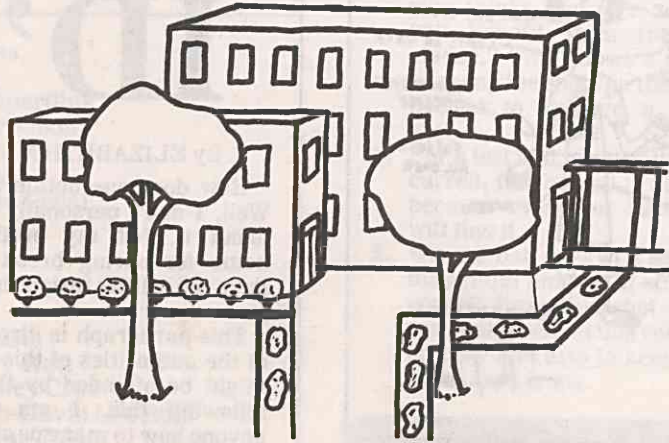
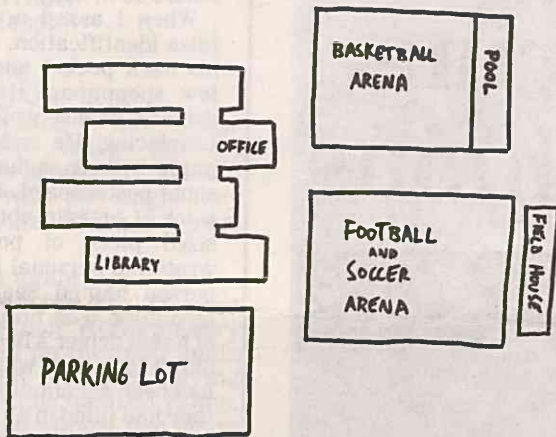


## Consolidation Plans Discussed By Boards

By LAMAR CHANCE



The exterior view of the future school.



Basic arrangement of the new school complex.

Last week the Albemarle City and Stanly County school boards met together behind closed doors to discuss a plan of consolidating the four high schools in Stanly County. After hours of debating, all board members came out smiling in agreement.

"It's a great idea," one board member was quoted as saying. "The consolidation of the four schools into one will be rough at first, but the board, teachers, and students will have to adjust."

The new school site will be either across from Jefferies Corporation on the new Highway 52 or atop the hill behind the South Albemarle Church. Both sites were chosen because of their central location between the four present schools. Planning to begin the project on June 22, 1987, the two-story school will be completed within three years, making this year's freshmen the first seniors to graduate from the new institution.

As already stated, the school will be two stories, which is modeled after Albemarle High School. It will be structured in the same manner with four wings instead of two. Each wing (upper and lower levels) will contain 15 rooms, giving the school a total of 90 rooms all together. There will also be a three-story library, which is to be constructed like the present-day Pfeiffer College Library. All the facilities will be air-conditioned.

Turning to the athletic program, the new school will sport 15 teams, which will compete in 4A competition. Besides the 10 sports events enjoyed by the students at each school today, the new program will add five new events — boys' and girls' soccer and swimming and boys' lacrosse. Along with the school, more modern football, basketball, and swim facilities will be constructed. The football field will be similar to the one at Albemarle High with both ends enclosed. At the east end, there will be a field house containing a weight room that could be compared to some of the major colleges'. The basketball arena will be built to hold a capacity of 6,000 screaming fans, and the arena will be adjoined by an olympic-size swimming pool. As of yet, there has been no nickname selected for the teams.

The consolidation's worst problem, however, is the choice of instructors. Another board member stated that all the instructors presently teaching at each of the four schools will go through a series of tests and interviews. By doing this, the board hopes to get the best teachers possible. As for the teachers' feelings, Mrs. Susan Hathcock said, "Let's see if I can be subtle — I hate it! I dislike it! I am totally against it!!"

Well, like it or not, the plans are going on as scheduled, and according to the board members, "Nothing will stop this project." So Bulldog teachers and students alike will just have to live with the decision, the Plowjocks, and the Rednecks.

## Local Fast Food To Manage Cafeteria

By BETH NEEL

Recently a survey about the AHS cafeteria was conducted. Of course, the main topic was FOOD. "Is it good?", "is it served hot?", and "are the servings too small?" were just a few of the questions. After the surveys were tallied, the general consensus was that there needs to be some changes.

To meet the demands of the public, an expert committee of dietitians was called in to evaluate the situation. They have decided that our cafeteria needs to be entirely replaced. For this they have taken applications from restaurants in the area who were interested in catering to the school. Luckily, the committee has had an overwhelming response. They have now narrowed the applicants down to three fi-

nalists, "L'il Loy's," "Frank R. Burgers," and "What-a-Burger."

"L'il Loy's" plans to serve their special 33c dinners everyday. This includes a small watered down beverage, greasy fries, and a soybean biscuit/burger. "Frank R. Burgers" plans are about the same except they plan to also sell soggy hot dogs in stale buns. "What-a-Burger" is taking the same hamburger idea, but adding two sizes to theirs, a "big'n" and a "lille'n."

There's still a fierce competition going on between the three great "burger powers." It will be interesting to see which one gets the job. Announcements will be made when the decision is final, but until then, good luck to all!!

## Diplomas Take Wings

By DAVID BAUCOM

A decision has been made that because of the recent changing of the date of graduation, seniors will not have to be present at the graduation ceremony. Many seniors have already made plans to be at the beach at this time so the school administrators have made it possible that diplomas of those not attending will be sent to their homes. Seniors who do not plan to attend should make arrangements at the office.

"It's the first time we've done anything like it, but we think it's the right thing to do for these kids who have worked so hard all year," said a local administrator.

## Student Body Increases By 22

By BETH GOODMAN and ELIZABETH MURRAY

On March 5th, 22 babies, including five sets of twins, were born to the Home Economics Department of ASHS. These baby eggs were in reality hard-boiled eggs which were born to the advanced child care classes, who did this project to study infant care and costs for the first six months of life. These new mothers kept noting in daily logs the costs for these babies, such as furniture for the egg's nursery, food, and day care that was provided when the mothers had to be out.

A social services review board was set up for cases of egg abuse just in case the mother became violent or careless. A death was recorded on the first day when one baby, dropped by his mother, cracked his head.

At the end of the course, the mothers will know the responsibilities of a child up to four years of age.



Terri Thompson and Jennifer Thomas with their newborn twins.

## Rah! Rah! Rah!

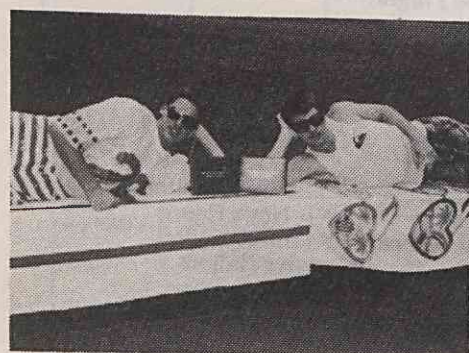
Girls interested in being a cheerleader next year should begin practicing. Tryouts will be held April 6-10. However, there will be a meeting prior to tryouts to get physical forms.

To be eligible for cheerleading a student must have a "C" average, be enthusiastic and have a positive attitude.

This year's senior cheerleaders will make up new chants and materials. On the sixth through the tenth these cheers will be taught to those trying out. On Friday three cheerleaders from Pfeiffer will judge the participants. Teacher evaluation will be considered to a certain degree. We wish everyone the best of luck.



Susan DeBerry practices her cash register skills for her new upcoming job at ASHS.



Mark Dunn and Marty Doby chillin' comfortably with diplomas in hand.