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## Students Chosen For Leadership Stanly

by Kelly Rakes

Mrs. Dot Walck has recently started a youth leadership program for Stanly County's rising sophomores. This is the first year for the Stanly County Youth Leadership Program (SCYLP). Mrs. Walck conjured up this program with the help of an education committee called together by the Chamber of Commerce.

SCYLP is offered to ninth graders in the spring of their freshman year. They are allowed to submit an application to the Chamber of Commerce and five students are chosen from each school. These students attend an overnight retreat at the Haltwinger center near Pfeiffer College. Albemarle's five students are Joey Johnsen, Brian Burnside, Kara Blalock, Sweet Flake, and Jonathan Dry. Each student is paired with a Leadership Stanly graduate and Pfeiffer College partner, who are also chosen by the Chamber of Commerce.

AHS congratulates these five student leaders and wishes them the best of luck in the upcoming futures as leaders and representatives of AHS.



These students are the first participants in the Stanly County Youth Leadership Program.

## New Assistant Principal Arrives at AHS

by Eloise Odom

Our new assistant principal, Jerry Queen, has finally arrived. Ready to make the school even better, he has come to AHS with a lot of enthusiasm and work experience. Mr. Queen has been a teacher and coach for a total of 23 years. He has taught at Central Cabarrus High School, Hartsell Middle, Northwest Middle, and Harrisburg School. Courses he has taught in the past include math, PE, economics, success programs, science, and history. In addition to this, Mr. Queen has coached various sports including football, baseball, and basketball. Some of his hobbies are country dancing, fishing, and hunting. These go

along with his love for outdoor activities and music. In addition to his wide range of interests, Mr. Queen is a volunteer fireman in Harrisburg and has recently finished a First Responders course.

Mr. Queen says, "I've always enjoyed working with kids and find that teaching is a great challenge." Having heard of AHS's excellent reputation, he hopes his efforts at the school will add to its positive image. We know that his determination and hard work will help AHS in many different areas and our school will be made even better.

## Quiz Me!

by Eloise Odom

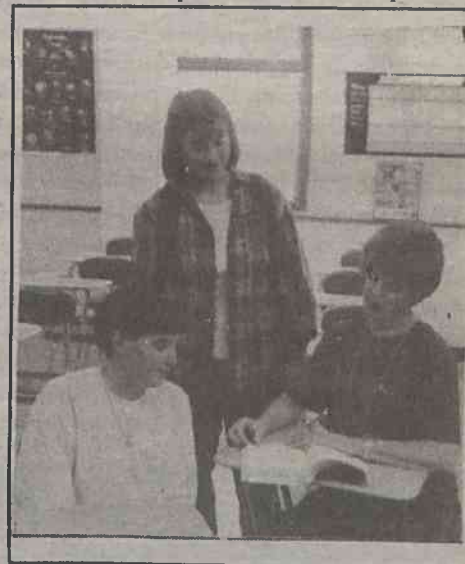
Are you a quick thinker? Do you ever find yourself glued to the TV when Jeopardy is on? If so, you might like to take a look into AHS's Quiz Bowl team. It may not be quite as glamorous as being on a television game show, but it is definitely a true test for the mind.

From early September through February, several of AHS's students will be taking part in the school's Quiz Bowl Team. Members of the team include Kara Blalock, Michael Crowder, Eric Lowder, Kendra Whittington, Amy Miskell, Jason Hedrick, Matthew Lefler, Mike Bryan, James Monroe, Brandon Cooke, and Brian Lawrence. Mrs. Peggy Grigg is the group's sponsor.

Meeting every Tuesday afternoon, the team discusses different topics, allowing members to become familiar with them so that they can use their knowledge at competitions. The following six topics are the basis for the group's discussions: math, sports, current events, literature, science, and history. Members of the Quiz Bowl Team must be ready to answer questions dealing with these subjects at their two competitions. The first one is called the Hi-Q Contest and will be held at UNCC in January. Seventy-five teams will be participating there. In February, Stanly

County's four teams will compete in the Stanly County Quiz Bowl Contest.

Quiz Bowl teams have done well in the past for AHS. With a lot of work and team effort, the 1995-96 team hopes to make it to the top.

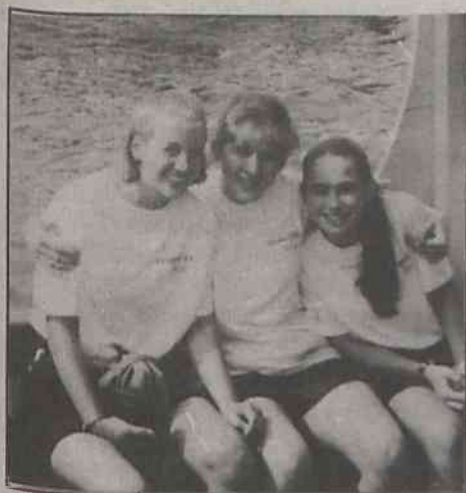


Mrs. Grigg helps Brandon and Amy with their problem solving skills in preparation for Quiz Bowl competition.

## Mission in Guatemala

by Kelly Rakes

Mary Jenkins, a senior here at AHS, took a trip to Guatemala for a church mission to help out the locals this past summer. She spent one week devoting her time to God and helping the native people. Mary traveled to the high class and low class churches in Guatemala. She said her pastor preached and the youth group assisted while their words were translated into the local language. She mentioned that the locals were poor but cherished what little they did own. One of the highlights for the native children was viewing the pictures that the youth had taken with them. Mary, along with others, passed out candy to the children while trying to communicate with them in Spanish. They also performed drama in the churches and streets. We congratulate Mary and her terrific efforts to better the world!



Mary visits with some of her mission group friends.

## A New Addition To The Family

by Eloise Odom

As you all know, one of the craziest teachers at AHS is Mr. Weiker. Always full of sarcastic comments, one would not think there is a soft side to this man of words... but there is.

On July 7, 1995, Weiker, for the first time, experienced the joy of being a father. This was the day when his wife gave birth to a new baby boy, James Russell Weiker III. Mr. Weiker's comment on parenthood is, "I like it. It's the best thing that has ever happened to me."

Now three months old, Russ is an important part of his father's life. He is fed every night by his loving dad, taken out for breakfast every Sunday morning (although he only eats Gerber), and spends every Saturday with his dad. Russ is the only grandchild on both sides of the family so he gets even more extra attention from his grandparents. Although Weiker coaches numerous sports, he will never push his son to be an athlete. He only wants him to be himself.



Coach Weiker shows his love for his new son.

## Rules, Rules, Rules!

by Mary Nance

Many students here at AHS feel that our school has too many rules. Some even go as far as to call it a prison. In the last two years, some of the new rules have included an hour detention for each tardy, leaving the building after 2:55 PM or staying for tutoring reteaching, and keeping students from all three lunches separate with a five minute interval between each lunch period. If you think that our school rules are bad, read the following rules which were enforced at Mt. Holyoke College in 1837:

"No young lady shall become a member of Mt. Holyoke Seminary who cannot kindle a fire, mash potatoes, repeat the multiplication table and at least two-thirds of the shorter catechism."

"Every member of the school shall walk a mile a day unless a freshet, earthquake, or some

other calamity prevent."

"No young lady shall devote more than an hour a day to miscellaneous reading."

"No young lady is expected to have gentleman acquaintances unless they are returned MISSIONARIES or agents of benevolent societies."

Times surely have changed since then. Although AHS has had many rules that students have disliked, some have been popular with the students. The most noted example is the privilege of senior lunch. This privilege fosters self-discipline as well as responsibility, which are characteristics that all seniors should possess.

The next time that you think of AHS as a prison, just think, it could be much worse!