



“The Yellow Jackets”

IN 1958, THE ALBERT HARRIS boys' basketball team took runner-up status in the Group II District IV championships held in Gretna, Virginia, and posed for a team picture.

A FEW YEARS EARLIER, cheerleaders Julia Burgess Knox, class of '55; Lorene “Lottie” King Kimbrough, '57; Minnie Morris, '55; and Dorothy Cosby Martin, '56, gave a smile that turned out to be one for the memory books.

The entertainment value and social benefits created by school athletic programs in American communities everywhere are enjoyed both by the participants and the spectators, pleasures possibly eclipsed only by the remembering. The close associations that bind classmates together through time are the reason for class reunions, including the every-two-year event hosted for the more than 2,000 Albert Harris High School alumni from the graduating classes of 1949 through 1971. In 2004 they met in Washington D.C.



ALBERT HARRIS HIGHSCHOOL organized its first varsity football team in 1948, and the squad posted a respectable 3-3-1 mark for the season. According to the *Martinsville Bulletin's* bicentennial reflection on the past, members that year included (first row, left to right) Coach C. L. Williams, William Hairston, Henry Clay Hairston, Charlie Hairston, Norman Brown, Joseph Hairston, Henry Clay Lytle, Clyde Gravely, Charles Mitchell and Jesse Anglin, Jr.; (second row), George Mullins, Albert Hairston, “Juke” Scales, Ollie Penn, Twyman Eggleston, Colbert Pettie, William Dillard, Joe Hairston, Jesse Hylton, Henry Pettie, Edward Hairston and Assistant Coach Lloyd Saunders.



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