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Golf Team Wins State Championship!

Albemarle High School's golf team made history on May 12 when they won the 1998 Class 1A State Golf Championship and became the first state champion golf team in the school's history. After winning their regional meet with a strong performance, the Bulldog golfers continued their determination at Finley Golf Course in Chapel Hill in a two-day tournament against five other golf teams who had advanced from regional play.

Coach Al Andrew, who has taken his golf teams to state playoffs for the past three years, is an expert at capitalizing on the strengths of his team. With a competitive spirit and a positive attitude, Coach Andrew



Coach Al Andrew has led his last three golf teams to state competition.

challenged his golfers to make every shot count and to stay focused on the team goal of a state championship. The six Albemarle golfers, Bo Andrew, Ross Stokes, Robby Johnston, Will Turbeville, Greg Hathcock, and Russ Andrew, combined for scores of 320 in the first round and 330 in the second round to win over second place Graham by 4 strokes. Each day's scores were a team effort and all six players had scores that counted at least once in the two-day event. The team was also playing without all-conference teammate Ben Lisk, who was unable to compete because of injury, but who contributed to the team's outstanding success throughout the season.

First round scores included Bo Andrew, who shot a remarkable two over par 74 on a rain-drenched course, and three scores of 82 turned in by Ross Stokes, Greg Hathcock, and Will Turbeville. At the end of this day, the Bulldogs held a three stroke lead over Graham High School and an eight shot lead over East Surry High School. On the second day, course officials moved the tees back to the most distant positions and made the course play extremely long under wet conditions. The four Bulldogs scores on this day were Robby Johnston, 80, Bo Andrew 82, Ross Stokes, 83, and Russ Andrew 85.

Albemarle increased their first day lead of three strokes by one and won over Graham by a score of 650-654. At the awards ceremony, tournament officials presented the team with an engraved trophy for the school and individual medals for each player. Coach Andrew also

received a coach's trophy for the team's outstanding accomplishment.

This state championship caps a season of tremendous success for this golf team. They won all of their conference matches and the Yadkin Valley Championship. Six Albemarle golfers also made the All-Conference team. They also won the county match, followed by their strong victory in the 1A West Regionals. They

continued their winning ways by having the lowest team score each day of the state tournament in Chapel Hill and capturing this prestigious and coveted state championship.

This state championship team loses four key players to graduation but returns three lettermen to lead next year's team. Congratulations to Coach Andrew and his team for their accomplishments this year.



Golf team members, W. Turbeville, R. Johnston, B. Andrew, R. Stokes, R. Andrew, G. Hathcock, and Coach Al Andrew, pose with their state championship trophy and their individual medals.

AHS Students Receive Honors

With the end of the year just around the corner, several seniors have been chosen for numerous scholarships and awards.

Ellen Oettinger and Jonathan Dry have been honored as Optimist Boy and Girl for Stanly County. These two outstanding seniors have brought a double honor to Albemarle High School, as this is the first occasion that the award has been given to seniors from the same high school. Congratulations to Ellen and Jonathan as winners of this prestigious award!

Also leaving a mark on the school, Brandon Cooke and Emily Nance have been recognized for their writing ability by winning first and second place in the Gaskin Essay Contest, sponsored by the Stanly County Public Library and Dr. and Mrs. Reed Gaskin of the Gaskin Foundation. Brandon, first place winner, received a plaque and a \$1500 cash prize. Emily received a plaque and a \$750 cash prize. Two other Albemarle High School students, Ellen Oettinger and Angie Bell, received honorable mention for their essays. The essay topic for the contest was "What role, if any, should schools have in teaching values and character development?" The contest sponsors honored all winners on May 13 at 6:30 P.M. at the library. Congratulations, winners!

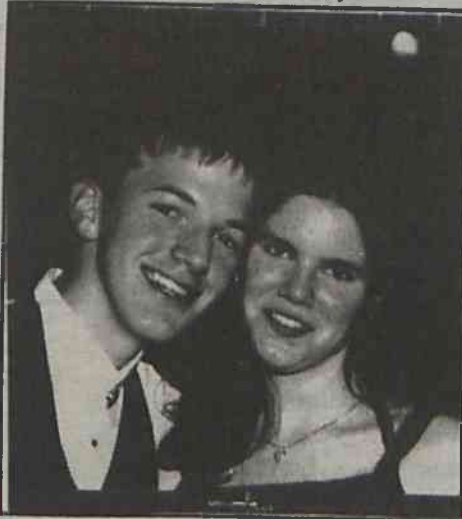
A Night of Stars & Moons

by Emily Nance

Stars and moons set the stage on Saturday, April 25, as AHS students danced the night away in their formal attire. Together with Ms. Poplin, Mrs. Powell, and Ms. Morris, several juniors spend numerous hours making the Agri-Civic center look better than ever. The entrance was adorned with flying stars and gold foil paper. The royal blue and gold theme carried inside to an immaculate moon and more stars. A special thanks is sent to the sophomores and parents that helped to serve and make the refreshments.

After most prom-goers arrived in limos following an enchanting meal, Ms. Poplin announced the elected 1998 Prom Court. Changing tradition this year, ten members of the senior class were elected to make the prom court. Stacy Sinclair, Brooke Laton, Ellen Oettinger, Alicia Blalock, and Sabrina Driver represented the most beautiful of the ladies. David Phibbs, Bill Timerlake, Robert Eller, Rufus Leffler, and Brandon Cooke took the stage to represent the men. Stacy Sinclair and Bill Timerlake received the highest number of votes and were crowned

AHS 1998 Prom Queen and King. Bill and Stacy led the next dance to the theme song, "I'll Take You There." Truly a night to remember, the prom will remain in all students' memory.



David and Stacy lead the first dance after being named to the 1998 Prom Court.

UNDER THE BOARDWALK

On May 22, 1998, the Rotary Interact Club will be holding their second annual Senior Citizens Dance at the Senior Center in Albemarle. This year's theme is "Under the Boardwalk" and decorations will feature beach scenes. Mrs. Harvey, the club's sponsor, has been planning the event for months. Last year's dance was such a success, and the club hopes to have an even better turnout this year.

Emily Nance, Amber Perry, and Ellen Oettinger are the chairpersons for the big event. Amber commented, "I love setting up for this event. A chance to mix generations always makes for a great party." The purpose of the dance is to allow AHS teens to socialize with the senior citizens of the community and learn more about each other. The music will additionally be a mix of Top 10 hits from our generation and from their generation. Last year, the seniors seemed to enjoy country line dancing, so I'm sure Garth Brooks will hit the sound system, as well. Dance competitions, music, and refreshments will surely make the dance successful.

Since the club is so large this year, the dance will hopefully go quite smoothly. Please encourage your grandparents to come enjoy the Rotary Interact Senior Citizen Dance. Admission is free, but a reservation will be appreciated.

GOODBYE, SCHOOL!! HELLO, SUMMER!!