



Safe Roads Act Approved

By DAVID GRIGG

On October 1, 1983, the Safe Roads Act of 1983 went into effect. The purpose of this new law was to revise or completely change North Carolina's DUI law. The old "driving under the influence" law has been changed to "driving while impaired". (DWI) To violate this new law a person must:

1. Be operating a motor vehicle on a public highway or public driving area (parking lot) and
2. Be under the influence of an impairing substance (alcohol or drugs).
3. Have an alcohol level of .10 according to a breathalyzer test.

The punishment for drunk driving laws has also been changed. Now the trial of guilt will be held separately from the trial that decides the punishment. There are

five levels of punishment, of which five is the most lenient and one is the harshest.

The level of punishment will be determined by the number of aggravating factors or mitigating factors presented. Aggravating factors would include prior conviction, driving when license is revoked by prior conviction, serious injury to another person, reckless driving, or negligent driving. Mitigating factors consist of only slight impairment of driving faculties, safe driving, safe driving record, or any other factor that mitigates the seriousness of the offense.

There is also another part of the new Driving Act. This section has reference to the legal age for purchasing beer and wine. As of October 1, the legal drinking age was raised to 19 years old. The penalty for attempting to buy beer underage has been changed

to a maximum of 2 years imprisonment and a minimum of 1 year license revocation. In addition to this, it is now illegal to buy beer for an underage person, take a person to a place where he/she will buy beer illegally, use false identification to buy beer. In addition, all penalties for alcohol related crimes have been stiffened.

All of the above information came from a summary of The Safe Roads Act of 1983 by James C. Drennan, Institute of Government, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Further explanations were also provided by Mr. E. H. "Bud" Morton, a local attorney. This article in no means was intended to discourage people from drinking. The decisions concerning alcohol are personal and should be given deep thought. Just be sure to know the facts!

	License Revocation	Imprisonment	Fine
Level 1	max. — 4 years with prior conviction min. — 1 year	max. — 2 years min. — 14 days	up to \$2000
Level 2	Same as 1	max. — 1 year min. — 7 days	up to \$1000
Level 3	1 year	max. — 6 months suspended min. — 72 hours	up to \$500
Level 4	1 year	max. — 120 days suspended min. — 48 hours	up to \$250
Level 5	1 year	max. — 60 days suspended min. — 24 hours	up to \$100

NHS Tapping Takes Place

By BOB ANDREW

On Monday, October 3 at 7:30 p.m., ten seniors were inducted into the National Honor Society. The new members are Julie Mullinix, Rick Lowder, Tammy Sturgeon, Cory Smith, Claudia Gresham, Tim Eudy, Todd Dominik, Rodney Harwood, Lori McDonald, and Susan Byrd. Members of NHS must have a B+ average their senior year and then must undergo thorough evaluation by all faculty members, excluding the maids and cafeteria ladies. If the students pass the qualifications then they are tapped by members of the NHS.

The formal ceremonies began in the auditorium with a very appropriate prayer by Reverend David Christy. Mr. Christy remarked in his prayer, "... all are truly deserving of this honor". Following this, he introduced five members who spoke about the characteristics of the NHS. These speakers and their topics were David Grigg,

Emblem; Larry Hays, Service; Susan Bramlett, Leadership; Chris Brown, Character; and Mark McCoy, Scholarship. At the culmination of the ceremonies, Mr. Charles B. Whitley, principal, administered the NHS oath to the inductees. Reverend Christy helped put on the robes, Susan Bramlett pinned on the yellow flowers, and Mike Adams handed out the NHS scrolls, while Ellen Snyder pronounced the names of the new members.

Following the ceremonies, a reception followed in the cafeteria to honor Julie, Rick, Tammy, Cory, Claudia, Tim, Todd, Rodney, Lori and Susan. Green punch and a variety of "goodies" were served. Commenting on being inducted into the NHS, Rick Lowder said, "It's about time I got in". Mrs. Hathcock, advisor of NHS, was relieved to get it over with. For those of you who are not in the NHS, keep trying, there will be another tapping in the spring!

Club Corner

FBLA

The Albemarle Senior High School chapter of the Future Business Leaders of America had an installation dinner on October 12, 1983 at Western Steer Family Steak House. Ms. Jayanthi Rao, the District VI Vice President of FBLA and a student at South Mecklenburg High School, installed the following new officers: Bruce Myers — president; Johnny Treece — vice-president; Kim Scott — reporter; Roy Watkins — treasurer; Lori McDonald — historian; and Tommie Corriher — parliamentarian. The Emblem Ceremony was led by the members and advisors of our local FBLA chapter, and Coach Dave Bright served as guest speaker for the occasion.

SPANISH CLUB

The Spanish Club held its organizational meeting for 1983-84 on Monday, October 10. New officers were elected at that time. They are president — Julie Mullinix, vice-presidente — Brandon Newton, secretaria — Julie Scull, tesorera — Linda Whitley, and periodista — Todd Dominik.

The next meeting was held on Monday, October 24. Bob Andrew, Ellen Snyder, Katherine Snyder, Michael Scarboro, and Todd Dominik presented an interesting program on their trip to Spain last Summer. Refreshments were served following the program.

The Spanish II, III, and IV students will travel to Charlotte on Friday, November 4, to view a performance by Jose' Molina's Spanish Dancers. Following the show of Flamenco dancing and singing, the students will enjoy a Mexican meal at Casa Gallardo.

Mrs. Ellis is accepting applications for the 1983-84 trip to Europe. The tour dates are June 19-June 28. Participants will visit London, England; Paris, France; and Madrid, Spain. All interested students should contact Mrs. Ellis for further details.

FHA

The Future Homemakers of America began the year by organizing early in September and by electing the following leaders: President — Monica Britt, Vice President — Donna Pucket, Secretary — Allen Dockery, Treasurer — Dexture Townsend, and Reporter — Myra Greene. The Projects Chairmen are Keisha Blackmon — refreshments and Sabrina Eury — Projects.

The club has been meeting weekly to make plans for carrying out various projects. The plans include a bake sale to raise money and an officer installation service for members and invited guests at Western Steer Family Steak House. Also on October 20, the club sent Monica Britt, Donna Pucket, Dexture Townsend, Sarah Pegues, Michelle Pankey and Sabrina Eury to Wingate College to a district workshop. A very enthusiastic club is planning for a successful year.

FRENCH CLUB

The French Club held its first meeting of the year on September 8. Officers were elected and plans, including a trip to the Biltmore House, were made. During the second meeting on October 21, final plans were made for the trip. Approximately 76 students and adults took part in this one-day field trip to the Biltmore House. A French-style castle, Biltmore House provided a perfect example of French architecture, which is one of the topics to be studied this year in the French classes.

Mrs. Katy Martin, in cooperation with Mrs. Terri Hampton, will be taking a group of students to Europe this summer. The trip will be in June, 1984 and anyone interested should contact Mrs. Hampton or Mrs. Martin.

Homecoming Queens Are Announced

By MARY KAY COCHRAN

Albemarle Senior High School's homecoming festivities were held on September 23, 1983 during half time of the Albemarle vs. Parkwood football game. The theme for this year's event was "Over the Rainbow" from the movie The Wizard of Oz. The marching band performed the song as the sponsors walked through an arch of flowers and bows.

The football players and their sponsors were Shawn Baldwin-Phelixia McDonald; Rick Lowder-Susan Bramlett; Chris Hartsell-Joy Jones; Todd Lilly-Tara Sellers; Willie Mainor-Annette Lingerfelt; Derrick Brown-Teresa Davis; Jay Howard-Tasha Helderman; Bob Andrew-Tammy Sturgeon; Clifton Brooks-Missy Apperwhite; Tony Gould-Kim Freeman; David Lilly-Sierra Waddell; Doug Hayes-Margaret Morgan; Jim Equels-Lu Anne Blankenship; Don Cole-Joy Miller; Allen Dockery-Cynthia Asbury; Johnny Reid-Janna Efird; Steve Yost-Courtney Bell; Butch Baucom-Jeannie Carroll; David Griffin-Susan Byrd; Boris Crump-Pam Watson; Jonathan Henson-Alice Whitley; Larry Hays-Traci Hatley; Brandon Newton-Katherine Snyder; Mark Scrimgeour-Tammy Page; Tony Russell-Lori Brafford; Junior Pegues-Cheryl Gullledge; Randy Butler-Lisa Harwood; David Tucker-Ingrid Russell; Johnny Treece-Lori McDonald; Matt Thurston-Abby Liles; Tommy Hudson-Julie Harwood; Steve Rankin-Diana Cagle; Pete Speight-Lisa Smith; Kevin Britt-Debbie James; Robert Mack-Vanessa Cole; Hank McSwain-Julie Harwood; Tony Underwood-Ellen Snyder; Eric Morton-Joy Burris; Paul Harwood-Amanda Blalock; Elbert Branch-Betina Crump; Kelvin Medley-Keisha Richardson; the coaching staff-Julie Mullinix.

The junior court was made up of Debbie James and Kim Freeman. The senior court was made up of Alice Whitley and Diana Cagle. Lisa Smith and



Sierra Waddell were crowned the Albemarle Senior High School for Homecoming Queens of 1983.