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AHS Welcomes New Assistant Principal

By Laura Smith

If you've been wondering whose new face has been brightening the halls of Albemarle High School this year, it is our new assistant principal Mrs. Alley. She comes to us from the Stanly County school system where she taught second and third grade at Millington Elementary School. Mrs. Alley previously worked for the State Department of Public Instruction in the Southwest Technical Assistance Center as well as teaching at Pfeiffer College in teacher education.

Mrs. Alley enjoys working with high school students as well as teachers. She likes the curriculum and instruction at Albemarle and would like to help teachers improve their instructional strategies. Can you believe it? This is only her first year in administration. Mrs. Alley's personal opinion of the discipline at Albemarle is that people need to be more responsible for their own behavior. She believes that this new disci-

plinary program will enable this to happen. So far she has not had to deal with any major disciplinary problems. Mrs. Alley doesn't look at discipline as being out to get someone; she sees it as an opportunity to talk with students and help them to understand how to make the proper decisions. Mrs. Alley has aspirations of becoming a principal one day.

Mrs. Alley is married and she has two sons, Travis and Tracy. During her free time she enjoys riding horses and going to horse shows. She sings at weddings and horse shows and is the choir director at her church. She also loves to cook and bake. We are very lucky to have Mrs. Alley with us!



C. Alley

New Teachers Hit The Classrooms

By Courtney Rogers

As the 1993-'94 school year takes off, several new faces are in the classrooms. A.H.S. has acquired four new teachers this year, including Althea Brigham, Paul Eason, Sheri Boger, and Forrest Johnstone.

Althea Brigham, who works in the T.O.R. room, teaches life, learning, and responsibility. This is her first year teaching, although she has worked in textiles for the past thirteen years.

Althea is a member of the NySpC, Swing Phi Swing Fellowship, Inc., and Fayetteville State University Alumni Association.

She also coaches baseball and basketball for the Parks and Recreation Department. She loves all varieties of sports, as well as talking to today's youth. Althea is married and has three children, ages 7, 12, 14.

Paul Eason teaches ninth grade civics and eleventh grade U.S. history. He has previously taught in New York schools in addition to Monroe High School. Some of his favorite activities include photography, architectural models, travel, and the opera. Paul enjoys the students, staff, and campus here at A.H.S.



P. Eason

Sheri Boger is a twenty-two year old Appalachian State graduate. Her first three classes of the day are spent as a resource teacher at Albe-

marle Middle School. She then teaches afternoon math courses here at the high school. Sheri loves playing softball and participating in outdoor activities. Originally from East Bend, N.C. (near Winston Salem), she really enjoys her students here at Albemarle.

Forrest Johnstone is a teacher's assistant and helps in a variety of subjects. This is his first year teaching and he is a graduate of Pfeiffer where he earned a B.S. in Business Administration and a B.S. in Economics. Forrest is currently working on his M.B.A. at Pfeiffer. For the past twelve years he has played basketball and still does now on a recreational basis. His wife is a first grade teacher at Central Albemarle and his son just recently turned three years old. In response to the question that many students have already asked, "I am 6'9" and yes, I play basketball!"

Four other additions to A.H.S. this year are Baxter Morris, Richard Keener, Jack Gaster, and Al Andrew, all additions to the coaching staff. Another coach, Ms. Julie Cochran, does not teach here but is sponsor for JV cheerleaders. A detailed article and pictures of these coaches can be found on the sports pages.



F. Johnstone



S. Boger

Welcome Dr. Church!

By Shannon Homesley

Dr. William Church assumed responsibilities as the new superintendent July 1. He brings a wealth of experience to our school. With a B.A. and M.S. from Appalachian University and a Ph.D. from Florida State, Dr. Church spent 27 years in education, the last 10 with the state department in Raleigh. Dr. Church believes we need to focus on our English, math, and science departments. Lowering class sizes to workable levels and having students take more advanced courses are two more of his priorities. His goals for our school system are to increase student achievement and school involvement. Also, he would like to promote safety and discipline. After working here for two months, his general impression of the Albemarle City Schools is a positive one. He feels that we have good conditions of facilities, an excellent faculty, and dedicated students.

Dr. Church and his family moved here from Cary, N.C., near Raleigh. His daughter Kary is a sophomore at UNC-Chapel Hill. Judy, his wife of 29 years, is a consultant with the Southwest Technical Assistance Center in Monroe. Dr.

Church wishes he had more time to spend in the schools to interact with teachers and students. A message from Dr. Church to the students is, "Be involved. It's your school."



Dr. William Church

Coming to America

By Jamie Dunn

Albemarle High School has continued the tradition of receiving foreign exchange students this year. Masaki Hattori is an exchange student attending AHS this year.

Masaki is visiting from Japan, where he has already graduated from high school. He explained that school in Japan is very different



Look out, ladies! Masaki is here!

from school in America. In Japan, high schools start in the tenth grade where you attend until the twelfth grade when you graduate. Each class is approximately fifty minutes long. You are assigned to one classroom where you stay all day. The teachers change classes instead of the students. Students do, however, get a 10 minute break between each of their classes. He also says that students do not raise their hands to answer questions; instead, if the teacher wants an answer, he/she will just call on you.

As far as sports go, baseball is number one. In high school baseball is the only sport. The students play it year-round. Masaki is looking forward to playing baseball in the spring. For now though, Masaki is playing on the soccer team. He says that in Japan football is very unpopular.

Masaki is enjoying our American culture so far. If you would like to talk to him, just look around campus for the short Japanese guy with a big smile. By the way, he does like all of you American girls! Go Masaki!

I Didn't Have That Book Report Done Anyway

By Shannon Homesley

The 1993-94 school year has introduced many new changes in our school rules. One large one is the new lock-out policy. The policy prevents interruptions in classes. Teachers have been instructed to shut and lock their doors as soon as the bell rings at the beginning of every period. To you unlucky students still in the hall, you are not allowed to go to class, but to a small room to sit for the whole period, and not only do you miss a fulfilled fifty-five minutes of preaching, but you also have to endure the humiliation of putting your *John Hancock* on a piece of paper for everyone to see.

However, for those of you who think you can go to T.O.R. to do your work, you are right... and wrong. For your first trip, you are able to do your own work. Every time after that, though, you leave your books at the door and journey into the boring depths of the Time Out Room. After three strikes, you are out... to Saturday school.

So make sure you run to class and save your one time of skipping a period for something really important because it is the only one you have.

Welcome to our 175 freshmen,
Class of 1997!
Congratulations to our 117 seniors,
Class of 1994!