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AHS Welcomes New Staff Members

by Wilson Beaver

The 1996-97 school year has been blessed with many new faculty and staff members. This year Albemarle High School welcomes a new assistant principal, a new librarian, and an array of new teachers.

The new administrative assistant is Mr. Bill Mauldin, a former Albemarle graduate. He currently lives in Rockwell, NC, and commutes to Albemarle. Mr. Mauldin says he is pleased with the number of students involved in afterschool activities, such as athletics, clubs, and the reteach program. Mr. Mauldin is extremely impressed with the positive self image of the student body and the attitudes of the staff members. He is very pleased to be a new addition to AHS.

The new librarian is Mrs. Sasser, who was formerly at East Albemarle Elementary School. "Some students think its uncool to hang out with the school's librarian, but students need to be different", states Mrs. Sasser. If you have any book requests or any requests at all, don't hesitate to ask. She is always looking for a way to improve the library.

A new addition to the science department is Miss Bryant. She teaches applied science and physical science and also serves as the statistician for the 1996 football team. Her other hobbies are cross stitching, singing, and attending church. Miss Bryant closes with this statement, "AHS is a wonderful and enjoyable place to work."

Pop in and welcome Mrs. Poplin to the Bulldog math family. She teaches pre-algebra, geometry, and introduction to algebra part A. This Albemarle native attended Pfeiffer College and received a major in math. In her free time she enjoys playing basketball, reading novels, and attending church.

Another addition to our math department is Miss Corl. She was born and raised in Rockwell, NC. She teaches Algebra II and technical math. "Albemarle High is so small that the teachers work more efficiently together, and the students are friendlier," states Miss Corl.

Mrs. Watson has come to AHS from South Carolina. While presently residing in Asheboro, N.C., Mrs. Watson enjoys baking and interacting with people. She loves teaching and working at AHS, where she has classes in teen living and parent and child development.

Mrs. Morris teaches Computer Applications I and II and business law. Presently residing in Troy, N.C., she enjoys reading, swimming, and listening to music. She enjoys teaching at AHS and hopes to broaden the minds of many students.

Mr. Parker teaches Auto Technology I, II, and III at AHS. In his free time he rebuilds classic cars and trucks. Mr. Parker says he enjoys working with the students and faculty at AHS.

Welcome to all the new faculty!



The new AHS staff members include L-R Mr. Parker, Miss Corl, Mrs. Sasser, Miss Bryant, Mrs. Poplin, Mrs. Morris, Mrs. Watson, and Mr. Mauldin.

Students Experience the Magic of Italy

by Kelly Rakes

As an AHS summer tradition, Mrs. Burleson and Mrs. Saunders chaperoned a group of various aged students to Venice, Florence, Rome, and many other exotic places in Italy.



These AHS students enjoy lunch in Pisa, Italy.

Venice, Florence, and Rome are highly spoken of by the AHS students who traveled there. The students were wined and dined on a gondola boat ride in Venice where the driver sang love songs to them, and of course they visited the ever-so famous leaning tower of Pisa. The group was also whisked away to the luxurious island of Capri where the water was crystal blue and the behemoth rocks shimmered on the ocean floor. Emily Rogers, Whitney Davis, Katie Mabry, and Paige Lowder enjoyed the beautiful Island of Capri. They all stated that "the water was crystal blue," and "the sandstones covered the entire ocean floor." Matthew Lefler remarked that he "enjoyed the last night at the hotel," and regretted that they had to return to the States. All the students seemed to enjoy the trip and many wish they could be whisked away to Capri to swim in the crystal waters once again.



W. Beaver and B. Cooke happily don their new FELC shirts.

Allen Named Principal at AHS

by Kelly Rakes

We welcome Mrs. Allen, our new principal at AHS. Mrs. Allen, who has served as assistant principal here for the last two years, is well known to our students and faculty. She was chosen from a number of applicants by a committee that included three faculty members, two school board members, and Dr. Church. Her experience at this school was a positive factor in her selection as principal. Mrs. Allen has been involved in education for over twenty years.

As a mother of two children, Mrs. Allen realizes the challenges that deal with teenagers and running a high school, but she is ready for the challenge even though she will be forced to give up teaching English at night at Anson Community College. Although there will be great changes for Mrs. Allen, she said, "I never felt like a stranger here, and I'm looking forward to such a challenge." Mrs. Allen feels that AHS is a "good atmosphere," especially

because the teachers are trying to work with each other and the students. Mrs. Allen plans to be visible and associate with students, parents, and teachers and make AHS have an atmosphere where everyone feels relaxed and comfortable.

Welcome, Mrs. Allen!



Mrs. Allen is the leader of the AHS Bulldogs.

Four Students Experience a "Fun" Summer School

by Allison Hudson

During the summer of 1996, four of AHS's students who are academically inclined and talented attended Governor's School, a six week enrichment program.

Connie Edwards, James Monroe, and Gary Her attended the Governor's School West at Salem College in Winston-Salem. Mike Bryan attended Governor's School East at St. Andrew's College in Laurinburg. This summer program began on June 23 and ended on August 3.

Each of the four students had some great things to say about their experience at Governor's School. They all said that they enjoyed the summer immensely. Mike studied social sciences and said that he learned a great deal of new material. He had a great time going to the band concerts and playing on the intermural volleyball and basketball teams. Connie enjoyed all of her classes. Some were about philosophy and others

were about fractals and complex algebra. Connie's best experience while she was at Governor's School was attending the Masquerade Ball. Connie and all of her friends dressed up as the characters from the movie, *Grease*. Connie was Sandy. James studied social sciences and thought it was great to learn so many new things. He said that he enjoyed hanging out and playing basketball during his time away from the books. Gary enjoyed his art classes and had fun in his spare time playing basketball and volleyball. He loved hanging out in the art room with his buddies; one of his major accomplishments of the session was learning to eat twelve scoops of ice cream in fifteen minutes.

We commend you for spending over half of your summer "in the books." However, it sounds like you had plenty of fun, too!

Beaver and Cooke Attend Summer Conference

by Kelly Rakes

This past June, AHS sent two rising juniors to attend the camp held at Wingate University for the Free Enterprise Leadership Conference.

FELC was held from June 23 to June 28 and was sponsored by the Jesse Helms Center. Two AHS juniors, Wilson Beaver and Brandon Cooke, attended this conference. The purpose of this conference was to expand the views of students on the ideas of economics and government ideas of the conservative party. Students attending were required to divide into companies so they could devise a product, market it, and sell it for economic purposes.

Brandon Cooke and Wilson Beaver seemed to enjoy the guest speakers and the conference. "The views were extremely controversial," said Beaver. "However, it was highly informative on economic and government issues."