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Academic Achievers to be Recognized

by Shannon Homesley

AHS has many students who work extremely hard to maintain good grades and they deserve to be rewarded. The school board has provided academic letter A's for students' letter jackets. The letters, however, for the past few years have been handed out at the end of the student's senior year. This did not allow the students to wear their jackets with their letter before they graduated. So, finally, the school honors committee has decided that any junior with a 3.3 GPA after the first semester is eligible for a letter. It is possible, though, to receive one your senior year also if you have a 3.25 GPA after the first semester. Now students can wear their letters for a year and a half and show off their intelligence. Juniors and seniors eligible for these academic letters were given their "A" at the honor roll tea on Friday, February 10.



Amy Morehead is proud of her academic A and wears it on her letter jacket.

Mrs. Maske, Daughter Part of Historical Events

by Kellie Palmer and Mary Nance



Kim and Mrs. Maske have both participated in history-making events.

Mrs. Maske, vocational teacher here at AHS, was involved in a historical sit-in in a small, neighboring town. While attending North Carolina A & T University at the age of eighteen, Mrs. Maske demonstrated her concern for discrimination by sitting at a previously all-white lunch counter at F.W. Woolworth, a store in Greensboro. To prove their point, the demonstrators had to be passive and nonviolent, as well as tune out the racial slurs and name-calling. From here on, Mrs. Maske and her fellow students from A & T walked daily to this store to break the racial barrier in eating facilities. In remembering this event, Mrs. Maske recalls that she knew they were making history, but she did not actually think it would be nationally declared.

Following in her mother's footsteps, Kim Maske participated in the 35th anniversary of the March on Washington, D.C. with her aunt, Vivian McCoy. Together, they remembered the great turning point in African-American history.

Eating In Style

by Johnny Caudle

For those of you who have not noticed, the AHS cafeteria has undergone some changes. In December restaurant style booths and new tables were added to the cafeteria.

The booths are able to sit four, six at the round tables, and eight at the square tables. The tables and booths cost a total of \$9,420.00 and were worth it according to cafeteria manager, Nola Burgess. She said that they didn't lose any space and the cafeteria can seat fifty more students. In the near future, computerized cash registers will be added that will able the cafeteria to better serve the students.



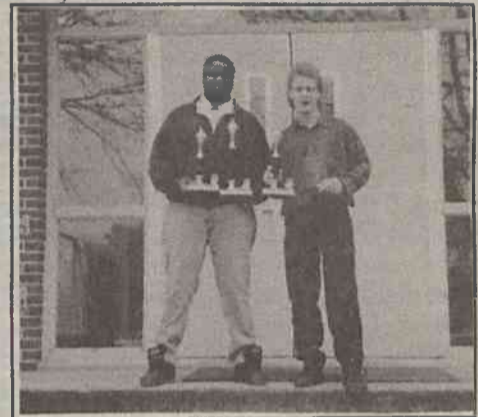
Melissa Sturdivant and Tonya Smith enjoy eating in the booths.

AHS Congratulates Outstanding Vocational Students

by Shannon Homesley

At a marketing competition in January, Albemarle High School proved to have two outstanding vocational students. Larry Lynch and Bryan Harris competed in the marketing competition and came out on top. Bryan won a proficiency (second place) in role play which allows him to advance to the state conference on March 2, 3, and 4. Larry also advanced to the state conference by winning a runner up in the comprehensive exam, first place in Marketing Foundation, and two firsts overall in Food Marketing. Both Larry and Bryan had a 100 word written competency test on the master employee level. Also, they had a role play, which consisted of solving a customer related problem where the judge was the customer. To prepare for these contests, marketing students do work out of the textbook, do practice problems, and practice role play exercises with students, teachers, and managers. Larry has much experience in marketing from his job at

Ingles. He is also the treasurer of DECA and plans to go as a transfer student to Stanly Community College as a major in Business Administration. AHS commends both Larry and Bryan for a job well done.



Larry Lynch and Bryan Harris show off their marketing trophies.

Let It Snow!

by Shannon Homesley

In Albemarle, snow is very rare and if by chance we do get it, kids are extremely happy and ready to bust out of school and business owners start to worry about how good business will be that day. Stanly County recently had a small snowfall but it only amounted to about an inch once it started sticking and students only got out of school an hour early. Snow, however, has

come to Stanly County and it has come thick. In February of 1980, Albemarle averaged twelve to fourteen inches of snow. But this happened when we were all pretty young and not yet in school. Unfortunately, we have not had a really deep snow since we started school and it is possible to count on two hands all of the times we have gotten out of school early for snow.



Snow, snow, everywhere and not an inch to spare!

Everyone Gets the Blues

by Shannon Homesley

Although assemblies at AHS come few and far between, the time has come for underclassmen to line the rows and for seniors to march down the aisles. Every year, the Stanly County Arts Council funds a grant for one music act for our school. During fifth period on February 15, Skeeter Brandon and Hwy 61 will be entertaining Albemarle's student body. Skeeter Brandon, a blues artist, has produced two CDs that are described as having 'trademark vocals that are the

kind that make the hair on the back of your neck stand up.' Blues music is enjoyable to every music listener, from rap fans to dead heads, because it is about the sorrows that everyone experiences in life. Everyone should be able to relate some blues song to their life and remember some sad incident that has happened. It is possible that Skeeter and his band can make the hairs on the back of your neck stand up.