



Features



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Support Your School

By Christy Hendrick and Leslie Morgan

Is a Pep Club the answer to Albemarle's lack of school spirit? In the past few years AHS has seen a decrease in school spirit. For pep rallies, games, and the general atmosphere, students at Albemarle have a lack of enthusiasm overall. As seen by many, the new Pep Club is an attempt to add some spunk to Albemarle's otherwise lackadaisical attitude. A school needs a strong school spirit which not only gives our athletes support, but shows other schools and the community that all students have a special part in their activities.

This year the student council decided to promote a new club hoping to increase participation in Albemarle's athletic events. Although started by the Student Council, once on its feet it will be led by elected officers. The club voted to call themselves Bulldog Mania, featuring the Bleacher Creatures. David Cranford and J.R. Cresswell were elected as presidents of Bulldog Mania, while many others assist in the organization of this new club.

To increase support, many events have been planned. For football games, areas have been marked off for those BLEACHER CREATURES and decorated caravans will travel to away games. This year at pep rallies the members of the club will help in getting the crowd more involved. The pep club will also sponsor a Halloween carnival in October with many games to replace the Homecoming carnival. If 80 people or more join, the members will be admitted into all home sporting events for half price as an incentive for joining. The meetings are at 3:10 on Fridays in the auditorium. Come join Bulldog Mania and support your school's athletic program.

Reduce, Reserve, and Recycle

By Wendy Smoak

After you drink a coke or any drink in an aluminum can, what do you do with the can? Most likely you throw it in a trash can with all the other trash. However, with the present conditions of the environment of the world and its resources, it is important to start recycling. Put the aluminum cans in one bag, the plastic products in another, and the paper products in another. One recycled aluminum can is able to power a television set for three hours. Enough cans were recycled in 1988 to power New York City for six months. Help make a difference!

Paper products are casually taken for granted every day. People use paper like it is an endless supply. Unfortunately, however, it is not an endless supply and people are using paper faster than the trees can reproduce. During a year it is estimated that each American uses seven trees worth of paper. Often the recycling of paper is overlooked, but it is important and it is not difficult to find recycling bins. Every classroom at AHS has a cardboard box for recyclable paper only. Newspapers can be placed in a cart at the edge of the old K-Mart parking lot to be recycled. Don't overlook this serious problem; take five minutes and help save the world for the future!

Extinct Is Forever

By Courtney Rogers

Whether you are cuddling up with your cat or playing frisbee with your dog, animals have an important impact on your lives. Could you imagine walking outside on a spring morning and not hearing any birds chirping? What about being outside on a hot summer night and hearing silence rather than crickets? Unfortunately, many animals on earth are vanishing at a fairly rapid pace.

A vast number of mammals, birds, reptiles, and amphibians are facing extinction. Many of these animals will be taken to preservation centers where their lives will be controlled by humans rather than the natural occurrences found in the wild. This means of preservation is the most effective way yet known to prevent the extinction of many endangered animals.

Biologists believe that only 30-50 Florida panthers remain alive today. The West Indian manatee, killed for its meat and hide, is also suffering from the possibility of extinction. Grizzly bears, once thriving in North America, are now mainly found in Alaska and Canada. Only 20,000 Asian elephants remain alive in the wild today. The giant panda is disappearing, mainly because each hide is worth \$20,000 on the black market. Also, the leopard has decreased in population mainly due to the fashion industry's desire to use the leopard's hide in expensive fur coats.

These animals are just a few out of the thousands that are listed as endangered. How many generations more will these vanishing species survive?

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Has This Ever Happened to You?

By Christy Brooks

The Features staff is trying out new ideas and topics that will entertain the readers of *Full Moon*. This new article is based on a quote for the month. The quote will be described in an everyday point of view, especially in a teenager's point of view. The quote for this month is "Nothing is as good as it seems beforehand."

"Nothing is as good as it seems beforehand" is a quote that can pertain to every one of us. Girls, remember when you wanted that one special dress or maybe the guys wanted that special stereo system. But when you finally got that dress or stereo system, it just wasn't exactly what you thought it would be. The dress didn't look as good on you as it did that girl or the stereo system wasn't as loud as your best friend's was.

I asked some of the students what they felt they had had to have, but later found out it wasn't

worth it. Melissa Jones said, "A stupid doll that didn't do anything but sit on my dresser." Jonathan Perry quoted, "LOVE!" Missy Cline said, "This outfit that I had to have, but when I got it home I didn't like the way it looked on me." Kelly Russell said, "A Gucci watch; I got tired of the leather strap and wanted a gold band instead." Stacy Dunn said, "My license. I expected to have a lot of freedom." John Stokes quotes, "A GIRL!"

Wanting something that you feel you can't live without can be harmful to your health. Some of us will stop at nothing to get what we want. Today it is easy to be swept away by some fascinating things in our society. Everybody seems to want what everybody else has. Just remember to think about what you want is genuine to your liking and not to expectations.



Jonathan and Missy try to figure out what they can wish for next.

Battlefield or Ballfield?

By Laura Smith

As football season opens tension rises and school rivalry begins. A good example of this would be the heated competition between Albemarle and North Stanly. This rivalry is older than most students here at Albemarle can remember. Pep Rallies and Bon Fires generate school spirit as well as motivating the players and getting them excited about the game. Burning the North Stanly plow jock is a long time tradition at Albemarle. This year we added the burning of a North Stanly cheerleader. This proves that rivalry extends to the cheerleaders, student body, and parents, as well as the athletic players and coaches.

Here are a few opinions of those involved in rivalry:
Ms. Terry-Rivalry is fine as long as good, clean, sportsman ship is involved.

Varsity Cheerleaders-Rivalry has encouraged us to work harder to promote school spirit and motivate our guys.

Mr. Taylor-You can always remember the results of the North Stanly games.

Mrs. Blackburn-Rivalry isn't just for those in high school. If you're true to your school, rivalry lasts forever.

Dr. Cummings "Doc"-Rivalry is great, like eating at Tooey's.

Coach Akins-Rivalry brings out the best in the players. They play with more effort.

Johnny Lamp-The hate of school rivalries is like the powder in a gun. It can be a valuable asset to win when you utilize it carefully. But, be wary, it can backfire!

After seeing the competition that they're up against, the North Stanly cheerleaders would make no comment on the school rivalry.



Emily remains friends with a rival school's cheerleader.