

A Critical Corner

A Combined Effort

For the first time in the many years the school has been in operation, the baccalaureate sermon will be combined with the graduation exercises. The combination of these two services may have caused concern among some students and parents; however, it need not. Although this is changing a tradition of sorts, it is in keeping with more modern standards. As a matter of fact, most schools have already cancelled the baccalaureate sermon from their order of graduation. Certainly the combination of the two services is an excellent move for several practical reasons. In the first place, attendance for the baccalaureate sermon has steadily declined in the past years. The decline is noted both in student and parent attendance. Another valid reason for the combination is that students are more interested in their graduation service and tend to place more importance on it. By combining the two, seniors spend less time and trouble rehearsing for two separate occasions. We feel that the vote by the seniors to combine the baccalaureate sermon and graduation exercise was an intelligent and time-saving decision.

Get Out And Vote—Right!

Voting for president of the student body should be preceded by much deliberation. We should base our choice on certain criteria—ability to work well with others, past experience, ability to speak before a group, a sense of humor, respect and concern for others, poise, dignity, vision, initiative, intelligence, and unselfish dedication. Let's make this election a contest based on merit rather than a popularity contest.

Hail To The Varsity

Shouldn't we think it an honor to have a champion basketball team and an honor to represent our school at the basketball games? If so, how can we persist in doing something which brings dishonor to our teams and our school? This is in reference to a school cheer—"Rip 'em up, tear 'em up, give 'em h. . . . Blue!" Of course, we may say, "It's just a cheer. We're not dishonoring our school." But yet, when we receive a personal letter from a spectator at one of the games, expressing surprise and personal offense at the use of such a cheer, isn't it time to give this cheer more thought? If the executives of the school reprimand this cheer, shouldn't we feel it a dishonor to our school if we fail to refrain from its use? The answer is yes. Let us hope none of our students will make future use of this cheer.

Beatles, Hair And Vision

Have you been seeing less and enjoying it less? Perhaps this phenomena is a result of too much hair blocking your line of vision. Some students sport "eye-covering" hair-do's.

Long hair-do's are fine for singing groups, if they want to put their lives in danger. But for students, the line has to be drawn *somewhere!* Bangs are nice, but if you find yourself bumping into things and people, your "cilia" is probably too long!

Besides the danger in this type of hair style, there is also the matter of personal appearance. A hairdo should be neat and clean. Let's keep our barbers happy!

DE Students Place Well In State Contest

Lorraine Davis placed second in DE Student of the Year Contest and Myra Rothwell was second runner-up for Associate President at the Distributive Education State Leadership Conference in Raleigh, March 10-12. Albemarle DECA club received a three-star plaque and \$35.00. The theme of the conference was "Developing Future Leaders for Marketing and Distribution."

Other Albemarle students attending the conference were Cecelia Corne, Barbara Caudle, and Cathy Cells.

Lorraine entered three state contests: DE Student of the Year, Sales Demonstration, and DE Sweetheart. She competed with twelve other district winners.

Myra campaigned at the conference for Associate President of the State Distributive Education Club.

Cathy, Barbara, and Cecelia served as Albemarle's voting delegates to the convention.

The highlight of the convention was a banquet in Memorial Auditorium Friday night. Contest winners were announced at this banquet.

Saturday, election and installation of officers was held.

FOR "ANNIE GET YOUR GUN"

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Webb, Carol Renger, and Jane Nichols portrayed the brother and sisters of Annie.

"Annie Get Your Gun" is the story of Annie Oakley in the 1890's and opens as the Buffalo Bill Wild West Show comes to Annie's hometown. Frank Butler is the sharpshooter of this group and is challenged by the expert marksman, Annie Oakley. Annie wins the contest and is invited to travel with the show throughout Europe. As times elapses Frank leaves Buffalo Bill's show and joins with Pawnee Bill. Neither show has much money so the two shows decide to combine into one. At the conclusion of the play Annie decides that her love for Frank is more important than competing with him in shooting matches.

Members of the Student Council have promoted ticket sales, and the Library Club has made posters for publicity downtown. Local civic clubs have also aided greatly in promoting interest.

Other people and committees who greatly boosted the success of the performance include Mrs. Tommy Hearne and all the dancers; Miss Elizabeth Brooks and the costume committee; Mrs. Bill Cain, organist; Mr. Sammy Andrew, pianist; the Journalism class for assembling the program; Debbie Weemhoff and the scenery committee; Grey Gamewell and the make-up committee; the property committee; Randy Burton and his work as stage manager; Ruth Howell and Reed McSwain as prompters; the audio-visual boys and their backstage work; and Buddy Patterson, lighting



Mr. Chuck Morehead gives first aid pointers to Gwen Boyd and Jean Ray, members of Mrs. Gamewell's fifth period physical education class.

PE Students Learn First Aid

Mr. Chuck Morehead, captain of the Albemarle Rescue Squad, presented a first aid program to the members of Mrs. Gamewell's fifth period physical education class.

During a two-week period, Mr. Morehead discussed the major aspects of first aid from animal bite to external cardiac massage. One of the most interesting areas of this program was the study of mouth to mouth resuscitation in which the girls worked in teams and went through the actual process. The girls also had the opportunity to work with such equipment as splints, bandages, braces, and a dummy which Mr. Morehead brought. Mrs. Gamewell concluded, "Mr. Morehead did a marvelous job; our girls were most receptive and I think it's a shame that every student in school can't have the opportunity to attend such a session."

Debaters Host Round-Robin Tournament

The Albemarle debaters were hosts to the Round-Robin Debate Tournament for this district, March 9. The issue debated this year was whether the federal government should adopt a program of compulsory arbitration in labor-management disputes in basic industries. The Parkwood teams, both affirmative and negative, won the tournament and will go on to the state championship tournament. Schools participating were Albemarle, Monroe, Piedmont, and Parkwood. Albemarle's debaters were Sara Mabry and Frank Russell on the affirmative team and Steve Brown and Keith Wolf on the negative team.

technician from Pfeiffer College, who further enriched the play through his work.

North Stanly DE Are Guests Of Local Group

DE students from North Stanly were guests at the monthly DECA meeting March 14.

Members from both North Stanly and Albemarle who attended the State Distributive Education Leadership Conference in Raleigh presented the program.

Charleen Huneycutt, Twinkle Treece and Wanda Shaver served refreshments.

Hi-Y, Tri-Hi-Y Elect District Council Officers

Representatives of various Hi-Y and Tri-Hi-Y clubs attended the District Four Council meeting March 12 in Burlington, N. C.

Beth Eddins was elected president of the district and will therefore attend the Council of the Carolinas May 7 and 8.

Anne Taylor and Ralph Burleson were also named alternate delegates to this convention.

Sophs Study Greek Drama

Mrs. Gamewell's sophomore Advanced English class is now studying Greek drama. Having completed *Oedipus Rex*, they are now reading other plays by early Greek authors. Simultaneously they are continuing their vocabulary study.

Hatley Attends Ed. Meeting

Mr. Hatley, president of North Carolina Science Teachers, attended the N. C. educational annual meeting conducted March 25 at Harrelson Hall on the campus of N. C. State University. Mr. Hatley was in charge of the program.

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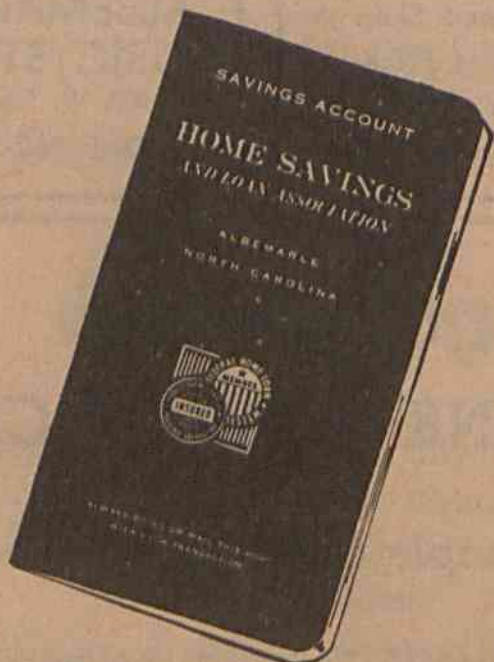
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