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? ? Quiz Me! ? ?

by Kelly Rakes

Mrs. Peggy Grigg has been working hard with the Quiz Bowl team. The team includes ten AHS students who are academically fit for the Quiz Bowl Team. Team members are Eric Lowder, Amy Miskell (captain), Kendra Whittington, James Monroe, Jason Hedrick, Steve Adcock, Michael Bryan, Kara Blalock, Brian Lawrence, and Brandon Cooke.

The team competed on Saturday, February 10 in the Stanly County Public Library Quiz Bowl against three other teams. Although they didn't win, the team competed well and worked hard. Eric Lowder, Amy Miskell, Kendra Whittington, James Monroe, Jason Hedrick, Michael Bryan, and Steve Adcock were the team members who competed in this debate.

On Saturday, January 13, the Quiz Bowl team competed in the 16th Annual Hi-Q with sixty teams from around the Piedmont Triad area at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. The team placed 32nd out of the sixty teams. Participating team members were Amy Miskell, Kendra Whittington, Michael Bryan, James Monroe, Kara Blalock, Steve Adcock, and Brian Lawrence. Mrs. Grigg was extremely proud of the team's accomplishments and their excellence in competing against the other fifty-nine teams.

Good luck to the Quiz Bowl team members in their future competitions. Keep up the fantastic work!



The 1996 Quiz Bowl Team

Walking For a Cause

by Eloise Odom

On Saturday, April 13, more than 725 people will take part in Walk Stanly to raise money for the Birth Defects Foundation. This yearly walk-a-thon raises money that is used to promote both the medical research and education of birth defects. Sponsored by the March of Dimes Greater Piedmont Chapter in Charlotte, Walk Stanly gives the community a chance to have fun and attack a tragic problem at the same time.



Gary Her, Kristen Misenheimer, and Shannon Ellrd get ready for Walk Stanly.

There are numerous reasons why participating in Walk Stanly is an extremely rewarding experience. One main reason is to lower the number of babies born dead or impaired. Ranking 24th in the world in infant mortality, the US has thousands of babies who die each year. North Carolina is ranked 43rd in the US.

Another important reason why fund raisers such as Walk Stanly are important is that money raised assists women who need early and regular prenatal care. This care alone makes a dramatic improvement on the outcome of pregnancy.

The following are a few important statistics of birth defects in Stanly County and the rest of the US.

-In 1994, four infant deaths occurred before age one in Stanly County, and two of these died less than 28 days after birth.

-56 babies were born weighing less than 5 lbs. 8 oz., and 8 were born weighing less than two pounds in Stanly County.

-The number one cause of infant deaths in the US is birth defects.

-150,000 babies are born each year with birth defects.

To get more information on Walk Stanly, call the March of Dimes at 1-800-273-2009. Devote one Saturday to Walk Stanly and get involved in changing the future of America.

¡Sobresalientes!

By Kelly Rakes

AHS has many honors for students who excel in academic areas such as math, science, history, English, and Spanish. Honors include National Honor Society and La Sociedad Honoraria Hispanica.

La Sociedad Honoraria Hispanica, or the Spanish National Honor Society, is a great achievement, especially for those who have been studying the Spanish language for two or more years. New members will be initiated in the spring of this year. Many academic students wonder what the qualifications are. Students who qualify are those who demonstrate superior achievement in Spanish I, II, III. This is a national organization in which the top Spanish students across the country are recognized for their outstanding study habits and their excellent grades in Spanish. Graduating students will be honored at the commencement ceremony with gold and red honor cords. New members will be announced in March or April of this year.

Good luck to those academically strong students who are chosen to take part in La Sociedad

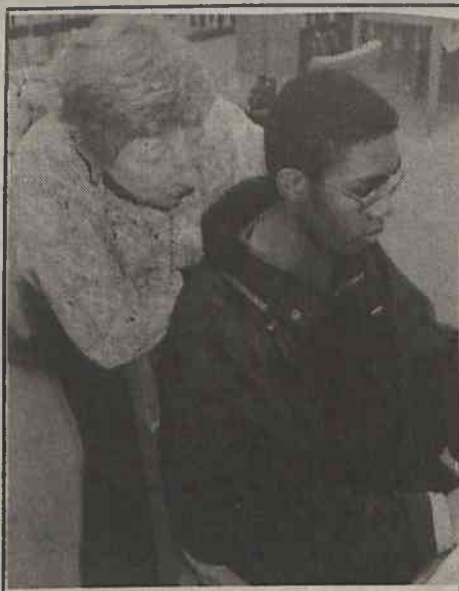
Honoraria Hispanica. Mrs. Harvey will notify those students eligible for the Spanish National Honor Society in March or April.



Last year's inductees are planning the ceremony for new members.

Surfing the Internet

By Eloise Odom



Mrs. Wolfe helps George get on-line.

For more than two months, AHS's library has been working on the installation of computer hardware that will allow the library to have access to the Internet. So far a Communications Management Series/Digital Service Unit has been installed in the media center workroom and we officially went "on-line" on March 4, 1996.

All freshmen classes and all but one sophomore class have had some instruction on Internet terminology and policies. Unfortunately, many juniors and seniors are not familiar with the skills that are needed to use the Internet. AHS hopes that the media center will provide these students with the opportunity to become familiar with the world of cyberspace.

Two computer labs are now networked with the file server in the media center and will access both the card catalog and the Internet. Future plans include dropping the cable into all English classrooms so that they will all have the opportunity to use the Internet.

Save a Life!

by Eloise Odom and Kelly Rakes

AHS is sponsoring a blood drive on Friday, March 29th in the school gym. This blood drive will allow students the opportunity to donate blood to ninety-two hospitals in the Piedmont-Triad area.

The American Red Cross has set a goal to collect eighty-five or more pints of blood. The drive will last from 9:00 AM to 2:30 PM. To

donate blood you must be at least seventeen years old and weigh over one hundred and ten pounds.

The blood drive is open to students, teachers, and the Albemarle community. To donate blood you must sign up with a student council member. Take the time to support the Red Cross. Your blood may save a life!

March 29 - Registration deadline for SAT on May 4
April 5-9 - Spring Break for students and teachers