

Students Take Part

Albemarle Senior High students surely haven't sat around all summer. They were involved in Southern Piedmont Education Programs, Governor's School, Boys State, the North Carolina Association for Student Council, North Carolina University Music Clinic, and a law seminar.

SPEC

Dawn Lowder spent two weeks this summer at Wingate College for Spec. She attended classes in sociology, psychology, economics, and political science. Leigh Hartly, Anne Holshouser, Ann McLawhorn, Jane Faulkenberry, and Sharon Ledbetter studied math and science at Catawba College, also as part of the Spec program. Music, art, and drama classes were attended by Dottie Ingram, Laura Richardson, Joe Palladino, Mark Hunt, and Patty Aguirre at Pfeiffer College.

GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL

Two students who gave up six weeks of their summer to attend Governor's School, a school for talented students, in Winston-Salem were William Hudson and Tim Dwight. Tim and William were nominated by the Honors Committee and selected from students from all North Carolina. William, who studied choral music, thought one of the best parts of his trip was recording an album. Tim studied English, concentrating on the study of poetry.

NORTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION FOR STUDENT COUNCIL FOR STUDENT COUNCIL

Sharon Miller and Lisa Page went to the North Carolina Association for Student Council. They participated in discussions

on school problems such as making money, coping with non-participation, and getting along with others.

BOYS STATE

Boys State, a one week governmental school held at Wake Forest, was attended by Charles Lowder, Mark Barger, and Eric Skidmore. They heard speakers who hold governmental positions in North Carolina. One of the things they did was elect the officials needed to fill the positions to run a city, county, and state. Mark said it was "a once a lifetime experience", while Eric commented that if he had a chance to go back he would. Charles thought that meeting new people was an interesting experience.

NORTH CAROLINA UNIVERSITY MUSIC CLINIC

Mr. Jones and four students, Patti Love, Kathy Boone, Kent Harkey, and Bryan Souther, went to U.N.C. Chapel Hill to attend a chorus clinic. While singing with other students, they learned proper breathing techniques, and vocalizing. Mr. Jones hopes students will attend next year because he felt it was a good experience for both choral and directors.

LAW SEMINAR

Shelby Austin attended a seminar in Chapel Hill on law, leadership, and government. She was chosen from the city schools on the basis of class rank. Shelby said she enjoyed making a video tape during her stay.



Students attending summer programs: Patti Love, Lisa Page, Kathy Boone, Ann Holshouser, Sharon Ledbetter, Patty Aguirre, Ann McLawhorn, Eric Skidmore, Mark Barger, Sharon Miller, Shelby Austin, Dawn Lowder, William Hudson, Dottie Ingram, Jane Faulkenberry, Joe Palladino, Charles Lowder, Mark Hunt, Bryan Souther, Laurie Richardson, Leigh Hartly and Tim Dwight.

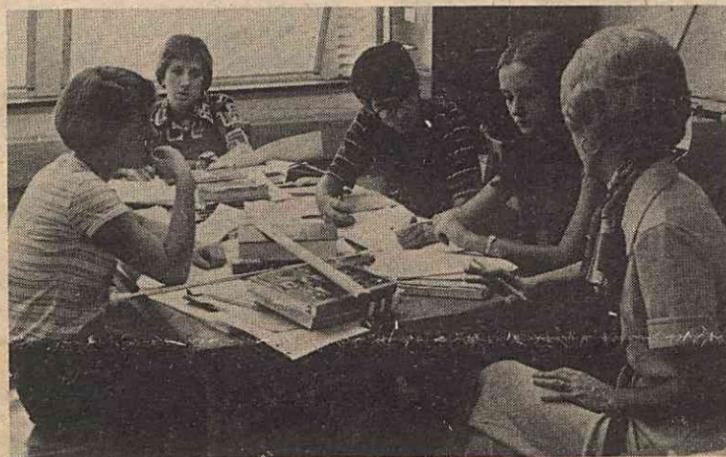


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Student Council officers plan activities for the new year.

Moonbeams

Roll Call

The Senior class totals 146 students for the 77-78 school year. Juniors enlist 178 students and the sophomores total 203.

Roaring Wheels

Charles Lowder serves as Student Rotarian for the month of September. Robert Cotton is honored as Student Lion.

Snap-Crackle-Pop

Dale Ivey and Melissa McKeithen are the Senior High reporters to the Stanly News and Press this year. Look for their column in the SNAP on Thursdays for an update on ASHS activities.

Attention, Please!!!

The voices heard on announcements this year are Sharon Miller, student body president; Ellen Green, vice-president; Mark Burris, secretary and Lisa Page, treasurer.

Chow-Chow-Chow

Bright new additions can be found in the lunchroom this year. One hundred and fifty colorful "plate-trays" were purchased for serving in the cafeteria. These plastic trays are convenient to use and they conserve energy by lowering dishwashing costs. More will be bought if they are termed a successful improvement by student, faculty and lunchroom personnel.

Sit for SAT

The final day to register to take the SAT is Friday, September 30. The test will be administered November 5.

Student Council Plans Ahead

The Student Council has been busy for the past few weeks preparing activities for the school year. Prior to the opening of school, the council met to get acquainted and to discuss plans for activities for the student body. August 26, the officers prepared homemade ice cream and served it as an afternoon refreshment to the faculty. The Student Council supper was held August 22 at Rock Creek Park. This enabled the officers and representatives to become familiar with each other and to contribute their ideas about plans for the new year. Many events have been discussed but are still under consideration.

During the week of October 10-14, special spirit activities have

been planned for each day. Friday night, October 14, will conclude the week of activities with the Homecoming game and its festivities. Also on the calendar for this fall is "Backwards Week." During this week, which is to be held in November, everything will be done backwards and out of the ordinary. Several dances are being planned, but dates for these events are uncertain.

The Student Council would like to remind students that spirit points will be given to the class who shows the most participation in these activities. They would appreciate support and ideas and hope that they can help make this year the best one ever.

Spirit Rises Again

The 1977-1978 cheerleaders attended a four day camp at UNC Charlotte over the summer to catch up on the latest methods of cheering. During their stay at camp, they attended classes beginning at 8 a.m. and continuing throughout the day. At night, dance sessions, pep rallies, and talent shows were held. "It was hard work, but the squad really learned a lot", commented Angie Tucker, co-chief.

The cheerleaders learned new cheers, dances, and chants that they hope will help arouse school spirit. They feel that their ideas

and approaches have been received well and think that their success will continue. Cheering, the squad found out, is not an easy job when there is no student response or participation. By practicing over the summer and attending camp, the cheerleaders learned new ways to get the crowd involved.

Shelley Hatfield and Angie Tucker along with other squad members, would appreciate any ideas or suggestions to help increase enthusiasm in the pep rallies and at the game.

ASHS Hosts Test

Along with the new school year and changes comes a new test. This year The American College Testing Program (ACT) will be offered to the students at Albemarle Senior High. The ACT, like the SAT, is a test that measures abilities in the fields of English usage and mathematics, but the ACT also tests social studies, reading, and natural science.

The English Usage Test is based on passages which contain expressions that are inappropriate in standard written English. In the Mathematics section there are a variety of Math problems to be solved. The Social Studies Reading Test measures one's ability to comprehend, analyze, and evaluate reading materials in the fields of

history, political science, economics, sociology, anthropology, and psychology. The last area in which the ACT tests is natural science. This area of the test measures the student's ability to understand, analyze, and evaluate passages on scientific topics.

"ACT is needed for students who plan to attend a midwest college," commented Mrs. Smith, Guidance Counselor. The test will be given three times at Albemarle. They are as follows:

TEST DATE	REGISTRATION
Nov. 19, 1977	Sept. 26—Oct. 21
Feb. 11, 1978	Nov. 14—Jan. 13
April 1, 1978	Feb. 6—March 3

For more information see Mrs. Smith in her office.

ASHS Undergoes Re-Evaluation

Continued improvement is the goal of Albemarle Senior High as it arrives at the half-way mark of a ten year re-evaluation program. This year the Southern Association of Secondary Schools and Colleges will check the Programs of action taken on plans originated in 1972. Representatives will visit the school for two days in April to talk with faculty and students about educational needs and how these needs are being met here at Senior High.

When ASHS began this accreditation program, a self-study was made to determine what areas needed further development or improvement. This was done through pupil surveys, testing programs, teacher judgement, evaluation of the Southern Association and input from school system personnel. Some of the needs of Albemarle Senior High were expanding work experience programs, adapting programs to meet special needs of students, providing more opportunities for student involvement and expanding facilities for physical education

and sports activities.

Steps are being taken toward remedying these needs through new programs and the changing of old programs. Recent innovations are as follows: an entirely new English program designed to meet the individual needs of students, rather than the lab oriented program upperclassmen were familiar with two years ago; the personal counseling program in which each student selects any teacher as his or her private guidance counselor; and the new track and football stadium on which construction should begin soon.

In this important "half-way" year it is appropriate to re-print the original mission statement set up by the school system upon commitment to accreditation.

"We believe the Albemarle City Schools are responsible for providing a curriculum which involves a student in the type of activities, both individual and group, that aids him in the development of skills, attitude, and values necessary for productive living in an ever changing society."