



# The FULL MOON

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## What Is Your Education Really Worth?

A good education is the single most important factor in accomplishing one's goals in life. The value of this education is priceless. However, a price must be placed on facilities, teachers, instructional materials, et cetera. The total cost of all programs and all budgets for the 1979-80 school term in the Albemarle City Schools exceeded an astonishing \$5,100,000. Compared to the 1969 total expenditures, \$1,981,201, this is a tremendous increase.

The school budget determined by the Albemarle City School Superintendent Dr. William Brown and the finance officer Hazel M. Wilhelm is based on the projected needs of the school system. Monies from various sources are extremely limited and according to Dr. Brown, "It takes good planning to get dollars down to students."

These dollars are divided into the Current Expense Budget, the Capital Outlay Budget, and the

Special Capital Reserve Fund. The Current Expense Budget includes all salaries, textbooks, instructional supplies, and also, fringe benefits for school personnel. The benefits, such as social security, retirement, and longevity pay, account for a large portion of this budget. All maintenance is allotted in this budget, also.

The Capital Outlay Budget and the Special Capital Reserve Fund are monies allocated by the Stanly County Board of Commissioners for such things as construction, athletic equipment, science equipment, business equipment, and other equipment. The recently constructed stadium and parking lot, financed by the Special Capital Reserve Fund from State Bond funds in the amount of \$60,000 and Stanly County funds in the amount of \$710,170, cost a total of \$770,170.

Money is allocated to the various schools in the system. Money is expended from these

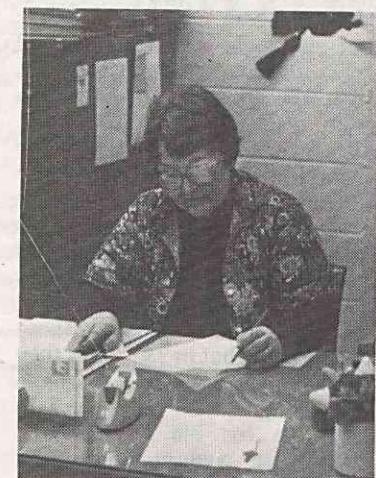
budgets at Senior High as Mr. Charles Whitley, Principal, deems necessary. Priorities for expenditures are determined as Mr. Whitley judges their importance. The Board of Education, however, must approve the Senior High School budget requests. Mr. Whitley expressed the difficulties of getting the School Board, the County Commissioners and the community to recognize the needs of the school.

Athletic funds for the sports program must meet overwhelming demands. Insurance costs for the varsity and junior varsity football teams total \$2,139.25. An entire season of football game films drains \$1,194 from this budget. Each chartered bus trip expense is \$160. Most people do not realize these incredible costs. Albemarle Senior High athletes are fortunate to have these expenses taken care of through gate receipts and school board allocations.

The Federal government provides funds for food and for students needing special aid in learning. Local funds from the Albemarle Special Levy, collected through the County office, contributes to the Current Expense Budget. The cost of salaries and instructional services, \$1,000,327, are handled by the State of North Carolina for employees paid with State funds.

The State of North Carolina also provides \$13 per pupil for instructional supplies, which include paper, chalk, et cetera, and a total of \$6 for library books and audio-visual equipment. An additional \$10 per pupil is allocated by local funding. These figures, which were given to Albemarle Senior High, total \$20,909 for the 721 students enrolled.

Many hours are devoted to planning the budget for each new school year. Mr. Whitley is then given the responsibility for staying within the budget



Secretary Amy Wolf balances the books

allocations made to the Senior High and giving each student an equal opportunity to get the best education possible for each dollar allotted. We must all realize the cost of our "free" high school education to fully appreciate it.

## NHS Inducts Four

The National Honor Society held its fall tapping service last night, October 30. The four new senior members, Larry Phillips, Matoka Snuggs, Kathy Wagoner and Leigh Ann Whitley, were inducted during an informal buffet-style banquet held in the cafeteria at 6:30 p.m. All members were present along with advisor Mrs. Susan Hathcock, Superintendent Dr. Bill Brown, Principal Mr. Charles Whitley, and the members' parents.

To begin the program, president Aza Mabry welcomed all guests and members. After the devotional by Shannon Bowers, member Pam Cox introduced the four student speakers. Each of the National Honor Society's ideals was discussed by one of the speakers, beginning with David Alexander, who spoke on "Scholarship", followed by Donna Laton with "Service", Jeff Creech with "Leadership" and last Shannon Bell, who spoke on "Character."

The actual tapping service began after the speeches. Each of the new members was called to the front of the table where he or she was given a flower corsage, a certificate, and then asked to light a candle, which are all symbolic of becoming a NHS member. Last of all they recited the oath which was administered by the principal Mr. Whitley. After the new members' induction, secretary Ann Dennis held roll call. To end the service Shannon Bowers gave the benediction.

### New Members

One of the new members, Larry Phillips, who maintains the needed B plus average or better to be in NHS, also involves himself in outside programs. He enjoys music and plays the trumpet and the piano. He was once a member of the marching band, school stage band and the pep band. Larry played tennis his junior year and was in the Math and Science Club. At present he is on the WSOC-TV Youth Advisory Board. There are several honors Larry was named for, such as the

DAR Citizenship Award and the Student Lion for October.

Matoka Snuggs participates in many school activities. She is a senior member of the Crossroads staff, where she is currently the photographer. Matoka is a member of the band, Junior Civitans, Drama Club and was the vice-president of the History Club her junior year. She also attended SPEC this past summer. Matoka is very active in her church youth group, having held an office her sophomore year as well as presently holding one.

Kathy Wagoner, one of the members tapped into NHS, is a very active student at the Senior High. She has been a student council representative the past two years but now holds the office of treasurer in the council. Kathy is also involved in several clubs, such as the Math and Science, History Club and Junior Civitans. She is a varsity cheerleader for the second year as well as a senior member of the Crossroads staff. Not only is Kathy into school activities and sports, such as basketball and tennis, but she participates in outside programs directed by the church and the YMCA. This summer she attended SPEC at Catawba.

New member Leigh Ann Whitley is also very involved in school and outside programs. She has been a student council representative for the past two years as well as playing on the girls' tennis team. She has performed with the band since ninth grade and is currently a rifle girl. Leigh Ann is a member of several clubs, such as Math and Science, Monogram and the Junior Civitans. She is very interested in the piano and horses, holding many honors in both fields.

The National Honor Society, with the addition of these four students, will begin planning for the upcoming year. They have already sponsored College Night, which was held in September. Under the guidance of Mrs. Susan Hathcock the members look forward to having a good year.



Left to right: Matoka Snuggs, Larry Phillips, Leigh Ann Whitley and Kathy Wagoner

## Clubs Get Moving

Clubs have once again begun organizing activities for the new school year. The majority of the clubs have met at least once to begin planning upcoming events. Each club will sponsor at least one major school or community project during the school year.

### Math and Science Club

Sponsored by Mr. Shaw, the Math and Science club already has two speakers lined up for future meetings. Dr. Bill Logan from Charlotte will speak about stone carving, and Mr. Chuck Pierce will discuss gold prospecting.

The meetings will be held on Wednesdays with dues being fifty cents.

### Jr. Civitan Club

The Jr. Civitans, sponsored by Mrs. Foster, started off the new year with an initiation. The initiation involved both new and old members dressing up in togas

## MOONBEAMS

### Rolling Roars

Larry Phillips serves as Student Lion for the month of October. The Student Rotarian is Frank Howard.

### Band Marches On

The Albemarle Senior High School band went to Central Cabarrus on Saturday, October 13 to participate in a marching contest. Two weeks later, the band went to Burns for another contest. The Full Moon would like to congratulate the band for doing a fine job this year.

### Super Civitan

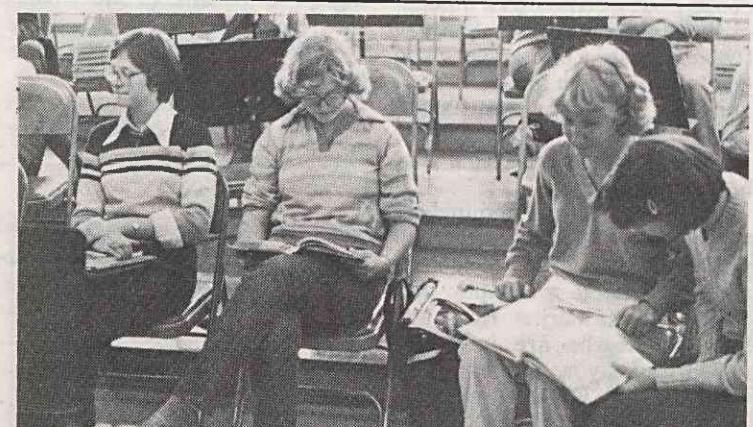
Congratulations to Jeff Creech who was Junior Civitan for the month of October.

### Meet The Press

Shannon Bell and Mitzi Morris are the Albemarle Senior High School representatives to the Stanly News and Press. Their articles will appear in the paper every Thursday.

### Officers Elected

Junior and senior class officers were elected this month. The new senior officers are Jeff Creech, president; Pam Cox, vice-president; Sonya Mabe, secretary; and Lisa Mercer, treasurer. The 1979-1980 junior class officers are Tess Lambeth, president; Bret Betler, vice-president; Shari Robertson, secretary; and Rod Ingram, treasurer.



The Drama Club anticipates a busy year.

and riding around the square at night. Other activities such as community projects, conventions, and a beach trip will contribute to the upcoming year for the Jr. Civitans. People wishing to become members may join at any time.

### VICA and ICT Club

Sponsored by Mr. Hollis, the VICA and ICT club have started off the new year by having their newly elected officers attend an officer training session next month. This training session will be in collaboration with all other VICA clubs from district six. The purpose of the session is to train all officers for their duties in the upcoming year. Other activities for the club will involve district

and state contests held in the spring and two community projects.

### DECA Club

The DECA club, with sponsor Mrs. Brown, has been busy planning two projects. One is the production of the student directory, in collaboration with the FBLA club, and another is the planning of a flea market. They also prepared for their first District Leadership Conference, which was held October 30, in Kannapolis. Other events planned for the upcoming year are a District Contest Meeting, a State Leadership Conference, and an employer/employee banquet to be held in the spring.

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