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Ninth Graders To Be Shipped Back to Middle School

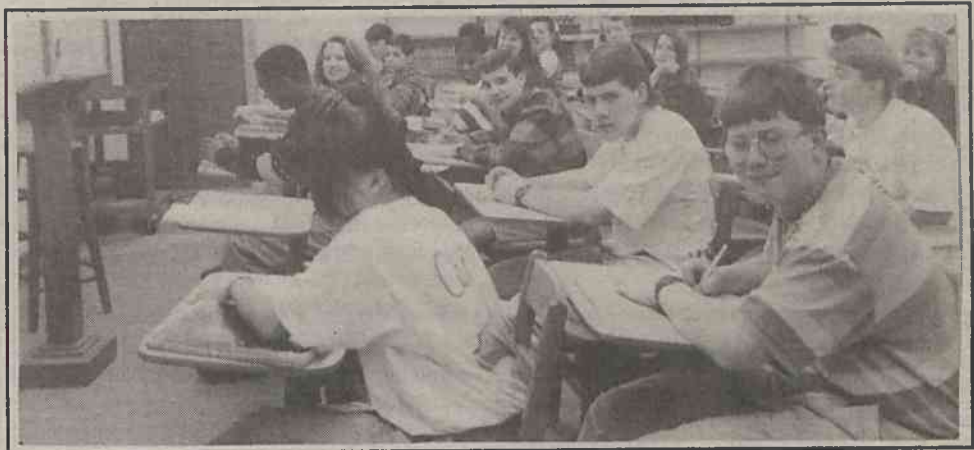
by Emily Stonestreet

Have you ever noticed that freshmen just do not quite seem to fit in here at Albemarle High School? According to a recent vote, the senior class feels that fourteen and fifteen year olds are too immature to share the same school facility. This year the school administrators have been working hard to give seniors special privileges, and they have finally come up with an agreeable proposal.

In light of the fact that the average freshman's maturity level is not up to par, the seniors would like to have them transferred back to the Middle School. This action, they feel, would give them one extra year to grow up. Another reason that seniors want this change to be made is because they are tired of the unwanted supervision of freshmen parents constantly hanging around the high school to pick their kids up.

The senior class worked extra hard and devised a workable means of making the transition smooth. The would-be-freshmen next year will have classes at the Senior Center. All teachers that have ninth grade classes are making arrangements to drive to the Center, as well, for those periods.

The freshmen already attending Albemarle High School are lucky. Originally, the seniors wanted to have them moved back to the Middle School at the beginning of the third nine-week grading period. Although, this plan had to be modified, a definite arrangement has already been approved for next year.



Freshmen remain at the bottom of the totem pole, but these rising sophomores will not have to return to the Middle School.

All Hot and Bothered!

by Shannon Homesley



Michael checks his watch for 1:00 P.M.

To keep students comfortable throughout the school days, the air conditioning/heating system is switched twice a year. Since it has already been turned for the winter months, our maintenance people have not gone into the room that stores the AC/heat machine. But recently, when the maintenance crew went to prepare for the spring switch, they realized that the part that processes the coolant has been broken. After consulting with the company that made our AC/heater, Mr. Taylor and Gene Starnes have found out that a company in Washington state will have to make a totally new part and ship it to us. However, they are in the midst of producing another machine which is running automatically through the assembly line. So there is no way the part can be here and installed before July 24. As a result, students and faculty will be getting out of school at 1:30 every day in May.

All-Girl/All Boy English Classes Next Year

By Michele Smith

The School Board has been busy making plans for the 1994-95 school year. Their goal is to make a better educational environment for Albemarle High School students. There are many different changes that the school will be making next year. Some major changes are going to be made.

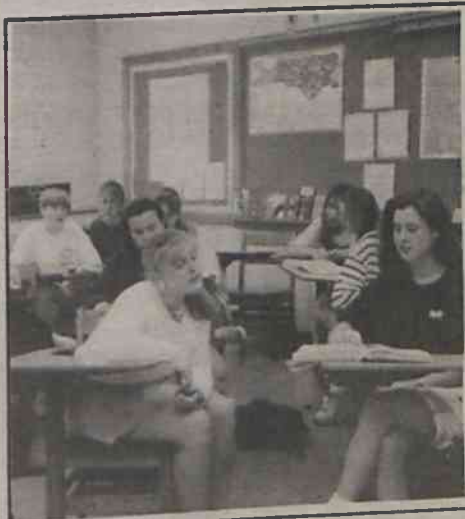
One such change is sexually segregated classrooms. The school board has decided that by putting all girls or all boys in a class will make a better learning situation. Of course, before any definite change is made there must be a trial period. They will start by segregating English classes.

If segregation proves to be advantageous, all classes will follow suit. "A lot of other schools have begun to segregate male and female students and test scores have skyrocketed. I feel that the same will happen for Albemarle," stated one school board member.

Through this plan the student's will have fewer distractions, since communication between sexes will not be allowed. The goal of this plan is to direct the students' attention more on their

studies than their personal relationships.

The trial period will begin in the fall of the 1994-95 school year. All underclassmen will be involved in this experiment, and hopefully the changes will be positive.



Girls try out the new segregation policy.

Classes to be scheduled two per day, 3 hours each

A New Approach to the Eight Subject Year

by Shannon Homesley



Heather hopes two periods will cut down on her work load.

Since the end of the 92-93 school year, the AHS faculty and staff have been debating a dramatic school change: the eight-subject school year. But, they have now decided not to have four periods a semester. Actually, the school board has decided on having two periods every nine weeks. One will be an academic, one an elective. These three hour and fifteen minute classes will give you plenty of class time to do your work. A ten minute water break will be allowed during classes, at the teacher's convenience. This will be quite a long time to sit in one class and hear about the same subject. However, Dr. Church thinks it will improve grades. He said, "Students will now only have two classes to study for and can dedicate much more time to each class. Education will be more serious to the students." So start getting more sleep at night and be prepared to sit through three hours of class.

Off-Campus Lunch for Whole School

by Shannon Homesley

Starting in December, seniors were able to leave on four Fridays for lunch. These trial dates went extremely well. As a result, next year the whole school will have the privilege of leaving every Friday for lunch.

Lunch will be one hour long, cutting classes by fifteen minutes on Fridays, to fit the new schedule. For all people under the age of sixteen or without cars, a path will paved so they can walk to Burger King, Hardees, or any other restaurants on that side of town. But for bad weather days, a SCUSA bus will be provided.

The school board unanimously passed this idea because they believe that the students need a break from all of their hard work. Since so many people on the honor roll for the first semester they are trying to reward the students in some way. They are also looking at a plan that will allow students to finish the school day at twelve o'clock on the second and fourth Friday of each of the spring and summer months!

Keep up the good work and maybe more incentive programs will be added in years to come.



Renea is overjoyed to hear she can leave for lunch!