



Pictured above are members of the ASHS track squad for 1969. First row, left to right: Eddie Davis, Gene Hedrick, Tom Wilson, co-captain; Eddie Claywell, Ernie Whitley, Ricky James, co-captain; Steve Stokes, and Ronny Garber. Second row, left to right: Gene Auten, Wayne Huneycutt, Tom Colpitts, Bob Madaris, Anthony Currie, and Dale Morehead. Third row, left to right: Lindsay Dunevant, Mike Kendrick, Todd Melton, Kent Cook, and Hal Brown. Fourth row, left to right: Kenneth Kiser, James Cagle, and Bill Hooks.

BULLDOGS LEAVE BIG TRACKS

Kannapolis scored 126 points to place first in the South Piedmont Conference Track Meet at the South Rowan High Stadium, May 2.

Boyden High of Salisbury was second with 113 points.

Albemarle placed fifth with 43 markers.

Tom Wilson was high scorer for the Bulldogs. He was second in the 440-yard run and the triple jump. Tom placed third in the broad jump.

Eddie Claywell placed fourth in the high jump and tied for fifth in the 180-yard low hurdles.

Ken Kiser and Steve Stokes qualified in the 880-yard run.

Ernie Whitley was fifth in the mile run.

The Bulldogs' 880-yard relay team also qualified for the Bi-Conference Meet.

The North-South Piedmont Conference Track Meet, May 9, at South Rowan High Stadium, saw the Davie County Rebels capture first place.

Albemarle fell far back in the pack with only 5½ points.

Tom Wilson qualified for the Association Meet in both the triple jump and the 440.

Kenneth Kiser was the only distance runner to qualify. Ken placed fifth in the 880-yard run.

South Rowan High Stadium was also the sight of the W.N.C.H.S.A.A. Track Meet, May 17.

Tom Wilson represented Albemarle in the triple jump and the 440-yard run. Tom placed fifth in the triple jump and sixth in the 440.

Kenneth Kiser was the Bulldogs' hope in the 880. Kenneth placed ninth in a large field of runners.

This was the final meet of the year for the Bulldog Tracksters.

Bulldogs Enjoy Banquet

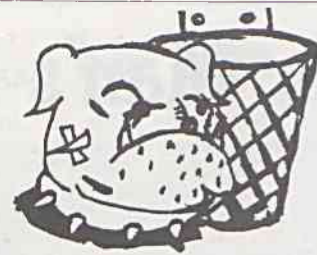
Tom Harp, head football coach at Duke University, topped the guest list of athletes for the annual All Sports Banquet, May 15.

The invocation, given by Mr. Leroy Calder, pastor of North Albemarle Baptist Church, preceded the presentation of awards.

Recipients of the coveted Dr. Madge Gaskin and Dr. John Gaskin were Karen Moose and Eric Mabry, respectively.

The outstanding participants in each sport were named: football, Lanny Mabry; basketball, Robert Lewis and Karen Moose; track, Tom Wilson; tennis, Billy Freeman and Candace Waller; wrestling, Roger Dick; golf, David Plyler; and baseball, Eric Mabry.

The banquet was sponsored by the Monogram Club and the Jaycees and was catered by Archer's Bar-be-cue.



BULLDOG BARKS

BY TIM MORGAN

This passing year has held many fond memories for the student body of ASHS. Tommy Adams even made golf team.

The football team didn't get first place in the South Piedmont Conference, but they sure gave the other teams heck trying.

If everyone would look into the statistics of the games and not just the final score, they would find that the Bulldogs are great.

Sure, we got beat sometimes, but almost all of the other statistics showed the Bulldogs on top! For this and their good sportmanship, the team should get more than just a trophy; they should get our best wishes.

The basketball team, too, came through with a good season. They gave the students something to be proud of: being a Bulldog.

Our track, tennis, and golf teams upheld their ideals as teams, also. I only regret that I couldn't run a picture of each individual on all of the teams.

To all of our Bulldog teams, and I'm sure I speak for all ASHS students, Thanks a million!

Three of our coaches will be leaving Senior High along with the seniors.

These three worked with one another in perfect harmony and determination.

Each assisted the other in everything he knew to do.

To these three men, whom we all admire greatly, Head Football Coach, Hughie Lewis; Head Wrestling Coach, A. W. McGee; and Head Baseball Coach, Bill Merritt, we extend our deepest appreciation.

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Thanks to you, too, Mr. Frazier!

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We wonder, who will be the coaches next year?

A simple solution could be to let Mr. Hawkins be head football coach, with Mrs. Crowell as his assistant.

Mr. Hawkins could train the backfield, while Mrs. Crowell drilled the line.

But office work might interfere with practice. (Especially when someone on the team wants to be excused).

For head basketball coach, Mr. Frazier would still hold the reigns, with Mr. Hatley as assistant. (If he could get out of Senior Science).

Mr. Hawkins would be track coach, with Mr. "Lightning" Bourne as assistant. But Mr. Hawkins still declares that he can't find his track shoes.

Mr. Hatley and Mr. Frazier have been working on a new "super bounce" formula, made from sulfur and magnesium. Thus, they would be the golf coaches and design super golf balls for the Bulldogs.

In the tennis department, Mrs. Morgan would lead the netters. Reason? She's been working, constructively, on a new aluminum tennis racket, which is so geometrically perfect, that it assures 100% bounce back. All the players would have to do would be to hold the racket out and let the ball hit it, thus wearing down the opponents. (Candace Waller helped Mrs. Morgan on that deal!) We would surely have winning teams next year!

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Seriously, I hope that the future years will see Senior High prospering and overflowing with school spirit.

To all of you, God Bless!

Big Three Seek Newer Advancements

Albemarle is a football town. Wherever you go in the town, you always hear talk about football. From the men on the street corners discussing the prospects for the local high school to the little kids who argue whether Johnny Unitas or Bart Starr is the greatest quarterback.

Albemarle Senior High is a school rich in football heritage. The Bulldogs once went six years without a regular season loss. But even the greatest teams have their lean years, and Albemarle is suffering through their lean years.

It seems that the coaches never stay long enough in Albemarle to build a strong program. This year's entire staff, made up of Head Coach Hughie Lewis and assistants A. W. McGee and Bill Merritt, is leaving for better opportunities in the business field.

Coach Lewis, who came to ASHS at the beginning of this school year, is planning to enter private business. Lewis' departure will indeed be a loss

to the ASHS Athletic Department as well as to the school. Coach Lewis whipped the boys into shape last summer and saw to it that the Bulldogs performed admirably on the gridiron.

Coach A. W. McGee, like Coach Merritt, is finishing his third year at Albemarle. He is planning to do graduate work at Appalachian State University or go into industry. Coach McGee will always be remembered for his inspirational leadership on and off the field.

Coach Bill Merritt will enter a training program with Burlington Industries in Fayetteville next year. Coach Merritt served as Junior Varsity coach and was responsible for getting the sophomores ready for the varsity.

We hope that ASHS will find three men to replace these and three men who are capable of molding 20 or 30 individuals into a cohesive unit capable of producing victories each Friday night. That's football. That's Albemarle.

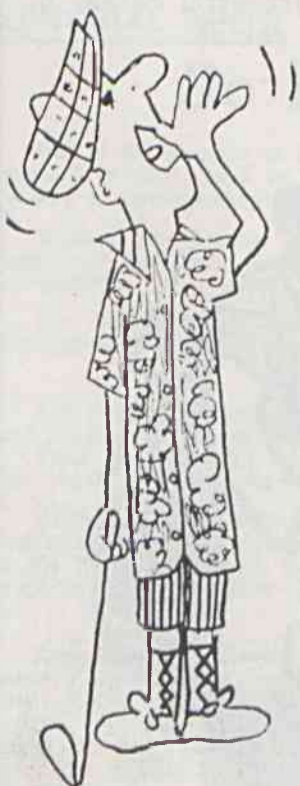
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