

# THE FOOL MOON



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## Gimme a Break!

By Kelly Rakes

Snow, snow, and more snow. The weather in Albemarle has been strange since the beginning of January. Many AHS students have pondered the question, "What about spring break?" Well, Raleigh and the Albemarle City School Board held a meeting March 22. The final decision was to give Albemarle High students back their entire spring break.

Originally, Albemarle students and teachers were scheduled to take spring break April 5-12. Then, Albemarle received an overload of snow and ice, and the AHS spring break was cut down to April 5-9. Many students, parents, and teachers complained about this reduced vacation. This crowd felt it would decrease family time and vacations. The school board appealed to Raleigh and in return Albemarle High was given back their entire spring break! The only down side to this long spring break is that the end of school, including graduation, will be postponed until June 5 to make up for the missed snow days.

So, AHS students, enjoy that long spring break, but remember the extra days at the end of the year are going to put a strain on everyone. Seniors will be notified with graduation changes before spring break.

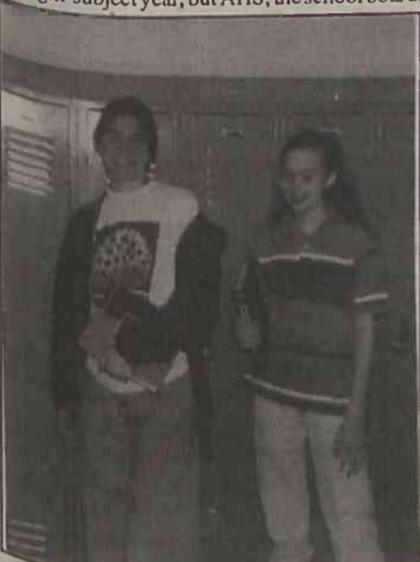


Marci Tucker and Charlie Crawley plan to sit back and chill during the long spring break.

## One Class Per Day?

by Kelly Rakes

A large number of the student body and the AHS teachers have been complaining about lack of time in class. Many suggestions have been made, including the eight-subject year. Most high schools in North Carolina have converted to the eight-subject year, but AHS, the school board,



Kelly Freshcorn and Tina Maguylo prepare to go to one class.

and Raleigh have decided to try something quite a bit different, one different class each day of the week.

These classes would allow for example, U.S. History on Monday, Trig on Tuesday, Principles of Technology on Wednesday, and so forth. This new schedule will leave a full five hours devoted to a designated subject. The only down side to this one day class is that only five classes will be offered, but the up side is students only have one class a day.

Students will focus intensively on this subject for one day per week; any homework will be due a week later when the class meets again. Much time will be saved because there will be no class changes. Also teachers will get to know students very well when they spend a whole day with them each week. A week's worth of material will be covered each day. Students will probably not even need bookbags as they will only have one book to carry around each day.

The new and improved school schedule will begin in the upcoming '96-'97 school year. The science department is excited about the possibilities of science labs which can last a whole day! Mr. Shaw says he may even have time to dissect a cat and a pig under this new schedule.

## Elvis Is Alive!

By Eloise Odom

Numerous sightings of Elvis Presley have occurred at Albemarle's Super 10 clothing store. Each of these sightings has occurred on Tuesdays and Thursdays when the store has specials on their fringed jackets and baked beans. Authorities believe that the King has lived as a hermit at Richie's Motel for the past 15 years and has only emerged for local tractor pulls.

Dr. Yeng Zing aided Presley in faking his death 19 years ago in August of 1977. He claims that the singer wanted to fake his death in order to leave the public eye and become a legend. Elvis hoped to resurface in 1999 and gain even more fame and public attention. Unfortunately, many people have already recognized him and have notified the paparazzi.

Presley's main connection with the outer world has been through a Hawaiian girl who goes by the name Bubba and who frequently shops for the King's groceries at the distant Piggly Wiggly. Close friends of Presley believe that he met Bubba during the filming of *Blue Hawaii* and was attracted to her large amount of facial and chest hair. WBTV is offering \$2000 to the first person

who gets a picture of the King and/or Bubba. If you have any information of their whereabouts call 1-800-BAKED-BEANS.



The King was recently sighted on school grounds.

## Cars, Trucks, and Bicycles

by Mandy Poston and Kristina Scott



Next year Greg Hathcock and Neil Petit will be able to wheel up to the parking deck.

We have just been informed of a new addition to the further construction of Albemarle High School. Our upper parking lot will be expanded to a three-level parking deck. All students will be allowed to park on this deck. Seniors will get lower level, juniors the middle level, and all sophomores and freshman will have the top level along with bike racks for underclassmen bicycles. An elevator will provide transportation on all levels. The school board has been pondering this decision for a few years now. They decided that it will be a better use of space to go up with parking spaces. This will eliminate the ten to twenty minute lines leaving the parking lot. Along with this new addition, there will be a covered walkway from the deck to the front door. Not only will this walkway be covered but it will also be a moving walkway much like those in airports. This will help students get into the building a little faster and avoid tardies.

## Coed Bathrooms Scheduled for '96

by Eloise Odom

AHS has recently been having a shortage of space throughout the school. Old books, desks, and projectors have been overflowing all of the storage space so that more storage is needed. School faculty and board members have determined that the only solution is to begin using a few of the student bathrooms to store old school materials. As a result, students will be forced to use unisex bathrooms. This new idea will be put into effect next year. All stalls will have new locks and the doors will extend to the floor. This will give students more privacy and will also

keep them from being seen by unwanted eyes. To ensure cleanliness and privacy for everyone, matrons will be on duty in all coed bathrooms. In addition to these improvements, the toilets and faucets will be replaced with more modern ones. The toilets will have an automatic flush that is motion censored. Faucets will also be motion censored and will turn on when a student places their hands underneath them. To top it all off, vending machines will be placed in the entry way of the bathroom. AHS will be pioneering unisex bathrooms in North Carolina public schools.