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Queens Tonya Smith and Kelly Miller reign over Homecoming '96.  
(Photo courtesy of SNAP)

## Homecoming '96: Raindrops Keep Falling on My Head

by Allison Hudson

This year's annual Homecoming was nothing out of the ordinary for an Albemarle football game. Yes, it was raining for the fourth year in a row, but the team won the game over Salisbury 42-14. Tonya Smith and Kelly Miller were selected as Homecoming Queens. Tresshia Smith, Emily Rogers, and Katherine Garrison were selected as senior court representatives, and Beverly Poplin and Nikillya Clark were chosen junior court representatives. Spirit week was a blast and the pep rally, the carnival, and the dance were absolute hits.

The stands were filled with fans, and everyone who was involved in the Homecoming festivities did a great job. The theme this year was "Pretty Woman." Luckily, the band was able to preform at half time in spite of the wet conditions for the sponsors to make their way onto the field. The beautiful sponsors were escorted by two seniors and two juniors, David Efird, Kong Vang, Ross Stokes, and Carl Cain. The flower girl was Hannah Chavis, and the crown bearer was Grant Kiker.

Homecoming '96 was a spectacular success for all involved. Special thanks go to the band, the chorus, and the varsity cheerleaders for their hard work in making the event a success.



Senior and junior court members Emily Rogers, Katherine Garrison, Tresshia Smith, Beverly Poplin, and Nikillya Clark.

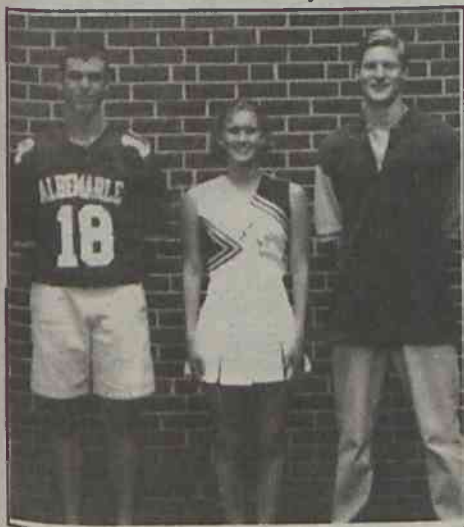
## Three Seniors Nominated As Morehead Scholars

by Wilson Beaver

The Honors Committee has recently chosen three students as Morehead Scholar nominees. These students are Wesley Burris, Connie

Edwards, and David Efird. Each of these students had to meet criteria in four major areas of leadership, scholarship, character, and physical vigor. These students were shocked and surprised when they heard about the nominations. Wesley Burris stated, "I feel like the experience will make me a more dedicated and understanding human being." Connie Edwards said, "Even if I don't get the scholarship, I feel honored since my class is so competitive in academics." David Efird remarked, "I'm happy to be nominated and hope to get the scholarship." The award is a full scholarship to UNC-Chapel Hill. The grant covers room and board, tuition, laundry services, books fees, and incidental expenses. The three students will be interviewed by the county selection committee who will choose two representations from the entire county to advance to district competition.

The students and staff at AHS wish Wesley Burris, Connie Edwards, and David Efird the best of luck in competing for the Morehead Scholarship.



Wesley Burris, Connie Edwards, and David Efird are Morehead nominees.

## BADD Club Sponsors Drug/Alcohol Awareness Activities

by Kelly Rakes

October is the month always recognized for haunted houses and trick-or-treaters, but this year October is being recognized as alcohol and drug awareness month for AHS. The BADD Club is sponsoring Red Ribbon week, Grim Reaper Day, a drunk driving simulation, and a visit from Lady the Drug Dog. These activities are to promote drug awareness and demote the illegal use of drugs.

Red Ribbon Week will be held October 21-25. Red ribbons will be handed out during first period for the entire student body and faculty to wear. These ribbons show support for alcohol and drug awareness and for remembrance of those who have died in drug or alcohol related incidents. As a bonus for those who participate, prizes will be announced over the intercom. Also, the BADD Club is sponsoring a "pledge" for those students who will take a vow not to drink and drive. For those who pledge their honor, prizes will be drawn randomly every day

for one week.

Grim Reaper Day is also a day of remembrance. This is a dramatization of the effects of drinking and driving. One participating student will be asked to dress in white to illustrate those who die or are injured in alcohol or drug related accidents, which occur every seven minutes. The BADD Club wants to make the AHS students aware of the deadly effects of the combination of alcohol, drugs, and driving. Officer Martin will also have a driving simulation booth and videos set up during lunch to illustrate the effects on a driver while under the influence.

The purpose of all these activities is to make young drivers aware of hazards and other drivers on the road, who may or may not be drinking. The BADD Club wants all students to recognize the true importance of staying sober. You may not only save your life, you could save someone else's life too!

## Welcome, Ms. McNeil!

by Kelly Rakes



Ms. McNeil is the new guidance secretary.

Albemarle High School is welcoming new students and faculty everyday. On October 14, the guidance department received a new addition to their team, Ms. Rosalind McNeil, who is the new secretary. Ms. McNeil is a former 1973 graduate of Albemarle High who has recently moved back to Albemarle from New Haven, Connecticut, to be with her family.

Ms. McNeil's family is extremely large because she has four teenage boys, including twins. She is a graduate from Stone Academy and South Central where she received her executive secretary degree. She has been serving as a secretary for approximately five years.

"The students and faculty have been really friendly," says Ms. McNeil, who is excited about working at the high school from which she graduated. Welcome back to AHS Ms. McNeil!!

## Portable Sawmill Visits AHS

For the past two years, Chad Efird of Endy has loaded up his Woodmiser Saw Mill and a half a dozen large logs and made his contribution to the education of high school students.

Mr. Efird visited AHS recently and demonstrated sawing procedure to our cabinetmaking classes. Cutting the large logs into two by fours which will be suitable for numerous projects, Mr. Efird also showed the students how to stack the lumber so that it will dry properly and not bow. At the conclusion of his demonstration, he donated the newly cut lumber to our cabinetmaking class.



Mr. Chad Efird cuts a log into lumber.