

Apathy Senior High School

Of late, student complaints cloud the air. It would seem that we, here in Albemarle, have the most dissatisfied student population of any school. An outsider, upon observing the situation, would logically conclude that certain areas need change.

Ask an average student what

he feels is wrong with this school, and he may come up with this list:

1. Not enough assemblies
2. Outdated curriculum
3. No spirit of any type
4. Need for free lunch period
5. Study halls that defeat their own purpose

Upon examining the list

carefully, one can see that each of the mentioned areas could use a reformation.

It would seem that with the vast number of unsatisfied pupils, someone would take some form of action. This holds true anywhere but in Albemarle. No one cares to put forth enough effort to effect a change. Someone once drew a very true analogy: ASHS Apathy Senior High School.

During the last open Student Council meeting, council leaders hit the nail on the head. The problem, which at first appears quite broad, boils down simply to this: if a student is not willing to give up his time to work on needy areas, then he has no right to complain in the first place.

So the next time we open our mouths to complain, stop and think. Are we willing to put forth enough time and effort to effect a constructive improvement? If not — don't complain.

Get Study Halls Situated

Is study hall a bummer, or is it actually a well established system for the good of our students? Student Council has been requested by a few students to examine the study hall situation. After the Student Council examines the problem, they might decide that no changes are needed, some changes are needed, or find that changes in study hall can not be put into effect at the present.

Regardless of what conclusion is drawn, the Student Council needs the opinion of our student body before they can begin to formulate concrete suggestions for change. Student Council not only can use your suggestions,

but will be thankful for any references or ideas concerning the study hall.

If your memory has failed you on how to inform the Student Council of your intellectual ideas, then let me remind you that the "gripe box" in front of the office is for your use.



In The Arena

Cries have been heard arising from this ancient sector of Rome during the last few hours. The young peasants of Albemarla have just gotten news of a planned assembly in the great coliseum of Rome.

During the past few weeks, assemblies have been few and far between. It was rumored that peasant conduct was the reason for the draught of programs. However, conduct was excellent during the last sacrifice of the Christians.

Information concerning the voter registration program was leaked from the Temple of Schools by an undisclosed secretarial slave. Preliminary investigation revealed Alminious Crowell as the culprit. She is presently on the rack in Rome's top security prison.

The great High Priest, Warrenious Hawkinous and Kennius Frazier, Ambassador of Good Will, were asked to comment on the secret information that escaped late last Wednesday afternoon.

High Priest Hawkinous stated that "a young, plebian peasant by the name of Davious Adamous had confronted the temples program board with an idea for an assembly program that was to be held in the Great Coliseum".

Undoubtedly the young plebian risked his life when he brought his idea up before the program board.

Kennius, the Ambassador of Good Will, is also chairman of the program board. It is known that

Wrestle With The Facts

Albemarle people seem to place a high demand upon football and basketball teams to produce winners. We have had few true champions from either sport. The "minor" sports have had to take second place behind these two crowd pleasers.

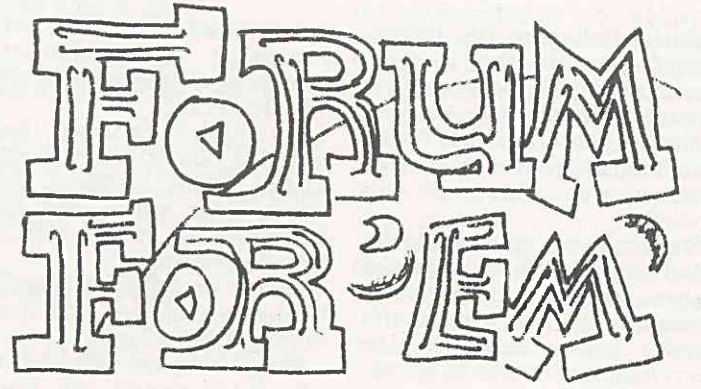
Let us examine one of these so called "minor" sports. The art of wrestling is exactly that: a fine art. Few other sports require the exact timing, superior strength, and absolute coordination that wrestling requires. Those who attempt to master this art are willing to give their selves fully to strenuous practice sessions and a weight routine that requires the strictest discipline.

In 1970 and 1971 ASHS produced championship teams under the coaching of Bob Russell and Jerry Ellenburg (who now coaches at Kannapolis — ironically Albemarle grapplers beat Kannapolis and Ellenburg in a match February 3). This year, under the expert coaching of Charles Swanner and Bruce Rohrman our wrestlers had the potential for another championship season.

But now, because no one would even try out for the wrestling team in the 114 or 121 weight class, the record is only average (5-5). The record is the only thing is average, because the few men that wrestle are all well versed in the sport.

The five matches that our grapplers have lost have all been close with the exception of South Iredell. Because no one would wrestle in the forementioned weight classes, we have had to forfeit a total of 138 points while in the five matches we have dropped, we needed only 62 points to win.

It is truly a shame that in an area with the potential of ours that we don't have enough young men with the guts to put forth the effort to make our team champions. Now, it is too late to change what has already taken place. Next year, can't we learn from experience?



You cannot run a train without tracks! In the same respect, you can't run a class without a complete, well-equipped classroom. An industrial education class needs more room and equipment than the regular class; more than the present ICT class has.

The ICT room of today is small and very cramped, thus when anyone speaks to the coordination, it disturbs the other students trying to work.

The office is separated from the classroom by a large wall. The office should be connected to the room. It is a must that the industrial education class has a larger room, with stalls separated from the rest of the class for use of tape recorders by students.

The class needs more tape recorders. More shelf space is needed for display of trophies and plaques.

In short, the present ICT room of ASHS is outdated, obsolete, and over-crowded, and it is a necessity that a new ICT room which is more modern and better equipped be built; for a class with an under-developed room is like a train without tracks.

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As a student of ASHS, I think all the students here should be able to take mini-courses. Many other people agree with me. If the students don't want to attend them, why not punish them. Many of the Seniors will want to leave school the week you planned it, so why not move mini-courses sooner and have them for the whole school?

A Concerned Student

By Jorge

Feed Your Face

The food in Argentina is very similar to the food in the United States. There are some different ways to prepare them, but basically all the same.

But, of course, every country has its typical meals. For example, if the personality of an Argentine had to be associated with a tasty, juicy dish, one would merely have to say a steak. The Argentine beef-steak has become world-famous. In winter it is served with fried eggs and fried potatoes and in summer, in turn, it is accompanied by salads. It is generally cooked on the grill.

Another way in which meat is prepared is the "Asado con cuero." This is the name given to

meat roasted in its natural state, that is, still covered by hide and hair. It is served cold generally.

The "Locro" is a favorite dish in cereal-growing areas and one of the most typical of Argentine dishes. It is a stew, the main ingredients corn to which is added beans, boiled meat, pumpkins, wheat, salted bones of pigs and pork sausages. This is a country meal.

Pies are made with pastry enclosing a wide variety of contents that vary according to the region concerned.

Another meal prepared with corn is the "Humitas". The grains of corn are grated and then seasoned with broth or milk, chili, salt and cumin. The compound is then stirred slowly until it thickens acquiring consistency.

Argentina includes, also, in its dishes, pastas. A great number of recipes were imported to Argentina by the Italian immigrants. Pastries are produced in all kinds of ways, and are served with according sauces and grated cheese of different kinds.

There is a close relationship between wine and food, and Argentine wines, whether white or red, sweet or dry, sparkling, light or strong, new or old are healthy and strongly stimulating. Concerning fish, one can find in Argentina all kinds of fish and sea food.

There is too, a great variety of fruit jams, prepared with all kinds of fruits. These jams are generally eaten at breakfast on toast and accompanied by some coffee and milk or tea.

And to finish with this series of meals, I would like to say something about a traditional dessert of Argentina, "Dulce de leche" or jam of milk. It is prepared by the slow cooking of an adequate mixture of milk and sugar. It is the biggest friend of the kids, and it would be a good rival for the American peanut-butter.



It's only natural that student revolt should spread to high schools. After all, we wouldn't want our kids to enter college unprepared.

Father to son at college: "If you burn your draft card, I'll burn my checkbook."

A woman said to a local credit manager, "I imagine the reason he hasn't kept up the payments is that he doesn't know I bought it yet."

I wouldn't say inflation has gotten out of hand, but in the good old days, dime stores didn't have to use lay-a-way plans.

Scratch a cat and you'll find a boarder.

When a woman driver gives you half of the road, it's usually on both sides of her.

There seems to be three kinds of movies nowadays: the drive-in, the walk-in, and the look-around-and-idle-in.

Looking at modern art is like trying to follow the plot in a bowl of alphabet soup.

Raising children is like cross-country running. You'd like to stop now and again to catch your breath.

Death and taxes seem to be inevitable — but death doesn't get worse.