above and beyond. It is possible that this time together with the two leaders has forever shaped the lives of these freshmen - and the fortunate few are thankful.

“I couldn’t have asked for better Life Group leaders,” said Young.

Students Speak Out

The words “Fall Break” brought comfort to our ears, and we yearned for the days of rest and relaxation, but by the time we got home to mom, it was already time to pack up and return back to the hallowed halls of academia. True, many of us went home and literally slept all weekend, but the Cardinal & Cream once again roamed the halls to find out what students really did on their Fall Break.

**Sarah Hartfield, senior, English major**

“All I did was study all weekend. I wrote three papers - it was very exciting.”

**Audrey Lemasters, freshman, undecided major**

“I visited the youth group I worked with in Illinois this past summer.”

**Jason Hurt, freshman, undecided major**

“You worked with me around 3 1/2 hours by myself!”

**Amber Simpson, senior, math major**

“Over the weekend, I competed in a pageant and was crowned Miss McNaury County.”

**Students**

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The Union art gallery will display artist Ted Barnes’ paintings during the month of November.

“Personal Problems, Recent Paintings by Ted Barnes” will debut on Nov. 4, with a lecture by the artist at 6 p.m. The show will run through Nov. 28.

According to a Union news release, Barnes is currently professor of art, art department coordinator and chair of the division of visual and performing arts at Louisiana College.

“My work is devoted to searching for ‘Truth’ in the midst of mystery and paradox,” Barnes explained. “In essence, my work is about exploring contradiction: an investigation into intuition and logic, emotion, reason, faith and knowledge, religion and science, myth and reality, and abstraction and representation.”

The art gallery, located in the Penick Academic Complex, is open Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. There is no charge for the exhibit.