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## Previous VP to Speak at Graduation

by Johnny Caudle

We have had many great graduation speakers over the years, but this year, plans have been made to have former Vice President Dan Quayle to speak to the class of 1995.

The school board and administration is very excited to have such a prestigious speaker for graduation. Mr. Quayle is well known for his family values, and he is expected to deliver a meaningful speech for the class of 1995.

While he is in the area, Mr. Quayle, an avid golfer, will play several rounds of golf at Uwharrie Point, the highly acclaimed course located on Badin Lake.

The school officials are trying to work out the problems caused by his secret service protection. All people attending graduation will have to be cleared through a metal detector before being seated. These metal detectors will be run by

personnel from Charlotte/Douglas International Airport.

We all look forward to Mr. Quayle's speech on June 6!



Dan Quayle, graduation speaker.

## Was Hamlet Insane?

### Guilty or Not Guilty, That Is the Question!

William Shakespeare, Bard of Avon, was born April 23, 1564. Hamlet, Prince of Denmark, was perhaps his most famous creation. Instructed by his father's ghost to avenge the latter's death, he was a man who could not make up his mind, according to Sir Laurence Olivier, who won an Oscar for his portrayal of the melancholy Dane. Perhaps he could not finally make up his mind whether or not finally make up his mind whether or not to kill King Claudius, his uncle. But he certainly stabbed and killed old Polonius through the curtain in his mother's chamber, believing (or hoping?) his uncle lurked there.

But was Hamlet mad, or was there method in his madness?

Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy wanted to find out, so Hamlet was "put on trial" recently at the Art Institute of Chicago's Humanities Festival. (The \$200 per head admission fee will be used to subsidize other festival events.)

Justice Kennedy presided. Defense attorneys George Cotsirilos and James Montgomery argued that Hamlet was clinically depressed and hallucinating. Prosecutors Richard Philan, Cook County Board President, and William Bauer, former Court of Appeals judge, argued that Hamlet's "madness" was his cover as he plotted to kill his uncle.

Certainly Hamlet's was not a speedy trial, held so many centuries later. Nor was it by a panel of his peers, who would have needed to be Danes of royal blood. No matter.

The panel of jurors ruled 10-2 that Hamlet was sane and so responsible for his actions. However, jury trials whose verdict can mean the death penalty (as in Illinois) must be unanimous. It is unclear whether Judge Kennedy then declared a mistrial or whether the 12 were impaneled merely to decide if Hamlet was sane and should be tried for Polonius' murder.

So what would the Bard have made of it all? A sequel, of course: an imabic "pentametrical" play entitled *Hamlet, Prince of Denmark II*. Of course, Hamlet would have to be resurrected or sent back in time or played by his ghost. No problem at all for someone with Shakespearean gifts.

## Do Not Enter!

by Shannon Homesley



Heather and Kellie feel safe with the new security gate.

Because of the many recent car break-ins that have occurred in the Albemarle High School parking lot, new security measures are being planned. Starting on the first day of school in the 1995-96 school year, a gate will be placed at the entrance of the school parking lot. Gates similar to those of a railroad crossing will be in use on both the entrance and the exit sides of the parking lot. A security guard will sit in a small booth at the entrance to check all cars. Each car must have a certified school sticker to enter the parking lot. During school hours, a guard will patrol the parking lot to make sure there is no interference with student cars. These security measures are being funded through a grant from the state of North Carolina under a program called "Police in the Schools."

## AHS Brings Fashion to a Halt

by Shannon Homesley

With all the controversy around school about the short shorts rule, Albemarle City School Board administrators have decided to enforce a dress code. No longer will students be able to question why they cannot wear shorts of a certain length and no longer will they be able to petition the fact that certain students get away with wearing provocative clothing because with the school's new dress code, nobody can wear anything considered indecent.

For girls and guys, dress pants must be worn at all times, winter, spring, summer, or fall. These pants must come all the way down to the ankle and hang loosely. A belt must be worn with all pants that have belt loops. Dress shoes must be worn with these pants and the shoes must cover the entire foot. No sandals or flops will be allowed. Socks or hose must be worn at all times. Shirts, however, have a few more rules. Guys must wear shirts with sleeves. Girls, though, must wear shirts with sleeves, whether long or short, and they must hang loosely on the body

(yes, that means no more cute tees from the Limited or Express, girls!). No tanks or sleeveless shirts will be allowed. In addition, shirts must cover the belly button and armpits and cannot be see-through. For silky, transparent shirts, a tank or other tee must be worn underneath. No shirts can be V-neck or have a low round collar. All collars or the top seem of all shirts must reach the neck.

After all these new rules, what chance do students have of being in fashion? Well, students still get to pick their own favorite colors and designs; the clothing just has to meet the size and fit regulations of the dress code. Just think, they could have gone to a dress code wear everybody wears the same navy blazer with pants and a white button-down.

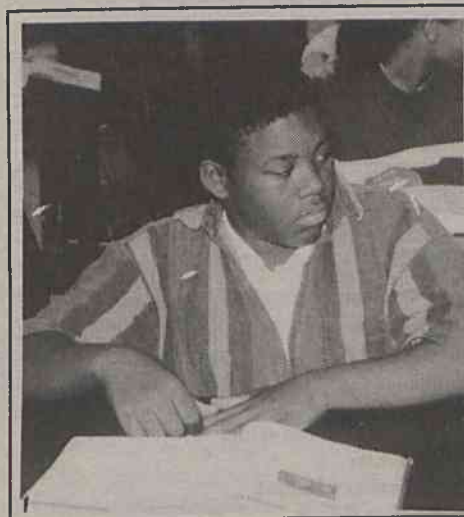
The starting date for this dress code has not yet been set. For the time being, school officials are giving students time to go purchase or prepare a whole new, decent wardrobe.



Elsa Lee models her style of clothing due to the dress code.

## Computers to be Required for All Students

by Johnny Caudle



Terris Little uses his textbook for the last time.

Are you tired of sharpening pencils and buying paper? Well, beginning with the 95-96 school year, all students will be required to have a lap-top computer.

All homework, class assignments, and note-taking will be done on the lap-tops. There will also be no more text books. Students will have a program that is designed like a text book for the course that they are taking installed in their computer. When students are ready to turn in an assignment, they will give their teachers a disk and the teacher will quickly make a copy of that assignment and transfer it to their computer. Each class room will be provided with a charge system and each student can recharge their computer every morning. There are still a lot of bugs to work out, but the plan should be up and running by the first day of school for the 95-96 year.

Remember: Senior Cap and Gown  
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