Girls’ basketball team captures MAC championship

BY CHRIS FRANK

The Salem Lady Quakers varsity basketball team earned the MAC championship title for the first time since 1996-97. After a stellar season that produced a 17-3 record overall and an 8-2 record in the MAC, the team was ranked 20th in the state of Ohio. The team accomplished a lot in the regular season, including their most winning season since 1996-97. The seventeen wins tied for the second highest win total ever by a Salem girls’ varsity basketball team, second only to the nineteen wins by the ’93-’94 squad.

Surprisingly, the team accomplished so much with only two seniors on the team, meaning that they had to rely heavily on underclassmen to get to where they are. The team was very balanced and got contributions from all players. Seniors Tiffany Heestand and Abby Markovich anchored one of the toughest defenses in the area. They were led in scoring by Alyson Cotter (12.7 PPG), Sarah Hamilton (11.3 PPG), and Lauren Teal (10.4 PPG).

The team recently began the road to state with a 46-35 win over Youngstown Liberty in the sectional title. This is the girls’ seventh straight sectional title and their thirteenth opening-round win in the past fourteen years. The win improved their record to 18-3. The win didn’t come easy for the Quakers who played a very talented Liberty squad that ended its year 13-8. Alyson Cotter paced the Quakers with fifteen points including three three-point field goals. Sarah Hamilton added eleven points and Lauren Teal contributed ten points, eight of which came in the second half. Although the final score shows an eleven-point victory for the Quakers, it wasn’t that way the whole game. Liberty jumped ahead 25-19 midway through the third quarter before Salem went on an 11-1 run to go ahead for good. Defensive specialists Tiffany Heestand and Vanessa Kelly shut down Liberty’s star player, 1,000-point scorer Jessica White, holding her to only eleven points. Next up for the Quakers is Youngstown Mooney, who defeated Youngstown Rayen after the Salem-Liberty game. The Quakers defeated Mooney 47-26 on senior night, February 12. Their next tournament game will be Thursday, February 27, at six o’clock at Austintown Fitch High School.

Regarding the season to date, senior Abby Markovich said, “It has been a great season so far. One of our goals before the season was to win the MAC, and we achieved that goal. Everyone on the team is dedicated and hard working.” Fellow senior Tiffany Heestand added, “So far we have done well. Achieving our goal of winning the MAC was a great accomplishment. Our next goal is yet to come in tournaments.” Junior Alyson Cotter also spoke about the team saying, “The best is yet to come with the tournament here now. We worked hard and achieved one of our main goals (winning the MAC). Next in line hopefully is a district championship.” Lauren Teal also said, “I think that we met expectations. We wanted to win the MAC and we did that, and we want to win the district championship and we have a chance at that. We really put a lot of hard work into the season and it all paid off.”

New student teacher

BY BETHANY BILLHAM

“Mr. Campbell chose to go into education because it provided him the opportunity to make a difference in people’s lives. Many great teachers have impacted his decision to become an educator. When in high school Mr. Campbell’s favorite subjects were history and English. He is also a huge sports fan enjoying all sports including football, baseball, and basketball. Mr. Campbell also aspires to have a coaching career; he assists the Mount Union football staff in recruiting and off season training.”

Mr. Campbell, new student teacher in Mr. Spack’s history of government classes
News

New York, New York
BY BETHANY BILLHAM
and LIZ TUSSEY

Every two years the SHS band embarks on a class trip. In the past decade the band has alternated trips between New York City and Disney World. Both trips are not without a purpose. In Disney World the band marches in a parade that travels down Main Street in The Magical Kingdom, and the band is then given a rating by a panel of judges. In New York City the stakes are a little higher. The SHS band will be one of many to march along in the St. Patrick’s Day Parade. Unlike the situation in Florida, the band will be competing against other bands, being judged by correct marching style and uniformity. The parade will take place on Monday, March 17, which will also mark the band’s last day in New York City.

The “Pride of Salem” leaves on March 13 at approximately 8:30 PM. Band members will travel through the night and arrive in New York on Friday, March 14 at about 7:30 AM. This year’s trip to New York has a very exciting itinerary. The band students will have three days to explore the many attractions of New York City. The first day the band will go to the Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts to see the New York Philharmonic Orchestra. Later that day the activities will include lunch at the Hard Rock Cafe and shopping. The other sights on the trip will include a cruise to the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island and a variety of tours which will explore such areas as Wall Street, Old Fort, Battery Park, Trinity Church, a trip into Chinatown and little Italy. The Empire State Building and a visit to the NBC studios are also part of the tour package. The last stop will be a trip to the Metropolitan Museum of Fine Art. Before the parade the band will be treated to a banquet dinner in the hotel and then a dance party with DJ Dance.

The next morning band members will check out of their rooms and prepare for the parade. The band will begin on Fifth Avenue and continue through the four mile parade route. The Cardinal of New York will be present on the steps of St. Patrick’s Cathedral for the parade, and the entire march will be televised. After the parade is over, the band will board buses back to Ohio in an eight-hour drive.

Don’t call it quits just yet
BY JON BUCKOSKI

The end is in site, only a few more months before they set the diploma in your hands and you can step off the graduation stage feeling independent, but some seniors are already feeling the early onset of senioritis and the senior slump.

Don’t think that senioritis is prejudice; it will hit almost everyone during some stage of their high school career regardless of their sex and social status. One may notice the sudden onset of laziness while staring at the walls during class daydreaming of what you’ll do that night or what time the game starts while the teacher drones on about things you feel are useless at the stresses that come during the last few months.

To help alleviate some of the stresses that come on near the end of the year there are some suggestions that may help with the thought that school is almost over.

1. Keep yourself occupied. Don’t step into the pitfalls of waiting until the last few days to hand in a stack of bibliography cards for your research paper or that three page report you gave three weeks ago. Begin to set up a plan on your deadlines and stick to them, trying to move forward rather than getting bogged down when it comes time for things to be completed. If you put yourself in a somewhat balanced state and don’t let your social life begin to detract from getting your schoolwork done, you will be more prepared when college begins.

BY BETHANY BILLHAM

Who are you?

Everyone is faced with an important decision in their lives, a decision that will impact how they live for the rest of their lives. That question is- who are you?

Knowing who you are is crucial in a world when destructive decisions are made every day. In things as trivial as what you are going to do on Friday night, and big decisions like where do you want to go to college, or what are you going to do for the rest of your life.

Lee Rouson, a former NFL player, presented this information to the SHS student body on Thursday, February 20, 2003. The Fellowship of Christian Athletes funded the program. He has spoken at numerous area schools such as Sebring and West Branch.

Mr. Rouson spoke of his interesting childhood, having a father who was a body guard for Malcolm X and being forced to leave New York because of it. He talked about the later decisions in his life such as choosing the college where he was going to play football. He continuously stressed that knowing who he was would have aided him in that kind of decision.

Bulletin Board

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The Quaker

February 2003
Shall we dance?

BY SEMIRA CHOWDHYR

There is a new dance this year in March. Key Club is sponsoring it because they need to raise money for the annual Callahan assembly. The dance is called Mardi Gras, and it will be held in the cafeteria on March 1, 2003. The cost for the dance will be three dollars per person and each couple is five dollars. Music will be provided by Jeremiah Javors. There will be mardi gras beads as door prizes.

Since the subject of dances is at hand, one might ask why haven’t dances gone well this year? I feel that this year homecoming dancing seems to be the best. While Christmas’s attendance was lower this year compared to last year. Unfortunately, the winter homecoming dance was, as usual, pretty bad. Of course, prom and freshman formal are two of the bigger formal dances, that’s because everyone waits until they are upperclassmen and always looks forward to going to prom.

What’s happening to the dancing atmosphere in SHS? Why aren’t people going to dances anymore as they used to? I asked a few people and here is what they said.

Henry Louden (10) and Bruce Moffett (11) said, “The reason why we think people don’t attend the high school dances, because they don’t have good DJ’s and we should have more out of school dances at nice places.”

Janitor Bethany Billham also had a comment to make about dances saying, “The school dances get old really fast, they are boring and we have too many. So, people go to the big dances such as fall homecoming and prom.

Are not dances for having a good time with one’s date or friends? It’s a time for the school to be reunited and have some fun. It is also a great time to dance to music and bring in money for the clubs here at SHS. Dances are also for showing off that hot date or a pretty dress. Well, for the guys we don’t think they are going to be showing off their clothes or dates, but they might be showing off their great dancing moves or the move of just standing there saying they can’t dance. I feel that before going to the dance or like White Christmas just eat there and then go have a great night of dancing!

Opinion

Teen driving at SHS: Issues for improvement

A letter to the editor

By Jim Dombrowski

Dear Salem High Students,

As a senior I feel it is my duty to inform kids at our school that we need to be more much cautious on the roads. We’ve had a few tragic driving related incidents this year. Coping with tragedy is very difficult; we can avoid this problem. We can all relate to these incidents along with the near misses in our own lives. We need to take direct action against these issues. Not speeding excessively, wearing seatbelts, not driving under the influence, and being a good judge of whom you ride with are all great ways to be more cautious on the roads.

Most teen drivers speed much too frequently. The Salem News is littered weekly with reports of teen drivers going 10-15, and occasionally 20+ mph over the speed limit. This has been and will continue to be very harmful to us. I have never been in a situation where my life has depended on me getting to an event 3-5 minutes earlier. Any sane coach or parent will understand if this is used as an excuse.

Seatbelts save lives. Why don’t kids wear them? I don’t know. In a collision, the front passenger side occupant has a 45% less chance of death if they wear a seatbelt. The rumors that seatbelts don’t help you are false. Nine times out of ten a seatbelt helps substantially. Being drug across rough pavement doesn’t float anyone’s boat.

It’s no surprise kids here at Salem High drink. Kids won’t give up alcohol, but they should give up drinking and driving. Don’t make two mistakes at once. If you’re going to drink, don’t drive, and if you’re going to drive, don’t drink. Over 17,000 people died and over half a million people were injured in 2001 as a result of drunk driving. If you don’t care for the sake of your self, at least care for the other innocent people on the road and don’t drink and drive.

Cassie Nyktas

Promises not meant to be broken

BY CASSIE NYKTAS

Everyone the member quickly states. The TACT events are usually held on weekends when it is more likely that other parties involving alcohol or any other chemicals might occur. This is in hope that seniors will attend the TACT party. Belonging to TACT gives the chance of helping seniors to have a good chance of chemicals, and for this reason it is beneficial. But “it’s beneficial while you’re there, but it doesn’t change you. You still get drunk afterwards,” says one TACT member.

Years ago TACT was still taken more seriously. It was a goal and there was pride between students who could state that they were a member of TACT and were chemical free. The members of TACT used to visit Salem elementary schools to promote TACT and drug awareness. Those members of the club were setting good examples for the younger children in the community. Perhaps they were aware that an adolescent may look up to them. Drug awareness is obviously not a new thing at SHS. There have always been clubs, speakers, and information available for interested students.

This brings up the subject of the SADD organization. Mention to your friends with the new to some students. SADD or Students Against Destructive Decisions was open to any student who was willing to take a stand against destructive decisions, i.e. alcohol, drugs, smoking, sex, etc. But unlike TACT, the students involved were also promoting these goals in one way or the other. In the past, SADD members would dress up as the grim reaper and “kill” students who have either been “killed” by drunk drivers or “killed” themselves by drinking and driving. But SADD is no longer a club here at SHS, and there is no definitive reason why, although this may be due to the fact that there is no advisor willing to commit to it at this time.

On a more positive note, it needs to be acknowledged that every member of TACT uses alcohol, tobacco, and/or drugs within the twenty-four hour time frame in which a party is held or even at all. It is safe to say that certain members have never even come within twenty feet of chemical substances let alone use them. The idea and motives behind TACT are highly commendable, but unless students involved take the commitment seriously it is nothing but a senior’s only club that serves no real purpose.
You may not know it or you may not want to admit it, but grade school kids look up to us, high school students. Whether you are captain of the basketball team, valedictorian, member of the band or just have a nice disposition, grade school kids see us as what they want to be and look at our achievements and attitudes toward school and life as “I want to be like them someday.” “One day that will be me.”

They see the greater side of flatery a person can bestow on another in imitation. To imitate or model a person is to learn from that person all types of traits which are hopefully, beneficial. Life, on that note, is basically a game of imitation: just as we grew up to people during adolescence a child looking up to a high school student is able to have a little guidance which helps them see what they want to do as they grow older and gives them a sense of responsibility.

It is hard to tell where character and a person’s moral attributes come from, whether they are programmed in our genes or whether we acquire our views from our parents and others whom we looked up to as we were maturing. Being looked upon as a role model takes great courage and responsibility. Those who are younger and impressionable may take your every action into account. Often times these attitudes will greatly influence others. Those looking up to a role model see the person as someone who is special, someone who is wise or someone who has done something constructive, with themselves. To them this is a person who has set themselves apart from the crowd and holds him or herself folithg higher than the rest and keeps themselves in sync with their personal principles and values.

We have all looked up to or envied someone in our lives, whether they are fellow classmates, figures on television, or older kids around us as we grew. Our society is based on looking up to others, for guidance and understanding. This is why a high school student can be extremely important and influential in a younger child’s life. Grade school children see us as what they are going to be and the ideas we present to them influence their perception of what it is like to be in high school which can change their ideas in return. If all a younger person sees from a high school student is partying and laziness then they will inherently feel that when they get to high school they will be able to party every night and never get anything done. On the other hand; if they grow up seeing an older sibling or just an older friend exhibit exceptional leadership and academic and athletic ability, what is expected of them as they progress and the responsibilities they will have. There are some core reasons behind why high school students must understand their responsibilities and how they affect the attitudes of others they may not even know but who personally look up to them and respect them.

It may be hard to imagine that a grade school student could look up to anyone like a high school student. These present times provide a wealth of high paid, high status athletes and movie stars who are also in role model positions. However, grade school students do take our attitudes and opinions to heart and try to be like us in many ways. When Miss Mary Beth Shively’s classes at Southeast Elememtary were asked what they thought of role models, they had a wide variety of answers as to what they perceived a high school role model to be. Their characteristics of what they look upon as role model traits in a high school student haven’t changed much since we were kids. Adolescents still look up to those who are nice to them. They admire high school students who are helpful and respectful and what they (elementary students) think is important is that they not be looked down upon as inferior. They have witnessed some of the pitfalls that high school students have fallen into, and they specifically mention smoking, drinking, and drugs. The biggest turn off they mentioned is when they see someone looking up to being Bullies, they will warn a general or just being cruel to someone else. Here are a few of their answers to a questionnaire they recently received regarding their perceptions of high school role models:

“Get good grades, respect their elders, and are good in sports.”

“They act like they’re better than everyone else and they think they can boss younger kids around.”

“I look up to them because they are kind, loving, and care for me.”

“What makes me look up to these people is that they get good grades and are always nice.”

“She tells me that I can do things they don’t have the exact same traits.” They both share a love of sports and are active in soccer. Like many siblings, “they fight constantly.” An interesting fact they shared is that when they were little they actually had the same dreams!

Jennifer and Jessica Carl are also seventeen years old and have a one minute difference with Jennifer being the older sister. They were born on August 21 and are fraternal twins. The Carl twins are each involved in their own separate activities. Jessica runs track for SHS. When asked if they enjoy being twins, they stated, “Sometimes we enjoy it. But then sometimes we don’t.” When they were younger they were placed on heart monitors and one night while sleeping Jennifer went off and they both had to be rushed to the hospital. Believe it or not, their own parents can’t even tell them apart in their baby pictures!

Being a twin has its ups and downs, but in the end they are just like you and me except with more clothes! Whether they fight or they laugh, they each have to grow up with and be close to. So, is double trouble or double fun? You be the one to decide.
Role model—continued from page 4

great things if I just do
my best.

You may think you aren't
a good role model because you

don't play sports and aren't in the
band, but if you're an average stu-
dent, but you still are looked up to
as a role model by those younger
than you. If you're just a nice per-
son, who even sometimes to listen to younger kids
they will respect you and possi-
bly want to be lifted when President
some responses to a questionnaire
handed out during Mrs. Dye's ju-
ior English classes regarding what
some juniors thought about them-
selves as role models to grade
school kids.

I think of myself as a
role model to grade school
students because my eight-year old
cousin watches all of my games
and I know I'm a role model to
him.

"As a player on the vol-
leyball team and member in the
plays and cheer, I think younger
students are watching me."

"Sometimes when I am
playing my hardest I feel that I am a
role model to grade school
students, including myself, are
role models because we have to
set an example, whether it is in
sports, art, academics, etc. I think

too often we forget this and don't
use our best judgment and behav-
ior around grade school students."

"Probably not a role
model, but maybe someone whom
they think highly of."

"I try to set a good ex-
ample for a role model, but I'm not
sure if anyone thinks of me as that."

"I'm not a big brother or
sister, and we kind of have to be
role models to the little kids that
we get paired with. Also, I have
a little sister who is about 4 and
she thinks I have to be a role model to her since I'm
older."

"Many kids look up to us
as a whole group, but not individu-
ally."

"Although many students
don't know me by name, they see
you in school, in town, or even at
work. How you conduct yourself in
those places is important because
younger kids see you. They see
older kids and want to be just like them."

We are not perfect, and we
may not act appropriately one hun-
dred percent of the time. However,
we need to remember that others are
out there watching us when we are
doing something worthwhile and
telling ourselves, "I wish that
were me."

The Poets' Corner

Tears

By Cassie Nyktas

single tear escapes the eye
that chooses to peer into

and hate.

It is not who you think she is.

She has something to hide.

It holds the poison
on which she thrives.

And understanding.

By Cassie Nyktas

Solitude

m a product of living virtue,

by myself

awful

I choose to meet,

with myself, and

My only companion,

adjudging through hard times,

seem to be ever more

frequent

away others,

are only to converse

alone.

It seems that the dust

9/11 had yet to settle when

Beg Bush began talks of overthrowing

Saddam Hussein. These plans were

made without any hostility from Iraq.

We have yet to completely

settle the "war" in Afghanistan.

Osama Bin Ladin is still in hiding

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against the remaining members

of Al-Qaeda. Despite that, George W.

Bush has decided to begin war talks

against not one nation, but two.

Iraq and North Korea.

Iraq: The next Vietnam

By Liz Tussay

The beginning of the 21st

century has already brought with it

some of the most trying years for

America. From the fall of the

economy, to corporate greed corro-

dating the American business,

to the worst terrorist attack in

this nation's history, it seems

that every time something has come
to and, we are willing to set aside

itself.

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Iraq and North Korea. I do

believe present threats to the United

States, and eventually they must be
dealt with. However, attacking now

may only make things much worse,

and this may end more violently

and tragically than if our nation had

never bought this presents is starting

to settle.

We, the people of America

are in agreement that many nations

have already labeled it as.

I don't think that it is wise

that we have to be so

to privacy, with our ultimate goal.

It is also our duty to make prompt corrections when necessary. However, we must

to respect the rights of others while we gather and present news. We are not permitted to invade a person's right to privacy.

The Quaker staff encourages input from our readers in the

form of stories, essays, letters, etc.

Proposal on Student Expression

We, the staff of The Quaker, hereby acknowledge our respon-
sibility to provide informative and entertaining reading pertaining to the

students, staff, and parents of Galen Senior High School.

To make The Quaker a credible newspaper we will aim for accu-

racy and objectivity, with the truth being our ultimate goal. It is also our duty to make prompt corrections when necessary. However, we must

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Then and Now

By Liz Tussay

This teacher had taught many memoir-

able moments while working at

SHS. Among them are winning the

teacher of the year award, seeing

his daughter graduate, and seeing

the basketball team win seventeen

games in a row.

This teacher does not use steroids,

and, contrary to popular belief, he

is older than Mr. Trough.

He went to college in Minnesota

for his undergraduate degree, and

then attended the University of

Miami for his graduate degree.

Does this face look familiar?

This teacher graduated from Urbana High School in Urbana, Ohio.

He has been teaching at SHS for twenty-nine years.

He enjoys playing basketball, collecting sports cards, and reading good

books.

His favorite movies are Saving Private Ryan, Blackhawk Down, and any John Wayne movie.

Things to Ponder

By Bethany Billham

This month "Things to Ponder" will be giving everyone a

lesson in the native tongue of the leprechaun.

Saint Patrick's Day is approaching - Monday, March 17
to be exact. So, have a Happy Saint Patrick's Day!

La Phéle Padrín (LAW Ay-ruh PAW-rinh) = St. Patrick's Day

Biuínneochta na Feile Padrín orbáth! (BAN-ahkhk-teh nah FAY-ruh PAW-
rinh O-rinh) = Happy St. Patrick's Day to You All!

Eire go Bráich (AY-ruh guh BRAWKH) = Ireland Forever!

Slainte (SLAHN-chuh) = health and wealth!

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Dawson's Creek: A Requiem
BY LIZ TUSSEY

"I don't wanna wait, for our lives to be over...Do...doo doo..." Ah, yes. The familiar strains of that Pada Cola song have been summoning twelve to fourteen year old girls to the television set for almost five years now. Dawson's Creek kicked off a new era in teen sitcoms. However, this long running WB series takes its final bow this spring.

Since January of 1998, the entangled dramas of Dawson, Joey, Pacey, and Jen have been fascinating the youth of America. Dawson's Creek emerged at a time when long running teen dramas such as Beverly Hills 90210 and Saved by the Bell were really showing their age, and many attempts to revive the teen sitcom were resulting in poorly written and short running series. Then out of the dust, Scrub writer Kevin Williamson single handedly saved the good, old-fashionioned teen melodrama. He based the characters and setting upon his experiences in his hometown of Dawson's Creek, North Carolina, hence the name of the series. The original characters were Spielberg obsessed Dawson Leery, Joey "the girl from the wrong side of the creek" Potter, Pacey Witter the troublemaker, and Jen Lindley the mysterious new girl in town.

The first two seasons were written by Kevin Williamson, who later left the show to begin a new series that later flopped. The first two seasons saw the kids from Capeisle deal with problems ranging from consuming cruhecles to incarcerated fathers. The cornerstone of the series was the ongoing attraction between Dawson and Joey. New characters came into the show in the second season, giving the episodes more to cover other than just the constant bantering between Dawson and Joey. This series dealt with the many social issues that young people face during the tumultuous years of high school.

Dawson's Creek was one of the first believable teen dramas. In series of the past, such as Saved by the Bell, the episodes chronicled the hair-brained schemes of the stereotyped jock/cheerleader/nerd characters. Even when these shows dealt with problems they were often trite and sometimes even patronizing. Dawson's Creek was actually able to handle real teen issues and still have its share of humor and originality.

This spring when Dawson takes one last stand in that row boat, all of us who have grown up adoring Dawson and his friends, who have associated with the trials and tribulations of life in high school, will be losing a very dear friend. Dawson’s Creek gave us a taste of high school and teen life before we got there and will always hold the nostalgia of growing up.

Word on the street
BY DANIELLE COONTZ

Words like Shibuya, Harajuku, kogals, kawaii, and Visual Kei probably fly right over most peoples’ heads. But those paying close attention to the world of fashion design might recognize them as terms used when talking about Japanese street fashion. Western clothing has only been favored among most in Japan for fifty years, making it a wonder teenagers in Japan have not only caught up but surpassed the trendsetters of our own culture. Shoichio Aoki has been documenting the changes and evolutions in Street Fashion, the heart of trendsetting itself, for several years in the magazine FRUIT. It is through these pages that the Shibuya and Harajuku districts in Tokyo, Japan you might be surprised to find that not all are the conformist, business person stereotype their country has been stamped with. On Sundays these streets are often found invaded by funky boutiques, stands, and shops that sell outrageous clothing rarely found in other places in the world. And the number one customers are teenagers looking for means of expression after a long pressuring week of studying and academics. While some use the unique fashion as a form of expression, others are purely rebelling against the "necessary evil" of their school uniforms and parental pressures to succeed academically.

Many of the styles represented here are cybernetic fashion, thrift store finds, and bright colors as well as other subculture-oriented trends that have formed entirely within the walls of the room. The porcini doll-like Gothic Lolita style is well represented among Japanese teens with petticoats, lace, and crinolines. Oriented more towards the looks and the fun of fashion than the clothes themselves, the looks are a combination of goth, cyber, and glam fashion that fuse together to form a concept called Visual Kei. Terms such as kawaii (cute) and kogals (schoolgirl) are often associated with youthful, bright, pink, and girly clothing.

A lot of the "street" look relies on the art of layering clothes and adding funky child-like accessories. However, this doesn't mean brands such as Barcaide, Ibity the stars shine bright, Super Lovers, Milk, Takuya Angel, 20471210, Oyha and Christopher Nemeth aren't definitely favored among frequenters of the scene.

While the trends mainly rely on Western clothing and have American and European designers to thank for encouragement to the transition to "modern" clothes at all, most styles combine some traditional elements of Japanese dress such as kimonos, geta sandals, and obi sashes. But they often add Western touches with non-traditional fabrics, fits, hair, or makeup. The kids involved in the scene are often few and far between, but gathering in large numbers on Sunday afternoons stirs curiosity and anoyin in their elders. It's hard to deny that it takes courage to dress in such a way, and it certainly isn't for everyone, but one would be hard pressed to deny the fascination sparked by their curious and original styles.

"On Broadway"
BY CASSIE NYKTAS

Things are changing here at SHS. For instance, instead of our annual spring musical, the department has decided to perform a musical review. What is so different about a review anyway? A review presents the audience with a taste of many different musicals. The musicals that will be showcased in the annual spring musical "On Broadway," such as musicals as Helly Doley, West Side Story, Bye Bye Birdie, My Fair Lady, Thais or the Rose as well as many other classics. It will be directed by Candace Cleland and Christopher Nemeth who is "looking forward to a great production." There will be a total of eleven musical productions represented throughout the week.

Although the idea of a review instead of the ever popular annual spring musical was a foreign concept, there is a reason for the change in custom. As a review is primarily focused on singing rather than the acting aspect, it allows the students to showcase their vocal abilities. Since this type of format focuses more around a particular song in a certain musical there is the opportunity for many more solos. A few of the solo performers will be SHS students Jared Mason, Kyle Srom, Spencer Cleland, B.J. Flemington, and Lauren Brobeck.

As always there will be plenty of dancing. Each song will be staged just as if it were the original show itself using props and costumes (although the backdrop and scenery will be minimal). Since there will be many different segments there will be many costume changes that keep the costume designer busy. It will certainly be keeping the attention of the audience, as the stage activity will be changing throughout the performance.

"On Broadway" will debut on Friday, April 11 at 8:00 PM. A performance will also be held on Saturday, April 12 at the same time. General admission will cost $5.00 per person.
Two wrestlers to represent Salem High at state tournament

Sophomore Sonn Hostetter will be representing Salem High School at the state wrestling tournament thanks to a fourth-place finish in the 119-lb weight class at the division II district competition at Akron Firestone High School on February 21-22. Sonn had to battle back from a loss on Friday to keep his hopes of going to state alive. The top four in each weight class advance to the regional meet. Senior Gary Colian (171) finished fifth in his weight class and will be an alternate at state. Senior Josh Burke (215) finished sixth in his class. Junior Bill Borelli (125) and Senior Jason Mullins (130) also had strong showings. Freshman Mike Manyoppenyi also represented Salem in the 112-lb weight class.

BY CHRIS FRANK

The Salem High School boys’ basketball season came to an end on Monday, February 24 in the first round of tournaments at Boardman High School, the result of a 67-60 loss to Girard. A bad second half cost the team the game, which was the case for most of the season. With only two seniors playing, the team was at a disadvantage when it came to experience. The majority of the team was juniors, of which only two of them had significant varsity playing time. The team played well in many other games and had a shot to win at least three or four more games, but the wins will come with time. Their final record was 4-17. For those who have not noticed, the boys’ basketball program is in a rebuilding state, a stage that has lasted a few years and may take a few more years. As with any level of sports, the team goes through certain stages, and although the wins are not piling up and the team is not being ranked in state or anywhere, the team is getting better. The team ended their regular season on Friday, February 21 with an emotional 67-55 victory over arch-rival West Branch. For seniors Derek Frederick, Andy Miller, and Matt Mowery, it would be their last game ever in John Cabas Gymnasium. The three seniors were recognized before the game as part of their senior night. Although the season did not go as well as the team would have liked, the game gave the team something to build on for the future. As Matt Mowery said, “The season did not go as well, but we ended on a high note, beating our arch-rivals. Despite the disappointing record, we made improvements, and I feel that we went out on top, and that’s something I’ll never forget.” Tyler Pierce said about the season, “I think that it was a good experience for the younger players that had an opportunity to play. I think that the seniors and older player handled it well and really helped us out and taught us a lot about the game. They also taught us what to expect about the season. I think that we didn’t play as well as we could have, but the West Branch game brought out our true form and showed what we can really do. Hopefully it will be a turning point for the future. I think we had a great team this year and I think next year we will get it done.” Joe Smith added, “I would say that we improved from last year. Next year we should be good. The West Branch game was sweet, especially because it gave the seniors something they will always remember.”

In other news, the JV team finished 4-16 and the freshmen team finished 6-12.

BY CHRIS FRANK

It is not very often that someone gets a night dedicated to them. On February 21, the Salem Quakers faced rival West Branch on our senior night. It was a big night for the seniors and the fans. The place was packed, and the team responded by winning 67-55. With all of the great things going on; there is one thing that might be remembered long after the final buzzer sounded and long after the seniors are gone. It was a special night in other regards. It was a night dedicated to Salem High School senior Ronda Williams. The athletic boosters raised money in the 50/50 raffle, the program sales, and also through contributions, for Ronda. The final figures have not come in yet because there are still donations coming in, but as of now the final figure is somewhere around $2,000. Ken Walters, the president of the athletic boosters, said, “The night was a huge success. I wish to thank Salem’s students and school organizations for their contributions. They showed great compassion for a fellow student in need. Our community and businesses also showed tremendous support. A special thanks goes out to the people of West Branch, who stepped right up for our cause and our community. More important than the funds that were raised was the emotional support given by everyone. It was a huge moral boost for Ronda and her family. Finally, thanks to Ronda. Because of her, we all had the privilege of experiencing the true meaning of Quaker Pride.”

The night really showed a lot about the people from Salem, as well as the people from West Branch. When people are giving ten, twenty, even fifty dollars just for a program, it shows that they really care. I think it is really great to see the community come together the way they did, and it is nice to see our neighbors in West Branch give as well. Everyone who was there and was a part of the night should be proud that they were. I know I am.

Sanii Gao and Kelly Ventresco (10)-Track because it’s fun
Alex Barnett (11)-Track because Coach Parks is awesome
Tom Spack (10)-Golf because it is a mental game
Aaron Berger (18)-Baseball because it is America’s pastime
Jud Smith (12)-Climbing because it is good exercise and you get to be outside
Ryan Hack (11)-Tennis because I played my freshman year and it was fun
Donald Brackin (9)-Baseball because I am good at it
Kayla Dean (9)-Arena football because it is fast-paced
Dierdre Clary (9)-Track because I really like to run
Julie Cappuzzello (9)-Track because it is fun
Jacob Horning (10)-Soccer because I played it for six years
Jenna Chester (10)-Track because it keeps me busy doing productive things
Wendy Shaff (9)-Basketball because it is a good sport to play
Patti Fitzpatrick (9)-Cheerleading because I’ve done it all my life
Chris Eakin (9)-Snowboarding because it is fun-action
Becky Ade (12)-Baseball because it’s fun to watch
Michael Smith (9)-Football because it is a sport I play every year
Breanna Yorty (9)-Track because it is active and I like to run
Timmy Collas (9)-Baseball because it’s something I’ve played for a long time
David Woods (11)-Spring snowboarding because I’m just trying to put the finishing touches on the season

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MAC champs again!!

BY CHRIS FRANK

The girls JV basketball team finished their regular season 17-3 and MAC champs. It was another successful season for the girls’ basketball program, including a combined 51-8 regular season record for the freshmen, JV, and varsity team. That record ranks as one of the best ever.

The freshman girls recently won the MAC-TAC tournament by one point over Canfield, 32-31. Amanda Thorne was outstanding with 18 points. This comes after a thrilling 44-40 double-overtime victory over Poland in the sectional final. The girls finished their spectacular season with a record of seventeen wins to only two losses. Team members include Sarah Ravelli, Kimberly Kenet, Amanda Thorne, Laci Meals, Charity Montford, Patti Fitzpatrick, and Nikki Gobre. They are coached by Mr. Windham. Freshman Sarah Ravelli said of the team, “We really had a great season. All of us really came together as a team. There were only seven of us, so we had to rely a great deal on each other if we wanted to succeed.” Team captain and fellow star Amanda Thorne added, “We really did have a good season. It was a little rough at first, but then just seven girls, but we played well as a team.”

Season finals dedicated to Ronda Williams

BY CHRIS FRANK

The trip to state caps off a tremendous season by saying, “Thanks to coach, I achieved a lot more than I thought I ever could have.” Gary Collan summed up his tremendous season by saying, “My senior year was great. I made new friends with the underclassmen and I thought it was really successful and a huge turn around from last year. We had three places at districts and two of those will go to state, which is great for the program. Next year the team should be good, as long as the guys that are coming back work hard. I wish them good luck; hopefully they can send a few more to the state competition.”

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