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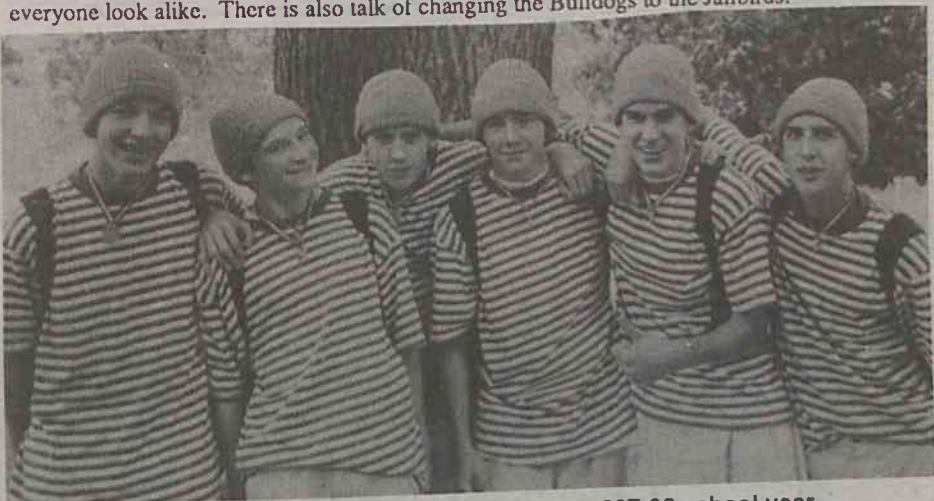
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Working on the Chain Gang

by Kelly Rakes

As the year comes to an end, the school board and the parents are making numerous changes in next year's curriculum and dress. The students tend to agree that a dress code is definitely necessary so some students do not feel inferior to others. Parents and teachers feel the dress code will help students focus on their studies and extracurricular activities instead of each other. Most students feel like school is already a prison and why not wear uniforms that consist of stripped shirts with your school ID number tagged on the back. Most students feel that the dress code is a WONDERFUL idea so they can focus only on their work. Along with the new uniform, bars will be put on every window and students will be required to wear a toboggan cap to further make everyone look alike. There is also talk of changing the Bulldogs to the Jailbirds.



These juniors model our uniforms for the 1997-98 school year.

Seniors to Celebrate at Club 2000

by Allison Hudson

The class of 1997 has been chosen as one of five high schools that is celebrating at Club 2000 after their graduating ceremony. Connie Edwards, president of the 1997 Senior class, entered Albemarle High School in the drawing. Connie was notified in early March that the '97 senior class at Albemarle is invited to a Club 2000 post-graduation party.

After Albemarle's graduation ceremony, several Club 2000 buses will be at the Agri-Civic center to pick up the senior class and take them to Club 2000 for a night of partying. The party begins at 11:00 P.M. and ends at 3:00 A.M. There are five schools invited to attend this special party, which is a total of 856 seniors from Charlotte and the surrounding area. Club 2000 is sponsoring this post-graduation party to keep kids off the street after graduation. There will be a live band, drawings for door prizes, games, and food all night long. Connie stated, "I am glad I entered our senior class in this drawing. When I entered the contest I never thought we would be chosen, but we were and I am excited. It will be

a lot of fun, and a chance of a lifetime." So, to all you seniors, get ready cause Club 2000 has a lot in store for the graduating class of 1997.



Tresshia Smith and Heather Hopkins get ready to dance the night away at Club 2000.

Lie in the Sun or Chip'n Putt During Exams

by Wilson Beaver

This year the seniors will get a bonus award for having good attendance and good grades. During the week of exams, the privileged seniors will be able to exempt three out of the six exams. Seniors with fewer than five complete days of absence and a grade point average of at least 3.5 may choose three exams to skip. Students who chose to exempt exams must be present at school, but a special sun bathing area will be set up in the stadium and a temporary chip and putt course will be arranged on the band

practice field for those who want to golf instead of lie in the sun.

This privilege is only for the top students who have shown that they understand the class material that they have taken. Grades and attendance records help prove that the students do not need to take the final exams. Hopefully this privilege will encourage future seniors to strive to attend school regularly and study hard enough to make the grade.

National Honor Society Inducts Thirty Members

by Kelly Rakes

Thirty new members were inducted into National Honor Society on March 17 during an assembly in the auditorium. These students were chosen on the basis of their A- or better grade point average, plus outstanding leadership, scholarship, and service to the school. Current National Honor Society officers led the installation service, while other members spoke on the ideals of the society. New members wore black robes with yellow corsages, reflecting the colors of the organization. They were led in the official oath by Mrs. Allen, and signed the roll book which has the signatures of all members of the Albemarle High School Honor Society since the 1930's. Congratulations to these new members for their commitment to excellence!

New members are Wilson Beaver, Angie Bell, Brian Burnside, Jennifer Byrd, Brandon Cooke, Michael Dennis, Jonathan Dry, Sweet Flake, Stephen Freshly, Allen Furr, Travis Gaster, Jennifer Ingram, Stephanie Irby, Robby Johnston, Missy Jones, Matthew Lefler, Rufus Lefler, Dustin Lisk, Tiera McDonald, Emily Nance, Ellen Oettinger, Amber Perry, Beverly Poplin, Kelly Rakes, Stacy Sinclair, Andy Smith, Ben Smith, Tresshia Smith, Yong Yang, and Ber Yang.



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Blalock Taps the Hood

by Kelly Rakes

AHS is undergoing numerous changes for the upcoming 97-98 school year. Along with integrated learning and block scheduling, the school board is offering a variety of new electives for grades 9-12.

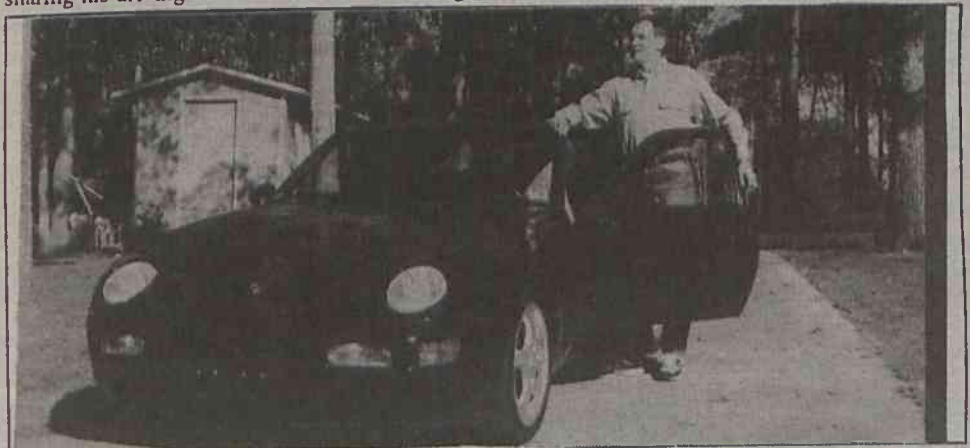
After a number of board meetings and heated discussions, Mr. Weiker has been chosen to teach Ebonics as a second language. The new language went under extreme controversy and scrutiny, but the board believes the course will broaden the horizons of African American students as well as other ethnic backgrounds while introducing the next American language.

Another addition to the 97-98 curriculum is race car driving, which will be taught by Mr. Blalock. A few years back Mr. Blalock attended a special and very expensive course on race car driving and has decided to spend his energy on sharing his driving wisdom instead of teaching

P.O.T., physical science, chemistry, and physics. However, the class does have certain stipulations: one must have a clean driving record, maintain a 3.6 GPA, and pass strict physical and mental examinations.

Mrs. Hathcock has also agreed to stop teaching Honors English and share her skill of podium balancing. Her class will only hold nine to ten students, so get your registrations ready!

The curriculum guide is still undergoing numerous changes and the board plans to add more entertaining electives, such as bird watching, underwater basket weaving, hand bells, ballet, paper making, and yoga. Next year is sure to be filled with fun and excitement with the new additions to AHS, but be sure to watch out for Mr. Blalock and his driving students and Mrs. Hathcock's balancing act.



Take Racing I next year and get to test your skills in Blalock's Porsche.