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Senior Citizens Boogie with the Interact Club

by Allison Hudson

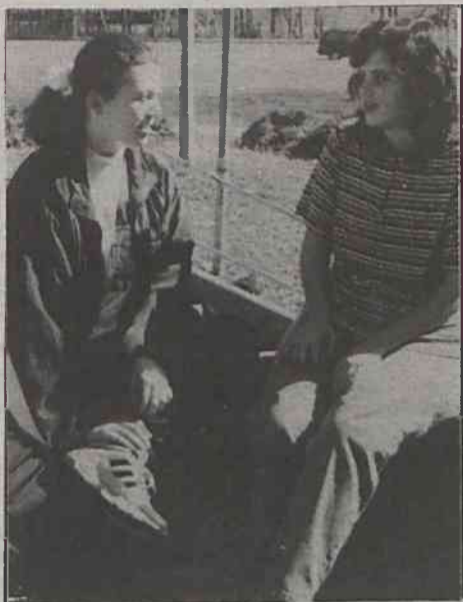
The Albemarle High School Rotary Interact Club sponsored a dance for the senior citizens of Stanly County. This dance was held on Saturday, March 8 from 7:30 P.M. to 10:30 P.M. at the Stanly County Senior Center. The theme of the dance was "Dance Through the Decades." There were light refreshments and lots of music from the 30's, 40's, and 50's for the senior citizens to enjoy. Some of the guests dressed appropriately from a particular decade. Music included hits from Tommy Dorsey, Glenn Miller, Dean Martin, Harry James, and Peggy Lee.

All the Interact members who attended seemed to enjoy the event. Erin Mauldin commented, "I wasn't too sure about going to a senior citizens dance on a Saturday night, but once I was there I had a great time. I now know that senior citizens can dance and have a good time."

Wesley Burris noted, "I think it was an enjoyable opportunity to intertwine with people of different backgrounds but similar attributes."

Steve Adcock explained, "I had a great time and I was glad to see that youth and elders can have so much fun together, and I hope to do it again soon."

The senior citizens enjoyed the dance and appreciated the hospitality of the AHS Rotary Interact Club.



Leigh Holt and Leslie Hill plan for the Interact dance.

Block Scheduling Begins Next Year

by Kelly Rakes

Albemarle High School has been making numerous changes for the upcoming year. Block scheduling is one of the new changes for the students to have more choices and options for classes. Block scheduling is a schedule where the regular high school day consists of four 90-minute periods; each course is completed during one semester. Students will complete four courses first semester and four courses second semester.

However difficult the change, block scheduling is a real advantage to most students grades, GPA's, and learning capacities. Each student will be given the opportunity to earn eight credits instead of six and encourages the "use of active teaching strategies and greater student involvement." Other advantages of block scheduling is the "hands-on" time for labs in math, science, home economics, art, Spanish, and other areas.

One of the primary reasons for restructuring the usual school day is so the student/teacher time becomes quality time; there will be more "innovative teaching techniques," and more instructional time for student to understand difficult concepts. Another positive idea for this restructuring is the reduction of stress for teachers and students.

AHS have different opinions about this new schedule, but time should answer all the fears and questions about this innovative program. Alicia Blalock said, "I like the chance of getting more electives." Jennifer Byrd, however, says she "dreads an hour and a half for some of the classes."

Block scheduling will begin in the 97-98 school year. Registration will begin after spring break for grades 9-11.

On Your Mark, Get Set, Go!

by Kelly Rakes

The Spanish II and Spanish III students are not only known for their brain power, but they are also known for their creativity. Ms. Harvey assigned a challenging task of creating a car and a sales ad to present to the class. Each class divided up into groups of two to four people and began to design their car. The car had to tie in with the group members past and with the preterite verbs and new vocabulary. So each group

tried to remember something they all had in common and designed their car around that idea. The groups had about two weeks before the "car show" to plan and prepare their creative cars. Each class had at least two winning groups including Jason Smith, Greg Nahragang, Tresshia Smith, Whit Parker, Emily Rogers, Heather Freshly, Katherine Garrison, Amanda Freeze, Brandon Cooke, and Jennifer Ingram.



These students smile happily with their winning Spanish "coches."

Buy a Servant for a Day

by Wilson Beaver

During the week of March 24-27, the student council will sponsor an "Indentured-Servant Auction." Throughout the week during lunch, students will be able to secretly bid on their favorite "indentured servants." The servants will be male and female students, teachers, and administrators. There will be a chart of the bids so each day students will be able to raise their bid on their servant. At the end of the week, the student who bids the highest on a certain servant will own the servant for a day. The servant will have to wear a sign notifying who is his or her master. The duties of the servant are carrying the master's books to each class, standing in the lunch line, dumping the master's lunch tray, and anything else the master sees fit. Show your school spirit and take part in the auction of the year.



Kamesha Jackson thinks about who to buy for her indentured servant.

Art in English? Civics in Foods Lab? It's All Part of Integrated Learning!

by Kelly Rakes

As part of the "High Schools That Work" program here at AHS, teachers are working with teachers from other subject areas to plan lessons across the curriculum to help students realize that their classes do not exist in isolation but interlink and relate to other areas. English and art are two subjects that study similar periods and movements, which allow students to increase the "productivity" of the course information and relate it to the everyday world. This year students from social studies helped foods students prepare refreshments for election day. Spanish III students helped exceptional students to learn about some basic Spanish. Art history students learned about Shakespeare and the Renaissance period in England. Overall, the grouping of classes offers many benefits, including letting students get to know some teachers other than their own!



Mrs. Hopkins' art history class studied the English Renaissance with Mrs. Hathcock and created a picture of Renaissance England on the board.

Upcoming Events

- March 24 - Senior pictures made
- March 24 - Student-Faculty basketball game 7:00P.M.
- March 27 - April 6 - Spring Break
- April 19 -25 - Cheerleading tryouts
- April 26 - Prom

