

# Features

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## Are You Addicted?

by Eloise Odom

*Young and The Restless, Loving, Another World, Guiding Light, and General Hospital* are just a few of the many soap operas that millions of people watch everyday. From about 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM everyday women and men are glued to their T.V. screens just waiting to see what happens next. Probably most of you enjoy watching those soaps. Some people just live for teacher workdays, holidays, and especially the summer just so they can watch their favorite soaps.

Soap operas have been popular ever since they started on the radio. They became very popular when they progressed to the T.V. When soap operas first started coming out on TV, they weren't as provocative as they are now. Today they don't leave out a thing; they show everything! Not only have soap operas become more explicit, but their stories have become so interesting that they keep us tuning in everyday.

Soap operas have a unique way to keep us coming back to watch the next day. They have to because if they don't they know that it is very easy for us to change the channel. Now to keep

us coming back each day, the soaps must keep up their story line. Some of the story lines that keep us hanging everyday, especially on Fridays are that someone goes into a coma, someone finds out that they are not who they thought were. Some more recent ones are that someone found out they are having a baby and the father has run off, someone has discovered they have HIV. As the years carry on, the soap operas are good with keeping up with the latest issues.

Not only do the stories keep up with what's going on, they also keep up with the latest fashion and styles. Ten years ago to now you can tell an amazing difference between the styles. The clothes and hair have changed dramatically.

Today entire magazines are devoted to what's going on with soap operas. They tell all about a particular soap opera and about the actors who play on the different soap operas. So if you can't stand not to be able to watch that favorite soap, go pick up a copy of *Soap Opera Digest* or just tape them.

## 'Tis the Season to Give

by Carmen Land

Some gifts you receive may have meaning to them and you wish to keep them forever, while others you would rather throw away than look at them. Everyone considers tokens of love in different ways.

I asked around Albemarle High School to see how many students cherish their most sentimental gifts.

Molly Tripp - My father gave me a book he had written that had advice about everything in life.

Steven Houck - A solid, pure crystal coke bottle.

Deidre Jackson - My boyfriend, Rodney Cato, gave me a long stemmed rose on our first anniversary; even though it is really dead now, but I still have it.

Ellen Bureson - The diamond that my dad gave my mom when they got married (They are divorced now).

Paul Springer - I received a 357 handgun from my grandfather.

## Remember When...??

by Kellie Palmer

*Benson, Mork and Mindy.* Do these bring back memories? Remember the TV shows of the past, the ones you couldn't wait to watch? I'm sure many of you have a favorite TV show you can remember that you often skipped supper to watch. Well, students here at AHS seem to have a wide variety of beloved shows they recall watching as children.

Anna Norwood: *Are You Being Served?* and *Laverne and Shirley*

Amy Morehead: *Andy Griffith* and *M.A.S.H.*

Deneshia and Aneshia Ridenhour: *Good Times*

Erin Mauldin: *Facts of Life*

Melissa Sturdivant: *The Jeffersons*

Tiya House: *Wonder Woman*

Mindy Xiong: *The Cosby Show*

Allison Hudson: *Punky Brewster*

Vanessa Cody: *I Love Lucy*

Mai Vang: *Three's Company*

Tori Wilson: *What's Happening*

Matt Hudson: *C.H.I.P.S*

Nong Moua: *GI Joe*

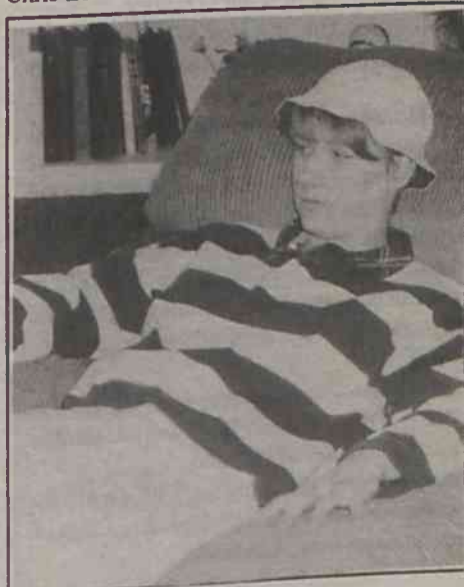
Adrian Burris: *Mr. Rogers*

Mary Linker and Jennifer Biles: *Transformers* and *Archies*

Deidre Jackson: *Three's Company*

Brian (Pokey) Marshall: *The Fall Guy* and *The Incredible Hulk*

Chris Locklear: *Mork and Mindy*



Jill loves Gilligan Island reruns.



Mrs. Joslyn Allen, new asst. principal.

## AHS Welcomes...

by Johnny Caudle

This month we would like to welcome Mrs. Joslyn Allen to the AHS staff. Mrs. Allen has just recently began her duties as our new assistant principal.

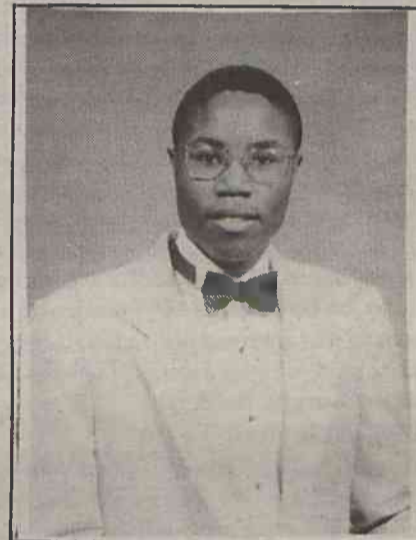
Mrs. Allen is a native of Columbus County and comes to us from Anson County, where she served as a countywide speech therapist. In addition to Anson County, she has also taught in Columbus, Union, and Robeson counties, and has also held positions at Anson Community College and at the Brown Creek Prison in Polkton.

## Ingram Advances As Morehead Scholar

By Eloise Odom

Senior Marcus Ingram has been chosen as a Morehead Scholarship finalist from Stanly County. He now competes on the regional level for this prestigious award. The Morehead Scholarship is a full scholarship to UNC Chapel Hill. To win this honor students must be evaluated on moral force of character, capacity to lead and motivate fellow students, scholastic ability and extracurricular attainments, and physical vigor.

Marcus has the strong qualities needed to be a Morehead Scholar. He is the President of AHS's student body, a drum major for the band, and a high honor roll student. As a county nominee, he is the recipient of the N.C. Merit Award of \$500 if he chooses to go to UNC Chapel Hill. Mrs. Pollard says, "We are very proud of Marcus. He has been an excellent student leader for our school, and we're real happy he'll be able to represent AHS as a Morehead Nominee." Good luck Marcus!



Marcus has been very active during his four years at AHS.

## We all Scream for Ice Cream!!

by Kevin Lambert

Have you ever stood in the frozen food aisle, perplexed by the problem of frozen dessert selection? Well then, have I got a treat for you! If you carry this helpful review wherever you go, then you never have to fret over whether or not your selection of ice cream will please your family and friends. That is unless you lace it with rat poison; in that case, I can't help you. So use this handy four star scale and enjoy!

FOUR STARS- Not bad. Could be better; try for something with a little more "zing".

THREE STARS-The worst. You can do a lot better than this.

TWO STARS-The absolute best. Possibly the key to world peace.

ONE STAR-Pretty good. Definitely a pick for the cash impaired.

**Breyers Ice Cream**- Definitely top of the line. The vanilla gives a whole new definition to "ice cream". It is unbelievably smooth and explodes with flavor. The strawberry is great, ditto for the chocolate. Breyers really had me screaming for ice cream. I gave it two thumbs up.

**Food Lion Brand Ice Cream**- I have some not-so fond memories of this ice cream. It is assuredly the bottom; it is the epitome of low. The vanilla is bland, though I must say almost satisfying,

while I have major complaints for the chocolate and strawberry. The strawberry, which resembles strawberry Quik, gives it a false sense of strawberry - an insult to strawberries. As for the chocolate, I can only say that it tastes like mayonnaise (YUK!). I give this ice cream one train ride to Hades.

**Pet Ice Cream**- For the money, Pet is definitely a best buy. While their chocolate milk is far below par, their ice cream is satisfying, even for a connoisseur. The best part is their wide selection of flavors, my favorites being chocolate chip and cookie dough. On a scale of 1-10, I give it a B+.

**The Ice Cream in the Cafeteria**- Hello? Quality Control? Wake up! This ice cream is definitely a sparring partner for Food Lion Brand. What is up with that dried pudding/plasm that is at the bottom of the little cardboard lid and lines the plastic cup? The nutty buddies are o.k., but once again the pudding/plasm strikes, but along with a bit of wrapper that sticks to the cone when you try to remove it.

**Hunter Ice Cream**- It's in the Breyers price range, but definitely not Breyers. It is a top notch ice cream, don't get me wrong, but it's not worth the money. Plus, the box never opens right. I gave it a "rama rama" on the "rama rama ding dong" scale.