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Welcome to Bulldog Country

Have you noticed another new face walking the halls at AHS? The staff would like to welcome another new teacher, Mrs. Barbara Fields. Filling in for Mrs. Watson, Mrs. Fields is the new home economics teacher. After earning her degree from UNC-Greensboro, Mrs. Fields taught for eight and one-half years at West Montgomery High School, her alma mater. However, she left the education scene for ten years. Upon her return, her goals for AHS include wanting her students to see the value of what they are learning in her class and how it affects their lives now and in the future. When not planning lessons or working at school, Mrs. Fields can be found enjoying her hobbies like cooking, sewing, and working at her church. Mrs. Fields lives in Montgomery County with her husband Tommy and three children. Welcome to Bulldog country!



Mrs. Fields, the new home economics teacher, enjoys cooking in her spare time.

A Production to Remember

by Emily Nance

On March 5, the Advanced Drama class at AHS presented *Scenes from High School*, a collection of skits about life in high school. Every event from the first date to the prom to homecoming to suicide is portrayed through the eyes of teenagers in this outstanding drama. Directed by Mr. Gary Moran, these students shared a play that brought both tears and laughter in the same production. Because each skit is so universal, all students can picture themselves on stage and identify with the emotions, situations, and attitudes depicted on the stage.

AHS students greatly enjoyed the performance. Brandon Cooke commented, "*Scenes from High School* is probably one of the best plays I have ever seen. The show really made me think about how high school life really is. I look forward to the next production." Amber Perry was impressed with "my friends' abilities to leave their personalities behind and transform into different characters on the stage."



AHS Advanced Drama Department presents *Scenes From High School*.

Special thanks to the following actors and actresses: Myra Jenkins, Mandi Hathcock, Sweet Flake, Amber Hatley, W.D. Benson, Blythe Baker, Jemy Sykes, Jennifer Byrd, Andy Smith, Beverly Poplin, Alicia Blalock, Jennifer Deaton, Melissa Fair, Mark Purvis, Teresa Torres, Josh Sides, J.R. Morrison, and Cindy Thompson

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY!!!

Quiz Bowl Wins Competition

The Super Saturday Competition for the High-Q Contest sponsored by IBM, television station WTVI, and Queens College was held on January 31. With fifty-one schools participating, Albemarle finished fourth and advanced to the final round the following weekend where they competed in the first round against Mount Pleasant High School. Led by sponsor Mrs. Peggy Grigg, the Albemarle High School team was made up of Ellen Oettinger, Trevor Szolies, Will Joines, and Will Taylor. Alternates were Bernie Morehead and Ben Horner.

Following the competition in Charlotte, the AHS Quiz Bowl team traveled to the public library for the County Quiz Bowl Competition against West Stanly High School and South Stanly High School. The Public Libraries of North Carolina sponsored the event held on February 7. The team members for this battle were Matt Laffer, Greg Whitley, Wesley Harris, Stacy Sinclair, and Stacy Freshcorn. Albemarle won and will advance to the regional competition that will be held on March 21 at the Stanly County Agri-Civic Center. If Albemarle wins this competition they will pro-

ceed to the finals in Raleigh. Congratulations on your achievements and good luck in the future.



The 1998 Quiz Bowl team won the County Championship!

OETTINGER RECEIVES SCHOLARSHIP

As the second semester is now under way, most seniors are deciding what they want to do with their lives next year. Many want to continue their education, join the armed forces, or enter the work force. For one outgoing senior, this decision will not be tough after her recent reward. Ellen Oettinger has recently been awarded the Park Scholarship at North Carolina State University. This coveted award covers all tuition and expenses and includes a laptop computer and spending money as well as opportunities for summer enrichment programs.

Oettinger is one of sixty students who will be attending the university as a Park Scholar. Unlike other scholarship programs, the Park has been awarded for the past three years and allows their scholars to become involved in the school. They must maintain a set GPA, participate in school activities, and volunteer in community service projects. Oettinger will take a class each semester with her fellow Park scholars to broaden her horizon, as well as participate in two service projects per month to benefit the university or citizens of the community.

After being nominated by the school based on her academic achievement and outstand-

Get A Headstart with Jumpstart and Quickstart

Juniors who want to save money and get a headstart on their college education should investigate the outstanding programs Jumpstart and Quickstart offered by Stanly Community College. These programs offer qualified seniors the opportunity to earn college credit while still enrolled in high school, and the best part is the cost - FREE. That's right, college credit at no cost!

The two programs offer a different approach to post high school education, tailored to fit the individual needs of high school students. Quickstart is a dual enrollment program designed for seniors who have a 3.5 GPA and plan to attend a senior institution after graduation. With courses scheduled at times which work with the high school block scheduling, SCC is offering a variety of social science, humanities, math, and science courses that will fulfill general education core requirements at the University of North Carolina system universities and those for most private institutions as well.

Jumpstart is designed for those students who plan to attend a community college after graduation or for those who want to complete a special certification while still in high school, such as the Novell computer specialist program. Students in this program must have a 3.0 GPA and score satisfactory results on a placement test. These students also attend classes at times which coordinate with their high school schedule.

With such opportunities for college credit, all seniors who qualify should investigate the possibility of using these programs to "jump" into their post-secondary education.

ing leadership, Oettinger was invited for an interview in the semi-final round. With her success at this round, she traveled to the university for the



final round of selection with more interviews, tours, and chats with professors. Following her weekend, Oettinger received her letter notifying her of her prestigious scholarship. During an interview with Ellen, she commented, "I am excited about being able to participate in the activities and it is an honor to be a part of the group." Congratulations, Ellen!