



Johnston and Maske Receive Major Awards

By Bill Snyder

As you all know, Albemarle High School has maintained a high level of athletic success over the past several years. Our school has won the Wachovia Cup, an award for outstanding athletic achievement in the Rocky River Conference, six out of the last nine years. Many factors contribute to the Bulldogs' success, including parents, players, coaches, the principal, the Boosters Club, and many others. One of the most important parts of our athletic program is our coaching staff. Without the determination and caring of our coaches, athletics here at Albemarle would lack the intensity and inspiration that has taken us to the top of the conference. Two of our many talented coaches have recently been awarded especially high honors. Coaches Bob Johnston and Agnes Maske have both deservedly received high honors for their outstanding contributions to high school athletics.

Coach Johnston, the head coach of the varsity girls' basketball team, has been chosen as an assistant coach of the West girls' team in the East-West All Star Game. This North Carolina all star basketball game is going to be held during the last week of July in Greensboro. Coach Johnston's numerous credentials and impressive records make it obvious why he was chosen for this award. His record for his five years as coach is 92-28 (71-5 over the last three years). He has



Coaches Maske and Johnston have received major recognition for their contributions to athletics.

been chosen Rocky River Conference Coach of the Year in 1987, 1988, and 1989. Since 1987, his teams have not lost a regular season game. In tournament play, his teams won the RRC Tournament in 1987-'88, they won the sectional tournament in 1989, and they participated in the regional tournament for the last two years. Besides maintaining athletic success, Coach Johnston teaches pre-algebra, algebra, and computer applications.

Coach Agnes Maske was recently awarded "Most Outstanding Female Coach" of Region 6, which is the largest region in North Carolina. She received her award in Charlotte at the Education Center during a meeting of coaches, athletic directors, principals, and superintendents. She has amassed an incredible record in order to earn this prestigious award. Coach Maske has coached girls for eight years. She has been voted Coach

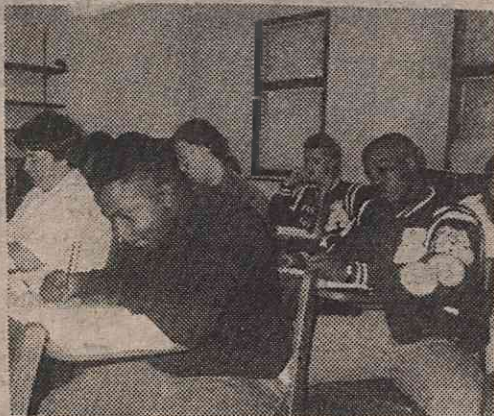
of the Year in the RRC for six of those eight years. Under her leadership, the girls track team has won seven consecutive Stanly County Championships and six consecutive RRC Championships. Coach Maske's most outstanding accomplishment was winning the NC 2A State Championship, including the sectional and regional meets, back-to-back in 1986 and 1987. In 1988 she led her 800m relay team won a state victory, and in 1989 her 1600m relay team won the 2A Girls' Track State Championship as well. This year, Coach Maske is coaching her first year of cross country. Her determination should help the cross country team attain high goals this season. Aside from her numerous coaching duties, Mrs. Maske teaches Typing I and computer applications, and she supervises FBLA.

Our deep congratulations go out to Coach Maske and Coach Johnston, as well as the rest of the coaching staff. Their extraordinary determination and seemingly limitless aspirations bring success in the field of play as well as in each player's heart. I believe that the inscription on Coach Maske's plaque sums up the purpose of coaches everywhere by saying: "You have had an influential impact on the young people in your area which has helped in the betterment of high school sports."

SAT Scheduled for October 14

By Beth Childress

SAT- the test that has so much influence on a senior's life, is scheduled to be given at AHS on October 14th. English teachers have juniors and seniors busy refining test-taking skills and learning strategies to increase scores. Since North Carolina ranks 50th in average SAT scores, educators feel great need to give English students practice with SAT-type questions. With about 50% of all students at AHS taking the test, almost all English classes spend time in preparation. Hopefully, this extensive practice will result in higher scores!



Destrik Burns and Tim Burris try to decipher the mysteries of analogies.

Students Support Attendance Policy

With the additional focus on academics and a renewed interest in student achievement by the state of North Carolina, the AHS faculty, in conjunction with a parent and student advisory committee, is studying the merits of implementing an attendance policy. The aim of the proposal will be to give every student the most instructional hours possible. The committee also hopes to offer significant positive incentives for good attendance. The Advisory Council consists of each faculty department head, selected students, and nine parents. Parents who are serving on the committee are Bertha Burris, Darrell Ellis, Sandy Kendall, Joanne Biggers, Pam Brafford, Charles Frye, Don Goines, Phil Scheble, and Shirley Lowder. The committee hopes to finalize its proposal for presentation to the school board early in October.

When AHS students were asked their feelings about an attendance policy, they had various

comments, as follows, but almost all agree that a policy will improve daily attendance, especially if it is tied to appropriate incentives.

Lori Ingram: I support a program of positive rewards, hopefully tied to exams.

Elaine Kinser: If I can exempt an exam through good attendance, I'll be at school.

Aaron Kimrey: If someone misses 20+ days per year, I think they should fail. Continuous absences are a poor habit to take into life after high school.

Julie Biggers: I think an attendance policy is a good idea, because if people are in school, they learn more.

Sandra Buchanan: If students are required to come to school, they will learn more.

Pepa Burns: An attendance policy will be good because it will encourage everyone to come to school. Those people who only feel a little bit bad will think twice before staying out.

Welcome, New Faculty

By Jason Wagoner

AHS is pleased to welcome three new faculty members this year. Replacing science teacher Mrs. Donna Alley is Mr. Wes Eidson, now teaching Biology I and physical science. Mr. Eidson, a former member of the 82nd Airborne and a Vietnam veteran, lives in Rockwell, N.C., with his wife and three children. His favorite automobile is his '72 pick-up and his favorite color is orange (Go, Clemson!). A major reason he chose teaching as a career is the challenge and rewards of coaching, and, of course, summer vacations!

New physical education teacher Jake Stewart attended Appalachian State University and did graduate work at Georgia State and the University of Georgia. He wears many "hats" here at AHS, including that of assistant wrestling coach, JV baseball coach, and assistant football coach, in addition to teaching P.E. and driver's ed. One reason Mr. Stewart chose teaching as a career is to share the experience he gained as a four-sport letterman in high school (golf, wrestling, cross-country, track) and a scholarship wrestler in college. He wants to pay back everything he has learned to the younger generation, and, in turn, keep himself young through contact with youth.

Ms. Tamara Goodwin, who is teaching vocal music during Mrs. Phelps' maternity leave, also lives in Rockwell, N.C. She attended East Rowan High School, where she excelled in choir and academics and was elected to National Honor Society. She attended nearby Pfeiffer College, where she was elected president of the Concert Choir. At AHS, Ms. Goodwin is teaching general chorus and concert choir. She also teaches at Albemarle Middle School. The reason Ms. Goodwin chose teaching as a career is because, as she says, "I wanted to teach others to sing."

Thanks for selecting us, Mr. Eidson, Mr. Stewart, and Ms. Goodwin!



Mr. Stewart and Ms. Goodwin are settling in to the routine of AHS. (Mr. Eidson absent for photo.)