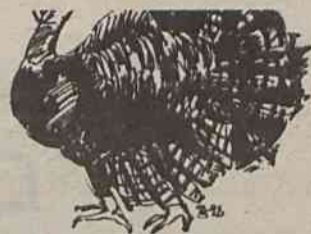


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AHS Student Enrolled in German School

The following article was written by AHS student Jessica Dennis, who is spending her junior year in Germany as an exchange student. She is attending German schools.

Public German schools vary greatly from U.S. schools. All children begin school in the "Grundschule," which is similar to American elementary schools. Students begin at age five in kindergarten and continue here until the end of the fourth grade. After the "Grundschule," students have three possibilities: the "Hauptschule," the Realschule," or the "Gymnasium."

The "Hauptschule," or the basic school, continues for five years after the "Grundschule." It is considered to be for the intellectually average. After students at the "Hauptschule" level finish grade nine, they are finished with school, unless they decide to continue into grade ten, which is now optional in some states.

The intermediate school is the "Realschule," which continues from grade five through ten.

The courses are aimed at students who will most likely become trade or business apprentices. The courses are somewhat academic and include two foreign languages.

The "Gymnasium" is the highest level of German schools and is strictly academic. It runs from grade five to thirteen and is equal to junior high, high school, and two years of college. It is considered the most prestigious, and, therefore, students at the "Gymnasium" have a heavy workload. In a year, students take twelve compulsory courses, which includes three foreign languages.

All Universities are run by the states. Students begin to study directly for their major during their first year at the university. The "Gymnasium" is supposed to have provided a general, well-balanced education. After applying to university, the state assigns students to a university according to their major. The universities in Germany are free to all the students.



Jessica Dennis and a friend enjoy free time during a break at language school.

Clinton Scores a Democratic Victory

By Natasha Byrd

America has spoken! Governor Bill Clinton of Arkansas has won the Presidential election. On Tuesday November 3, Governor Clinton won 370 electoral votes to President Bush's 168. Clinton received 43% of the popular vote. Although Ross Perot, the billionaire businessman, did not win any state's electoral votes, he did

concession speech that the United States can expect to see him again in 1996. Governor Bill Clinton and Senator Al Gore will be inaugurated January 21, 1993. President-elect Clinton will be the first President born after World War II and the third youngest President.

The results of the election show a large voter's turnout. This election got more attention than any in the past twenty years. Polls also show a great number of 18-24 year olds who voted in the election. Most of the 18-24 year olds voted for "change". They voted for Governor Bill Clinton. President Bush lost the "young" vote because of his repeated quotes of, "I don't have time to waste on Teeny Boppers." Bill Clinton also received a majority of the women's vote.

The American citizens forced the three candidates to stay on the issues and they did. After this election, history books may record the 1992 Presidential election as one of the greatest ever. President-elect Bill Clinton can now put into effect the "changes" his campaign was focused on. Good Luck to President-elect Bill Clinton!!



capture 19% of the popular vote. These results show the American citizens's dissatisfaction with the federal government. Ross Perot said in his

Somalia: Immediate Help Is Needed

By Courtney Rogers

Somalia, a world composed only of famine and starvation. The crisis which is continually building has finally gotten the world's attention. Already 300,000 Somalis have died from disease, starvation, and murder. It is predicted that 250,000 more will perish before Christmas, if they do not receive aid. Actually, most Somalis' survival depends solely on foreign aid. However, thieves have prevented much of this desperately needed aid from arriving to relief stations. Various groups have stolen hundreds of tons of food from ports. Also, whole convoys of relief goods have disappeared.

Albemarle's Fellowship of Christian Athletes found its own way to reach out and help the Somalis. On November 2, all participating students wore a black armband and did not eat lunch. They gave their lunch money to a relief fund which was sent to Somalia. Also, they met before school and shared in a moment of silence in memory of those who have died.

Any relief aid available is needed in Somalia and if people do not get involved and participate, then millions of Somalis will die. Each new life form has only a slim chance at survival in Somalia and if they do live until adulthood, it is only to suffer from disease and malnutrition. Immediate help is needed.

Mrs. Rogers Begins Job at AHS

By Leslie Morgan



Mrs. Rogers helps a student find the right answer!

Mrs. Amy Morton Rogers is the new English teacher here at AHS. A graduate of ECU and UNC-W, Mrs. Rogers has two years experience in teaching English. She enjoys reading (a typical English teacher hobby!), beach volleyball, and, in her words, "trying to cook." She has been married almost one year, so she is still trying out her cooking skills on her new husband.

Mrs. Rogers says her interest in education stems from the fact that she has "always been a people person." She likes the fact that education offers her the chance to make a difference in the lives of others. She is very happy here at Albemarle and compliments the staff and students for being extremely "receptive and helpful." Her favorite part of teaching is watching a student's face light up and realizing that he understands. Her least favorite part is grading papers.

Mrs. Rogers is teaching ninth and eleventh grade English and one class of civics. Welcome to AHS, Mrs. Rogers!

Santa Claus Is Coming to Town

By Tina Lee

Plans are now underway for this year's Stanly County Christmas Parade. The holiday spirit will officially begin on November 30, 1992, at 4:30 PM. All entries will line up and leave from the YMCA.

AHS has several entries in this year's parade. Our award-winning band will put us in the Christmas spirit with festive tunes along the parade route. The JV and Varsity Cheerleaders will show their school spirit as they march along, and the Black Culture Club will greet the crowd from

the back of a truck. Mr. and Miss DECA will wave to the crowd from their convertible, as will Kim Smith and Twana Lennon, 1992 Homecoming Queens.

The traditional ending will feature the jolly old man from the North Pole as he comes to town to begin his month of checking up before he distributes the goodies on December 25.

Go out and get a head start on Christmas spirit by attending the parade on November 30!!