



## Student Council Makes Big Plans

By SUSAN BRAMLETT

Although this year's Student Council officers haven't been installed, they are already hard at work planning activities for the 1983-84 school year. The officers are President — Patti Goodman, Vice President — Chris Hartsell, Secretary — Sissy Jenkins, Treasurer — Doug Hayes. Mr. Blalock is the advisor again this year. Homeroom representatives are Libby Williams, Regina Lewis, Lisa Cashion, Charity Barbee, Ann Scarboro, Erinn Tyson, Sabrina Eury, Jennifer Hunsucker, Lewis Bramlett, Jennifer Maiden, Mitzi Almond, Paul Gaskin, George Smart, Hank McSwain, Willie Mainor, Katherine Snyder, Gina Sweet, Johnny Reid, Brian Hawn, Ellen Snyder, Eric Goodwin, Steven

Snider, and Susan Buchanon.

The major fund-raising project is the magazine sale, which will be conducted during the last week in September and the first week in October. According to Mr. Blalock, the plans for this year will depend on the magazine sale, since funds for activities come from the money raised during the sale.

When asked what some of the Student Council goals for this year are, the officers agreed that reviving school spirit was at the top of the list because of the Bulldogs' winning record. Sissy Jenkins hopes to bring more activities to the students such as movies and assemblies. Patti Goodman expressed an interest in having celebrities from North Carolina come to the school to

snicker. In the area of activities for the students, Patti hopes to get a lot of suggestions from the homeroom representatives. Doug Hayes commented, "I hope the Student Council will work for and with the students in all possible ways."

The Student Council appears to be off to a good start this year. The executive officers are very complimentary of each other, Mr. Blalock, and the student body. Sissy Jenkins feels "the Student Council will be successful this year because the executive officers are easy to work with." Mr. Blalock summed things up — "Success for the year will be determined by the enthusiasm of the Student Council. There is a lot of potential within the group, but it will all come down to how well the group works together."

## Introducing A Course For The Future

By LEE ANN SIDES

Computers have been used throughout the twentieth century; however, the 1980's will probably mark a decade of rapid growth in the use of computers. Large industries, small businesses, homes, and schools are now equipped with computers of various sizes and capacities. This year Senior High is offering an Introduction to Computers class to its students. The classes, which

are taught by Mrs. Carter and Mr. Johnston, are designed to teach basic procedures to students with little experience in computers.

The students enrolled appear to be on a variety of levels.

In Introduction to Computers, students discuss the history of data processing, the capabilities of a computer system, the parts of a system, the effects of computers on society, and careers in

computers, just to name a few subjects. Hopefully, within the next several years, students will also be able to take an advanced computer class in addition to Introduction to Computers.

## MOONBEAMS

The SAT will be given at ASHS on October 15 at 8:00. GOOD LUCK!

Student Rotarian for September is Doug Hayes.

Student Lion for September is Tony Underwood.

Student Optimist for September is Patti Goodman.

The Varsity Cheerleaders sponsored the annual Spirit Week on September 7, 8, 9, in connection with the Bulldogs hosting the Comets in a battle of the undefeated. Wednesday, September 7 was Punk Rock Day; Thursday was Bandana Day; and Friday was Blue and White Day. Spirit Week was a great success.

How 'bout them DOGS!

ALBEMARLE BULLDOGS, 22 to North Stanly 6.

Homecoming was held September 23.

## Registration Is The Law

North Carolina State Director of Selective Service, William H. McCachren, today reminded each young man that federal law requires him to register with the Selective Service System through his nearest Post Office within 120 days before or 30 days after his 18th birthday. Those who fail to register are subject to criminal prosecution.

"The goal of Selective Service is voluntary compliance with the law and not prosecution," McCachren said. He noted, however, that the names of young men who do not register will be referred to the U.S. Attorney's Office for prosecution. The penalties for willfully failing to register are imprisonment and a fine. Those young men over eighteen who have not yet registered are urged to do so immediately.

"Registration is quick, it's easy, and it's the law," McCachren stated. To register, a young man only has to go to his nearest Post Office, obtain a registration form, and fill it out (this takes about five minutes). A young man then gives the card to the postal clerk, who sends it to the Selective Service System.

"Young men in North Carolina are patriotic and law-abiding," McCachren said, "and over 97% have already registered." McCachren said that he hoped all young men in North Carolina would register when they reach eighteen and push North Carolina's registration compliance rate to 100%.

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## Traveling From Geneva To Paris

By JOHNNY TREECE

Fifteen students from Albemarle Senior High School and ten adults from the Albemarle area attended the 1983 trip to Europe. Katy Martin and Terri and Rich Hampton were this year's counselors.

The group departed from the United States on Friday, July 1, for Geneva, Switzerland. Upon their arrival, the enthusiasm and interest began to build as they were ready to begin their eleven days of sight-seeing and fun-filled

adventures.

The group visited many interesting sites, including Geneva, Lucerne, Schaffhausen, Strasbourg, Reims, and Paris. While in Switzerland they took an optional field trip to Mount Pilatus, which is one of the tallest peaks in the Alps. During the drive from city to city, breath-taking views of the many gardens of flowers and the lovely countryside were enjoyed by all.

Paris, the last place visited by the group, really gave them a feel

of what European life is really like. In the capital city everyone had a chance to get out and do things on his own. All had to learn to use the metro for transportation from place to place. This proved to be a little frightening for some at first, but after a while everyone was using it like a "pro."

Mrs. Hampton said that this year's trip was most enjoyable due to the well planned itinerary and the enthusiastic participation of the students.

## Viewing The Spanish Panorama

By ELLEN SNYDER

On June 21 a small group from our school departed on a nine day tour of Spain. The group included Mrs. Ellis, Susan Nance, Bob Andrew, Todd Dominik, Michael Scarboro, Ellen Snyder, and Katherine Snyder. The group spent approximately seven hours on a jumbo jet flying over the Atlantic from New York to Madrid. Day one was over before anyone realized it.

After meeting the tour guide (Angela), the group from Albemarle, along with students from New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, and New York, arrived at Los Galgos, a luxurious hotel in Madrid. They spent three days in Madrid, the capital of Spain, which is inhabited by about six million people. The group toured such attractions as the Royal Palace, the Plaza Mayor, and the renowned Prado Museum. They enjoyed traditional Spanish foods, but were never too far from a Burger King or McDonald's in Madrid.

On day five, the groups board-

ed the tour bus to travel to Toledo and Granada. They stopped in Toledo briefly to see El Greco's home, the Moorish bridge and the 13th century Spanish-Gothic Cathedral. Then they traveled on to Granada for a two night stay and saw such sites as the Alhambra Palace and Granada's Cathedral.

Seville was the destination for day seven. A brief stop in Cordoba was provided in order to see the Mezquita, which is an 8th century mosque, and an impressive Cathedral. Later in the afternoon, they arrived in Seville. The next morning was spent sightseeing in beautiful Seville where the group saw the Gothic Cathedral, and enchanting parks. The rest of the day was spent riding to Malaga, the "capital of the Spanish Riviera." The group relaxed along the beach of the Mediterranean and rested up before departure for home the next day.

Everyone who went agrees that the tours provided a lot of knowledge about Spanish culture and tradition, but some of the most

fun times were experienced during free time. The group went to discos several nights and listened to Spanish as well as American tunes. They also enjoyed two flamenco shows. Bob enjoyed hotel telephones the most. He never hesitated to call two or three hours before the group's 6:30 wake-up calls. Bob also had fun rearranging hotel furniture (putting beds in halls) and stopping elevators between floors.

The group also enjoyed shopping in huge department stores and riding taxis in crowded Madrid. Well, maybe not riding in taxis. They found that Spanish drivers like to get where they are going any way they can, and that speed limits are non-existent in Spain.

The Spanish Panorama proved to be a very educational and enjoyable trip. Others have the opportunity to see for themselves how much fun they can have in a foreign land. Mrs. Ellis is already in the process of planning another exciting trip to Europe for the summer of 1984!

## Club Corner

By KRISTIE LITTLE

ICT-VICA

ICT-VICA held their preliminary meeting September 9. Mr. Hollis, club advisor, discussed the 1983-84 budget. Committees were appointed to head some proposed fund raising projects. Mr. Hollis also explained the upcoming District VI State and National Contests.

The new officers for the 1983-84 year are president — Ricky Hathcock; vice president — Taffy Lowder; secretary — Teresa Meyers; co-treasurers — Vanessa Scott, Shawn Baldwin, and Aaron Drye; reporter — Daphne Little; and parliamentarian — Wilson Tucker.

DECA

DECA, sponsored by Mrs. Brown, held its first meeting September 9 and elected officers. They are president — Linnea Martison; vice-president — Eric McLendon; secretary — Robin Parker; treasurer — David Esposito; Reporter — Susan Buchanan; co-historians — Lisa Kerley and Tracy Morgan; Parliamentarian — Diana Cagle.

Plans are being made for a Parents Night Installation Service on September 26. Also planned are a yard sale October 1 at Mrs. Brown's house and a trip to the District Leadership Conference on October 18.

HISTORY

History Club meets every Tuesday and Thursday from 3:00-5:30 under the supervision of Ms. Ward. The main theme of the club is Dungeons and Dragons, although Ms. Ward is also enthusiastic about the various field trips she has proposed. Michael Scarboro, an active member of History Club, gave a presentation on his trip to Spain, September 27.

Ms. Ward is also the advisor to the History Club Contest Team. Prospective team members meet every Wednesday from 3:00-3:30. Two major contests are planned — Pfeiffer College History Contest and WBTU High Q Bowl. All interested persons should see Ms. Ward.

FBLA

Under the supervision of Mrs. Carter, the FBLA held a picnic meeting at Rock Creek Park on September 7. Guest speaker was Roger Dick of the Proposed Bank of Stanly. Plans are underway for a trip to the South Eastern Region Conference, November 3-6, in Biloxi, Mississippi. Anyone interested should see Mrs. Carter.

All FBLA fees should be paid by October 15!