



# Features



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## FASHION for the year

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This school year has turned out to be a managerie of fashion. We have seen many fads start, peak, and end at this school during the year. It is now time to reflect on what was "HOT" in fashion in the past 10 months.

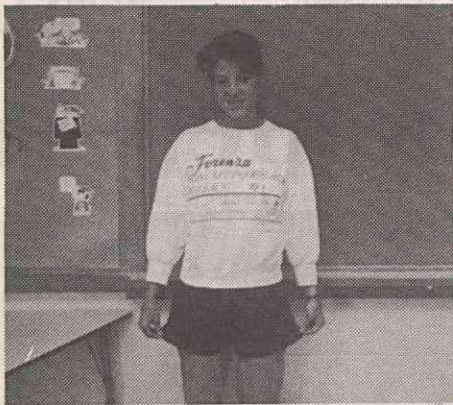
Starting in August many of the ladies donned their father's underwear and wore them to school. These boxer shorts are not the most flattering of clothing but they surely are comfortable. These boxers are not just your basic light blue or white, but they now come with wild prints and colors.

The next focal point of fashion is the ever present BANANA CLIP. This hair accessory has the approximate size and shape of a banana, hence the name banana clip. Banana clips come in an assortment of colors; some even have pearls and rhinestones. Many ladies include the clip in their every day wardrobe. Oh, and let's not forget the BOWS. These little or big numbers were worn with everything from shorts to prom dresses.

It seems this year that anything denim was in. If it was denim, faded, acid washed, or bleached, everyone wore it. Everything from girl's mini skirts to boys cut-up faded-out Levis walked our hallways.

Hasn't Chuck Taylor (no kin to Chip) made a few bucks this year off of his colored high top sneakers? Speaking of shoes, metallics hit it big this year too, gold or silver, take your pick.

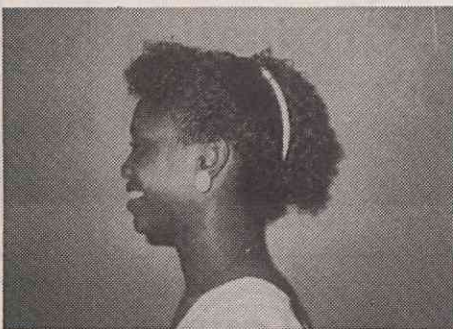
This, by no means, covers all of this year's "hot" fads, like that brief football fad of shaving one's head and cutting designs on the side. The year of 1986-87 has been a landmark year in fashion. Thanks to all the 600+ students that made it possible. Without you where would we be? ... NAKED! (Ha, Ha.)



Tera models a popular fad — boxers!



Bows adorned the pony tails of many ASH females during 1987.



Oveda demonstrates the versatility of the banana clip.

## Hangin' Out On The Weekend

By ELIZABETH MURRAY

Remember when you and your friends all met at Burger King to decide the plans for the evening? When everybody came you stood around in the parking lot for a while making lots of noise and talking to different people? When you were ready to leave, you drove through to ask for a large Mountain Dew and directions to K Mart?

Remember when you decided to go to the movies one night but made the mistake of driving through the Sky City parking lot, which consequently made you late for the movie, but it didn't matter because Susanne got you in free anyway?

Remember when there wasn't anything else to do so you all piled in someone's car to go steal street signs? Of course, you got down many more poles than you did signs, but running from the police into someone's

driveway always enlightened the evening a bit.

Remember when you turned into Sky City to park and talk to the crowd, and a cop pulled you just for the heck of it? He flashed his light in your car and asked you if you had anything better to do, and you said, "No sir, not really."

Finally, remember when you didn't see anyone talking at Burger King or "jumping bumps" at Sky City, so everyone went over to one person's house to crash for the night?

These were the best of times, but certainly not the worst of times. They are the times that we leave behind for our underclassmen to carry on and the times that we will never forget. Despite the way we've talked about Albemarle, it wasn't so bad.



## Farewell to Germany

Last July, as I was preparing to leave America, I was quite uncertain of why I had decided to spend the next year in a foreign land. Often I was even sure that I had made a big mistake. Now that my year in Germany is coming to an end, I have had some time to reflect on my stay here and I have realized how rewarding this experience has been. I would now like to express some of the advantages and rewards of my year as an exchange student.

One advantage is the opportunity to learn a new language by living in the country in which it is spoken. By speaking, reading, hearing, and thinking German, I have learned more in one year than I could have learned in ten years in a class in school. Learning a language is also a gift that remains with you for your whole life.

Another plus to living in a foreign land is that you are able to experience a new culture. You are not just an observer of the new culture, but you are asked to live in and be a part of it. Your view comes without biases that come with learning about a foreign country in your native land.

Spending a year away from home gives you the opportunity to travel and see the world thus having a better understanding of how the whole world fits and works together. Although I have spent the majority of my year in West Germany, I have been able also to travel to Denmark, East Germany, England, Austria, and the Soviet Union. I have had the chance to meet and speak with citizens from South Africa, India, Sweden, Finland, Belgium, New Zealand, Brazil, and Czechoslovakia, who were traveling as tourists or living as exchange students in Germany. I was able to get an idea of life in other countries and see how it compares with life in America. I learned that the American way is not the only way.

A year as an exchange student not only gives you a chance to learn about other countries, but it also gives you a good chance to learn about your own native land. I have met with American students from almost all fifty states. For one year, each of us has been able to observe our own country without directly being a part of it, thus having a clearer and more critical view. Hearing about your native country through foreign press and from foreign citizens gives you a new perspective of your home. By explaining and telling about your native land to foreign citizens, you realize many parts of it that you have taken for granted while living there.

Probably, though, the most rewarding experience is the opportunity to grow up and find yourself. I have probably grown up more and learned more about myself in one year here than I have any previous year. Away from home you learn to be independent and take care of yourself. This new independence places a new freedom in your hands, but you alone must learn to handle this new freedom without causing trouble for you and your host family. As you mature and overcome the problems that arise in living in a new culture, you also learn about yourself. When you are on your own, you are able to find out who you really are as an individual not just a member of a group.

Now, I would certainly be lying if I told you that my year in Germany has only been filled with good experience and rewards because there have been plenty of problems in adjusting to a new land, family, language, and culture. But with every problem there has also been a solution and finding these has provided me with knowledge and experiences that will help me throughout the rest of my life. The good times have strongly outweighed the bad and I know that the memories of this year will remain with me forever. I can say without a doubt that if I had the chance to decide again whether or not to spend my junior year abroad, my decision would remain the same.

Before I conclude this last article, I would like to send congratulations to all of this year's seniors who are coming to the end of one of their important life experiences. I send all of the Class of 1987 best wishes as they leave high school and move on into the adult world. They have accomplished much in finishing high school, but the journey is not yet over.

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## Looking Back

With graduation here, seniors are thinking about college and jobs, but one thing we all think about are the experiences we've had in high school. Football games, homecoming, basketball games, the prom, and friendships are memories we will carry with us forever.

As we look all the way back to our freshman year we remember thinking how big and grown-up the seniors looked. Now that we're the seniors, it doesn't seem like we're as old as they were. It doesn't seem like we're old enough to be going to college or starting our own career.

Whether we're ready or not, the time has come for us to step out on

our own. We'll be meeting new friends and doing new things that someday will also be a part of our memories. Our memories here at ASHS are not all pleasant, but we must remember that our experiences here helped us grow. As we go our separate ways, we will always remember ASHS. Until our paths cross again...

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