



Here To Save The Day

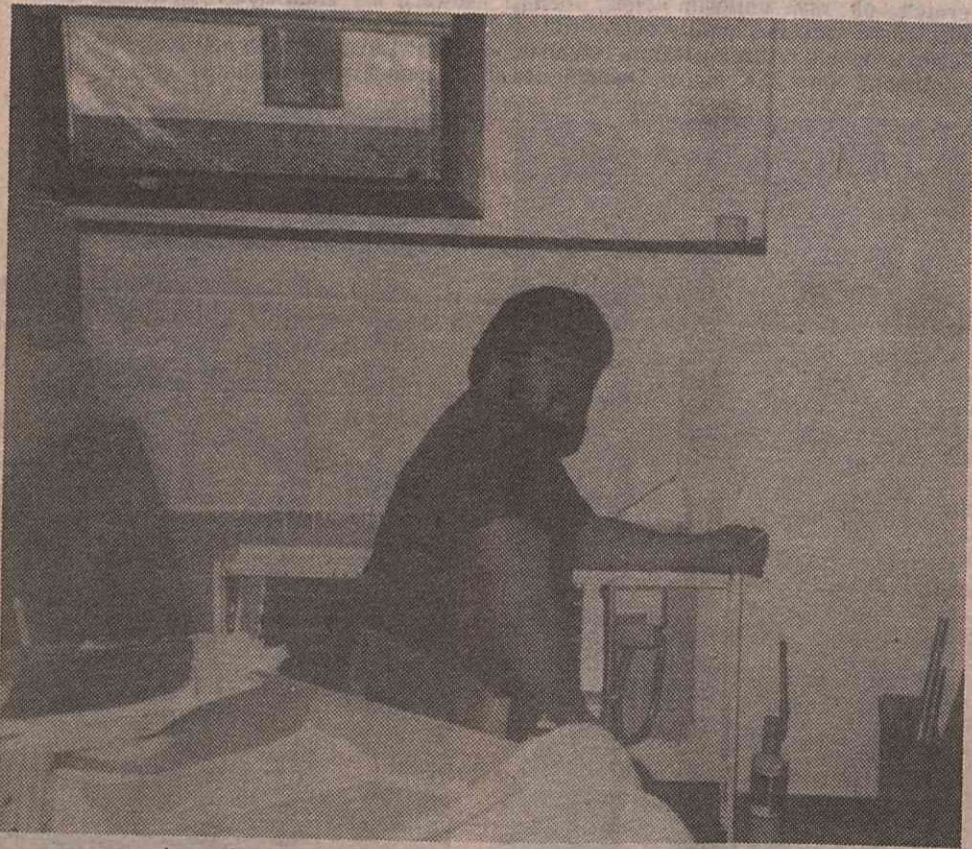
By KENDALL HOMESLEY

While strolling through the halls of ASHS the new "additions" to our high school community are very noticeable. These strangers are here, however, for an important reason: to relieve us from our misery with extremes of weather. No longer will ASH students have to wear layer after layer of clothes in the cold winter months nor endure profuse sweating in the unbearable late summer.

The reason is the installation of a new heating/cooling system. The company providing us with this magnificent feature is Crutchfield Plumbing and Heating Company. Having taken up residence in the metropolis of Albemarle on June 25, these miracle workers are residing at The Lion Inn. Though they are now working in a small town, these nine hard working souls are no stranger to a big city, having worked throughout the nation. Though their hours of work vary from state to state, here in Albemarle they have worked a shift from 7 am to 7 pm through the summer and early fall, and a shift from 3 pm to 3 am through the late fall. These odd hours of work, the final step in completing their job, take place in the classroom, which must be free for instruction during the school day.

Upon asking Barry Badgett about his impressions of ASHS, he responded, "It's great! What really stands out is the friendliness of both the students and the staff. There are some really nice people at the school." Having become interested in this occupation through pipe welding, Badgett has been in this field for fourteen years. While not out of town on the job, Barry keeps busy with a wife and two sons, ages 12 and 14, in his hometown of Mt. Airy, North Carolina. He enjoys coaching basketball and baseball in his spare time.

So, the next time one of these faces appears in the hallway between classes, give them a big smile and say "Thanks," for their job will not only better our school but will also better the atmosphere of our working conditions.



A now familiar face installs our new heating/cooling system.

Tardy Now, Pay Later

By ADRIENNE SOYER

The feeling of calmness and tranquility when the tardy bell rings no longer exists at ASH. Students could experience a passiveness towards tardies when they knew that teachers would record five in their class before the student was reported. This year, each tardy for each class is reported to Mr. Taylor when the 3:00 bell rings. And what happens when five tardies are accumulated in the small, but efficient computer that rests in the office? A student has two choices. He or she can elect to spend time after school in OTT (On-Time-Training) or to be suspended for one day, with no privilege of make-up work.

OTT (On-Time-Training) is held in the resource room of the library everyday from 3:10 until 3:40. Ms. Ward is the director of this program and first time offenders spend three consecutive afternoons with her if OTT is their choice. Students will be involved in behavior modification techniques to decrease tardies and neither

extra-curricular activities nor work are acceptable excuses to miss any of these sessions.

Suspension for one day is the only other alternative. If this is chosen by the student as a form of punishment, then all missed work or tests will be unaccounted for and making up this work will be impossible.

So, while browsing through the halls between classes, make sure that an accurate track of time is kept, because if this new procedure is all it is expected to be, tardies will become a rarity at ASHS.

Just ask a few of these people what it is like:

Greg Emerson — "The work wasn't that hard but we had to work diligently. Three days were enough for me. I won't be going back!"

Lonnie Britt — "It's very boring, but I can't seem to stay away."

Dwayne Blake — "It wasn't anything real hard, but I won't be getting any more tardies!"#



Mrs. Sandy Saunders operates the SIMS.

SIMS To Help Eliminate Paperwork

By ADRIENNE SOYER

Sims — a new acronym for ASHS. What does it mean? Student Information Management System, a data processing system that will hopefully eliminate much paper work for teachers and keep records up-to-date on a daily basis.

Sims is coordinated and supervised by Mr. Ken Edwards. Mrs. Sandy Saunders runs the program and its most dominant purpose is to reduce paperwork and record keeping. This school year, Sims will begin with tardies and absences. Every day tardies are automatically registered in the computer. This will eliminate students' ability to accumulate more than five tardies before being punished. All absences are considered unexcused until a note verifying an excusable reason is brought in by the student. All students have three days to do so.

Next, a phone master is planned to be added to the computer. When an absence occurs, the computer will call the residence of the student, in hopes of reaching a legal guardian for verification of the absence.

Eventually report cards will be produced by the computer to save teachers numerous hours of hard work. Not presently on the report cards is the students' grade point average or his or her class rank. Sims, however, will put these two important factors on the report cards. Therefore, the transcript for colleges will no longer be devised by Mrs. Smith.

The Sims Program completion is estimated to be in about three years. So, watch out freshmen! Your senior year will be much more disciplined than previous graduates'. However, this time-saving device will not only save endless hours of work for teachers, but will also help students be more prompt and efficient with school work and attendance.

A Night Of Endless Love

By MELYNNE MORGAN

Under the clear, crisp autumn sky on October 9th, during the halftime of the West Stanly vs. Albemarle football game, the 1987-88 Homecoming Court was chosen. The escorts, Matt Newton, Bobby Rushing, Rob Brown, and Tim Rushing, escorted all of the sponsors onto the field, and Mr. Morgan crowned Cindy Brewer and LaTia Pemberton as Homecoming Queens, Felicia Harrell and Mariel Baucom as Senior Court and Polly Ann Russell and Mary Kay Page as Junior Court. This year "Endless Love" was the theme and the juniors and seniors alike worked very hard to make the festivities as impressive as previous years. The cheerleaders, along with their sponsor, Mrs. Carrickoff, created a special spirit week with a variety of activities to boost participation and school spirit.

After the Bulldogs defeated the Colts, everyone's enthusiasm moved from the football stadium to the dance floor where Jammin' Max provided good music for a perfect ending to a great week.



Tia Pemberton and Cindy Brewer are honored as 1987 Homecoming Queens.

Honor Roll Pays Off

By MELYNNE MORGAN

Exams — a dreaded word for many — but not for graduating seniors — until now. Beginning this year, graduating seniors will be required to take final exams unless they meet certain requirements. On Thursday, October 8th, the Board of Education passed the recommendation that all seniors who have an 85 or above average in any class can exempt the exam for that class. This requirement applies to all students taking a course pass/fail as well as the junior marshalls. The final exams for seniors will be objective and will be made to last for fifty minutes. This new requirement gives an incentive to all seniors to work for the 85 average so the final exam will not have to be taken. Another incentive is to work until the very end of school instead of stopping after the third nine weeks, like many students have done in the past.

All of these changes are focused toward the improvement of Albemarle Senior High and will eventually be to the benefit of the students.