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Project Pass Offers Second Chance for Success

By Jessica Poplin

As the second nine weeks began, a new concept in helping students pass their courses began here at AHS. Project Pass, a unique after school instruction option, offers students a second chance to pass a course he or she failed during regular class time. This course meets each day from 3:00 to 4:00PM. This quarter students who failed Algebra II or English IV were offered the opportunity to get a passing grade by attending the after school class. This class will last nine weeks, like a regular class, and attendance is required every day. The grade for this class will replace the failing grade from the previous nine weeks.

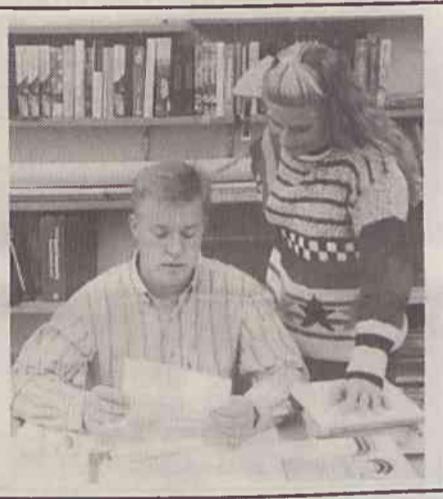
The teachers for these after school classes are Mrs. Ann Warner, who teaches English IV, and Ms. Testa, who teaches Algebra II. Mrs. Warner has been a student teacher for Mr. Holt during this fall semester. She says that she is very excited that she was hired for Project Pass and enjoys teaching the seniors in her class. She says that all her students are doing well and passed their first test.

Ms. Testa has a class consisting of 12 students, and she says they are doing fairly well. She graduated from Carolina last May with a math education degree. She says that her students seem to be committed to Project Pass and attend class everyday.

Project Pass is a wonderful chance for someone who falls behind to catch back up and pass all their subjects. Take advantage of this unique program!

Got a Problem? Get a Solution!

By Misty Blalock



Mr. Weiker and C. Owens work on a committee problem.

Do you have a problem with AHS? Is there something about this school that you just can't stand? If so, talk to the Superintendent's Advisory Committee. This committee of students and faculty from each school in the Albemarle City meets periodically throughout the year to discuss issues that are of importance to students and teachers.

Stephen Aldridge, Courtney Owens, and Shanta Maske are the three students who represent AHS. These students jobs are to tell Dr. Cummings how the students feel about different issues. Some changes made by this committee are now you can get all the catsup you want in the cafeteria and you can also get all the napkins you would like. This proves that if you go through the correct channels, changes can be made.



Mrs. Warner and Ms. Testa are coordinators of Project Pass.

FCA Starts Big Brother/Big Sister Program

By Jessica Poplin



Paige visits with her "little brother" Marvin Stevens.

This year the FCA has added a special committee to coordinate a program for at risk elementary students. This committee is called the Big Brother/Sister program. Each child, who was chosen from East Albemarle and North Albemarle Elementary Schools, has 3 big brothers or big sisters who are FCA members. There are 17 children and approximately 50 FCA members participating in the program.

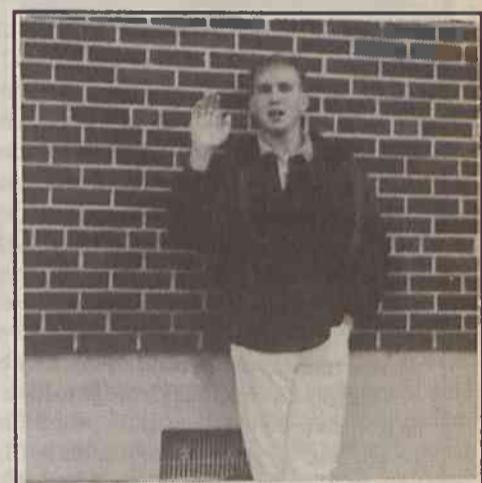
The members check with their little brother or sister every week to see how he or she is getting along. The FCA is really doing a great thing by showing interest and offering their time to help these children. They took them to a football game and are now planning a Christmas party. Thanks to the help of Jayne Cummings, the committee is doing a terrific job and hopefully will be able to continue the project next year.

Christmas Officially Arrives!

By Misty Blalock

Tis the season to be jolly. That's right! Christmas season will officially start the Monday after Thanksgiving at 4:30PM with the annual Christmas parade. The Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the parade. This year's parade will have approximately 165 units with the grand marshall being the troops who participated in Desert Storm. Also the famous Johnson C. Smith marching band will be a featured part of the parade.

AHS will be well represented in this annual event. Participating in the parade are Mr. and Ms. VICA, the J.V. cheerleaders, varsity cheerleaders, homecoming queens, junior and senior court, BADD Club, Black Culture Club, and of course, the band. Everyone come out to Main Street and support the students of AHS as they help usher the jolly old man into Albemarle.



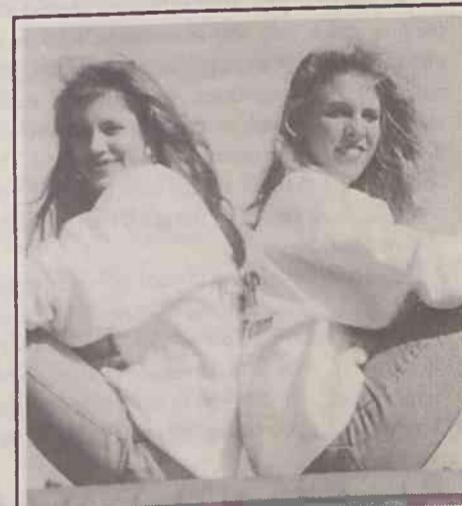
Bill Aldridge practices his wave for the Albemarle Christmas parade.

Watch That Flag in the Macy's Parade!

Laura Smith and Emily Stonestreet, two members of AHS JV cheerleading squad, are in New York this week to participate in Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade. They were chosen for this honor by making All-American cheerleader at camp this summer.

They are part of a group of 500 cheerleaders who will make up a huge flag to move down the streets of New York. Emily and Laura both will be part of a white stripe of the flag. Their uniforms are white with a big silver "M" on the front.

Thanks to both for representing AHS in this event!



Emily and Laura will appear on our very own TV screens on Thanksgiving.



Mrs. Hatley shows off two members of the math team which won first place in the small schools division of the Pfeiffer Math Contest. Team members were Stephen Aldridge, Jennifer Eiler, Jonathan Weathersbee, and Tim Russell.

If the parade is coming, can Christmas vacation be far behind? (only 13 more school days!)

Upcoming Events

December 2 - Progress reports to AHS students; Effective schools student and parents survey conducted. Students should give honest answers to help AHS be a better school. A survey will also be sent home to parents to see how they feel about AHS. The student, teacher, and parent surveys will be combined to determine strengths and weaknesses of the school.

December 6 - Black Culture Club sponsors Modern Dance Assembly (tentative)

December 18 - Last day of school before holidays; talent show (possibly)