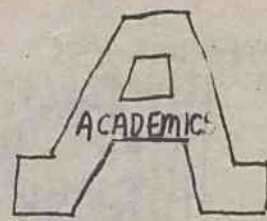


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AHS Welcomes New Faculty Members

by Kelly Rakes

The '95-'96 school year has started with new classes, freshmen, and of course, new teachers. These new teachers have brought the students new ideas and creative learning.

Mrs. McConnell - Kristie McConnell is a new algebra and geometry teacher. She is a graduate of ASU and NC State. After finishing her final year in May, she was a live-in nanny over the summer. She lived in Waynesville until August 1 of this year when she moved to Albemarle. Mrs. McConnell is also participating in sports by assisting with the volleyball team. Her hobbies are water and snow skiing. She feels Albemarle High School, even though it's small, is a great school.

Mrs. Moss - DeeDee Moss is a '95 graduate of East Carolina who majored in elementary education. She is teaching physical science as well as applied science. She formerly lived in Pilot Mountain, and in June, she moved to Misenheimer with her husband, Benny Mullis. Mrs. Moss is also very sports-oriented. She enjoys tennis, basketball, and softball. The girls' JV basketball team welcomes her as a new coach.

Mrs. Dorsey - Peggy Dorsey, AHS new Health Occupations teacher, was a Registered Emergency Nurse for seven years at Stanly Memorial Hospital. She received her education at Stanly Community College and also received her BSN at Graceland College. She spends her time working at Home Care of the Carolinas, assisting in the emergency room, reading suspense books, doing paper work, and attending to her children.

Mrs. Hedrick - Carmella Hedrick is our new chorus instructor. She received her education at ASU, earning an undergraduate and masters degree while her major was the flute. Mrs. Hedrick taught color guard for seventeen years, while directing music at Central United Methodist. She has also taught chorus, band, and the guitar outside of school.

Mrs. Stover - Mrs. Bobbie Stover is AHS' new foods and nutrition and teen living instructor. She has previously taught at other schools. She graduated from North Carolina Central University majoring in Home Economics Education. She considers herself spirit filled, a born-again Christian, bold, firm, a believer, and very neat. Her hobbies include Jesus, sewing, crafts, sketching, woodworking, interior design, and cooking. Mrs. Stover had this to say about teaching, "Teaching is more than a job. It's a lifestyle."

Mr. McDonald - Matt McDonald is a teachers' aide in special education. Currently he is attending Pfeiffer where he played lacrosse until he broke his shoulder. Before attending Pfeiffer, he was a student in New York at Nassau. He enjoys sports and lifting weights. His only pet peeves about the South are the words - "ya'll, fixin, and yonder," but other than that he loves the South.

Mrs. Lambert - Helen Lambert worked in the central office in Alexander County for 13 years. She got her degree at Catawba Valley Community College. Her husband is a pastor in Norwood. She enjoys being a library assistant at Albemarle High and she also enjoys teaching at Memorial Baptist Church.



Mr. McDonald, Ms. McConnell, Mrs. Dorsey, Mrs. Moss, Mrs. Stover, not pictured: Mrs. Hedrick, Mrs. Lambert

Want To Be A Letterman?

by Eloise Odom

Up until this year, academic letters were given only at the Awards Banquet at the end of the school year. Due to senior requests last year, these long awaited letters will be handed out at the first Honor Roll Tea given after the first semester. To be eligible for this award, a student must have a GPA of 3.3 or higher and be of eleventh grade status. Seniors with a 3.25 or better are eligible to receive this Academic "A". Because of this new change, the lucky juniors and seniors who are eligible for the academic letter will be able to wear it on their letter jackets throughout both their junior and senior years. This letter is just like the athletic letter except that it has "Academics" written across the bar of the "A". If you have not lettered in any sports or even if you have, now is your chance to finally get one of these awards of excellence; so, work hard this first semester and aim for a high GPA!



Emily shows off her "A"

AHS's New Security System

By Eloise Odom

A very welcome addition to AHS this year is Mr. T. M. Martin, who now our own police officer in the school.

Officer Martin monitors the AHS halls for emergencies as well as being a guest speaker in some classes and offering counseling to those who need help working through certain situations. He formerly attended a university in Louisiana and transferred to Montgomery Community College and then to Stanly Community College. Officer Martin has been contributing his time to the D.A.R.E Program, which he has done for the past eight years. He decided to come to Albemarle as an opportunity to work with children while still being a police officer. In his spare time, he instructs the Explorers Post that deals with law enforcement. He enjoys golf, bowling, and stained glass crafts. Officer Martin is actively training students at Stanly Community College. Welcome to AHS, Officer Martin!



Officer Martin is committed to keeping AHS crime-free.

Seniors to Have Second Chance for NHS

By Eloise Odom



John Brooks has already lived through his NHS tapping.

Beginning this school semester, seniors at AHS will have a second chance to become members of the National Honor Society. Up until this year, students could not be inducted into NHS unless they were juniors and met all the academic, leadership, and service requirements. This change came about by several student requests that ultimately resulted in the honors committee offering a second chance to seniors who meet all the same requirements as juniors. All eligible students must have a 3.5 or above cumulative GPA to be considered for NHS. Those who meet this criteria are then evaluated on character, leadership, and service. A faculty committee approves the final choices and the tapping is usually held in March. These students represent the highest level of achievement in academics, extracurricular activities, leadership, and community service.

Upcoming Events

October 7 - Showcase of Bands - AHS will host eleven other bands in this day long competition.

October 11 - College Day - 10:15-11:15 A.M. Juniors and seniors will get to visit with representatives from 50-60 colleges.