



School Lunch Program And Faculty Jobs Endangered By Federal Budget Reductions

By CHRIS FREEMAN

As part of a plan to reduce the federal budget over the next several years, the Reagan Administration has proposed cuts in the funding of elementary and secondary schools across the nation.

North Carolina schools stand to lose about \$100 million next year if the proposals are approved by Congress. Approximately 1500 teachers and more than 2500 school administrators and aides would be left without jobs as a result of the budget cut.

Funding for the education of handicapped and disadvantaged students would be reduced, as would funding for gifted and talented classes. Because fewer teachers could be employed, classes would become larger, affording students less individual attention. Less money would be available for the purchase of li-

brary and audio-visual equipment.

Vocational education programs would also suffer, taking a twenty percent reduction in funding from last year's level.

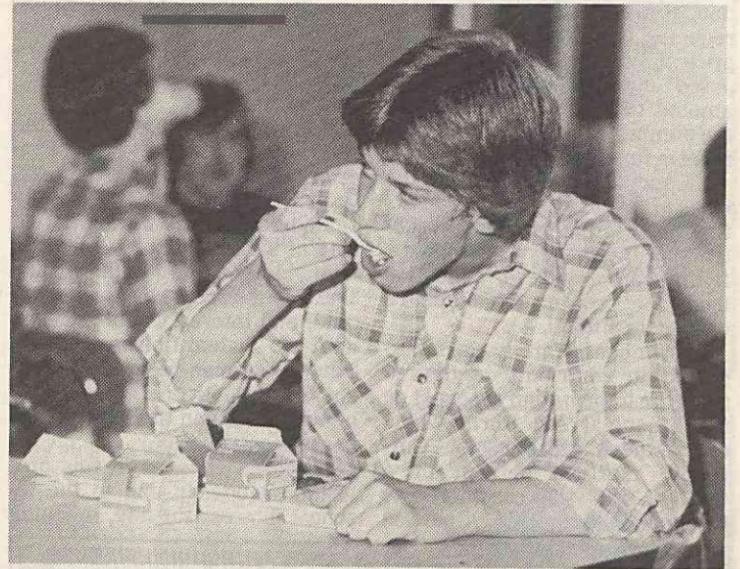
Perhaps hardest hit would be the school lunch programs of both elementary and secondary schools. Of the \$100 million to be subtracted from North Carolina's educational budget, \$54 million will come from the food services program. This loss represents about forty percent of last year's budget. Such a drastic reduction in funding would mean that about ten thousand now getting free or reduced priced lunches would no longer be eligible to do so.

"If this budget proposal is accepted by Congress unchanged, the cost of the regular school lunch for a student paying the full price could be as high as \$1.25," said the local school board mem-

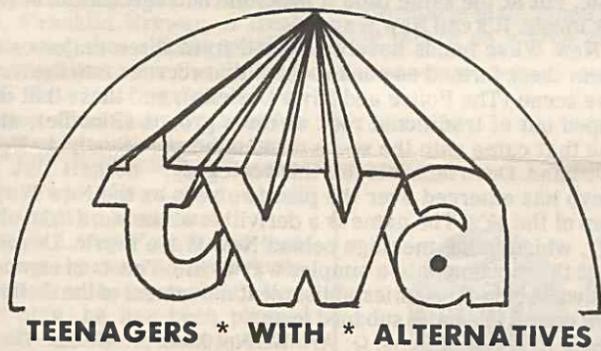
ber Mrs. Ruby Pickler when contacted by *The Full Moon*.

Increased prices may well force some students to bring lunches from home rather than pay for a school lunch. "A dropoff in students buying school lunches could then cause even higher prices," says Cabarrus County Schools Superintendent Joseph Fries in a recent *Charlotte Observer* article on local effects of Reagan's budget cuts.

In the same article, *Observer* sources revealed that Albemarle city schools would lose \$86,221 in food services, \$17,847 for poor and disadvantaged students, and \$4,517 for the education of the handicapped to the new, streamlined federal budget. Stanly County schools would lose \$288,410 in food services, \$43,635 for poor and disadvantaged students, and \$41,510 for the education of the handicapped if the legislation is approved.



It takes a lot to feed a growing boy; next year it may cost a lot, too! The lunch Gary Hughes is shoveling down may cost as much as \$1.25 if proposed federal cuts are passed. Will it be worth it, Gary?



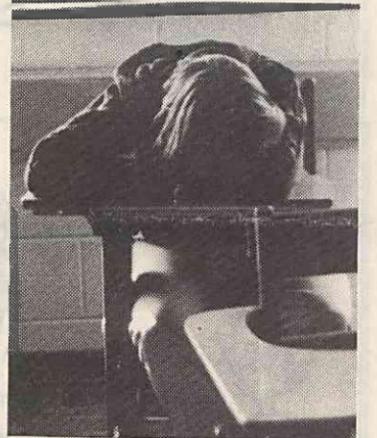
Teens Consider Alternatives

By CHRIS HARTSOCK

Recently a new organization for teenagers has been organized. It is called Teens With Alternatives. Many teenagers find themselves with nothing to do, so to find excitement, they turn to drugs. TWA is an organization to help teenagers find constructive things to do. It is composed of junior and senior high students who are looking for alternatives to drug use. The TWA group, however, does not condemn those who have used or are currently using drugs, but consists of members who are willing to help students find other sources of excitement. They sponsor activities

such as the concert Fred Langston gave Friday, March 20, for the teenagers of our community. He performed from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. for anyone who wanted to attend. All of the teenagers who attended seemed to enjoy the program.

In the future, TWA hopes to build up its membership of teenagers in this area by sponsoring many more activities. TWA is for everyone, so don't be afraid to ask a TWA member for help. If anyone has any questions or would like to join, feel free to ask any of the present members about the organization.



O.K. so there's nothing to do around here, right? Well, T.W.A. is trying to sponsor activities that will "wake up" the student bodies and add a little "good clean fun" to life in Albemarle.

MOONBEAMS

Senior Choir

The Senior Choir performed well at a contest held at Catawba College on March 18. They received a superior rating from the judges.

Band

The ASHS band received an excellent rating from judges at a contest held at Garringer High School on March 17.

Cheerleaders

Varsity Cheerleaders for the 1981-1982 school year were chosen on Monday, March 23. The results are as follows:

Robin Jolly — Chief
Mary Moose
Karen Toomey
Ann Novak
Beth Talbert
Beth Efird
Carol Harbers
Debra Wall
Fredia Blackmon
Kelly Herrin
Cynthia Murrell
Kelly Watson

J.V. Cheerleaders for the 1981-1982 school year were also chosen Monday. The results are as follows:

Susan Buchanan — Chief
Ellen Snyder
Mary Kay Cochran
Lee Ann Sides
Julie Mullinix
Joy Burris
Tammy Sturgeon
Lori Brafford
Sierra Waddell
Kecia Richardson

Yearly Self-Evaluation For Teachers

By PAULA COX

In order to bring about improvement in the public schools, a system of improving the teachers through yearly evaluations is carried on. "Improving the teachers" means to discuss both their good and bad qualities and work on the betterment of their profession. This betterment is done through teacher evaluation. The evaluation begins as each teacher turns in a self-evaluation form to the principal. This form gives the teacher a chance to express his opinion about his abilities, accomplishments and failures. Having completed this step of the process, the principal should analyze each teacher through personal observations in the classroom.

The data collected from the teacher and principal is discussed so that he may work on improving his skills. Every teacher in the city school system goes through this process each year. Upon completion of the evaluation, all information and observations are filed and stored in the superintendent's office for further reference.



No, Mr. Hollis has not undergone a face lift. Mr. Whitley, as part of the teacher evaluation process, is visiting the vocational office to observe and evaluate first-hand how the department is run.

Club Corner

VICA

The VICA Skill Leadership Conference was held March 26, at Central Piedmont Community College in Charlotte. Thirty-five high schools from six counties attended. Crystal Vincent, from Albemarle, won first place in District Competition for Miss North Carolina VICA. Three judges interviewed Miss Vincent based on her knowledge of VICA and a five minute prepared speech. She is now eligible for state competition in April. Jackie Hopkins attended the conference and competed in the Job Interview Contest. Dawanna Ragsdale and Jimmy Turner attended as voting delegates. Skill Contest winners included Jan Sides, winning second place in Carpentry, and Wesley Harris, winning fifth place in Carpentry.

DECA

April 30-May 2, Don Billings, Jeannie Huneycutt, Stephanie Jones, Amy Lambert, Penny Payne, Robin Smith, and Sibil T. Brown, will attend the 37th Annual Leadership Conference in Charlotte. More than 2,000 student leaders and faculty advisors in marketing and distribution will meet for the conference. Delegates will hear from leaders in market education and government during the 3 days of workshop seminars. If a student wins first in any competitive event their way is paid to Anaheim, California to compete in National Competition June 13-18. All of the following DECA students will be running in their particular event under the General Merchandising Master Employee Level: Don Billings and Penny Payne, Competency-based Competitive Events; Jeannie Huneycutt, Apparel and Accessories; Stephanie Jones, Food Marketing and Amy Lambert, Restaurant Marketing and Management. Robin Smith will be running in the Restaurant Marketing and Management Event under the Supervisor Level. The contests will last all day Friday from 8:00 to 6:00. Friday night everyone will attend the Honors Banquet at the Civic Center and a dance at the Sheraton Hotel.