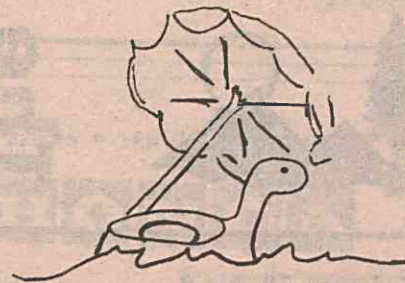


Features

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Congratulations State Champs

By PAUL CHILDRESS

The 1987-88 AHS Cheerleading unit became the last member in the long line of Albemarle's sports dynasty when they captured the 2A State Championship on Saturday, March 26. The vigorous competition, staged at Methodist College in Fayetteville, attracted the finest squads from North Carolina, and the Lady Bulldogs outshined them all. For this coveted honor, the team received state champion patches, medals, a trophy, and a sense of accomplishment in their ability as a unit. This close-knit group of high-spirited athletes has supported Albemarle sport participants to victory all year and began extra practices for state competition over Christmas holidays. Their dedication and determination often go unnoticed and unrewarded by many observers, but the hard work required for the cheerleaders' success is in fact very challenging. Approximately 250 hours passed while the team tumbled, cheered, and jumped in preparation for school-sponsored events. Also, the cheerleading team practiced diligently for two days a week during the summer and during a week-long cheerleading camp at Peace College. They opened the school year with enthusiasm and excitement and led the student body throughout this year by planning pep-rallies, a bonfire, and a special homecoming ceremony, as well as offering words of encouragement and special treats to our student athletes. We here at Albemarle High School greatly appreciate the quality work of this group and offer much deserved congratulations for their recent accolades.

Where's The School Spirit?

By SUZIE BRITT

What has happened to the school spirit you hear your parents talking about in the good 'ole days? "Two bits, four bits, six bits, a dollar; All for Albemarle, stand up and holler." The grandstands would roar with support, backing the Bulldogs all the way.

"B-U, B-U-L-L, B-U-L-L-D-O-G-S! WHEW!" chant the cheerleaders today, while the fans sit idly by. Why the quiet fans? Poor teams?

No! The Bulldog football team's hard work provided action-packed evenings at the stadium in the fall. The crowds came to wander through the stands but were not vocal in their support. The basketball teams picked up the momentum and captured the Rocky River Conference Tournament Championships. Yet still the fans showed little spirit. As the seasons of track, tennis, baseball and softball open, the crowds seem to dwindle even more.

The parents from the good 'ole days were the ones that stood up and hollered. . . "Let's go DOGS!", "What's the matter Ref., you need glasses?", "Run, they're catching up, push it, give it all you got!", "Hit it out of the ball park!", while our generation just observes with an occasional chuckle at the parents' spirit.

Many sports are ignored altogether. To many students, the sports of tennis, golf, softball, and track are nothing more than the statistics on the morning announcements. Attendance is low at these events, recognition is not given for all the sweat and pain these athletes endure to win for AHS.

Sports are not the only field in which school spirit is lacking. Activities are planned; few students attend. Dances, volleyball games, alumni basketball games, along with many other activities, are sponsored by AHS for the students, with little participation.

What does it take to bring back the spirit of the good 'ole days? What needs to be done to get AHS students involved, interested, and supportive of Albemarle Senior High events?

We have a good school, good teams, good students. We've got what it takes if we can just put it together.

So the next time you're sitting at home with nothing to do, think about what is going on at AHS. Is there a baseball game, track meet, or a tennis match? Your presence and support could help bring back those days full of spirit gone by.

Come be a part of AHS spirit . . . and let your presence be known.



Skiing soothes Ross's spring fever.



Sun, surf, and sand. The ultimate weekend!

SPRING FEVER

By WARD MISENHEIMER

An epidemic is hitting the students at Albemarle High School — Spring Fever! This warm weather disease has many symptoms, such as excessive laziness, a touch of sunburn, and skipping school. The sudden decline in attendance is a sure sign to the faculty as well as the students that a highly allergic disease has broken out. Many students feel that their academic success should be second rate to the hedonistic principle of sun and fun. Teachers shouldn't become alarmed, for this disease is a never-ending annual test of rules and desires, which can only be cured by the search for excitement and the sacrifice of academic standards and attendance records.

Many of these desires for fun and play are met by a large body of water — "The River"! Many students find that the less rigid environment seems to provide a relaxed feeling that books cannot give. This, of course, breaks all rules and regulations on attendance found in the notorious Blue And White Handbook. But the sense of freedom and free will greatly reduce the guilt feelings which follow a day in the "barn" or another form of AHS punishment.

The call from the surf and sand is sometimes too great for many students to resist, so they head to the beach for a few days of R & R! This choice isn't widely chosen because of its expense and travel time, but those who do travel to the shore find it extremely pleasurable and well worth the discipline that is sometimes asserted.

If you are extremely susceptible to this annual fever, then you must work hard to control your temperature while it is the season of sun and fun. Remember, if you choose the way of leisure and freedom, you may face a cure that is the ultimate remedy!

The "Pages" of Success



These honored students have attended the Governor's Page Program.

By KRICKET MORTON

How would you like to learn about our state's government and, in the process, miss a week of school? If so, then the Governor's Page Program is for you. This program, which was established in 1973, is set up to motivate young people to become interested in State Government by rendering their services to the state.

Many students ask, "How do you become a page?" After being recognized for school honor, students will receive a letter from a state representative with an invitation to be a Governor's Page. Then the process includes filling out an application and waiting for a week's assignment.

Pages arrive on Sunday to get settled in before beginning their duties at eight o'clock Monday morning. The pages report to the Administration building to receive their assignments. Dismissal from their assignments is at 5:00 each day.

During their week in Raleigh, the pages perform various duties. Some include answering telephones, running errands, delivering messages, assisting with mass mailings, xeroxing, and assisting with general office work. Also, each morning the pages tour one of the government buildings. Places visited are the State Capitol, Executive Manison, Supreme Court, Legislative Building, Museum of History, and the Agriculture Building.

At the end of the week, the Pages receive a Certificate of Service, Governor's Page Badge, and a picture made with the Governor.

Students who have already served as pages include Amber Almond, Cameron Speight, David Radford, Russell Whittington, Bill Snyder, Missy Holloway, Ann Joines, and David Farmer. As stated by Bill Snyder, "Even though it was boring at times, it was worth it to miss a week of school."



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