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Helpful Hints for the SAT

by Shannon Homesley



Eloise Odom practices her vocabulary.

Throughout September, October, and November, students are spending hours in front of a computer trying to figure out unrecognizable words that they will never see again! These few hours are known as the SAT Preparatory Course. To some, these hours seem useless. However, it is not a total waste of time. Students have been known to handle this mind-boggling test with more ease after taking the course.

In each session, there are three days consisting of three hours of deep thought and tiring questions. But, the course offers practice tests with actual English and math problems like those on the SAT. The facts you learn on how to take the SAT have a positive effect on the way you take the SAT. So do yourself a favor and take this course to get some insight on one of the most important tests of your life.

Around the World in 400 Days

by Shannon Homesley

Almost everybody in the United States would like to have the opportunity to visit another country. Well, one student at AHS had the chance to be an exchange student in Germany. Jessica Dennis, a senior, spent her junior year of high school in Germany as a student.

Jessica explained that Germany is very different from the United States. The people are very open-minded and very liberal. The best thing, though, is the fact that teenagers have more freedom. Although you cannot drive until you are 18, the legal drinking age for beer and wine is 16. The country does not strictly enforce the drinking age.

There are three different types of schools in Germany. Jessica's school, the gymnasium, is for college-bound students. It has a total of thirteen grades. The school days are from 8:00-1:20. Students are responsible to attend school every other Saturday, also. In German schools, there are no sports and no school spirit. School is only a place of learning.

Now that she is back in the United States, Jessica realizes how much she misses Germany and her new friends. She is hoping, after her

freshman year of college, to go back and spend another year in Germany. Jessica suggests that any people interested in traveling to another country should take any opportunities available and go experience other cultures.



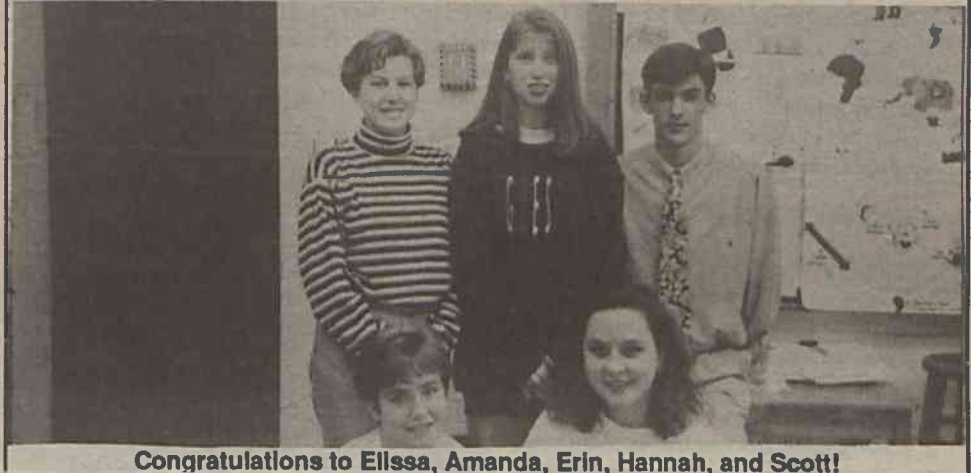
Jessica enjoyed the German culture.

Seniors Win Awards!

by Courtney Rogers

Several A.H.S. students have been nominated for prestigious awards in recent weeks. Our A.H.S. nominees for the John Motley Morehead scholarship at UNC-Chapel Hill are Hannah Oettinger and Amanda Pelt. These top students are being evaluated on moral character, leadership, motivational qualities, scholastic achievement, extra curricular activities and physical vigor.

Elissa Freshly is competing for a cash award presented by the Tandy Scholars which is presented to students who excel in the field of science. Erin Pettit has been selected to represent Stanly County for the Jim Hunt Award and she and her parents will be attending a banquet at Wake Forest University where one state representative will be selected. Scott Anderson is representing A.H.S. for the DAR Award which is based upon dependability, citizenship, leadership, and service. Congratulations and good luck to each one!



Congratulations to Elissa, Amanda, Erin, Hannah, and Scott!

Swanner, Mabry to Leave Board

by Laura Smith

After years of service to the Albemarle City School system, Mr. Ron Swanner and Mr. Mark Mabry will retire at the end of their term this year.

Mr. Swanner, chairman, has been on the school board for twelve years. He was elected the year his younger daughter, Ashley, enrolled in kindergarten and will retire during her senior year in high school. Mr. Swanner alone takes no credit for the accomplishments made during his term. He and the other six to eight members elected to the school board work together for the betterment of our school system. Mr. Swanner is proud of the people they've employed and believes the teachers and administrators get the job done. Another of the accomplishments of which Mr. Swanner is most proud is the air conditioning in all of the city schools. Mr. Swanner believes that it is more advantageous to work with a small school system because it's possible to see and interact with students and teachers on a daily basis. Mr. Swanner says that 99.9% of his memories on the school board are good and there

are very few bad points. The only negative is the disagreement of some people with decisions made by the board.

Mr. Mabry served on the school board for ten years. During his term he believes the major accomplishments made as a board are bringing academics to the front and focusing on academics as a school system. Mr. Mabry is proud of the awards for those who concentrate on academics, especially the Academic Awards Banquet and the scholarships offered to the valedictorian and salutatorian. Mr. Mabry attended the Albemarle City Schools and feels that he got a good education. He has tried to fulfill his civic duty by giving something back to the schools as a member of the school board. Mr. Mabry also indicated that the only down side of being a board member is upsetting people who aren't in agreement with all decisions.

We at AHS thank Mr. Swanner and Mr. Mabry for their dedication to Albemarle City Schools.

King and Malcolm X: Combining Philosophies

By Kim Thomas

Dr. Martin Luther King and Malcom X are truly two of the most influential Afro-American leaders of all times. Both became prominent leaders in the 60's. Dr. King and Malcom X wanted to lead Afro-Americans to a new and better way of life, but each had different tactics.

Dr. King believed and established the non-violent movement; his idea was to get everyone thinking of peace. Malcom X believed that Afro-Americans should create their own "community" and begin to turn over their property value as whites did. Most importantly, he stressed and lived by, "Fight violence with violence." Most Afro-Americans, in spite of having mixed feelings and emotions about the leaders, will agree that it was Dr. King who gave us freedom,

and Malcom X who restored pride in our race. Surprisingly, if these two leaders had come together, they probably would have combined one of their most famous speeches into one.

Malcom X: "It's time to stop singing and start swinging."

Dr. King: "I had a dream that one day this nation will rise up and walk hand in hand."

Together: Learn to stop the violence among ourselves and start swinging that anger we all have into making us hungry for knowledge... Get educated and fight with the "real" power - your mind.



Antonio will be a counselor this year.

Brown Wins Award

by Lori Cox

This past summer Antonio Brown attended Legislative School for Youth Leadership Development at Western Carolina University. During the week session, two students out of the two hundred attending were selected as outstanding leadership candidates. Antonio was one of the two selected for the Howard B. Chapin award in recognition of outstanding leadership qualities. Antonio is also one of seven who will be returning as a camp counselor this year. Congratulations, Antonio!