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## Math Victory!

By Christy Hendrick

Four Albemarle High School calculus students recently attended a math competition held at Pfeiffer College. The students selected to attend were Andy Miskell, Jeff Parsons, Michael Laton, and Jason Ingram. The contest included twelve schools from Stanly and surrounding counties. The competition consisted of two sections. The first was a 40 minute written exam. Two groups then advanced to a "Jeopardy type" oral round. Albemarle received first place in the small schools division outside of Mecklenburg County. The questions consisted of advanced levels of trigonometry and calculus problems. The math department is very proud of their achievements. Congratulations guys!



A. Miskell, J. Ingram, M. Laton, along with J. Parsons, competed and won.

## Jessica's school day in Germany

By Jessica Dennis

The following article is a continuation of information about German schools from Jessica Dennis, who is spending her junior year in Germany. Jessica is experiencing many of the sights of Germany during her year. Of particular interest to her was her trip to Bergen-Belsen, a concentration camp during World War II. She says this visit changed her views on the Second World War's concentration camps and has helped her understand many of the new German laws. This month's article describes a typical German school day.

German students attend classes Monday through Friday and on the second and fourth Saturday of every month. Each state sets its own vacation day which usually includes a one week fall vacation in October, a two week break for Christmas and a six week summer vacation. Sometimes three or four additional vacation days are added. The largest difference, however, is the hours that students attend school classes.

The classes are as follows:

- 8:00-8:45 1st period
- 8:50-9:35 2nd period
- 9:35-9:55 "GroBe Pause" (Long Break)

- 9:55-10:40 3rd period
- 10:45- 11:30 4th period
- 11:30-11:45 "Pause" (Break)
- 11:45-12:30 5th period
- 12:35-1:20 6th period

After the 10th grade, students may have additional classes:

- 1:30-2:15 7th period
- 2:20-3:05 8th period
- 3:10-3:55 9th period

This schedule is for Monday through Friday. On Saturdays, students usually have four periods. However, some students may have six, but this is the maximum for Saturday. Students usually have only seven classes on a long day (if they are in the 11, 12, or 13 grade.) The other periods are considered free. Students can leave school during this time.

If a teacher is absent, he or she has no "substitute." Another teacher will watch the class, but no work is assigned. After the tenth grade, if teachers are absent, students have a free period where they can leave school. No doubt Albemarle students would love this option!

## An Artistic Addition to Full Moon

By Natasha Byrd

If the artwork in the *Full Moon* has seemed to improve recently, the credit should be given to Anna Joelson, AHS's exchange student from Sweden. She is always willing to do her beautiful artwork for the *Full Moon* staff on short notice. We have decided to add her name to the credit block of our newspaper. Anna deserves some recognition for all her hard work. Anna's beautiful and creative artwork has been a wonderful addition to the *Full Moon*. Check the tops of each page to see samples of her artistic genius.



Anna is the reason our artwork has improved!

## AHS Awaiting the Winner of the "Gong Show"

By Tina Lee

On December 18, the last day before Christmas vacation, a new and improved Gong Show will be presented to the AHS students. Some of the participants will show off their abilities for other students.

Some of the participants will be Trent Furr, Eric Burselson, Jonathan Furr, Jay Warner, Terry Waller, and Chris Woodard, who are going to lip synch to a popular tune. Jason Ingram and Shannon Cruz are going to sing and show off their abilities. Jamie Dunn, Kerry Brooks, Kevin Garrison, Richie Myers, Robbie Bailey, and Brian Ellington, known as Beastie Boys to Men, will sing everyone a lovely tune.

First place prize will be \$50 dollar and consolation prizes will be awarded.

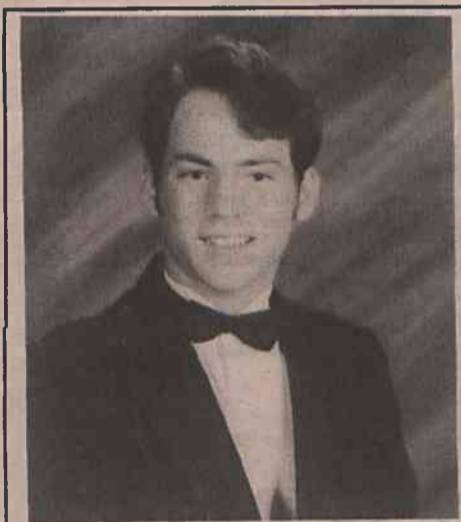
Everyone wants to wish all the participants good luck and may the best man or woman win.



AHS students look forward to the "Gong Show."

## Jonathan Perry Advances to Regional Competition

By Natasha Byrd



Jonathan advanced in the Morehead competition.

Jonathan Perry has advanced into the Regional Competition of the Morehead Scholarship. The next level of the competition will be held in Charlotte on December 11. Students from all over the South will be involved in this interview. If Jonathan continues to advance after the December 11 interview, he will have to go through one more interview. Most students who get through the upcoming interview will be awarded the Morehead Scholarship.

In his first interview, some of the questions he was asked included:

What does he think of the election process and who would be his choice?

What is the biggest problem facing the youth of today?

How do you show leadership at your school?

Albemarle High School wishes Jonathan good luck in the regional competition.

## Three Prospective Teachers Apply for Teaching Fellows

By Leslie Morgan

Three Albemarle High students have applied to the NC Teaching Fellows Program, which encourages outstanding high school seniors to enter the teaching profession. Wendy Smoak, Amanda Yandle, and Chrissy Parks all aspire to be teachers and hope to be selected for this \$20,000 scholarship. The money is awarded with the stipulation that after graduation, the recipient will teach four years in N.C. public schools. The state awards up to 400 of these scholarships each year.

Wendy, Amanda, and Chrissy filled out a detailed application form, wrote an essay, and competed in an interview. They should hear whether they have advanced to the next level sometime during January.

Ms. Mariel Baucom, who is now teaching Biology and Physical Science here at AHS, was awarded the Teaching Fellows Scholarship in 1988. So far, Albemarle has had four Teaching Fellows since the program began seven years ago.



Will these three become teachers at AHS one day?