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Happy Birthday  
Mr. Morgan



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## Never Fear! Mr. Morgan Is Here!

Mr. W. K. Morgan, Albemarle Senior High School's new principal, is one of, if not the most, controversial figures in the school. He is a leader and, like all good leaders, has a way of doing things that are for the benefit of his students.

Born in Lumberton, N. C., Mr. Morgan was brought up having to work for everything he got. He first worked as a carrier for *Grit* newspapers and later for *The Charlotte Observer*. He was the only one of three children in his family to finish high school.

After high school he attended Pembroke State University on a four-year basketball scholarship and majored in education. In his senior year at Pembroke, Mr. Morgan was the leading scorer in North and South Carolina small colleges.

After college, Mr. Morgan went straight into teaching. He chose education because of athletics. A peer had said, "He had a knack for young people." In addition to teaching, Mr. Morgan has also coached for several years. Sports he has coached include varsity and JV football, basketball, and varsity track and baseball. He has been in school administration since 1969.

Mr. Morgan moved here from Red Springs, N.C., where he stayed for four years. Along with him he brought his son Mark, his daughter Melynee, and his wife Betty. Mr. Morgan likes Albemarle because of the clean and the tidy surroundings of the town. He also appreciates its very respectable park and recreation system.

He heard of the job opening for principal from a friend, and applied for it the last day it was to be sent in. After a series of interviews by a committee, Mr. Morgan was chosen for the job. He was hesitant about moving at first because of moving itself and moving expenses. He hopes this is the last time he will have to move, and he will try everything he can to make the year successful.



Albemarle Student Body Welcomes W. K. Morgan

Being a new principal to the school, Mr. Morgan stated he has made no great changes in the school. He looked at the rules from the *Board of Education Handbook* and went back to the 1975 student handbook. He looked at what had existed and then "tried to get it in its basic perspective." He also looked to see what could be improved. The only changes that were made were in the dress code. Mr. Morgan, along with Mr. Edwards, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Lippard, and Mrs. Hatley, worked for two and a half weeks on the matter at hand. "My philosophy of education is that you need a school that is conducive to learning, and I can't, it's beyond my comprehension to, imagine a school that allows skin to be hanging out all over the place; and it wouldn't be a good place for learning to take place. It just can't be that way."

Mr. Morgan's first major goal for the school is to reduce the drop-out rate and unnecessary checking out of school. Along with this, he plans for a ninety-five percent attendance rate within the next two years, which means no more than four hundred to five hundred students absent over a twenty-day period. His immediate goal, however, is to get "a better grip on the lunch situation" and the noise in the hallways during lunch.

The thing that impressed Mr. Morgan the most about the school was the student body. He has not heard one negative thing about the students at ASHS. He believes in a good attitude and would "like for every student in ASHS to just do the very best he can everyday he lives. Whether you succeed or not, you can be a successful person in just striving to do the very best that you can. If you can do that, you'll be more successful than not trying at all. Always look for the positive things and never look in the past."

### Construction Almost Completed

A number of projects were undertaken this year at Albemarle Senior High School. Perhaps one of the biggest projects was that of replacing the windows.

There are many reasons for the replacement of the windows. One being to help cut the cost of fuel used to heat the school. Since fuel is so expensive this will save the school a great deal of money, up to 18,000 dollars per year. Another reason for the new windows at Senior High is to make the school more attractive and to provide a better learning and teaching atmosphere for students and staff.

The window selected for ASHS is the Marvin Window, a double glass window to cut down on heat loss. Added to the Marvin Window is a plexiglas storm window. These windows will cut heat loss 65%. Four and a half inches of insulation has been added between the stucco exterior and the sheet rock interior wall. Again this will help prevent heat loss along with the two-window system. Venetian blinds will be added to the windows by the middle of October.

Total cost of the construction is \$245,024.85.

## More New Faces!?!?

New faces are appearing once again this year as school begins to get into full gear. In addition to the usual crowd of ninth graders, there are three newcomers on our faculty. Mr. James Tuzenew, a former teacher at Junior High School, makes his way onto our Social Studies staff. He teaches Government. In his spare time he enjoys gardening, reading, and playing with his children. When Mr. Tuzenew was asked how he liked it here at ASHS, he said, "I really like it and I plan to be here until 2010."

Another new face this year is that of Mrs. Martha Cowan, who is teaching chorus. She was a member of our staff for four years and left for two so she could spend time with her family. As a result of her leaving she said she really missed her students and she hopes to get some of them from Junior High again.

Finally, we want to welcome Mrs. Wanda Brooks, who is new on our Home Economics staff. This ebullient new teacher is really getting on the good side of her students. As Becky Coley quoted, "She's definitely one of the best teachers I have and she really seems to know what she's



Mrs. Wanda Brooks — Home Economics.

Not present, Martha Cowan and Mr. Tuzenew.

talking about." And another student, Roy Mabry, said, "She is a very good teacher." Mrs. Brooks, who taught at North Stanly High School in the past, was asked to compare the difference between students here now to the students there in the past. She

said that it's been awhile since then but students do seem alot more responsible now.

On behalf of the entire student body and faculty we want to welcome you and hope you have a great year!