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## Cummings of a Great Year

By DAVID BAUCOM and LAMAR CHANCE

On July 1 of this year, the Albemarle City School System said hello to a new superintendent. He is Dr. James Bryce Cummings, formerly of Nashville, N. C. He has come to Albemarle with his wife, Jayne, and two children, continuing a history of jobs in the educational field.

Born in Greenville, N.C. he attended high school there, serving on the student council and participating in football and basketball. After high school he attended East Carolina, where he received Bachelor's and Master's degrees. In 1970, he received a doctorate degree in Educational Administration from Duke University. During his educational career, Dr. Cummings has held positions as a teacher, principal, and superintendent, as well as a media employee for CBS.

What does Dr. Cummings think of Albemarle? "Bigger is not necessarily better," he says. "A small system is usually better because it is small. Albemarle is also a good place to live because it is ideally situated from Charlotte, the mountains, and the coast."

What impresses him about the Albemarle schools? "Its history. It has always been a good school system," he explains. "Whenever I heard that a student was from Albemarle, I knew immediately that that was a point in his favor."

This year Dr. Cummings has a theme to go with Mr. Morgan's "V.C.R." It is "Albemarle Schools Are A CLASSY-Y Act." Students will no doubt see this more than once this year on buttons or posters.

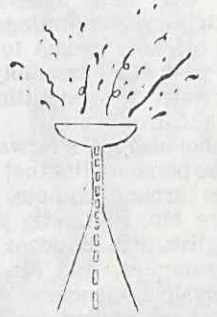
One of Dr. Cummings' goals for the year is to have an emphasis on a cultural arts program for the students. He believes this will be important. Otherwise he simply hopes to maintain the good reputation of the Albemarle School System. "We can do this by having a good attitude," he explains. "I am a great believer in positive thinking. After all, it's more fun being positive than it is being negative. With a positive attitude, we can accomplish quite a bit this year."

Indeed, the year does look promising, and we all look forward to it with Dr. Cummings as our superintendent.



Our New Superintendent  
Dr. Cummings

## YOUNG PEOPLE ALCOHOL AND DRIVING



By TERRI PENNINGTON

On September 1, 1986 the legal drinking age in North Carolina was changed to twenty-one. Any person wishing to buy, possess, or consume alcoholic beverages must have reached the age of twenty-one.

Penalties for violations of the new law range from a twenty-five dollar fine to two years in jail. To help enforce this new law, the Division of Motor Vehicles, as of September 1, will color code drivers' licenses and special ID's into two groups: those who are twenty-one and those who are under twenty-one. The ID's will also bear a physical description of the person who carries the card.

Anyone thinking of using a fraudulent ID should reconsider. Using a fraudulent ID will result in a loss of license for one year. Is one drink really worth it?

## Sweet Tooth Attack

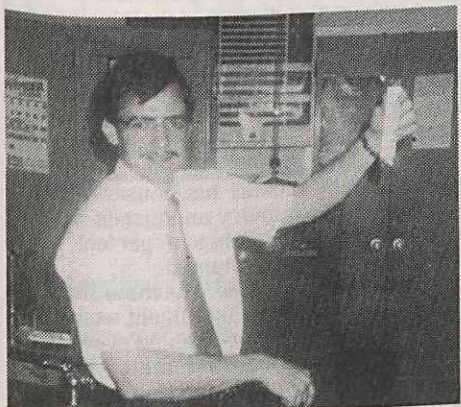
By BETH NEEL

Do you love chocolate? Does the sight of a chocolate bar set your stomach growling? Well, here's the answer to your prayers. It's the "World's Finest Chocolate" candy sale!

Beginning October 6th, AHS will sponsor our second annual candy sale. Each delicious bar is made with the finest rich milk chocolate and whole roasted California almonds. For each dollar bar sold, fifty cents of the cost will go to your club. In addition, each candy wrapper contains a coupon redeemable at Bojangles of Albemarle.

The second week of the sale is homecoming "spirit" week and the staff of AHS have graciously agreed to let the students eat the fund raising candy at school all week.

Waste no time, buy and sell your share of chocolate for the school. It's for a great cause, your school, so let's all make a BIG success.



Mr. Blalock explains the dynamics of a chocolate bar.

## ASHS Starts at New Time

By TONY BURNS

Does the time 8:15 ring a bell? If you are a student in any of the Albemarle City Schools, 8:15 does ring a bell, the tardy bell.

The school day was lengthened for several important reasons. Each school in the Albemarle City Schools System is required to schedule five and one-half hours of instruction for each student each day. With a six-period day, time is also allotted for assemblies, pep rallies, and special events.

Another reason for the new time is to provide equal lunch time for all students. In years past, first and second lunch periods lasted only twenty to twenty-five minutes, forcing students to gobble their lunches.

The added time also gives teachers enough time to take care of homeroom business and allows the office enough time to give all announcements. This means that classes will not be interrupted by forgotten or extra announcements.

Many will disagree with the 8:15 starting time, but all must comply. How much more time do students spend in class? Five minutes! This is a small price to pay for uninterrupted classes, assemblies, and pep rallies.

## Student Council Leaders

By MARIEL BAUCOM

ASHS Student Council officers were inducted in assembly during the first week of school. These leaders of our school have various interests and activities.

Charles Grigg, in addition to being our Student Council president, is an all-conference tennis player and a Varsity basketball team member. This summer Charles attended Governor's School East at St. Andrews College. In his free time he taught swimming lessons and was a lifeguard at Rock Creek Park.

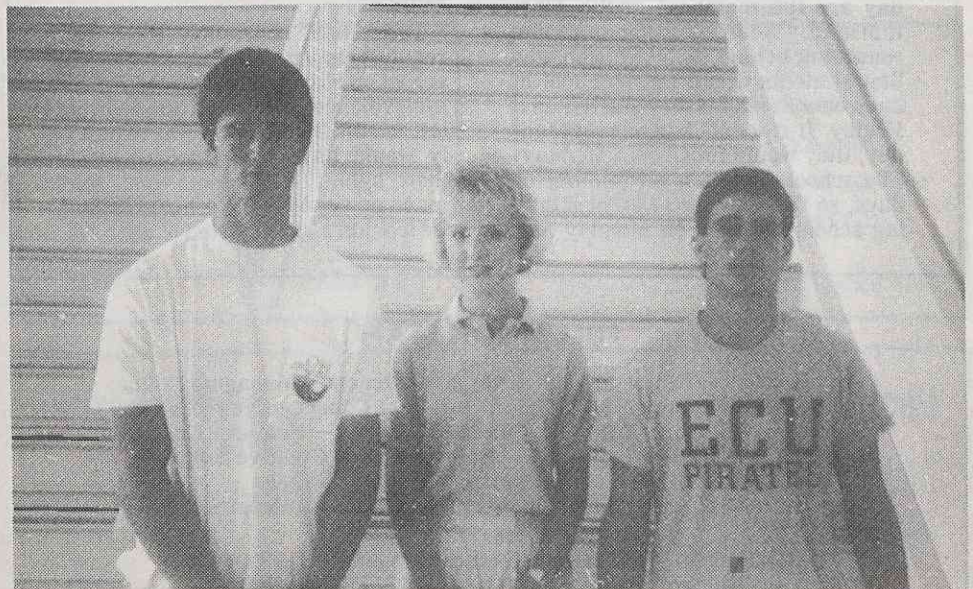
Our vice president, Cameron Speight, is a member of the Varsity football team and is president of the VICA club. This summer Cameron kept busy with

football practice and work.

Philip Scheble, our secretary, refined his basketball skills at Carolina and Pfeiffer basketball camps this summer. He also participated in an engineer's camp at N. C. State. At school, Philip is on the basketball and baseball teams.

Our Student Council treasurer, Jeni Hedrick, is editor of the *Full Moon* and a member of the tennis team. After school and on weekends Jeni works at Belk. She spent her free time this summer playing tennis and going to the beach.

This year promises to be an exciting and eventful year under the capable leadership of these students.



Student Council Officers: Charles Grigg (President), Jeni Hedrick (Treasurer), and Cameron Speight (Vice-President). Not pictured: Phillip Scheeble (Secretary).