



Banquet to Honor Senior Scholars

By MELYNÉE MORGAN

The Academic Awards Banquet will, once again, be held for the twenty-seven seniors who qualify for academic honors. Seniors to be invited to the Academic Awards Banquet must meet requirements of either National Honor Society, N.C. Scholars Program, or the President's Academic Fitness Award. The banquet will be held on May 23 at the First Baptist Church of Albemarle.

In order to be a North Carolina Scholar, a senior must have an over-all high school average of 85 or higher, have accumulated at least 22 units of credit, and meet the requirements outlined by Plan A or B.

In order to receive the President's Academic Award, a senior must have an over-all high school average of 85 or higher, have at least 12 units in English, math, social studies, and have scored 80% or higher on both sections of the SAT.

The twenty-seven seniors to be honored will receive special recognition from the School Board as well as an engraved plaque and other gifts. The banquet will begin with dinner at 7:00, followed by presentation of awards and concluding with original entertainment by the honored seniors.

The top twenty juniors will be waiters and waitresses, and local businesses and supporters of the community will provide money for this worthwhile event.



AHS seniors will receive special recognition for academic excellence at banquet on May 23.

Teachers of the Future

By BETH NEEL

The North Carolina Teaching Fellows Scholarship winners were announced April 9. The three AHS finalists, Billy Joe Thomas, Valerie Haynes, and Mariel Baucom, all qualified to receive the award.

To qualify as a finalist for the scholarship, applicants must have a good SAT, the average score being 1115; and a high grade point average, the average being 3.68; finalists must also rank in the top 10% of their class and must show enthusiasm for teaching in their interviews for the award.

The scholarship, which is worth \$20,000, is awarded to 400 students. Up to 60 scholarships are given at each of the 16 schools that participate. Once in college, the scholarship winners must achieve a C average their freshman year and in the following three years winners must maintain a B average. After graduating from their respective colleges, winners must teach in the state of North Carolina for at least four years.

Billy Joe Thomas will be attending UNC-Chapel Hill. To prepare himself for his career, Billy Joe has done a little student teaching in Mrs. O'Dell's world history class. He is also a member of the Foreign Language Club, quiz bowl team, and National Honor Society. After college Billy Joe hopes to teach either English or French.

Valerie Haynes was also awarded the scholarship and plans to attend UNC-Charlotte. Valerie is a member of Jr. Civitans, the Media Club and the *Full Moon* staff; last summer she attended SPEC at Pfeiffer College where she "majored" in creative writing. Valerie plans to teach literature or special education when she finishes college.

Mariel Baucom, who also qualified for the Teaching Fellows Scholarship, will attend NCSU. Mariel's activities include National Honor Society, FBLA, track and field, and cheerleading co-captain. Mariel plans to teach biology when she finishes college.



Billy Joe Thomas will attend UNC-Chapel Hill to prepare for his teaching career.



Valerie Haynes plans to further her education at UNC-Charlotte.



NCSU awaits the arrival of future teacher, Mariel Baucom.



Aloha!

By KENDALL HOMESLEY

AHS juniors and seniors, along with their dates, danced the night away in a tropical paradise on April 30, 1988. Our gym, with a dazzling waterfall, scattered straw huts, regal palm trees, and a romantic island, was unrecognizable as the place where AHS students have sweated in ragged gym clothes. Another marvelous transformation occurred in the clothing attire of the student body. No longer were bleached and torn jeans, baggy shirts, and tight minis the "in" thing. In their place were beautiful satin and sequined gowns of all colors and tailored tuxedos set off with bow ties and cummerbunds. On the wrists of the young ladies, delicate wrist corsages rested, while the gentlemen donned masculine boutonnières on their lapels. With faces glowing, a look of adoration in lovers' eyes, and the lights dimmed, the 1988 prom once again reigned successful.

Jrs. in Charge

By BLAIR JOHNSON

A graduating senior has a thousand and one thoughts racing around under that tasseled cap. These thoughts have very little to do with the proper order of the procession or where the family will be sitting.

To assure that all details are covered and all operations run smoothly, the junior marshals will be on guard and in charge.

Marshals are chosen by academic rank. The top 10 juniors are accorded this honor and responsibility. This year's marshals are Elizabeth Boyle, Paul Childress, Palmer Brown, LeAnn Burris, Ward Misenheimer, Keith Byrum, Greg Harwood, Suzanne Smith, Paula Carpenter, and Cresta Newton.



These junior marshals will supervise the graduation ceremonies.

Xylophone Player Wanted

By ADRIENNE SOYER

Due to the quickly approaching end of the '88-'89 school year, it is once again student council election time. Mr. Blalock, the student council sponsor, is planning elections for mid-May. The president and treasurer must come from the senior class and the vice-president and secretary must come from the junior class. Each candidate is required to obtain a petition from Mr. Blalock and get one hundred signatures from fellow students. Another important requirement for candidates is that they must be in the top half of their respective class. Preceding elections, campaign speeches will be made, beginning

with an introduction of the candidates by their campaign managers, followed by the actual campaign speeches.

The actual voting process will take place on the Stanly County Board of Elections voting equipment. These booths will serve as a learning experience for students, for legal voting takes place on these machines. Votes will be tallied by members of the Stanly County Board of Elections. All students of AHS are eligible to vote, but registration is mandatory in order to exercise your right to vote, so listen closely to announcements for details on election and registration deadlines.

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