

# The FULL MOON



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## Will Albemarle go 1A?

By Courtney Brown and Jason Ingram

If you read the Sunday edition of the SNAP on February 23, you saw some astounding news about Albemarle High School trying to decide on whether to become a 1A school or not. With Piedmont, Parkwood, and Forest Hills moving up in classification, the present Rocky River Conference will take on a new look in the upcoming years. Possibilities include the dissolving of the conference if enough schools choose other classifications. Also mentioned is the continuation of the Rocky River Conference with the addition of some nearby schools who are not presently in the conference. What ever happens, Albemarle will experience changes in their athletic competition.

Since Albemarle has a strong athletic tradition, the issue is of interest to many, including many athletes of the past. Arguments against our high school dropping to 1A include the lack of publicity, less intense competition, greater travel distances to away games, and less exposure to college scouts who focus on the larger schools. However, advocates of the drop in classification stress that parity of schools will be greater and athletes will be able to have more success on another level.

As shown each year, our school is very competitive on a state-wide level, with state championships garnered in wrestling, cheerleading, and track. A good example of a small school competing with success against larger schools is Durham Hillside. Hillside has the numbers to drop from a 4A school to a 2A school but chooses not to because of the better competition and higher revenue. Many people can remember back in the golden days when Albemarle was a 3A school in the South Piedmont Conference. That transition to 2A was not greeted with open arms by everyone affected, and this change, if it occurs, won't be either.

Whatever decision is finally made, whatever vote is finally cast, hopefully will be in the best interests of the athletes. With the final vote from each school due in Raleigh by March 31, we should know which way our conference will go sometime this summer.

## Do you want to dance the night away?

By Mysty Blalock

The birds chirping and the warm weather reminds us of the time of year that is quickly approaching. With springtime comes prom. For juniors it is their first time to go through this great experience. For seniors it is one final reminder that graduation is near. The freshmen and sophomores just hope that an upper classman would ask them to this magical evening.

With the prom experience comes much hassle. Girls have to find that perfect dress, but first of all they have to find that perfect date (that is most important). The guys have a similar situation, where as they have to find a tux and a girl that fits them just right. Both have to arrange for fresh, beautiful flowers that match their evening wear. Reservations have to be made and drivers have to be designated. But when it comes down to Prom '92, on the night of May 16 a good time will be had by all. Everyone will have an exhilarating time dancing and holding each other close while absorbing the sounds and sights of the LA Light Show. So mark down May 16 on your calendar and start your preparations.



Jill, Dara, Jennifer, and Suzanne at Prom '91. They're ready for Prom '92.

## A new Bell for social studies

By Jessica Poplin

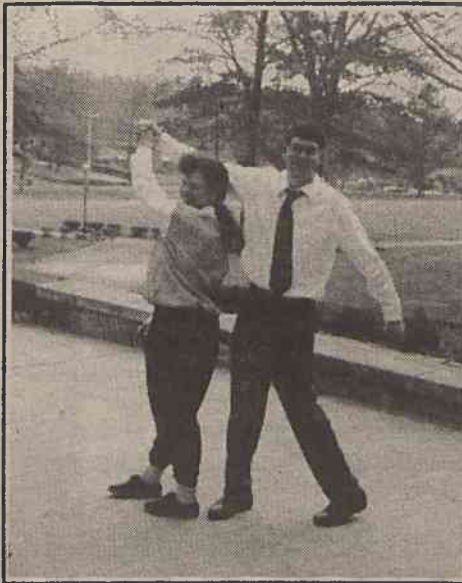


Mrs. Bell is enjoying her students at Albemarle High School.

Mrs. Ann Bell is a new addition to the Social Studies Department. She came here at the end of the first semester to take Mr. Gibson's place in 9th grade government.

Mrs. Bell graduated from High Point College and has been teaching for 7 years. She has a passion for teaching and loves everything about it. She loves helping people and doesn't mind at all because she realizes how important education is in the world today. In her years of teaching, she has taught various grades, mostly 5th graders, but other grades too. She came from Randleman Middle School to Albemarle, which she likes very much. She enjoys the teachers and students here and fits in very well. Recently she has been overjoyed to discover the scantron machine.

We hope your stay at Albemarle will be very exciting, Mrs. Bell.



Scott and Stacey plan to take shagging class on living and learning day.

## Living and learning

By Jessica Poplin

On Thursday, March 26, Living and Learning Day will take place once again during the first three periods of the day. Students will choose three classes to take in place of the first three regular classes. Choices will include Teens/Dating, Teen Issues and Concerns, Fishing, Computers, Emergency First Aid and CPR, Sports, Foods, and Shag Dancing.

Presenters will be community volunteers and some AHS teachers and parents. Mrs. Beth Swanner and Mrs. Freida Stacey are helping with this project. The Teacher-Parent Involvement Committee is sponsoring it.

Students were surveyed in January to see what courses they would like. The courses that were listed above received the highest number of votes. Those and others will be available for Living/Learning Day courses.

## Yes, a whole day out of class! (except 4th)

By Mysty Blalock

On March 17 and 18 Troy Garrison is coming to AHS to talk to the students about alcohol and drugs. I know what you're thinking, but this is going to be different.

First, 60 kids, 15 out of each grade, will be chosen to become trainees for the assembly. They will be leading in the activities of the assembly. These students will represent a cross section of each class, not just the smartest people.

Then the students will meet with Mr. Garrison in the gym. It will not be the whole school at one time. The first day 2 grades will meet, and the next day the other two. In the gym AHS students will not just sit there and listen to a lecture, but become actively involved in the assembly. Also the faculty will become involved in the presentation.

On March 19 Mr. Garrison will meet with AHS students and parents in the gym at 7:30 p.m. This will wrap up the activities. This program is aimed at teaching as well as having a little fun.



Badd Club members Jessica Dennis, Megan Lowder, and Dion Brooks will be participating in the program.

## Lulu's in the squad room singing a Broadway tune

By Jessica Poplin



Drama gets ready to entertain us.

Each year the drama classes present a play to the students of AHS. The drama classes, taught by Mr. Moran, perform excellent plays each year. Last year's play "Hurricane Smith and The Garden of the Golden Monkey" was a big hit with the students here at Albemarle.

Coming in April, the 4th period class will put on the show, "Squad Room". It is a comedy about the life in a police station. 5th period's class will perform "Perils of LuLu", which is a comedy of a girl who encounters every disaster known to man. And last, 6th period's class will show a series of scenes from the Broadway plays, some serious and some comedy.

I'm sure that everyone will enjoy these, especially from getting out of class. Each drama group is working very hard to entertain. We look forward to seeing AHS students in new roles.

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