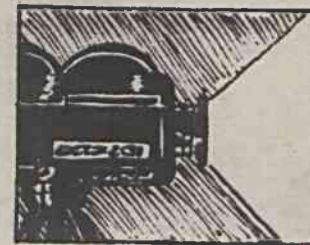




# Features

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Too Much Homework . . .

## Brain Don't Fail Me Now!

Who ever knew that there could or would be so much difference made in a month and a half period? I never fathomed such a highly unlikely occurrence until I made the monstrous leap from a junior to a senior.

The first day back was a complete shock to my system! I never thought I would have so much to do. I barely had time to complete my assignments much less sleep. I was not a happy camper!! I suddenly began to wonder, must I transform into a machine once I enter doorway of AHS?

To say the least, I had a hard time adjusting. If I had not kept my goals in sight, I would've folded under the pressure. No time! No sleep! It was really getting to me. If my academic record were not so important to me, I would've already pulled out what sparse amount of hair I have.

Even though my senior year is supposed to be a time of friends and fun, I can't stop pushing myself. I've been told numerous times by knowledgeable people that the first nine weeks is the hardest, but I'm the type of person who would rather find out for myself. So far, this method has worked out fairly well. So what can I say except, "Brain don't fail me now!!!"

## She Gets Her Kicks: AHS Has Its Own "Karate Kid"

by Eloise Odom

Third degree black belt Melissa Whitley is the "karate kid" at AHS. Side kicks, hook kicks, and breaking bricks come naturally to Melissa. She has been studying both American and Korean karate since she was three years old. Melissa has placed first and second in state competitions and has gone to the karate world championship called the Battle of Atlanta. Not only has she participated in the world championships, but she has also been on the cover of two karate books. They are *Complete Karate* and *Karate Basics*.

Melissa practices karate three times a week. Class practices are twice a week for four hours. She practices on her own for one hour. When Melissa turns sixteen, she wants to have her own karate place. Private lessons she teaches are five dollars per lesson. Classes taught by her instructor, Steve Whitley, are twenty-five dollars a month. Steve, who is Melissa's father, is a sixth degree black belt (there are ten black belt degrees).

The many colored belts in karate represent different virtues. The white belt represents courtesy, yellow represents honor, and other colors represent such virtues as loyalty and courage. Gi is another name for a uniform. Beginning karate students must wear white gies until they acquire their green belt. Once a green belt, a student can wear a black gi.

Not only is karate good exercise and a great way of learning self defense, it also teaches self discipline and respect for others. Melissa has learned a lot from karate, and who knows? She might just become the next karate kid. Watch out Danielson!



AHS's "Karate Kid"

## Making The Big Time... Senior To Be Future Broadcaster!!

by Eloise Odom

AHS has its own soon to be famous broadcaster. That's right! We may have a Rush Limbaugh in the making. Johnny Caudle, a senior, is a broadcaster for 100.9 WABZ, 1580 WZKY, and 1010 WSPC. Johnny produces commercials and broadcasts talk shows over these stations.

Sunday nights on WABZ are gospel music



The DJ at his work

nights. These nights Johnny does DJ work for the station. Monday and Tuesday nights from 7:30 PM til 8:00 PM he helps with WABZ's Praise Time. At WZKY and WSPD, Johnny runs sport events and political shows such as Rush Limbaugh, Carolina football, and NASCAR races.

Johnny has been working at radio stations since January. It took him about a month to learn the basic routes of the business, but there is still more to learn about. Working a radio station requires more than just pushing buttons. Sales must be made and the station's managers must help keep the station running smoothly. Broadcasters must also know how to use computers. A station's traffic manager must record commercials into their computer and then transfer them to the studio computer. Everyday logs telling what commercials must be run are made by the traffic manager. The station must also be programmed to run the commercials at specific times.

Johnny's goal is to manage or be the owner of a radio station. He knows he has a long road ahead of him if he is to keep on track with his goal, but he's dedicated and willing to go for it.

## Do I Have To Wear It: Costume Nightmares Return

by Eloise Odom

Leaves are starting to fall again, the air is overcome with the smell of chimneys and roasting marshmallows, and you've long since put up your summer wardrobe into your moth infested chest. Yes, autumn has definitely arrived and every little kid (or all you big kids) know what comes with it . . . Halloween!!!

For some, Halloween is a time of planting eggs on passing cars, rolling your unsuspecting old bitty of a neighbor's yard, or just plain scaring little kids till they urinate in their bunny suits. For others, it is a time for reminiscing about that dag-gum ballerina outfit your mom made you wear that exposed your "cute little fanny" to the frigid October air. Yes, that candy dream but costume nightmare of a night has returned and along with it returns unwanted memories of itchy face paint and Gladlock garbage bag costumes. The following are some student memoirs of their dreaded Halloween costumes:

Ashley Efird- "My birthday suit (I was born on Halloween)!!!"  
Susan Byrd- "One year I had to be a speed limit sign."

Thomas Taylor- "Dressing up as a clown and going to houses twice telling them my brother was there first!"

Mary K. Sharpe- "Ernie off of Sesame Street and

what was even worse was there were two of us! Uek!!"

Amy Miskell- "I wore a store-bought Big Bird costume in first grade."

Stephanie Cooper- "A plastic spiderman suit."

Jason Smith- "I won first place in a contest for scariest costume. Problem is . . . I wasn't wearing anything, uh I mean I wasn't dressed up!"

Annette Boysworth- "When I was little my mom made me wear this clown outfit that made me look like a polka dot ball with a stupid hat."

Jennifer Burris- "I didn't dress up . . . everybody just assumed that I was "Little Orphan Annie (real funny!)."

Christy Mason- "I wore a nun outfit."

Mary Scell- "I had to dress up like a cereal box. I was wearing half of a refrigerator box."

James Whitley- "I was dressed as myself and someone asked me why I was dressed like Raggedy Ann."

Tanya Parsons- "I dressed as Poochie!"

Lori Allen- "I didn't wear one at all, I just went door to door and said trick or treat."

Heather Braley- "I dressed as Wonder Woman one year."

Chris Kubik- "I was 5, and I dressed up like Superman. I had a towel around my neck and my underwear over my pants."

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