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9th grade to remain at Middle School; AHS for 10, 11, 12 graders

By Mysty Blalock

A herculean change will occur next year. Due to budget cuts, the ninth grade will be moved back to the middle school. Mr. Morgan believes this will be a wonderful thing. He feels the ninth graders are just not responsible enough to be members of the high school.

With this change, the proposed construction can be greatly reduced. Also ninth grade courses will be eliminated along with the teachers of these subjects. This will improve the school because it will get rid of unwanted teachers and redirect money to more important areas like cafeteria food.

When the rising freshman were asked how they feel about this change, they expressed extreme anger. In their own words they said, "It sucks." They feel that they are being deprived of their right to attend Albemarle High School. Middle School teachers think that they will be overworked.

The School Board was not anxious to make this change, but it was the only way to keep certain faculty paychecks up to par. Rising sophomores, you will still be the youngest students at AHS, so look forward to another year of junior and senior domination.



These students are thankful they made it to AHS in time, but they don't look forward to another year of being the youngest class - again.

Lunch done your way!

By Mysty Blalock



George Blalock and Marti Allman are ready to leave for lunch!

Effective immediately seniors will receive special privileges. They will be able to leave for lunch. Seniors will have an hour to go out to eat and return for fifth period.

For the seniors of '93, additional privileges will be in effect. The graduating class of '93 will have the choice of taking fifth period as a study hall. A study hall will give them a chance to do their homework. With all the worries of seniors, this will prove helpful.

One small but essential change is seniors will receive five days to visit colleges and be counted present. I'm sure seniors will be happy to hear about this since most college visitation days fall on school days.

Another privilege to raise senior grades is they will be exempt from final exams if they have an "A" average in the class. Teachers are hoping that it will prevent seniors from getting a lackluster attitude about their classwork.

No more tuition students

By Jessica Poplin

For those of you who pay tuition, your money can be saved now. For the school year of 92-93 those who live in another school district, such as South Stanly, West Stanly, or North Stanly, will be required to attend these schools. Since the school is overcrowded and classroom space is not available, the only conclusion that the School Board could come up with is that only Albemarle city residents will be able to attend AHS. Although they had planned on adding additional classrooms and library to the school, the plans fell through. They know that many students have attended Albemarle city schools for years and most everyone's friends are here, but it's the only thing they know to do to stop overcrowding. It will be hard to adapt to, but hopefully everyone can adjust to it well.



Ashley is doomed to North Stanly.

Cheerleading to be divided into three squads

By Christy Brooks

For the upcoming 92-93 cheerleading squad will consist of three different squads. There will be a football, basketball, and competition squad. This includes three different cheerleading try-outs. It is possible to be on all of the squads just as long as you try out for it. The reason for the three different teams is so that there won't be so much pressure on the same twelve cheerleaders.

There will be a strong push for male cheerleaders also. Albemarle High School is hoping for a coed team, especially with their competitive squad. This will allow for more dramatic tosses and stunts.

The new ten members of the football squad will learn football cheers and chants. They will

receive a new winter uniform. The basketball squad will also consist of ten members and will have a different uniform to wear, more appropriate to an indoor gym setting.

The competition squad will have a very strict try-out. You must have a 3.5 average or better. There will be a two mile run every morning during competition season. The judges are looking for girls with blue eyes and blond hair. You must be at least 5' 4" and no heavier than 120 pounds. This squad is will have 20 members.

Albemarle High School is hoping that these changes will bring more spirit back into the games, get more people involved, and create a new cute look for AHS.

1A conversion complete!

By Jason Ingram

Last month, *The Full Moon* brought you news of Albemarle High's possible conversion from a 2A to a 1A school. At a March 17 meeting of the school board, team coaches, and student athlete representatives, the move was confirmed.

Beginning with the 1992-1993 school year, the current Rocky River Conference will be dissolved and AHS will become a charter member of the newly formed Mid-Carolina 1A Conference, along with former RRC foe Mount Pleasant and six other schools: Archdale, Finger, Parsonville, Frog Pond, Porter, and Big Lick. Many of the remaining schools from the now-defunct RRC will be realigned into 2A conferences, while Parkwood, Piedmont, and Forest Hills will move up to 3A.

Even though the change was widely questioned, it passed almost unanimously, with strong support from athletes and coaches, the two factions that figured to oppose it most. Many of the schools in this new conference are weaker athletically than Albemarle, so fans can expect the 'Dogs to dominate most sports and win a plethora of championships. However, the drop to 1A will trigger a decrease in revenue, and to make up for this loss, member schools are planning to add (on the average) four more games to each of the soccer, football, basketball, and baseball seasons. The coaches and athletes apparently don't mind this added burden, as is evidenced by their wholehearted backing of the change.

Member schools will spend the next few seasons becoming accustomed to one another, so don't look for heated rivalries to form just yet. The full effects of this change won't be felt for some time, so the monetary and travel situations are up in the air. Tune in a few years down the road; we will reserve further judgment until then.

New mascot planned for '92-'93

By Jessica Poplin

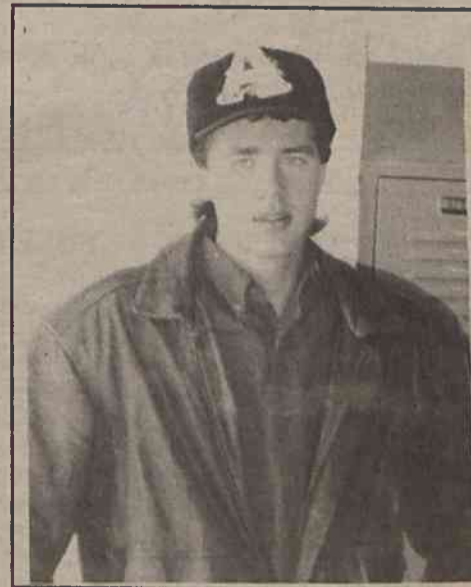
After years of terrorizing the RRC, the feared Bulldogs are changing their mascot name. The name "Bulldogs" has been around for a very long time, but recently doesn't seem to suit the students at AHS.

Due to too much negative publicity about Bulldogs (pit bulls) killing younger children, Mr. Morgan decided that it is not appropriate to have a name as such to give our high school a bad reputation, so he decided to change the mascot name. He says, "We are to represent our school with great dignity and pride and I don't want this school to have the reputation of a frightful dog that goes around and mutilates everything in sight." Mr. Morgan and other faculty members have spent long hours after school discussing the new name for our mascot. After few weeks of figuring and brainstorming, they came up with the name "Albemarle A's". A's is a wholesome, respectable nickname for this school. The A's stand for 3 things: Academic Athletic Achievers. This name respects the school for its success in education and athletic achievement, and since AHS is on its role of high achievement (3 keys to success), the name "A's" fits very well.

Although the old mascot, "The Bulldogs", makes us look more of a strong brave school,

faculty, and most of all, Mr. Morgan, decided that we do not need a name that will put our school down and make others think bad of us. Now we have an innocent name and have great respect for ourselves and for others.

So beginning next year look forward to cheering on the A's. WE ARE THE ACADEMIC ATHLETIC ACHIEVERS!



David Bird models our new look!