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Poplin Makes the Picture

by Jennifer Coleman



Beverly Poplin poses with another girl chosen to model for *Real* magazine.

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to be on the cover of a magazine and have millions of people looking at it? Well, one Albemarle High School student found out exactly how that feels. Senior Beverly Poplin was chosen to be on the cover of *Real*. This publication, printed in Charlotte, is a magazine distributed throughout the surrounding area to hundreds of schools. Featuring numerous articles on colleges and universities, *Real* informs students of future opportunities. Additionally, articles discussing teenage concerns are also included. Beverly was picked from twelve other North Carolina students to be on the cover. She got to pick out an outfit from the junior department in Belk at South Park Mall. Her outfit consisted of a black, brown, and white vest and matching pants designed by XOXO. The purpose of the cover is to show fall fashion at area high schools. Beverly said, "It was a fun and exciting experience, and I would love to do it again." Check the magazine stand in the school library to get your copy of *Real* magazine with Beverly's smile on the cover.



At This Moment

by Emily Nance



Albemarle High School's Homecoming 1997 proved to be nothing but a success. With the help of numerous students, the stadium was covered with Bulldog pride spirit banners and posters. Although the weather was not very cooperative, the sky cleared long enough for the 'Dogs to stop the Rebels 21-14.

The half-time festivities opened with numerous beautiful sponsors being escorted by Chris Broyles, Yong Yang, Brandon Cooke, and Kirk Brown. The band filled the air with this year's theme song "At This Moment." The junior class selected Tammy Dorman, Shannon Eford, and Chrystal Swaringen as their court representatives. The senior class elected Mandi Hathcock and Beverly Poplin as their court representatives. The night came to a climax when Nikillya Clark and Amber Perry were crowned Homecoming Queens. Miss Emily Andrew and Master Ethan Morris served as crown bearers.

An extent of gratitude is sent out to the AHS band varsity cheerleaders, parent volunteers, and student body for their help and dedication to making this year's Homecoming the most beautiful ever.



The 1997 Homecoming court and queens stand proudly as they represent their respective classes.

Seniors Receive Nomination

As the school year moves into the second six weeks, numerous colleges and universities are accepting seniors for 1998 freshman enrollment. In addition to general admissions, schools are selecting students to honor with scholarships.

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill offers the John Motley Morehead scholarship to approximately fifty students across the United States. This prestigious award is based on academic merit, physical vigor, leadership, character, and interview. Not only do the Morehead scholars receive four years of paid education at UNC-CH, but they enjoy the summers of leadership and knowledge gaining experiences as well. These summer activities include internships across the US and an international study.

The nominees from AHS are Jonathan Dry, Amber Perry, Ellen Oettinger, and Emily Nance. When asked how she felt about receiving this honor Amber Perry stated, "The Morehead offers tremendous opportunities and opens numerous doors for its scholars. Even if I don't receive the scholarship, it was an honor just to be nominated." Before their first interview, the nominees met with Palmer Brown, the last Albemarle graduate to receive the scholarship. He discussed interviewing techniques and overall knowledge about the scholarship. Congratulations and best wishes for success!

THEY'VE GOT RHYTHM AND LOTS OF IT

by Emily Nance

Eighteen members of the band attend an additional camp in the summer to learn the color guard routine under the direction of Mrs. Carmella Hedrick. After learning their routine, these ladies are ready to join the rest of the band to begin practicing the complete show. Mrs. Hedrick spends over fifty hours making the flags used in each show. In addition to flags, the color guard also works with rifles. Their routine truly adds a lasting effect to the sounds of the horns and drums.



Stacy Sinclair counts her rhythm and leads the band in practice.

In order to perfect their show, the band meets twice a week throughout the summer. Once school begins, the Marching Bulldogs practice for an hour and a half each day in addition to a two-hour practice every Tuesday night. The color guard holds two additional afternoon practices each week. Of course all of this practice is judged when the band competes every Saturday during the marching season. At the East Randolph High School competition, the 'Dogs received a superior rating. The band hosted the second competition of the season attracting seventeen bands. The sixteenth annual "Showcase of Bands" proved to be a success as the band completed the evening with an exhibition show.

As you can see, the band cannot possibly perform a different show every week. A lot of the band's success should be credited to the dedication of the captains and officers. This year's captains are Mark Brooks, Matt Lefler, and Tracy Burris. Stephanie Irby serves as the captain of the color guard, and Erin Doby and Jennifer Sikes serve as the drum majors. When asked about his leadership responsibilities, Matt Lefler stated, "This band would not function without leadership; however, the most important leaders are the ones behind the scenes: the band parents and other band members who volunteer numerous hours of their time each week to make our band succeed."

Next Friday night, when you're watching the band perform *Spies*, think about their three Ds. Hours of practice have brought the Marching 'Dogs to entertain you! Sit back and enjoy the show.