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From Denmark, Se Hej; From Spain, ¡Hola!

By Meonne Blalock

All the way from Denmark to one of the most spectacular cities in the world, Albemarle, comes 15 year-old Svend G. Nielson with his genuine Danish accent. Svend may only be a sophomore at AHS, but in his hometown, Århus, he just recently graduated from high school when he finished the 9th grader. Svend plans on returning to Denmark after this school year to enroll in a special school very much like a college where he will attend for one year. Afterwards, he will work for one year and then return back to school for another four years. Svend intends on becoming an electrical engineer in the near future.

Although Svend has an advantage on AHS students by graduating at age 14 from high school, Danish students must be 18 years old before they get their driver's license. So while Svend is in America you may catch a glimpse of him cruising around in the green Volvo (Hint, hint: Mr. Holt!), but when he returns to Denmark he will have to turn in the keys and push the pedals for three more years until he gets the real thing.

Since Denmark is surrounded by water, Svend enjoys swimming and scuba diving. So far he seems to like this free country pretty much, but he claims that it is "very hot here!" He finds his drama class very exhilarating, not to mention fun, with Mr. Moran, who is constantly saying "Ikky on Svend". By the way, "ikky" means "not" in the Danish language. Svend enjoys staying with Mr. Holt and simply adores his two little girls. One complaint Svend did mention is that he has "too much homework that must be done in English!"



Alberto and Sven find their new home away from home: AHS

When asked why he came to the United States as a foreign exchange student, he replied: "My sister was a foreign exchange student four years ago and lived in Oregon for a year. I guess it was because of her good experience in the U.S. that I came." Svend also thinks that AHS teenagers are a little different than those in Denmark, but like all American teenagers, he finds pizza to be his favorite American food. He is not homesick yet, but he hopes he still has a girlfriend when he returns home.

If anyone would like to know more about Svend and his country, he would be greatly privileged to answer any questions you may have. It should be every AHS student's responsibility to make sure that Svend feels right at home in Albemarle for the remainder of this school year.

Taking Español certainly helped out when interviewing Alberto Modrego, another foreign exchange student at AHS. Upon arriving at AHS, Alberto says that the students here are "muy simpatica" (very nice). He admits that his school in Spain is much harder than AHS, even though his school is a lot smaller in size. He found biology, chemistry, and English to be three subjects which were extremely hard for him to comprehend. While this may be true, he claims that his favorite subject is history and his favorite color is red. Alberto plans to live in the United States when he graduates, preferably in North Carolina, where he hopes to attend a university in order to become an airplane pilot or a sales representative. Although homesickness has not set foot inside his mind yet, he looks forward to

graduating on May 31, with his family here to see him in his grand debut. As for his parents, his father is a sales manager, while his mother is a real estate agent. He has two younger brothers and a pet dog named Snow.

Alberto enjoys a variety of sports which include the following: basketball, baseball, bowling, soccer, playing pool, and playing volleyball on the beach. He also is a music fan who listens to heavy metal, Bobby Brown, and any kind of rap music that he may encounter. Alberto is indeed like any other teenager in America who enjoys doing the two things that teenagers especially put into practice extremely well, eating and sleeping. His favorite Spanish foods include pasta, paella, and cocido. While he just loves everything there is to consume in the U.S., hamburgers and pizza are at the top of his list.

Alberto, like Svend from Denmark, must likewise be 18 years old in order to get his license. So, while in Albemarle he plans to get a little road experience before he returns to Spain. He would love to visit New York, the Big Apple, and see the Statue of Liberty on Ellis Island. Alberto seems to be a great guy with a friendly personality who is very easy to get along with and talk to.

Alberto has one thing to say in conclusion: "Me gustaria darles las gracias por aceptarme en su colegio." In other words, he would like to thank everyone for accepting him in this school. The students of AHS are happy to welcome Sven and Alberto to our school.

People Who Make It Happen

By Rachel Kendall and Mesheka Davis

A number of talented and enthusiastic students have been chosen for leadership positions at AHS this year. For those of you who plan on purchasing a yearbook, look to Jennifer Swanner and Lori Maiden, as co-editors of the annual, for a great memorial piece. As for *The Full Moon*, Editor-in-Chief Meonne Blalock will supervise her staff in keeping you informed as to monthly happenings. Keeley Francis, student body president, greets you every morning over the intercom, and she, along with other officers Mike Furr, Stephen Aldridge, and Marcee Vanore, will work with the student council representatives to make AHS the best school possible. Seniors will be led by Lori Maiden, Ward Surratt, Marcille Smith, and Gemmy Hayden. Already they are planning for graduation on May 31. The Junior Class will organize Powder Puff, the annual gridiron battle of the junior and senior girls, and host the magical Jr.-Sr. Prom in the spring. Leading these efforts will be junior class officers, Kristi Johnson, Leah Hill, Alicia Swanner, and Chassity Speight. Thanks to all of you for the efforts you give on behalf of our school!



Student Council Officers, Senior Class Officers, Jr. Class Officers, *Full Moon* Editor, and *Crossroads* Editors are making plans for the best year ever.

Weiker and Eanes Join Albemarle Faculty

By Shelly Austin and Michael Blagg

We are excited to welcome two new coaches to the Albemarle faculty. Gary Weiker is a graduate of Catawba College where he majored in history. Throughout high school and college, he was extremely active in athletics. Although he played football for one year, his first love was baseball. At South Mecklenburg High, Coach Weiker played baseball on a fall team and a spring team. He also played for the Catawba Indians. Now he enjoys both football and baseball through coaching.

He is coaching the varsity and JV football teams. He says, "I expect great things from the varsity team. They have good talent and potential. They will succeed at anything they want to work toward." Mr. Weiker is teaching world history, world geography, and civics. His classes are great and he enjoys teaching here. He likes the friendly atmosphere of Albemarle very much.

We will be seeing more of Coach Weiker on the baseball field. He will be coaching the JV team as well as helping with the varsity.

Welcome to AHS, Coach Weiker!

Another new face at AHS is Coach Tom Eanes, who replaced Dave Bright as athletic director and football coach. Coach Eanes comes to Albemarle with a reputation for successful football programs. He first ran his wishbone offense, at Orange County High School. Afterwards, he moved to East Lincoln. At East Lincoln, Eanes' team dominated the state by posting a 48-0 record over three years, and by winning three state championships.

Where do you go after a high school coach-

ing career like that? You go back to school, of course. Coach Eanes left East Lincoln to pursue a career as an offensive coordinator at Elon College. After a time, the itch to get back to football's roots, high school football, crept back. Out of an extremely rich pool of potential coaches, Tom Eanes was selected to lead Albemarle to football greatness.

Coach Eanes has inspired the football team to work for a lofty goal - the state championship. Good luck Coach Eanes; all of us at Albemarle are standing right behind you.



Welcome to AHS, guys!