

Welcome Additions to the Faculty . . . New Faces In Old Places

Many of us have seen some new faces around school this year. Among these faces are four new additions to our faculty: Miss Nance, Miss Hicks, Mrs. Whitley, and Mrs. Mullis.



Miss Nance

"The students here are more intelligent than the ones I taught last year. They are all very friendly." Miss Mary Catherine Nance seems to be very happy in her new role as Albemarle's new Spanish teacher.

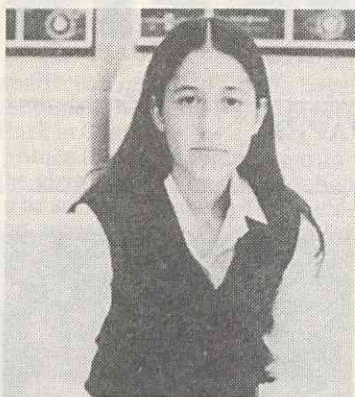
Miss Nance was graduated from Senior High in 1975. She then attended Wake Forest University. Miss Nance said that she took two years of Spanish and enjoyed the language so much that she majored in it. This is her second year of teaching. Last year, Miss Nance taught in Savannah, Georgia.

Miss Nance is to be married to Gene Ellis on October 13. Gene Ellis is, incidentally, the older brother of Tim Ellis, a former student at Albemarle.

Miss Nance's pet peeve is for her students to talk during her explanations so that she has to repeat everything she has said. Her hobbies are oil painting and walking. Miss Nance walks from three to five miles a day.

When asked if she had any special plans or dreams, Miss Nance replied that she would like very much to take a group of students to Spain. She feels that the trip would be fun as well as educational.

Miss Nance is an asset to the faculty of Senior High.



Miss Mullis

Many of us have seen some new faces around the school. Among these new faces is the Home-Economics teacher, Miss Mullis.

Miss Mullis graduated from North Iredell High School. After graduating from UNC-G, Miss Mullis taught at North Iredell High for a year and a half, and is now enjoying her first year at Senior High.

Miss Mullis likes to sew, cross-stitch, and macrame, and is presently a member of a craft association. She also enjoys horseback riding.

One of the things that irritates her is for students to talk while she is talking. She hopes to build up FHA this year. Her goal is to have more people in FHA's activities.

Miss Mullis said that her classes this year are smaller than the classes she taught last year at North Iredell. When asked what was different about Senior High, Miss Mullis remarked that she couldn't get over the cleanliness of our school. "It just shines!" she said.



Miss Hicks

"I've always been interested in the outside. I feel that it is important that people learn about nature," so says Miss Teresa Hicks, our new Physical Science and Ecology teacher. Miss Hicks has always wanted to teach. She took Advanced Biology at Independence High School and she received a college degree in Biology at UNC-C.

Science isn't Miss Hicks' only interest. She loves old things from flea markets such as books, postcards, and antiques.

In the future, Miss Hicks would like to go back to college and get a degree in horticulture, which is the study of plants. She has no plans of settling down and she would like to travel.

"Not being serious about work and giving up and not wanting to study" are things that Miss Hicks commented on. She tries to encourage all of her students to work all period and to participate in class activities.

Miss Hicks is really happy to be at Albemarle Senior High. She says, "It is a really nice and clean school."



Miss Whitley

Mrs. Sandra H. Whitley is but one of the many new teachers here this year. As the new vocational aide, Mrs. Whitley helps a number of the teachers. She says that so far she enjoys teaching here.

Mrs. Whitley grew up in Mt. Pleasant and attended Mt. Pleasant High School. She then spent two years attaining her Associate of Arts Degree at Gardner Webb. After leaving there, she received her Bachelor of Music Degree at UNC-G.

Mrs. Whitley is married, but she has no children. She says, however, that she wanted to be around young people and the education field was a good way to do that. Her main hobby is needlework. This is her first year teaching here; yet, she has lived in Albemarle since 1972.

Mrs. Whitley has few complaints, so far, about the students. However, the one thing that she says irritates her most of all is a lack of respect among the students.

Her plans for the future are to stay here. She enjoys teaching in the vocational area, but would like eventually to get into the area of music.



Editorial:

From The President's Desk

By LAURA YOST

In last May's issue of *The Full Moon* an editorial was written concerning responsible student leadership. The article concluded by saying that when we vote in a school election, we vote for ourselves.

Last year, we had no opportunity to vote. Only one person ran for each office leaving the students no choice. No posters, no speeches or skits. Why not? Apathy? Lack of school spirit? Ignorance?

Do you know what our student council does? Is it really that important? Yes, Student Council is important. It takes the officers and representatives we elect and puts them together. They then make certain decisions about our school and its functions, whether it's a homecoming dance or a Spring Fling. They also help in community projects, such as the Special Olympics and the Blood Give-in.

But having an active Student Council is our responsibility. We must elect competent individuals to serve. After all, they will be our voice to the administration. They will report to us and we will, in turn, give them suggestions.

Well, what do we want? An active Student Council or one we see in the annual? Personally, I want an active Council; one that will promote school spirit, provide projects and functions that will allow for student body participation.

To have an effective Student Council, everyone must work for it. Who knows? Maybe next May we'll be getting out of fifth and sixth period to hear speeches, watch skits, and exercise our right to vote.

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Review

Olivia's latest . . .

"Xanadu" is Uninspiring

"Xanadu," starring Olivia Newton-John, is one of those typical summer concoctions put out by movie makers during summer months: lots of sugar-just add plot.

Though to be fair, "Xanadu" does have a story idea — unfortunately. You see, Olivia is a muse, one of the nine daughters of Zeus, who is sent to earth to inspire a down-and-out artist and a retired business to open a roller disco. For you late-movie fans, the movie featured Gene Kelley as the businessman. Unfortunately, he is used too little, although he does have one dance routine with Miss Newton-John. Michael Beck, as the artist, tries hard, but is completely miscast. There are constant references to his extraordinary good looks. Mr. Beck's face, however consists of a Mount Rushmore jawline and a nose which could open locks.

Olivia Newton-John as Kira is a delight. She sings some good songs, with ELO playing back-up. She dances and roller skates with great finesse, and is completely believable as an other-worldly visitor; she is as the expression goes, every inch a goddess.

"Xanadu" is filled with eye-dazzling special effects, which although well-done, are over-done. After an hour or so of everyone glowing and sparkling, the movie starts to resemble a 7-up commercial. The effects are used to great advantage, however, during the breath-taking "I'm Alive" ballet sequence in which the muses come to life from a painted mural.

So, while "Xanadu" is certainly not everyone's cup of excess, it is good entertainment. It is fun and colorful, has good music, and may be your only opportunity to see a goddess on wheels.