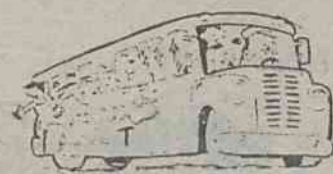




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Ninety Minutes of Knowledge

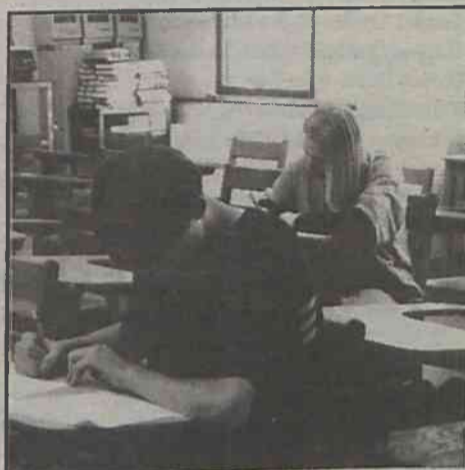
by Emily Nance and Stephanie Efird

Do you remember sitting through six periods a day last year? The three o'clock bell seemed to be an eternity away. Of course, we only left school to go home with work in six subjects. To many students who have tough academic schedules, preparation for these classes could become overwhelming. However, the Stanly County Board of Education adopted a new schedule to prevent these stressing nights.

Block scheduling, four ninety minute classes per day, is the new scheduling plan at Albemarle High School. With this plan, students have four classes a day and teachers have three classes. Students have fewer classes to prepare for each day and teachers have fewer students each day. The breaks between classes are longer, as are the lunches. Ultimately, the day seems less stressful and more beneficial to students and teachers. In response to the new schedule, Mr. White stated, "I feel like we've gotten off to a good start. A lot of teachers during the summer took a workshop on a pacing guide of study coverage. It's an on going process to develop new techniques to best use the time and get subjects across to students. I feel like students are very receptive to the new format. Bare with us, we'll try to make classes even more interesting." Assistant principal Frye commented, "I've always liked block scheduling. I feel in order for block

scheduling to work, everyone has to change their way of thinking. With block scheduling you have more hands-on activities and fewer classes. The key is to utilize your time well."

Block scheduling offers more opportunities for students of every academic background. The extra-curricular programs should benefit as students have more available time to become involved in other areas of interest. Take advantage of the new schedule and make the 1997-1998 school year one of the best.



Ryan Eudy and Kyle Faulkner adjust to block scheduling.

New Leaders of Bulldog Pride

by Full Moon Staff

Mr. Lynn White, a graduate of Pfeiffer College and UNCC, is welcomed as AHS's new principal. Familiar to the Stanly County Schools, Mr. White has taught and coached at four schools in the systems, as well as served as principal at six schools. Mr. White offers these thoughts to AHS students and staff as we begin this year: "We can't experience or enjoy success without a willingness to take risks. Success is a multiple experience, failure is singular." We welcome Mr. White to AHS as the new leader of Bulldog Pride!

Also new to the AHS administration is Miss Ann Barringer, a graduate of Appalachian University and UNCC. Previous to joining the staff, Miss Barringer taught math at West Stanly High School for twenty-five years. Miss Barringer would like to see students, teachers, and administrators working as a team to expand and strengthen the many talents evident on this campus. Welcome to AHS!

Serving as interim assistant principal is Mr. Bill Frye. Mr. Frye, a retiree, has thirty-four year's experience in the education field. He was a teacher and assistant principal at SSSH and principal at Millingport Elementary School at AHS, Mr. Frye plans to help continue

Albemarle's tradition of a quality education facility. Welcome to the Bulldog family.



Mr. Lynn White and Miss Ann Barringer have worked diligently to ensure a safe, smooth opening to the 97-98 new year.

New Faces Fill Classrooms

by Full Moon Staff

Albemarle High School welcomes seven new faculty members to their staff for the 97-98 school year.

Mrs. Coley, a teacher's assistant in the exceptional children's program, worked previously at Locust Elementary School. Mrs. Coley's goals in the classroom are to make a difference, to touch a child's life, and to teach them above expectations.

Mrs. Dutton, a graduate of Wingate University, is now teaching keyboarding and computer applications. Before coming to AHS, Mrs. Dutton taught keyboarding at Arson Community College. She commented upon first arriving that AHS is neat and filled with very mature students.

Mrs. Shelby O'Brien, a graduate from the University of Maryland, majored in English literature and creative writing. Previous to teaching in public schools, she spent two years teaching English as a Second Language in South Korea. Mrs. O'Brien hopes that the ESL students will learn enough English to have no problems functioning in the classroom.

Mrs. Alice Poplin, a new math teacher at AHS, teaches Algebra I and II, as well as Applied Technical Math. She received her bachelor's degree from Catawba College and

became certified as a teacher at High Point University. As advisor of the Student Council, Mrs. Poplin wants to see her students do their very best in the classroom and also in other extra-curricular activities.

Seen on the science hall and on the football field is new teacher Mr. Seth Smith. Mr. Smith, an alumni of AHS, teaches Earth Science and Applied Biology. As a coach of football and baseball, he hopes to lead his teams to state championship.

Mrs. Anne Thomas, also a teacher's assistant in the exceptional children's program, is a graduate of Pfeiffer University with a degree in psychology. Previous to becoming a Bulldog, she worked with clients on pre-employment skills and job placement in the community.

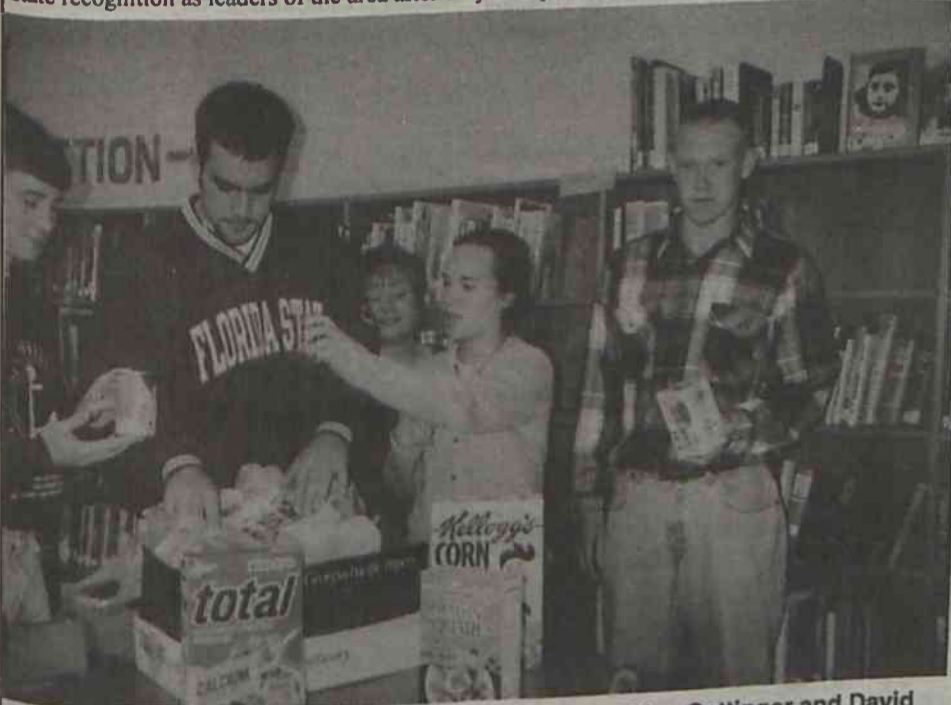
AHS now has a nurse on staff with Miss Rebecca Wood. Teaching health occupations at Albemarle is a new adventure for Miss Wood as she has not taught before. Her main goal is to become an effective teacher by keeping the students interested in her teaching while leaving them with some information about occupations in the health field.

We welcome all of the new teachers to AHS and hope their years as a Bulldog are full of spirit, achievement, and fun.

Club Receives Governor's Award

by Emily Nance

Working to better the community is what the Rotary Interact Club of Albemarle High School set as a goal and achieved. Recently, the Interact Club, led by Mrs. Harvey, received a James B. Hunt Governor's Award. Formed only four years ago, the Interact Club at AHS has illustrated exemplary work in community service. Just last year, the club held a food drive for the hungry, participated in the Adopt-A-Highway program, cleaned the stadium following football games, and sponsored the first ever senior citizens dance. In attempt to bring today's youth with the seniors of Stanly County, the Interact Club spent two months planning a "Dance Through the Decades." The function proved to be a success as they danced the night away. Travis Gaster, the Decades' president, commented on the club's outstanding achievements when he said, "As a service club, we have worked to benefit the community; however, the amazing aspect is that we are receiving state recognition as leaders of the area after only four years of work." Congratulations!



President Travis Gaster assists fellow members Ellen Oettinger and David Coble in collecting food for the community.

Did You Remember Your Parking Pass?

by Emily Nance

The 1997-1998 school year has begun with a new schedule, new teachers, new administration, and new regulations.

A new policy of requiring students to purchase parking passes has been adopted. This pass allows students to park in the student parking lot for the 97-98 school year. The parking pass is a small blue and white numbered card that hangs from the rear view mirror. These

permits may be purchased in the office each day during lunch. The cost is \$15.00. Failure to display your permit results in a large, vibrant green warning ticket being placed on the window of your car. If failure to purchase or display a pass continues, loss of parking privileges will result. Ultimately, the money made will benefit Albemarle High School only. Remember to purchase your pass and display it today.