



# Features



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## Who's the Biggest Turkey?

By ANGELA COOK

Well, it is almost Thanksgiving and what comes to mind on that day? Turkey! So students and faculty around ASHS have been asked, "Who is the biggest Turkey you know?"

Mrs. Hathcock didn't hesitate when this ponderous question was addressed to her. Immediately she responded with "Coach Bright." Before she could explain, Kevin Gardner reinforced the sentiment by adding, "All I've heard from him this year is a bunch of gobbling!" As this roving reporter next questioned our drum major, Lael Hoopes, he immediately responded, "Absolutely without a shadow of a doubt, MR. HEDRICK!" Several other band members quickly chorused their agreement. John Griffith, after pondering this unusual question for most of English class, finally realized the biggest turkey he knows is Charles Grigg, because of his

morning "cackle" on the P.A. system. Questioning Mrs. Brown, she instantly replied "Coach Holcomb, of course, because he's so good at showing his colors!" Wayne Pickler furthered the idea by saying "I can understand a turkey as well as I can Coach Holcomb." Has Shannon Smith been studying dictatorships lately? It appears so because his quick answer was "Adolf Fast." Jimmy Hays dissented with this opinion. "Adolfette" Fast is the biggest turkey he and the fifth period English class know.

Just as Coach Holcomb and Coach Bright appeared to be winning this infamous title, an unidentified young lady nominated Eugene (Jamie) Kimrey as a "turkey" because, as she noted, his rear section looks much like a turkey. However, the football team finally convinced us that the biggest turkey at ASHS is the one and only "J.G."-Mr. Gibson, for reasons everyone should know.

## Skateboarding, A Craze Reborn

By ROBBIE SCULL

Skateboarding is a fad that has been around since the 1960's, but lately there has been a renewed interest in this sport. People are riding everywhere. But why do they ride? What obsesses them to risk their lives doing dangerous stunts and tricky maneuvers? For most skateboard enthusiasts, it's the challenge of mastering a tricky and difficult board with four wheels.

With all this new interest in the sport, manufacturers are making skateboards like mad! The variety of boards is endless. They come in many different shapes and colors, and have interchangeable parts like wheels and trucks. To purchase a board, a person can either go to Roses and buy a \$49.00 Nash board, or they can pick up a copy of *Thrasher* or *Skateworld* and order a Powell, Tony Hawk, or a Vision Gator.

A skater must also know how to dress. First of all he should buy some Converse Chuck Taylors and a few T-Shirts with designs on them such as "Get Rad" or "Skate Hard". Then he should put on a pair of long checkered shorts and his safety equipment, such as knee pads, elbow pads, helmet, and wrist guards. Then he is ready to hit the streets.

Finding a place to ride doesn't seem to be a major problem. Sidewalks and streets are very popular places to ride. Then there are parking lots, which seem to be popular here at ASHS. Some entrepreneurs have even developed ramps and places to ride at home.

Learning to ride a skateboard is the hardest part, but as long as the rider dresses "gnarly" and knows a few terms like "Get Rad" (which means going for it), "Bongo" (which is busting your butt while getting rad), and of course, the famous "Death Wobble" (which is traveling down a hill at high speeds and your board starts to wobble from side to side), he will be ready to ride.

So if you are interested in getting the skating feeling, grab up your board and head for the concrete. But, remember to laugh at everyone when they bust, keep updated on all the new styles, and always "Go For It!"

## Being An American

By JENI HEDRICK

With Thanksgiving approaching, people are giving thanks for all their privileges, one of which is voting. A lot of flag-waving has been going around lately because of the recent elections. North Carolina even had two visits by President Reagan to help the campaign of Republicans. With all the political happenings so recently, each citizen should recognize and appreciate being an American and being able to choose government officials.

But what exactly does it mean to be an American? An American is defined as a citizen of the United States, and consequently tells us that a citizen is a "person who owes allegiance to a government and is entitled to protection from it."

However, these definitions do not fulfill the question of what it means to be an American. Being

an American is more than a physical state of being; it is a state of mind and character.

Often when people think of the great U.S.A., visions of baseball, football, hot dogs, and apple pies flash in their mind. But is this what it means to be an American? Hopefully not. If so, our nation's future is in risk.

A democracy is not a place for a smug and self-satisfied citizenship. An American votes instead of complaining about the quality of leadership in his country. An American respects the rights of others as well as his own. An American is not a bigot. An American never betrays the principles upon which his nation was founded — freedom of speech, civil liberties, and human rights.

Even though elections are over, the mentality of being an American shouldn't be put on the shelf until the next elections. It is a privilege to be able to vote and have a part in government.



Chad Lowder, Blake Schooley, Jeff Smith, Jason Wagoner, and Chad Wilder hit the concrete as often as possible.



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