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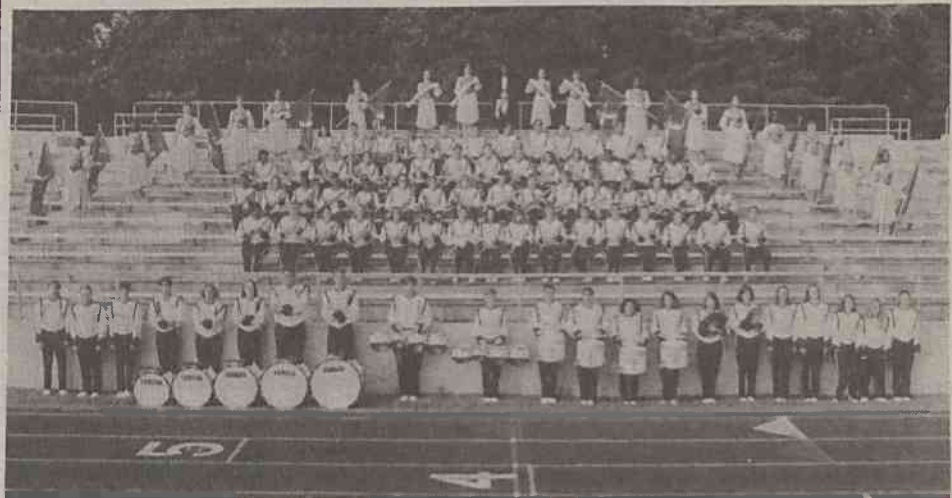
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AHS Band Rises To Top

by Shannon Homesley

The Albemarle Marching Band completed another successful year with numerous competition awards. With great leadership from Drum Majors Marcus Ingram and Elsa Lee, all sections of the band worked extremely hard to make our band a whole team, full of talent and pride. This year's marching musical was taken from the Broadway play "Sunset Boulevard". The show consisted of four songs, *Let's Have Lunch*, *With One Look*, *This Time Next Year*, and *Finale* with various soloists players and dancers. Of course, it took the dedication and coordination of the other officers in the band to pull everything together and rack up all the awards. After competing at Eastern Randolph, Trinity, Newton-Conover, and Shelby, the band received ratings of excellent and superior, many first and second place rifle and colorguard awards, second place hornline, and second place drum major. Our congratulations go out to all the band members for a job well done.



The 1994-95 Marching Bulldog Band.

Spanish Exchange Student Is All-American

by Shannon Homesley

AHS is a school full of great opportunities and new learning experiences. One of these opportunities is to host an exchange student who wants to receive an education American style.



Welcome to the U.S.A., Laia!

This year, Laia Cabanas Collell has come to Stanly County from Barcelona, Spain. Laia is seventeen years old and is a senior here at AHS. Sophomore Stacy Cosgrove's family is hosting Laia in her year of stay in North Carolina. Laia finds school in the U.S. really different from Spain. For instance, she says there is less freedom here but the subjects are easier and you can take elective subjects like band and drama. In Spain, you can only take academic subjects. Also, you can not participate in sports at school in Spain. Laia says she really likes North Carolina because it is a beautiful state, but she finds Albemarle a little too quiet (although she really lives in Badin). So far, Laia likes the people she has met and likes the emotion Americans put into everything they do. Even though Laia likes it here, she misses her hometown and her life in Spain. She misses going out on the weekends, especially to the disco. Laia is already involved in lots of American activities, such as basketball and drama. She hopes to go to a concert and to the mountains while she is the U.S.A. The students at AHS are glad that Laia is here and we welcome here to our AHS family of pride.

Merry Christmas
and Happy 1995

We Are The World!

by Johnny Caudle

The Christmas season is upon us and caring is all around. This year's FCA, which is sponsored by Mr. Moran, has a number of activities planned to help those in need.

The Big Brother/Big Sister program is now in its fourth year. This program was organized to help those children who may not have a friend. Forty FCA members have become a Big Brother/Big Sister for a child from an area elementary school. A Big Brother/Big Sister takes the child to ball games and helps them with their school work, and calls them on the phone. The members also went shopping at Wal-Mart on Saturday, December 10, for a Christmas present for the children.

FCA is involved in the Grandparent Program as well. The program is based on the Big Brother/Big Sister program. Twenty-five members have joined the Grandparent Program. These FCA members visit area nursing homes and brighten up an elderly person's day. They also help those

senior citizens who are not in a nursing home, but have trouble doing things for themselves, such as grocery shopping.

The FCA is also teaming up with Habitat For Humanity and they will be wrapping Christmas



Kellie spends time with her little brother Bryant.

Crime and Punishment

by Shannon Homesley

For all of you freshmen and sophomores and maybe even a few juniors, your late nights partying or watching movies at your friend's house are over. As of November 7, an ordinance was passed that no one under the age of sixteen may



Nikki Lilly is warned not to stay out late.

be out after eleven on weeknights and twelve on Friday and Saturday nights. Anyone who is caught at a public place or on the streets after curfew time and has already received a warning will be fined no more than fifty dollars or will be imprisoned no more than thirty days. There are some exceptions, though. 1) If a minor is with his/her legal guardian or parent. 2) If they are with someone over the age of eighteen who has a note of permission from the minor's parent or guardian. 3) If a minor is traveling home because of work, church, or a school activity. 4) If the minor is temporarily in the city because of interstate traveling. 5) If the minor has a medical emergency. If someone is found to be a repeat offender, they may be treated as a juvenile delinquent. Anyone over the age of eighteen who is with a minor without permission will also receive punishment. So all of you guys under the age of sixteen, grab your pacifiers and get in early before the carriage turns back into a pumpkin.

A.H.S. Has New Guiding Light

by Johnny Caudle

If you have been having problems trying to see a guidance counsellor, well there is now a solution to your problem. Mrs. Dot Walck has come to AHS as our new guidance counsellor.

Mrs. Walck received a Master's Degree from the University of South Carolina, and she has also attended Lenoir Rhyne, Palm Beach Junior College, and UNC-Charlotte. Mrs. Walck has been counselling for twelve years and has also been the assistant principal of Landis Elementary School in Rowan County. She has a son and a daughter and her husband is pastor of Saint Martin Lutheran Church in Albemarle.

Mrs. Walck likes the helpfulness of the faculty and the school spirit that the students have

displayed. She is looking forward to working with every student and helping us plan our future.



Welcome to AHS, Mrs. Walck.