

## Top of the heap

by Mike O'Brian

Many Salem Senior High School students have let the staff of The Quaker know that they want people other than "sports stars" profiled in a column such as the sports page's "Faces in the Crowd." Because of these suggestions, the Quaker staff has decided to start a column that profiles a person from each class, finding out his or her hobbies, activities, and inspirations.

Most important of all is who is profiled in the paper. I and the staff are leaving this up to YOU, the students. If there is anyone in the school that you feel deserves to be read about, please give a short note saying who you want to nominate and why they are being nominated to either Mr. Ladner or any staff member.

Because of this being the first paper with this column in it, the first people to be profiled will be the people chosen by the student body to lead their respective classes: the student council presidents.

Shawn Catlos, 18, as the senior class president. He is heavily involved in school activities, including National Honor Society, Physics Club, Teens Against Chemical Taking (TACT), Spanish Club, Football, as well as moonlighting as Quaker Sam. Shawn enjoys fishing, weightlifting, and collecting Cindy Crawford posters in his spare time.

Catlos feels that SHS is superior to other surrounding schools because he feels that the technology in our school is better, and the teachers are concerned about their students' futures. He does feel, though that the students at SHS judge each other inappropriately. "They are more concerned about the qualities that their peers don't have, not what they do have," Catlos said. He also feels that the overall school spirit needs

improvement.

The senior student council is getting ready for graduation by ordering graduation announcements and deciding the class gift. Also, Catlos promised, "If students act appropriately, a senior class picnic will be arranged in the future."

Kyl Dinsio, junior class president, is also involved in many things besides student council. The 17-year-old Dinsio is also in French Club, Band, Jazz Band, Pep Band, and is on the academic team. She also enjoys reading writing, playing her trumpet, listening to music, and traveling.

Dinsio also feels that SHS has an excellent staff and offers a wide variety of classes. "When you compare Salem to smaller schools, it is pretty impressive," she said.

On the other hand she feels SHS can improve its services to students needing emotional guidance. Dinsio thinks that guidance counselors are too busy getting kids into college to do any counseling. She stressed that it is not the counselors' fault, that it just ended up that way. SHS needs to have several psychologists that are there for students to go to when they have problems at home, or a relative dies, or they have a fight with their boy or girlfriend — just some people to talk to, she said.

The junior class is presently planning for the prom.

Matt Newman, 16, is the sophomore class president. He is in the sophomore and chamber choirs, and the band and jazz band. Newman plays varsity golf and is in the Key Club. He was in last year's musical Bye Bye Birdie, and this year's Guys and Dolls. In his "free" time, he golfs, sings in groups, and practices his saxophone. Of course, he says, "I also like to make easy money."

Newman feels that the course electives and extra-curricular activities offered at SHS are very good and help make school "bearable." He also thinks that more assemblies are needed and the schedule needs shifted sometime during the year just to make school "a little different."

This year's sophomore class is currently planning the Sophomore Semi-formal for April 21 to make money for next year's prom and for a class party.

Fourteen-year-old Ben Thayer is the freshman class president. He is involved in Key Club, football, and choir. He looks forward to World History with Mr. Spack every day.

He feels that SHS is strong in many departments, including the quality of teachers and athletic programs. He feels that the paper shortage and the higher lunch prices are problems at the school that need to be dealt with.

The freshman class is busily earning money for their junior prom by sponsoring dances, running concession stands, and sponsoring sales. They are also working hard to get motivational speakers to speak at assemblies throughout the year.

These people are people that you — the students of SHS — voted to be leader of your respective classes. The purpose of this column is to let you get to know them better. In future columns you will be meeting other interesting people of our school.

**Do you know anyone who is worthy to be spotlighted in this column? Just drop a short note to Mr. Ladner in room 179 or any member of the newspaper staff explaining why this person deserves to be here.**



## Academic challenge team proves scholarly

by Bill Gower

This month the Salem Senior High academic challenge team has competed in several different contests, and on WEWS-TV in Cleveland.

On March fifth they participated in a contest in Cleveland against Loudonville and Olmstead Falls. Salem placed first in this contest. They were awarded a plaque for their excellence in academics. The contest will be aired April 1.

The team competed in the county bowl that same week. Salem placed second in that contest, only losing to East Palestine and East Liverpool. Salem had victories over Southern,

Wellsville, Crestview, Columbiana, Leetonia, Lisbon, United, and Beaver Local.

On March twelfth, they competed at Alliance in the seventeenth annual academic challenge competition. There were nine teams at that participated in the competition. The contest was sponsored by the Alliance Kiwanas and Mount Union College. The prize for first place was a \$1,000 scholarship to Mount Union. The three competing students and alternates were; Ryan Smith, Kathleen Smith, Mark Minett, Treg Steves, Dan Moore, and Kyl Dinsio.

## Life after high school

by Jennifer Simmons

It's here! Graduation and everyone thinks it is the end of all their problems. But to most teenagers college life has become a reality.

When you think college, what is the first thing that comes to mind? It is probably freedom. Every senior in high school just wants their parents to go away for awhile, and LEAVE THEM ALONE!! But when your dreams become reality, sometimes it is just not all it is cracked up to be. Many college students say that their first semester in college was the hardest thing they ever had to go through, and others say it was the best.

If you are ready to be totally free, meet new people, and try to be at least semi-responsible, then you are probably ready for college life. A college sophomore said that "You don't realize just how much freedom you really have until at least the second

week". Most freshman will have to be careful, because when they start to find out just how much freedom they really have they will probably start to slack off. For instance, when they figure out that the professor does not care if your there or not they just might stop coming to class. And when they still out at 1:00 a.m. and figure out that they don't have to go home. Many freshman will find out the first semester that they will have to learn how to discipline themselves.

Even though college life seems to be great it is still a place where you have to be careful. As long as you take precautions, like not walking by yourself at night, you should be o.k. But if something was to happen get help immediately. Just always remember to use your head, and you will do great.



"Top of the Heap"

Matt Newman, Kyl Dinsio, Shawn Catlos, and Ben Thayer

## Could I please wash my hands?

by Mike O'Brian

For all of you males that have not gone into a bathroom lately, you may be in for a shock. Besides the fact that there are no mirrors and there are no paper towels (sometimes), lately there has been more bathroom "musts" missing.

Ok, picture this: It's the period right before lunch, "Roy" suddenly has to go to the bathroom, he goes into the bathroom hoping for a clean and private visit, but, of course, he is mistaken - this is Salem Senior High School - there are no sterile and private bathrooms.

So, Roy proceeds to go into the doorless stall. He is in the non-private cubicle with the smokers less

than five feet away from him and he is taking care of his business while he is trying to breathe. He reaches for some toilet paper so he can blow his stuffy nose, only to find an empty roll.

Once he zips up, flushes, and starts heading for the sink he says a silent prayer asking a greater being for soap and water pressure. But, the divine intervention that he is hoping for does not come through. He rinses his hands with the cold and slow flow of water and then goes to the paper towel machine and turns the crank foolishly expecting some paper to come out. Guess what? Yep, nothing. He wipes his hands on his jeans and

then goes back to class.

Minutes later, sitting in the cafeteria, he suddenly loses his appetite because he thinks about what he just touched while he was in the bathroom and he could not even clean himself off.

Roy has tried to get the bathrooms up to a decent level: he has asked his student council members to quest for the addition of stall doors, toilet paper, soap, warm water, water pressure, and paper towels to no avail. Now all he can do is to hope against hope that someday the students of SHS will be able to pee without getting sick at lunch.

## Relief

by Heidi Coy

The bathroom. The modern convenience that some consider necessary for survival, or at least to make things more comfortable. Here at Salem Senior High however, comfortable wouldn't be exactly the way I would describe the girls' restrooms.

Restrooms are places to have privacy, relax, and relieve one's self. Yet few people can do this without being in the privacy of their own home. Many school kids refuse to use the bathrooms at Salem High School. This is something everyone needs to do everyday, but no one really discusses the reluctance to use the restrooms.

The reasons why no one wants to go are somewhat obvious. The first factor is time. With only four minutes between each class, students have very little time to do anything but get their books and get to their next class. For most students, going to the bathroom is not an option because of

time. The second factor is the number of people who love to linger in the bathroom. These students use it as a sort of lounge. Call me crazy, but I usually don't invite others into the bathroom with me at home. I can see how such a populated area might make others a tad intimidated. Third, the smoke in the restrooms is usually enough to make a non-smoker choke. Go into relieve yourself and you may never come out. If you do, others will smell you coming from all the way down the hall. Finally, the fact that these are public facilities may have something to do with a student's reluctance to use it. The bathrooms aren't unsanitary, but it is the thought of "Who was here before me?" Most people just cannot relax unless they are enveloped in complete privacy. Usually this means being at home.

The question remains, what should be done about students reluctance to use the bathrooms? Every

time "the need to go" arises kids can not go running home. Yet controlling this urge for seven hours is not an option either. The restrooms are monitored as often as possible for smokers, and they are cleaned frequently. Yet still many refuse to use the restrooms. This is a need as basic as food to eat and air to breathe. Yet close to 900 students go home every day and immediately use the toilet. Most people do not think about this problem even though it is something one confronts every day.

The best place to take care of bathroom needs is probably the restrooms across from the office. They are relatively smoke-free and the most private of all the bathrooms at SHS. But even this won't encourage some. Most of those 900 students will still go home after school and immediately make a run for relief.

# Voices

## Response to math power

by Craig Brown

Mr. Krcelic recently wrote a letter addressing the faculty. It seems that Mr. Krcelic's students are gaining a new identity.

He is not proud of his students' behavior. He even seems a little bit ashamed. The math jackets and spirited clothing does not trouble him. Hey, the use of laptop computers and graphing utilities is actually commendable.

Mr. Krcelic is concerned about his students' attitudes. He acknowledges that his students are being cliquish. If a particular student is being cliquish, Mr. Krcelic wants to know.

"I teach my math students to be helping and caring individuals," writes Mr. Krcelic. It is understand-

able why he is upset. Instead of striving to better themselves, his students are arrogant and carefree.

As an educator, this worries him. It is his job to help youth excel. He is not to give them a level of false confidence. He does not want his students to be a distraction. Asking, the faculty not to give them special favors, he is asking for equality.

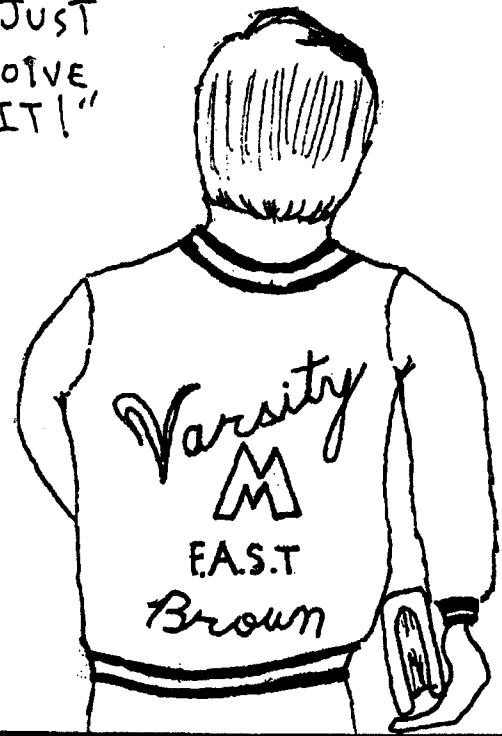
Are math students favored? Does the girl who draws the perfect parabola receive the easiest English test? Does the "Quadratic Equation King" receive the most playing time on Friday?

Sure, a few teachers may favor those who excel at a particular task. Then there are those who are against

students who excel at other pursuits. Most faculty members do not favor any particular student. Those are the ones who are there to teach and are the most successful.

The students see the "Math Wizards," and they see the "History Jocks." They are people who excel. That is part of high school and life. They can only make a person feel inferior, if that person allows them to. Basically, it is part of the grand scheme and is accepted. So, if the math students feel superior, let them feel that way. All people are equal, and you have got to love yourself for something.

"JUST  
SOLVE  
IT!"



## Getting away from it all

by Lee Booth

It's the one week out of the entire year that we all look forward to. This is the week you escape the pressures and reality of everyday life. This week is spring break.

Whether if you have major plans or no plans for spring break, there is one thing for sure. Everyone at Salem Senior High School has some sort of plan.

Take Megan Morrissey and Nathan Bielski, who said, "We are taking a long, strange trip."

Perhaps disappearing into the hills is on your mind "We're going survival camping and fishing," notes Darrell Cleland, Treg Steves, and Mark Minett.

Possibly you are going to be using spring break for valuable family time "I'm going to Georgia to see my sister and my nephews," said Josh Schrospher, a SHS sophomore. Even a few seniors are planning to spend this time with family. Zach Buchmann said that he is going to Dallas, Texas to visit his aunt.

Now, no one says you have to go somewhere or do something if you just want to shut down your brain for a week before it goes into meltdown, that's great. "I plan to dissociate myself from everyone else," notes SHS senior Dan Dumovic.

There are a number of SHS students who have major plans. There is a group of SHS foreign language students who are going to Europe for spring break.

If you don't have huge plans or any plans at all, you have nothing to be upset about. Take a young man by the name of Jason Chuey, who said "I'm not doing anything — now I'm depressed." There is no reason to be depressed.

If nothing else, spring break gets you away from school, having to think, having to answer to a teacher for walking into a class a minute late, or even being yelled at for daydreaming in P.O.D. Spring break gets you away from it all.

## Hear no evil, smoke no evil

by Heather Stanley

The word "joint" has become a debate in itself. In the original version of the Tom Petty song "You Don't Know How it Feels" the word joint appear in the smoking sense, but certain people out there did not like the way that it burned.

In the album version, the questioned song went, "let's roll another joint". In some radio versions, which you may be more familiar with, goes "let's hit another joint". The MTV/VH1 version of this song is even dumber. The question arises why are people so afraid of a reference to marijuana. You don't have to look far to find more questionable lyrics. It is considered that songs are never going to be about puppy love again, but why is the line drawn at rolling a joint?

It is drawn there because of the so-called war on drugs of the 80's, remember "Just Say No"? Hearing

about drug use, is like accepting that the so-called war on drugs did not work, in the long run. People were so worried about the cocaine and crack users during the "war" they forgot about marijuana.

There is also censorship. When censorship is used correctly, no one ever thinks about it. A perfect example of this is this newspaper. You don't go around thinking about it being censored. It just is. Censorship was used incorrectly with the Petty song. Actually, there was no real reason for it to be censored. It was censored to calm someone's fears about drugs being made to look cool. This is like; "ignore it, and it will go away." This approach was tried before with different things. It does not work.

Does this song have to be censored? If so, in the future, are references to the socially illegal tobacco

and alcohol going to be beeped out as well? With the fear of the HIV virus spreading are references to sex going to be censored as well? It is the parent's job to censor what children hear, not the radio's. For the last 10 years drugs were labeled as a total evil by everything and everyone, but the second a different opinion is voiced, it seems to be shut up. Why are pro-marijuana organizations, like NORMAL, forced to voice their opinion in the back magazines between the 1-900 sex numbers?

It is time Americans look at the way they deal with unpopular topics. Americans have to get a grip on reality. Drugs are not going to go away, and neither are issues surrounding abortion, violence, or smoking. It is time people stop whining and worrying about so-called immoral and unhealthy things, and live in the world they helped create.

## Quaker's Proposal on Student Expression

We, the staff of "the Quaker," in order to promote quality reading material through the use of free speech and opinion, do hereby abide by and take protection under the ideals and principles of the First Amendment, the Constitution, and other various court rulings.

It is our duty to keep our readers currently informed of school activities.

We are also obligated to avoid any form of libel, obscenity, invasion of privacy, and any subject which may cause a disruption in the community or in the normal routine of the school day.

If at any time felt appropriate, the principal can reserve the right to edit or censor any material that he considers in any way to be inappropriate for publication.

Since "the Quaker" is a student forum, we encourage from our readers any feedback in the form of essays, letters, etc.

## Next to naked

by Heidi Coy

It's almost spring break, and my guess is that those people who are headed for the beach have already purchased bathing suits. Everything from the "I'm almost naked" to the "I wish I could wear my bathrobe" look will come out to parade around near the water this year.

The type of bathing suit one wears says a lot about him/her. For instance, one can tell just by a glance if someone is proud or ashamed of themselves or liberal or conservative. Color and design also tend to affect the way others respond to people in their suits. Bold designs and loud colors generally give the impression that the owner is energetic and outgoing. Dark colors with little design tend to make suit wearers seem more on the serious side.

Everyone has their own ideas of

the ideal bathing suit. Some feel better with as much cloth as they can get. On the other hand, one Salem High School Senior says, "If I wear anything more than a bikini I feel like I'm swimming in my clothes." It seems to me that the instant I get those teeny bikinis adjusted exactly right I move and I'm uncomfortable all over again. Any form of movement becomes impossible without losing miscellaneous swimming attire. Personally, I'd prefer something I can move in. Another suggestion from an SHS student was "You should Swim how you dance, naked!" Unfortunately, this isn't always an option. What really baffles me, however, is how such small amounts of material can cost so much. One has to wonder if the manual labor that goes into the suits is

really worth the cost.

Swimwear should be comfortable and flexible. Of course, for those who are looking just to tan, smaller may be better. But, to each his own. The type of swimwear one wears should fit with the kinds of activities he/she has planned.

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## The inevitable truth

by Kelly Kettell


There is a fear which we all share. It is a fear known to young and old. It is the fear that one day each of us will become our parents.

You think that there is no way it could possibly ever happen. Taking precautions like teenage rebellion and doing the complete opposite of what your parents tell you to do just does not seem to be enough.


The ominous fact creeps up and attacks. It's only slightly noticeable at first. You find yourself saying things that your parents say and sitting the way your parents do.

As you get older you start dressing like your parents and you start developing hippocratic ways. You start to worry about everything. It all becomes mind-boggling. The destruction of your youth becomes inevitable. As you actually start caring what the government has to say and you start wearing clothes you said you'd never wear when you were younger and your taste in music begins to grow continually worse.

The youth you once cherished and said you would never lose is all in the past. Everything that you once were is gone. It has finally happened. You have become your parents.



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# Break Away

by Stacy Siddle

Are all your friends going away this spring break and leaving you behind with nothing to do in the uneventful town of Salem, Ohio? Do you seem to have the winter blues because the weather keeps magically changing from spring sunshine to freezing rain and sleet? Tear Yourself away from the couch this spring break and learn how to be revitalized and happy.

For starters, this spring break could be a "pamper yourself like no one ever has before" week. Everyone needs to be babied once in a while and if no one will do it for you, why not do it for yourself! To begin, try taking a warm scented bath while reading a steamy romance novel or a sports illustrated mag. Then, when your skin is that nice wrinkly texture,

dry yourself with a freshly washed and heated towel. After proper and extensive grooming, the rest of the day can be used to enjoy whatever it is that you do best. The key to this suggestion is remembering that this is your personal week. Do not let others use this time for themselves, it is meant for you. Try to clean out your car or redecorate your room. A new motif could mean a new perspective and outlook on life. Possibly writing a novel or building a model car could be interesting. Anything that gets the creative juices flowing is always a plus. When just doing things for yourself becomes a bore, try doing something nice for others. Helping someone else almost always lifts the spirits.

If you have a car or a good bud

that has a car, go for a road trip. You do not necessarily have to have a destination, simply being together and feeling the power of friendship is enough to make any road trip exciting.

Driving all night, listening to wild music and staying over in a low class one star motor inn could be just the story you would like to tell your grandchildren of your wacky adolescent life. Maybe the most exciting part of your little journey will be trying to determine the way home and thinking of what to tell your parents when you finally do get there. Destination or not, road-tripping is a beautiful thing that should be experienced by every teen.

Spring break week could be the perfect time to saddle up with your

loving parents and head out to check out perspective college campuses. Remember to look at the dorms the food plan, the scholarship offers, and most of all the co eds. Most of the time colleges offer a guest dorm for you and your parents to get the whole "college experience." If you are worried that your parents will be tagging along all the time, do not despair there are plenty of parental activities for them to check out. Besides, you do not really have much say about it, if they are the ones paying. The college visiting experience could be the ultimate family bonding moment. And when better than to have it than on spring break?

Head to your local video store and rent a pile of movies and binge on Oreos and Doritos until your heart is

content. If your felling like you hate the world and dream of serial killing, have a Friday the 13th fest in your living room. On the other hand, if your feeling goofy try renting Monty Python and The Holy Grail and its successors. For the classical, romantic type, Casablanca and Gone With The Wind will keep you occupied for about three days. After watching them you will be so in touch with your inner self you will be contemplating the meaning of life for the rest of the week.

Whatever it is you choose to do this spring break, it is a time for loving life. Do anything that makes you happy and fulfilled.

# The Ultimate Experience

by Dan Aikens

Life beholds so many experiences just waiting to be fulfilled. Do not let your fear keep you locked up in your room staring at your fish swimming around in their tank. Later in life you will wish you would have lived your life more. Go out there and explore new ideas with your friends and enjoy life. Sooner or later we all have to die. Do not die wishing you would have done more in life.

I recently asked some Salem Senior High School students and staff

members what they would like to do before they die:

Ami Demeo-meet Mr. Rogers.  
Nathan Bieiski-sing "Puff The Magic Dragon" while sitting under a purple moon.

Angie Pitts-pass algebra two.  
Rick Sebrell-pass algebra two, too.

Garreit Morlan - live with head hunters and have a bone through my nose.

Mr. Martinelli-make a million dol-

lars.  
Melinda Cope-execute all the pathetic morons.

Terry Bowlin-get married.  
Jason Julian-get straight A's in school.

Joe Saverbrey-to race for Dale Earnhardt in the Daytona 500.

Treg Steves-bungee jump with my Chevette off the world's highest bridge while eating chicken nuggets.

Ryan Pennell-take a trip around the world.

Theresa Frazier-go see Jim Morrison's grave.

Crystal Kurpil-to answer every question that ever bothered women or man's mind.

Matt Backus-go to a "Dead" (Grateful Dead) Concert.

Matt Loomis-get John Petrucci's F/X rack.

Shawn Shasteen-sky dive off the moon and burn up in the atmosphere.

Shawn Devan-to win a million dollars and be just like Dan.

Greg Swiger - to get my Volare running and then tie a brick to the gas pedal and send it off a cliff so I don't have to keep fixing it.

George Cheresne-to see Matt Loomis buy his own guitar equipment and stop borrowing everyone else's.

Devon Cleland-give Kermit the frog a backrub.

Finally the thing I want to do before I die is to have a huge collection of guns.

## Poetry Corner

"I Chased The Sunset"

Last night I chased the sunset, like a wild frenzied animal. I fled from the night, from darkness and seclusion. The brilliant colors were my momentum, stretching across the treetops like an orange red blanket. I left my solace, not looking back, only pushing forward. The miles flew by, and it seemed as if I was the only person in the world. This sunset was made for me, and I had to find it. As I traveled, I became absorbed with thoughts of life and death, and of the horrors left unseen. I awoke, as if in a trance, to see a brilliant yellow glow just over the hill. And as I crested the hill, I was bathed in yellow light. Its Origin was so powerful it hurt my eyes, but so beautiful I could not look away. For a moment, I was God, looking on the world with open eyes, seeing every imperfection. But it was only for a moment. The light began to fade, and become deep red in color. A quick glance behind showed only darkness. But in that second, I had found what no mortal ever could: true beauty. The Sky darkens quickly now and the last bit of blue fades. The night air chills me, and I long for my solace, and so I turn and begin the long journey home. I had chased the sunset, and found only darkness.

Christy Brown, Senior

Alone

As I stareout upon this river of loneliness I see what is to be for me in the coming day. I sit alone, thinking but all as I hear is loudness and uproar of the voices in my head. They're louder than a crowd of money cheering fans. As I stare out onto the river I see thoughts roll by in a wave of glass. In these waves there are things that make me content, but there are many things I would rather do without. To me these waves represent my life and what the future holds for me. I might not be perfect, not even close, but when I think of the coming day I don't see myself, maybe it's someone full grown, maybe it's still me.

Scott Beaver, freshman

Longing

Memories, always haunting dreams, never wandering  
Always missing, the one you held so close long walks, special talks never forgetting, always forgiving

Kim Kilgore, freshman

Police man

Police man one who spends his life imitating Barney Fife. A man who Shaves and goes to a bar and tries to convict a football star.

Mike Liggitt with thanks to C.D. White

Problems

Problems trapped in one place. Problems trapped in this city. Problems Only in my mind

Jay Lutz, freshman with thanks to C.D. White

## Colors affect you

by Jadey Berger

If you are an art student then you probably already know that colors can influence you. Advertisers are often known to use colors to manipulate or influence you, the consumer. Another important thing about color is that your favorite one can say something about your personality. These are some of the reasons research into color psychology is done.

Colors can create moods. For instance, yellow orange is often found in packaging because it is considered happy and classy due to the golden tone it presents. The color yellow is subconsciously considered happy by people because it is believed to be the color of sunshine. Orange is happy because it is part yellow and part red. Red is the color that people associate with energy, power, and pep.

The color violet represents delicacy and quality. It is sometimes viewed as being more girlish.

The color blue, a cold color, is often linked with sadness and depression. But in the field of color psychology blue is actually far more complex than that. Blue can represent silence, loneliness, or tranquility. Green is a controversial color because of its many different shades and its ability to create an array of feelings. Green can represent a range of things from freshness and purity to disgust and vileness. Yellow green, or chartreuse, is said to remind people of sickness, hence the words, "It is PUKE green".

The study of color psychology has proven that colors can affect your health, mood and behavior. One expert believes that color can influence the way a person

smells things. The colors that brought on a good smell experience were lavender, pink, spicy red, and green. While the stinky smelling colors were grey, brown, and black. That is interesting, but brussel sprouts still stink, even though they are green.

There are also certain colors that are said to taste good. Green, peach, orange, brown (chocolate), and cherry red are supposedly the yummy colors. The unappetizing colors are yellow green, blue, violet, pink and black.

Believe it or not some experts believe that certain colors and shapes are linked. Red suggests a square, yellow an inverted triangle, rectangles are orange, green is a hexagon, blue represents circles, and purple ovals

You may not agree with all areas of color psychology. But everyone, unless they are color blind, does have a favorite color. Remember that your favorite color may be a big neon sign that gives away what kind of personality you have, or maybe not.

If you never raise your own expectations you will never find out how much you could become.

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### READING RAINBOW

Here are some recommended books to read to help pass the next four months away.

1. Icebound-Dean Koontz
2. Seinlanguage - Jerry Seinfield
3. My Education: A Book of Dreams-William S. Burroughs
4. Isomnia-Stephen King
5. Green Eggs and Ham - Dr. Seuss
6. John Lennon, One Day At A Time-Anthony Fawcett
7. Nine Stories - J.D. Salinger
8. Interview With A Vampire-Anne Rice
9. Of Mice and Men-John Steinback
10. Were The Red Fern Grows-Wilson Rawls
11. Little Women-Louisa May Alcott
12. To Kill A Mocking Bird-Harper Lee
13. When The Phone Rang-Harry Mazer
14. Frankenstein-Mary Shelly
15. Hamlet - William Shakespeare
16. Fahrenheit 451-Ray Bradbury
17. Farewell To Arms-Earrest Hemingway



# Studs in Waiting

by Sara Washington

Believe it or not, there are guy virgins all around, even right here in our own school. I know that this maybe hard to believe, but these guys truly do exist. Not all guys find it necessary to have sex, and yes they can get dates. They just have some good old-fashioned values.

Ever since we can remember, girls have always been told to wait to have sex, and guys are programmed to have as much sex as possible, and then go brag about all the details to their friends. If the guys do not have

something to brag about they usually make it up. So, most of the time, guys usually lie about being virgins anyway.

But today, more and more guys are holding their heads high and proudly admitting that they are virgins. I know many of the you are thinking why are they holding out. Well, one reason is respect to their future wives. They feel that sex is something that is very sacred and should not be shared with just anyone. When they share this part of

themselves with someone they want it to be with someone that they love and deeply care about. Another reason is safe sex. With all of the sexually transmitted diseases that keep going around it is very easy to catch one. The thought of becoming infected with one tends to scare guys away from sleeping around. Genitals warts do not sound that appealing to many people. Then there is the pregnancy issue. Having a baby at such a young age freaks a lot of guys out. They are still children themselves who's moth-

ers cater to their every need. How can they raise a child when they can not even iron a shirt. Definitely too much responsibility. And there is not a method of birth control that is one hundred percent effective. So many guys just wait.

Although guy virgins are proud of who they are they still receive a lot of that heat from their friends. They get harassed and pressured, and are called fags or fairies. Their friends sometimes are not very understanding. Girls can also make it hard for

guys. They label them as nice guys who make great friends, but never boyfriend material. This can get to be frustrating.

For these guys the temptation is always there just like for you and me. They also find it hard to fight, and getting in tight situations is the worst. But, thanks to their morals they will be faithful to themselves and wait for that one special girl. So, if you are a guy virgin reading this do not be ashamed, you are not alone.

## Diet pills, good or bad?

by Amy McKinney

Diet Aids when compared to essentials such as soap, toothpaste, are easier to spot in the store. They are even displayed at the check-out counter. Manufacturers create catchy names - such as "Dexatrim" to lure the consumer. Television ads are clearly designed so that any viewer thinking themselves overweight feel almost guilty for not at least giving the diet aid a try.

Some of the over the counter "miracle workers" often are in "maximum strength", without a prescription. The diet pills that are sold can have potentially harmful side effects. They have ephedrine in them that causes your muscles to relax, stimulates the heart, and the central nervous system, and constrict the blood vessels.

So who takes these diet pills? The highest percentage of people that take them are people who are only a few pounds overweight. The number of

young people taking them is increasing. But the number of adults taking them regularly are decreasing. It's all in the mind" said Doctor Snyder, one of the 80 percent of doctors who feel this way. Many people think diet pills are guaranteed or your money back, so they try it.

What happens if you continue to take diet pills for a number of years? It could lead to high blood pressure, and it could thin out your blood. Some people abuse diet pills so they become Anorexic. They feel that you must eat little to have the diet pill work. Or they feel they can't stop the feeling of being hungry so the over dose on them before a meal.

Research has shown that the best way to lose weight permanently is to have a low fat diet and to exercise. Commercial diet programs claim to support these lifestyle changes, but in actuality they still emphasize low-calorie diets and quick weight loss.

## From fame to flames

by Heather Stanley

This is the story about a band called The Bricks. This is how they came to be, and how they dealt with trauma of becoming what they always wanted to be, famous musicians.

The band was formed for a Junior High Talent show in 1980. The band was basically three members: a drummer, a lead singer who doubled as the guitarist, and a bass player. The name came from the fact that The Bricks sounded cool and different. The performance was off key and they had little rhythm, but for their first real performance, it was not that bad.

Well, time went to the side lines, but some how the band stayed together. There had been additional members, but the beginning three members were still there. It was now 1986, and it was the band members senior year. The band had taken on a life of it's own, most of the kids at the school knew who the members were, except the new female lead guitarist. She did not care if anyone knew she was in the band.

The band members all had different personalities. The lead singer was just simply a shy poet, who hated everything, but music. The lead guitarist as said before, hated fame. She lived for three things, to write music, to play music, and to listen to music. She also had an odd personality trait. She really liked Charles Manson. The drummer was laid back. He simply wanted fame, and the money it gave. The bass player was a political correctness freak. Name the issue, he had an opinion on it. The rhythm guitarist was nicknamed Plug. The name was given to him when he was electrocuted in the chemistry lab. He was a wild man, who has this thing for listening to musicals.

Their music was alternative with a metal feel to it. They graduated, and for the next four years they played for

crowds of ten including the waitresses and the bartender. They were finally found locally when a DJ from a local radio station started playing their demo. This was when all the industry people started to talk to them.

Fame came fast for this band. They were signed in the fall of 1991, and their major label debut came out by the spring of the next year. They did a video that was considered good, and by the fall they all had their personal groupies. The next three years they could do nothing wrong, all they had to do was play music and act stupid, but like all other bands stuff happens.

In the summer of 1994, The Bricks had a down fall. They were considered sell outs by most of their old fans. They all contribute to this in their own way. Thy lead singer had a nervous break down. The rhythm guitarist had contracted the deadly HIV virus. The bass player became too political, and alienated a lot of his fans. The lead guitarist became a TV star. She now holds a role on a top 10 show. The drummer left the band earlier that spring, to form another band called Blue Carpet.

What was so bad was that the band started to act weird and like rock stars. The fans that were there in the beginning hated them now. They sold out, to what is still unknown. In the end, they are getting about \$40.00 for concert ticket, and all the radio stations play them too much.

What is sad is that The Bricks do not exist, but their story could be real. Why are rock musicians personal stories all the same, except for some minor details? Why do musicians all have a cause, like animal rights or AIDS? Why do all try to act so politically correct, but do not come off that way. In many ways, they all act the same, and to a point they even sound the same.

## This is just a test

by Mandy McGee

While the facts about the transmission of AIDS and how to prevent it are plentiful, information as to what to do if you or someone you know thinks they have it is not. AIDS cannot be stopped 100% if only 50% of the information is out there.

If you or someone you know believes they might be at risk of having the HIV virus - get tested immediately. Easier said than done. It is common to experience fear or embarrassment, but if you let those emotions take over you could be risking your life and the lives of others. Sometimes it helps to confide in a trustworthy friend. If you do not have any friends you think you can trust or if you do not want anyone to know of your problem, there is a 24 hour toll-free AIDS hotline you can call for the motivation and support you need.

An AIDS test consists of a small blood sample. Usually these tests are administered at special clinics for free are are completely anonymous, although your doctor can perform them if you prefer.

The results usually take about a week to come in. At this time you will receive a call scheduling an appointment to come in and find out your results. If you are not home at the time they will call back without leaving any information as to whose calling in order to insure anonymity.

Hopefully the results are negative. If they do come back negative but you are still unsure, it is advisable that you take the test again. There

is a period of time between the time you contracted the virus and the time it will show up on a test. This "window" period can be anywhere from two weeks to six months. So wait about a month and get tested again if there is any doubt.

Positive results do not indicate you are going to die any time soon. They only mean you have contracted the HIV virus. This does not mean you have AIDS. In fact some people can test positive and never develop full blown AIDS. But this does mean you are now a carrier and can pass the virus on to others.

Although it will be hard, there are people you really should tell. If you know exactly how you got it, you only need to approach those with whom you have had unsafe contact with since then. However, if you do not know how you got it, make a list of those people whom you ever had any exchange of bodily fluids with (generally discluding saliva). These people should be notified of your results even before family and friends.

Reactions will vary from person to person. Some may become angry take it out on you. Others may deny the truth. Most reactions will hopefully be positive and appreciative of the notification.

If someone you know informs that they have tested positive there are a few general tips you can follow:

- \*Be there. - This is the best thing anyone can do. Act as any good friend would.
- \*Talk about the illness. - This can be help-

ful, but make sure not to press the issue. If they do not want to talk about it back off.

\*Don't lecture. - If your friend is dealing with the disease in a way you see as being unfit, don't yell at them. Understand that you do not know what they are going through.

\*Be prepared for mood swings. - Outbursts of anger or periods of depression are common. Although it can be frustrating try to deal with it.

Not only does your friend need to be taken care of, so do you. Talk to someone about the feeling you are having concerning your friend.

Local AIDS Organizations  
Questions on AIDS  
Columbiana County AIDS Task Force - Offers literature on the virus. To contact call 332-9575.

Free anonymous testing sites.  
Columbiana County Mental Health Center - Offers testing every two weeks on Thursdays from 1:30 to 4:00 p.m. Counseling prior to and after testing. Call 216-424-9573 for appointment.

Planned Parenthood - Call 216-385-2508 for appointment.

AIDS HOTLINE 1-800-342-7514  
It may seem as if this article doesn't apply to Salem High School, but it does. And although I do not know of anyone personally who has AIDS, I still see this as a great concern of mine. Hopefully you will learn to feel the same.

## Bothered by something?

by Alvinia Karlis

Have you been bothered or annoyed by something "just because?" Abi Stevenson does not like it when people tap their pen. This is an example of "pet peeves." Here are more examples:

- Ami Demeo - People like you who ask questions for the paper
- Nathan Bielski - arrogance
- Rick Sebrell - Algebra II
- Mr. Martinelli - When people slurp while they eat
- Dan Janosik - When people chew their ice
- Malinda Cope - Arrogant, Self Concerned, true morons
- Teresa Cassinger - Malinda Cope yelling Tesa
- Kerry Vance - Inanimate objects more intelligent than myself
- Jamie Oesch - When people wear navy blue and black together - CLASH
- Mac Morrison - People in general
- George Cheresne - Dan Aikens and Bob Larson

- Treg Steves - People that are idiots and do not even realize it
- Dave Wright - Neon signs that are not completely working
- Terry Bowlin - People who lie
- Joe Saverbrey - My sister
- Theresa Frazier - People
- Becky Helman - People toss their hair
- Nate Walker - When girls wear knee-high socks
- Shannon Haselow - When you can't be friends with a guy without people saying other things
- Jayne Penner - Psycho, jealous girl-

- friends and ex-girlfriends
- Brandi Moore - When tags stick out of their clothing
- Angie Kutz - People who wear pink
- Jaime Lipp - People who cheat and lie and then lie about lying
- Tara Galeoti - When people bite the fork instead of their food
- Niki Heck - When people write stupid poems.
- Sure everyone has a "pet peeve" even if it sounds stupid to be bothered by the smallest of things. Just remember your not alone.

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# Sports

## It's college basketball time baby!

by Lance Cranmer

It's that time again, March, the month where the only thing to watch on TV is college basketball. Of course this is one of my favorite months of the year. The only bad thing about March is the fact that we have to put up with Dick Vitale 18 hours a day.

All the other professional sports writers have their picks to win the tournament, and of course, I have mine. Here they are, in no particular order.

**1. Arkansas** - The defending champions from last year's tournament. They have one of the best chances to win because they still have their entire team from last year. Scotty Thurman and Corliss Williamson are the most dominant forces on the team.

**2. UCLA** - A definite number one seed in the West, and champions of the PAC-10, UCLA is one of the most well balanced team in the nation. The O'Bannon brothers will dominate underneath while the explosive Tyrus Edney controls the ball. UCLA, in my opinion will easily make the final four.

**3. Connecticut** - Ray Allen and Donnie Marshall are two future stars in the NBA and have proven that they can win the big games. UConn has also shown that they are beatable though in their blowout loss at the hands of Kansas.

**4. North Carolina** - Never count out Dean Smith, especially when he has a player like Jerry Stackhouse (Sports Illustrated's Player of the Year who averages 19.0 ppg.) on his team. Personally, I don't think the Tar Heels are good enough to make it in to the elite eight this year.

**5. UMass** - Lou Roe and Marcus Camby are both dominant players and must be at the top of their game if they hope to have a chance at the title. If either of them are off, chances are UMass will not go very far.

**8. Arizona** - Damon Stoudamire showed his talents in last year's tournament but he is much better this year. However this year's Wildcat team may not be as good. Stoudamire currently leads the Pac-10 in scoring with 21.8 ppg and assists with 7.5 a game.

**7. Michigan State** - My personal

favorite this year since Ohio State has no chance. Michigan State may be the surprise of the tournament since not many people know much about them. Senior guard Shawn Respert who averages nearly 26 points a game is in my opinion the best player in college basketball and has the ability to win games by himself.

**8. Kansas** - Jacques Vaughan and Greg Ostertag are the driving force behind this team which also has a very legitimate chance to make the final four. They are the number one seed in the Midwest, despite the surprise loss to Iowa State.



**9. Oklahoma State** - "Big Country" Bryant Reeves needs to be

at his best, which still isn't very good. He has had his games where he has showed NBA potential though. OSU's chances are very slim to advance this year.

**10. Maryland** - Joe Smith may be the next Chris Webber as he has already been an All-American and he is only a sophomore. He can win games himself too, but the Terapins have yet to prove that they can win the big games. This could be the year that they do just that.

**11. Syracuse** - Lawrence Moten has established himself as the greatest player in Big East history surpassing Terry Dehare's conference scoring record. The only thing he has yet to accomplish is winning the title.

**12. Purdue** - Cuonzo Martin is one of the premier three-point shooters in the NCAA this year. He leads a team that is fairly experienced in tournament play because of last year. Matt Wadell is a great point guard and could be a real force in the games. The only thing missing from last years team is Glenn Robinson. Good luck trying to fill his shoes.

**13. Kentucky** - This may be one

of the country's least publicized teams. They have been in the top 10 all year, averaging 86.8 points per game, but they have yet to reach number one. They are the number one seed in the Southeast. Rick Patino is one of the best coaches in all of basketball. His teams, no matter how good, always go far.

**14. Wake Forest** - A surprisingly powerful team that I really don't know that much about. What I do know is that they are currently ranked in the top 10 and they won the ACC Championship by beating North Carolina. They are also the number one seed in the East.

**15. Mississippi State** - Sophomore Erick Dampier leads this team which may be one of the Cinderella teams of the tournament.

**16. Tulsa** - Chances are that they might not make it to the sweet sixteen, but I'll be pulling for them. They were a surprise team last year when they upset Jason Kidd and California. They could just as easily be a surprise team this year.

## Track team looks forward to future

by Ryan Raymond

The girls and boys track teams started preparing for their 1995 season on March 2. They will have their first meet in Salem on March 28 against Howland.

The boys' team will be strong in the distance program and shouldn't have any trouble in the mid-distance events either.

The girls' team has six seniors to provide leadership and experience.

In the sprints the boys will need to

improve, but maybe the freshmen will step-up in these events. The weight team is unpredictable. They will just need to stay on top of everyone to keep the right winning attitude.

The girls' team is hard to judge. They will be tough to beat in the distance races. They also have good sprinters and will do well in the hurdles.

Both teams, will need to stay focused on winning.

## Faces in the crowd

by Lance Cranmer

**Name: Dave Miller**  
 Grade: 11  
 Number of varsity letters received: 2  
 Sports: soccer, track  
 Favorite pro team: Browns  
 Favorite athlete: Mike Johnson  
 Favorite college: South Carolina  
 Favorite teacher: Mr. Kirkland  
 Favorite music group: Aerosmith  
 Favorite song: "Deuces Wild"  
 Thing you like most about SHS: sixth period with Mr. Zimmerman  
 Thing you like least about SHS: seventh period study hall  
 Who's your hero: Wesh Johnson  
 Would you pay to play a sport or would you move: Move

**Name: Jaime Jeffries**  
 Grade: 12  
 Number of varsity letters received: 4  
 Sports: softball  
 Favorite pro team: Cincinnati Reds  
 Favorite athlete: Lisa Fernandez  
 Favorite college: UCLA  
 Favorite teacher: Mr. Bennett  
 Favorite music group: Boys II Men  
 Favorite song: "Water Runs Dry"  
 Future plans: Go to college and play softball  
 Thing you like most about SHS: 2:44 p.m.  
 Thing you like least about SHS: lack of freedom  
 Who's your hero: Mr. Headland  
 Would you pay to play a sport or would you move: Pay  
 What would you like to do before you die: Take a month vacation in Hawaii.

**Name: Michelle Knipp**  
 Grade: 11  
 Number of varsity letters received: 3

Sports: cross country, track  
 Favorite pro team: Cleveland Browns  
 Favorite athlete: Charles Barkley  
 Favorite college: Lee College  
 Favorite teacher: Mr. Trough  
 Favorite music group: Chicago  
 Favorite song: "Hero"  
 Future plans: attend college and become a teen counselor  
 Thing you like most about SHS: teachers  
 Thing you like least about SHS: cliques  
 Who's your hero: I have quite a few.  
 Would you pay to play a sport or would you move: I would like to move but I would probably stay and pay to play.  
 What would you like to do before you die: I would like to travel to the ancient ruins in places like Rome, Athens, and Egypt.

**Name: Nate Hendricks**  
 Number of varsity letters received: 7  
 Sports: football, basketball, baseball  
 Favorite pro team: L.A. Lakers  
 Favorite college: UCLA  
 Favorite teacher: Mr. Bennett and Mr. Ogilvie  
 Favorite music group: Snoop Doggy Dog  
 Favorite song: "Ice Ice Baby"  
 Future plans: John Carroll (Business)  
 Thing you like most about SHS: wonderful teachers and the class of '95  
 Would you pay to play a sport or would you move: Salem Pride! Pay.  
 What would you like to do before you die: Go to Beastie Boys concert with Jesse Horning.



UMass center Marcus Camby leads the Minutemen into the NCAA tournament.

## Boys & Girls Track Schedule

Tues., Mar. 28	B & G Howland	Home	5:00
Fri., Mar. 31	Girls Invitational	Salem	4:30
Sat., Apr. 1	Ward Invitational (B)	E. Palestine	9:00 A.M.
Tues., Apr. 4	B & G Girard	Home	5:00
Fri., Apr. 7	Boys Invitational	Salem	4:30
Sat., Apr. 8	E. Palestine Invitational Girls		9:00 A.M.
Thurs., Apr. 13	B & G West Branch	Home	5:00
Tues., Apr. 18	County Meet	East Palestine	4:00
Wed., Apr. 19	County Meet	East Palestine	5:30
Tues., Apr. 25	B & G Struthers	Away	4:15
Thurs., Apr. 27	B & G Niles	Home	5:00
Tues., May 2	B & G Canfield	Home	5:00
Tues., May 9	Poland	Home	5:00
Fri., May 12	M.A.C. Championships	Salem	4:00

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# Good Luck Spring Sports

# No strike here

by Lance Cranmer

The boys baseball season begins in only one week on March 30 at home with East Palestine. The boys return six seniors this year who should give them plenty of experience. The Starting line-up for the team is not certain yet in most positions. Brock Engle, an All MVC second baseman, is a definite starter. Rob Tamburro is also a definite starter, but his position is not definite. He may play where he did last year at shortstop and third base, or he may become the catcher this year. If he does not catch, the position will likely be filled by Nate Walker. First base and third base are both questionable spots for the team. The outfield is likely to be Seniors Chris Middleton and Nate Hendricks along

with junior Casey Collins.

The pitching staff could be one of the strong points on the team. Matt Backus will provide the most experience on the staff. Southpaw Justin Lucas and fire ballers Ed Alesi and George Duko also return to the team from last year. The new edition to the team is Senior Joe Crowe who has been called by other players on the team, "the hardest thrower I've ever seen."

The team faces a very tough schedule this year with almost every team in the MAC fielding a very competitive squad. Along with their MAC opponents, the Quakers will face Southeast, Louisville, Marlinton, Lakeview, and the always dangerous Fitch.

# The girls SWING into action!

by Chad Hofmann

Well at least we know there are some teams that aren't on strike, and are ready to play. The girls softball team will be a team to contend with this year. This is the first actual year they've had two strong pitchers for the varsity team, Stacy Ozimek and Jaime Jeffries.

The girls open their season with West Branch at home on Monday, March 27, but the teams that they'll really have to concentrate on will be Poland and Canfield.

Head coach Paul Headland said, "We had a great turnout for try outs, I hate to cut anyone."

The seniors and the underclassmen that are returning should provide a strong bit of experience to help the team win. The seniors this year include Brooke Ozimek, Megan

Morrisey, Jaime Jeffries, and Shannon Haselow.

Senior Jaime Jeffries said, "The experience of our coaching staff and players will provide us with a proficient season."

Headland also said, "We should have a successful season, but we will have a rough time competing against Poland and Canfield for the MAC crown."

Senior Brooke Ozimek stated, "We have great players who work together well, if we stick by each other and play as a team we will do exceptional."

The Lady Quakers have twenty games scheduled and we will see how they end up by May 15, after their last game, against Howland.

# Salem Quaker Varsity Baseball 1995

Thurs.	March 30	E. Palestine	Home	4:15
Fri.	March 31	West Branch**	Home	5:00
Mon.	April 3	Marlington	Away	4:15
Wed.	April 5	Southeast	Home	4:15
Thurs.	April 6	Columbiana	Home	4:15
Sat.	April 8	Minerva	Home	11:00 A.M.
Mon.	April 10	Canfield	Home	4:15*
Tue.	April 11	E. Palestine	Away	4:30
Wed.	April 12	Niles	Home	4:15*
Thurs.	April 13	Southeast	Away	4:15
Mon.	April 17	Girard	Away	4:15*
Thurs.	April 20	Cardinal Mooney	Home	6:00
Fri.	April 21	Struthers	Away	4:15*
Sat.	April 22	Louisville	Away	11:00 A.M.
Mon.	April 24	Howland	Away	4:15*
Wed.	April 26	Girard	Home	4:15*
Fri.	April 28	Poland	Home	4:15*
Sat.	April 29	Minerva	Away	11:00 A.M.
Mon.	May 1	Marlington	Home	4:15
Tues.	May 2	Fitch	Home	6:00
Fri.	May 5	Canfield	Away	4:15*
Mon.	May 8	Poland	Away	4:15*
Wed.	May 10	Niles	Away	4:15*
Thurs.	May 11	Lakeview	Home	7:00
Fri.	May 12	Struthers	Home	4:15*
Mon.	May 15	Howland	Home	4:15*

\* MAC game

\*\* double header

# Boys' volleyball prepares for season

by Danielle Conser

As the boys' volleyball team enters its fourth consecutive season, the members of the team have one common attitude . . . to win. The team had a somewhat disappointing season last year because of the number of matches they played. They ended up with a record of 2-2, while this year they have over 10 matches already scheduled.

One of the reasons for the number of matches is that men's volleyball is not a sanctioned sport in Ohio. For it to become sanctioned, there must be at least 150 teams registered with the Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA). Last year there were just over 90. This means that the team must find its own money to pay for transportation, tournament fees, and all other expenses. It is also discouraging for

the players because they do not get their varsity letter for participating. Another drawback is that the coaches are strictly volunteer. Don Conser is the head coach, assisted by Dave Long and Ed Willeman. But all of the coaches are very dedicated and put in a lot of hours working with the guys.

The team has a very serious attitude this year. They want to win all of their matches and at the end of the season hope to be one of the teams in the state tournament.

The team's biggest strength is power. They have a lot of guys who can jump well and hit the ball hard. But in order to be successful, they must improve their passing and defense.

One person who will help with this is exchange student Fabio Cesar. He is a very experienced player from

Brazil who has the all around technique and skill the team needs to succeed.

The team works well together because they've been working together as a team for two years. The majority of the players are juniors, many of whom have only been playing for two years. Some of the juniors are Ben Hettinga, Todd Banning, Ryan Marshall, Jason Hubbard, Ian Harshman, Jake Bestic, Chad Fowler, and Chris Hernstrom. Sophomore Dan Willeman will also be an integral part of the team.

Why is this year's team different from last year's? Well as Ryan Marshall puts it, "We know how to play volleyball now."

# Ping Pong with a bigger court

by Danielle Conser

As the boys' tennis team begins their season, they are hoping to have a strong team. Last year the team finished with a record of 12-9. This Year will also be competitive as they face teams such as Canfield, Boardman, Louisville, and Austintown Fitch.

One of the team's struggles is depth. Coach Joe Judge said, "We won't have much experience after the four top players." But those players will be strong. The team is expecting to have a strong doubles team and a couple of good singles players.

The team agrees that there is a lack of experience. They have three Seniors: Kevin Stapf, Craig Brown,

and Mike Helmick. Other than the seniors there are mainly sophomores rounding out the team. One of the top sophomores is Chris Lee, who will be adding a lot to the team's talent.

One of the pleasant surprises to this year's team is the arrival of exchange student Jonathan Francois. Although they have just started practicing, Coach Judge says that Francois should be "a very good player for us."

Despite the tough competition and lack of experience, Coach Judge and the rest of the team hope to be towards the top of the MAC Standings.

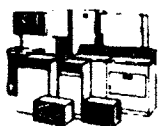
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