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The family decline

by Theresa Frazier

Over the past few decades family life has changed a lot. More people these days are getting divorces, and family values have changed from what used to be acceptable to what is acceptable now.

In the past single mothers tended to fall into three categories: unwed teenagers, divorcees, and widows. But now the scene is usually a woman in her thirties or forties who sets out to conceive a child and raise it on her own. Many women decide to raise children on their own, because they are single, getting older, and don't have a long time

left to conceive, or because they develop a problem that could threaten their fertility, so if they are going to conceive a child (wed or unwed) their time to do so is greatly reduced.

Statistics show that one out of every two teenage marriages will end in divorce. Teens these days are getting married at earlier ages. Because of this, they have not had all the experiences they wanted before they got married and are not really ready for it. Marriage is a big step and when you get married, you should get married because you love the other person and you

want to spend the rest of your life with them, even when they change in their appearance.

Too many people get married in lust and not in love, so once the appearance of their spouse is gone so is their interest.

It's very easy to get a divorce in today's society, so more people are doing it. Once a couple has decided to get a divorce there are a lot of myths that come with it. Following is a *Changing Times* divorce myth list.

Myth Number 1: No-fault means no hassle.

Myth Number 2: I automatically get half of everything.

Myth Number 3: I can count on alimony to support me.

Myth Number 4: I slaved over this house, so I should get it.

Myth Number 5: I'm the mom, so I get the kids.

Myth Number 6: At least I can count on sharing my former spouse's retirement benefits.

Unfortunately all of these are myths. Ninety percent of all divorce cases are settled outside of court, but the ones that go to court don't guarantee you will get any part of those myths. Everyone needs to learn what is just a myth and what is the truth when going through a divorce.

Source: *Redbook* and *Changing Times*

Deja Vu

by Jenni Brown

Have you ever had a dream that actually happens? It is called *Deja Vu*. Psychiatrist Robert Langs believes that dreams are our response to a situation we unconsciously perceived as dangerous. A dream is telling you something that you unconsciously saw going on during the day. Some times people have dreams that actually come true. Here are some of the dreams people in our school have had come true.

Katie Frank- "I had a dream that I was in a strange gloomy place. It was storming outside and

everyone was really sad. I was asking people what was going on. Someone finally told me that my Aunt Donna was dead and we were at her funeral. In about three months my Aunt Donna really did die. When I went to the funeral it was storming just like in my dream. Sometimes I have dreams that happen to my twin sister. Sometimes the dreams she has come true to me."

Angie Rank- "I had a dream that I was riding my bike home from my friends house late one night. I was riding really fast because I had to be home by 12:00a.m. and it was about

11:55 p.m. I looked at my watch and it said 12:00a.m. Then there was this creepy looking black cat that kept crossing in front of me all the time. Then about 4 months later I was at my friends house watching movies and I fell asleep. When I woke up it was about 11:55 p.m. I had to be home at 12:00 a.m. I had to walk home. I only lived two blocks away. As I walked past the dark park this cat was creeping along following me, the cat looked kind of like the one in my dream. I was really scared."

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Travels abroad

by Tracy Drake



For almost a week I have been sitting here dwelling on how to tell about my spring break. I thought people wouldn't care, but if someone else had been where I was, I would want to hear their stories. But instead of droning on about every little detail of everyday I was overseas, I am just going to discuss several places that I, and certainly everyone else who went, will never forget. You see, for me, Mrs. Hutson and her family, Dana Jenkins, Kyle Markovich, Kim McCartney, Sam Hovanic, Stacey Gardner, Dan Stratton, Annie Crowgey, Jenni Suggett, Geoff Gay, and Jason Riechle, spring break was not just a trip. It was an adventure. We had the chance of a lifetime to travel through the beautiful lands of Italy, France, and Spain.

First of all, our itinerary went as follows:

Day One: Flight to New York, tour of New York City, (long, very long, extremely long) flight to Rome, Italy

Day Two: Arrive in Rome in morning

Day Three: Rome and the Vatican

Day Four: Bus trip to Assisi, and then on to Florence

Day Five: Florence

Day Six: Bus trip to Pisa, then on to Nice, France

Day Seven: Nice and a bus trip to Monaco

Day Eight: All day bus trip along the coast of the Mediterranean to Barcelona, Spain

Day Nine: Barcelona; night train to Madrid

Day Ten: Madrid and an excursion to Toledo

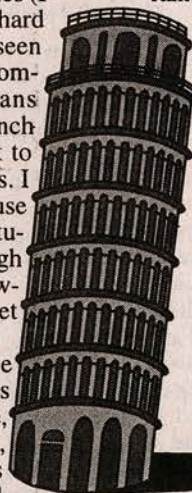
Day Eleven: Flight home (finally)

I would like to say that overall, Europe is the most amazing, wonderful place I have ever been to (and, yes, I do travel). It is just so different. Some of the important "life lessons" I learned were: *never* drink the water in other countries (I learned this the *very* hard way. Have you ever seen a barf bag almost completely full?), Italians smell good, the French smell bad, don't talk to cute, little gypsy girls. I also learned how to use a bidet (not that I actually did.) Even though some places were awful, I will never regret taking this trip.

I think the most incredible places that I saw were Rome, the Vatican, Assisi, the Field of Miracles in Pisa, Monaco, and Toledo. Rome is amazing when taken into consideration. This place has been around for almost 2,800 years, and half of it is *still* standing. The streets are narrow and made of cobblestone. The buildings are not large, but every window has shutters. There are many, many tiny restaurants and cafes lining the picturesque streets. Also, Rome doesn't really have any traffic lanes. They basically drive where they want to. If driving in Rome is not a case of "survival of the fittest", then I don't know what is. The Roman Forum is interesting, but some people didn't appreciate it simply because it is bits and pieces of stone scattered all over the ground. Hmm, maybe that is why they are referred to as *ruins*. The nifty thing about the Colosseum was that cats live in it. There were cats everywhere. As for the

Vatican, the Pope's casa is astounding. The Sistine Chapel is the most remarkable ceiling I know I will ever see. Michelangelo was nothing short of a genius.

Unfortunately, the day we went to Assisi it rained all day. But I still loved it. Assisi is quite simply a beautiful, quaint village on a mountaintop. Looking down all that is seen is miles and miles of magnificent Italian countryside. The fields are so many colors of green, mostly a bright green similar to



Astroturf.

The streets of Assisi were even tinier than Rome, and the buildings were like brown brick and stone cottages (except slightly bigger). Ivy and black lanterns framed these buildings. What seemed to be the big thing about Assisi was the tomb of St. Francis, (a great monk who first wrote using Italian instead of Latin) which is located in the Basilica of San

Francesco. Assisi would not be a bad place to live.

Unlike the weather in Assisi, it was beautiful in Pisa. The main thing we saw was the Field of Miracles which includes the Leaning Tower (It was originally just supposed to just be a bell tower), the cathedral, and the baptistry. That tower is phenomenal- it actually *leans*. The baptistry was also surprising because of its acoustics. One of the guards went to the center part of the baptistry and started to sing. Because of the acoustics, he sounded like a whole choir. It was some of the most beautiful sounds.

Next, Monaco, is every girl's dream come true. It has the reputation of being nothing but a glamorous, first-class standard of living. It looks like something straight off of *Lifestyles of the Rich & Famous*. Noone is going to believe me when I say this, but the prince of Monaco, Prince Albert, drove right past us (since the streets were so narrow it was more like he almost ran over us in his black Jeep Cherokee). He even had his window down and *looked* at some

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Chad Paxson-

"When I was little I went to camp and had a dream I got ran over by a truck. Then one day at camp I came really close to getting hit by a truck, just like in my dream."

Jennifer Palmer-

"I had a dream after I found out I would be running the first leg on the 4 by 100 relay team in the County track meet. I dreamt that the entire County meet champion-

ship was depending on me to get out of the starting blocks faster than any other team, and get our team in the lead. I was so nervous that I false started and our team was disqualified. Guess what? In the County track meet I really false started. Luckily the County meet championship was not depending on the 4 by 100 relay team."

Students prepare for elections



SENIOR OFFICER CANDIDATES—PRESIDENT: T. J. Bakondy; Chris Lee; Maria Nicotera—**VICE PRESIDENT:** John Berthold—**SECRETARY:** Regan Hendricks **TREASURER:**—Erin Helms

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JUNIOR CLASS: Allison Burtnett; Annie Crowgey; Bradley Davis; Lisa Eckhart; Kim Kilgore; Jennifer Lipp; Jason Moser; Mark Ostarchvic; Jan Peters; Abby Stevenson; Casey Ward; Aaron Weir; Betsy Wrask;

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The following time line had to be followed for Class Officer and Student Council Representative Candidates for the upcoming elections.

April 29 - May 6—Sign up for class officer and student council representative in the office and pick up applications.

Wednesday - May 8—TYPED (either typed or computer generated) Applications due back to the office by 3 p.m. **NO EXCEPTIONS!** Not typed/computer generated Not Acceptable!

Thursday - May 9—Mandatory meeting for all students running for class office/student council at 3 p.m. in the library. Meeting must be attended to run for office.

May 13-17—Campaign posters can be displayed only in the respective halls where class lockers are assigned. (Jr. Hall; Sophomore Hall; and Freshman Hall)

Turn in campaign posters to advisor by Friday, May 10. Posters may not be any larger than 8.5" x 11". they must not contain any negative comments. Only posters turned in before this time and approved can be displayed.

Please stress what you can do for your class by being elected.

Friday—May 17—**ELECTION DAY (1ST PERIOD)**

Student Senate Election Meeting was held Thursday, May 9, 1996 at 2:55 p.m. in the Salem High School Library. Candidates were required to be there. At this meeting candidates were given the 1996 Revised Student Senate Constitution; the Campaigning Guidelines; and an opportunity to provide a video taped, short commercial, for the election campaigning. The video must be turned in to Mr. McShane by Monday, May 13, 1996. This commercial video will be aired during 5th period instead of Channel 1 during election week.

The responses to questions on the candidate's application will be displayed in respective hallways of the students running for a position. Student candidates were asked to include in their campaigning what they can do for their class by being elected. Each candidate had their photograph taken to be displayed with their responses.

Senior Exam Schedule

May 29-Periods 5-8

May 30- Periods 1-8

May 31- Periods 1-4

Concerns

No fear?

by Sara Caplinger

Being young and filled with energy, people tend to think that they are unstoppable, maybe even immortal. They have "no fear"; the strength and the power to defeat any obstacle that comes their way. Realize though, you can not conquer death, but you can live longer if you play it smart.

Death is something every living thing must deal with. For many of us it is very difficult to handle and difficult to face.

Thirty-five minutes away in Ravenna, a city a little larger than Salem, people have mourned the loss of three high school students. Two of the three were to graduate this spring, and one was just starting as a freshmen. Senior Kevin Gatchel, had the second highest score on the track team this year. Now running

for him is his best friend. As for receiving the diploma for Matt Oostdyk the other senior involve in the accident, a close friend of the family will have the honor to be given Matt's diploma. The one car accident took place on April 20 when the boys were returning home from a night of fishing. Traveling at an approximate speed of 70 mph the driver went left to center to pass when his car went out of control. The car was steered into a ditch which in turn hit a tree causing the car to be cut in half.

Whether or not these kids were in a hurry or being "cool", these three kids did not have to die that Saturday morning. "I look for them everyday," said junior Kelly Gary, a close friend of two of the victims.

Dealing with the death of a fellow student is hard. Going to school from the first day of kindergar-

ten with a kid, you expect that they will be there with you to toss the cap into the air after the graduation ceremony. Unfortunately it does not always happen that way. "This tragedy brought the whole school together. It has made us think and learn that there is no reason to speed," commented Gary.

If something this tragic were to happen here at the high school, there is a crisis intervention plan involving not only the school personnel but people from the community. These include representatives from the Salem Community Hospital, Mental Health Clinic, Family Recovery center, Ministerial Association and representatives from a Help Hotline. They would come in to help anyone who needs help in dealing with the common expressions of losing someone. The common ex-

pressions are: denial, anger, guilt, anxiety, fear, sadness and last acceptance. As for the Crisis team sent to Ravenna Gary said that it has helped a lot.

Nothing this tragic has happened here while school was in session and hopefully it won't. With prom just ending and graduation coming soon, there are going to be a lot of parties and a lot of chaos going on. Running around, driving from store to store to purchase the invitations and thank you cards, the roads are going to be hectic. Take precaution while driving and maintain the correct speed limit, and if your afraid you will not have enough time, leave a little early then planned. "An accident can not be prevented, but drinking and driving can. Live life in a responsible manner," warns guidance counselor Miss. Carmello.

The innocent victim

by Shawna Smith

Has anybody wondered why we have enough freedom to drive to school? Well start thinking about it. The parking lot behind the Salem Senior High School is ridiculous. There is a mess from

cars driving from rates between 25 mph to at least 45 mph, and from cars hogging the whole isle. Didn't they make the isles big enough?

April 29, 1996 I had to come back to school to hand in an assigned paper that was due in the beginning of the school day. Because of my mistake of forgetting my paper, I almost was hit five times. Yes, five times. Not once or twice, as if it might be an accident, but five times. The worse thing about it was I,

myself, was driving under 5 mph. It was a jungle out there and I feared for my child. Unfortunately, I had to bring him with me. The innocence of this child was in the life of my hands, and because of the negligence of the high school students he was at risk. Everyone is anxious to get out of school by the time the 2:44 bell rings. Although, students are excited about leaving the school by days end, couldn't we be a little more careful?

Because of this experience, I refuse to

come back to school for anything right after school hours. I am willing to sacrifice my grade for the life of my child. Although, it may not even come down to being as bad as what it seems, I still fear for the innocent victim.



Concerns

**Singing
Bravely**

by Erika Leach

This year, the choir went to Atlanta, Georgia. It was a long, but exciting trip, and a successful one at that. But, there were a few discouraging times also.

It started off with a walk on Stone Mountain to take in the awesome view of the Olympic Stadium of where the 96' Olympics are going to be held this year. Then, it was time to check into the hotel and prepare to sing for that evening.

The singing went quite well, but there was not much to say about it until the next day at Six Flags, where we were to receive the results.

After we sang, we had to get ready to go to a Braves game. The game was fun, but it wasn't a safe place to be at the time because of Freak Nik, a holiday African Americans celebrate. As soon as the game was over, we went straight back

to the hotel, and in the middle of the night there was a fire. We all had to evacuate the building, and sit out in the parking lot for atleast 45 minutes, go figure.

The next morning we had to get up bright and early to go shopping at the mall. It was a relaxing way to start off the day. When we were finished shopping we arrived shortly after at Six Flags. Of course, it started to rain, and there was a tornado watch out, so we all had to take cover. Then, it was time to go to the awards ceremony.

Anyway, we ended up with a "superior" rating for our chamber choir, a "good" rating for the concert choir, and the judges choice award, which gave us three trophies to bring home. For being totally exhausted and very irritated, we did a pretty good job.

To be a writer

by: Tonya Barnard

Have you ever wanted to be a writer? Some students have a dream to become a famous writer whether or not it's a poet, short story writer, etc.

If that has been a dream then why don't some people follow through with their dreams? Maybe it's because they are scared. Maybe they think that their story or poem wont be as popular as they want it, or maybe it won't be good enough for family or friends. There could be a lot of reasons why some people don't follow through with their dreams. I think that if you really want to be a writer then you have to follow your heart and not let anyone run your life. If being a writer is you than follow through.

Here are some ideas that students had about what they would write about, why, and what kind of book it would

be. (fiction, non-fiction, short story, novel, etc.)

Sabrina Plunkett- How to get the man of your dreams. It's hard to find the right man. It would be a short story.

Angie Lutz - People who are immature. There are too many immature people. It would be non-fiction.

Miranda McIntosh- How to stay away from guys that say "You can believe what ever you want to believe." Most guys say that. It would be a short story.

Those are a few ideas that the girls thought of, but when I asked the guys you wouldn't believe all the answers I got. There are many story ideas, and many people who want to write but never do cause they are afraid. If you want to be a writer than don't let anything stop you.

Quaker's Proposal on Student Expression

We, the staff of *The Quaker*, hereby acknowledge our responsibility to provide informative and entertaining reading.

We guarantee to keep our readers informed of various events and issues of concern to the students, staff, and parents of Salem Senior High School. *The Quaker* reserves the right to censor articles.

The principal has the final say on censoring an article.

To make *The Quaker* a credible newspaper, we will aim for accuracy and objectivity.

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

It is also our duty to make prompt corrections when necessary.

Since *The Quaker* is a forum, we encourage input from our readers in the form of stories, essays,

Concerns

Aliens, do you believe?

by Jadey Berger

Aliens are becoming very trendy. But amidst all the Galaxy Girl clothing at that cheesy Contempo, and the Believe shirts that are gracing the chests of hipsters, the real question is: Do you believe? Are there really cute little green alien chicks with T.V. antennae on their heads, wearing tin foil skirts out there somewhere? SHS students are pretty split on their views about extra-terrestrial life. So, next time you see an image of a trendy martian chick or an alien head plastered on some hip chest, ask yourself, Do I believe? Here is what a few SHS students told me when I asked them to ponder this great question of the universe:

Tom Cosma- Yes of course I believe in aliens. You would have to be either extremely stupid or egotistical to not believe in their existence. And I have aliens in my backyard.

Chad Paxson-No, because there's nowhere else but our planet.

Krista Howells-No.

Meghan Conrad-Yes, if we are here there must be something else out there.

George Lutz-Yes, the freaky people walking among us are aliens.

Kristi Quinn-Yea I believe there are aliens. There are other planets we haven't discovered, planetes we haven't explored yet.

Kyle Cranmer-Yes, because I am one.

Rich Pieren-Yes, the government is hiding stuff.

Tim Fawcett-Yes, I have seen them on Egypt Road at night.

Kevin Madjarac-Yes, can you imagine Chad Keating bald?

Rachel Scott-Yes, I have seen them in my bedroom.

Tomi Swenningson-Yes, Kelly Kettell is one.

Ben Hettinga-No, because I believe in creation and I don't believe more beings were created.

Chris Plunkett-I believe in aliens because I once saw a UFO in the sky, above Centennial Park. I knew once I saw this craft that it was alien because the Jetsons do not exist.

Dan Polshaw-Yes, I saw them.

Diane DeFazio-Yes, they are on this planet but disguised as humans so no one can tell them apart from everyone else.

Devon Cleland-Yes, I believe inanimate objects are aliens, someday they are going to take over the world and punish us for our mistreatment of them.

Kevin Johnson- I think only people who sit on top of cars in the pouring down rain are half alien.

Harder than we thin

by Lisa Hardin

We all know now that getting older means more responsibilities for us to take care of. After turning 16 years old everyone wants to get a car. Some want really nice cars to drive, so this means getting a job and working for it. The older you get the more things you usually want. Most students in the school are working part time, and attending school full time. Is there any time? Barely. Sixty eight percent of high school students work for cars, college, or for the sum-

mer concerts, and amusement parks.

The problem most students have with work all the time is trying to keep up their grades. Another problem is that students don't have time to enjoy the free time they have and use their time reading books, or going walks, and bike rides. The things are still possible, if you need to work out a tight schedule to get in your favorite activities and hobbies. Working at what you want will pay off in the future.

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Editorial

Who kidnapped Mr. Jeckavitch?

Part Four

by Katie Frank



"You're letting this get to your head," Malone said, hurrying to catch up with her partner, who was running off down the empty halls of SHS. Zeck said nothing, but he grinned broadly and kept his focus strait ahead. "Come on! Mr. McShane?"

"It makes sense, doesn't it?" he asked, not stopping nor turning around.

"No."

"It does, Malone.

It does. For the first time in this case we actually have a direction to go in. We have our first suspect."

Malone shook her head as they stopped near the middle staircase. "But Mr. McShane? He's the principal. He's the one that called us and gave us this case in the first place. For him to kidnap Jeckavitch..."

"Haven't you ever read Agatha Christie before?" Zeck smiled.

"No, I haven't."

"You should. You really should. Now, come on. That office boy said McShane was in the computer lab. And I still remember this school like the back of my hand. This way."

"So I guess your theory about the band kids getting Jeckavitch is eliminated," Malone sighed.

"Well, no, not yet. Since we still have basically nothing, I'm not eliminating anyone. You shouldn't, either."

"Believe me, I haven't. But I still think

Jeckavitch skipped town." The two rounded the corner and approached the computer lab. As they went to open the door, Zeck's cell phone rang. He dug into his pocket, pulled it out and tossed it to his partner.

"Will you answer this, please? I'm going to ask McShane a few questions."

She scowled, but answered the phone anyway. "Hello, Detective Malone."

"Malone? Did I get the wrong number? I thought this was Zeck's line," a voice said.

"It is. He's busy."

"That's good, because I need to talk to you more than him, anyway. This is Agent Sperling."

"What have you got for us, G man?"

"A big break. Malone, we just found Jeckavitch."

Malone turned her back from the computer lab, then asked, "Where? When? Is he alive?"

"First off, yes, he is alive. Alive and well. You'll never believe this- we found him tied and gagged and stuffed underneath the seats of the high's school band shell in the stadium."

"Where is he now?"

"At Salem Community Hospital," Agent Sperling told her. "They're just making sure he's okay. But we already talked to

him. Malone, he gave us the name of his kidnapper."

As she listened to the FBI man, Zeck came running out of the lab, his face shocked and frantic. "Oh my God, Malone! I know who did it! I know who kidnapped Mr. Jeckavitch!"

Malone hung up the phone and tossed it to him. "Yeah. So do I.

So who did kidnap Mr. Jeckavitch? If you know who it is, write it down on a piece of paper

along with your name and grade and give it to Katie Frank. If the guess is right, your name will be printed in the Quaker. Remember, there are clues in every part, so good luck.



Chaos

by Megan Zagotti

All right. We're down to the last full month of school. Everyone is really excited about the upcoming summer. I myself can not wait till the summer so I can sleep in and just do what I want. Anyway, the whole school is in Chaos. The seniors are nervous and excited because for them this is the last couple weeks of highschool for the rest of their lives. The rest of us have anywhere from one to three years left.

I can't wait to graduate next year, along with at least half the class of '97'. But have you thought about graduation? What's in store for you after you graduate? Will you go to college, or straight to work, or do both. Will you

live on your own, with your parents or in a dorm? These are the biggest questions you have to ask yourself to be prepared for your future.

I think the best thing to do is plan what you want to do then go for it. But be honest with yourself and try for something you are sure you can do. Don't set your goals too high because if you don't reach them then you feel like you've let yourself down. After you reach that goal then set higher ones.

Now, I feel like a guidance counselor. I know you've heard this all before and you're probably getting sick of hearing it but try it. You never know, it just might help you.

Editorial

Stress at SHS

by Katie Frank

You can tell its the end of the year. Yes, the countdown signs are hung, the teachers are humming Pomp and Circumstance, and everyone, it seems, has their entire summer already planned out. But, there's another way to tell as well...

Everyone is "freaking out!"

Welcome to the end of the year folks, and welcome to stress city. Words like term papers and graduation are on everyone's minds, and we have seen the same people, the same cliques, for an entire year. Everyone is getting sick of each other, and the results of this are easily seen. Here is a typical sce-

nario- you're walking down the hall and you see someone passing another person. As they are doing this, they barely brush up against that person. And the person "freaks out", spinning around and screaming obscenities. I see this quite often and I always have to stop and think, "God, if so-and-so called what's-his-face a (fill in appropriate swear word(s) here) just for accidentally bumping into them, I'd hate to see what so-and-so would do if what's-his-face ran over their dog or something."

The next step after screaming in the halls is fighting in the halls, and all

the little things that fall in between. Take the little boys of Salem who call themselves a gang. It's like "I'm gonna kick your butt 'cause I'm in the (fill in the name of appropriate little boys' club who call themselves a gang. I'm not allowed to use names, but we all know who I'm talking about) and I'm tough." Yeah, you're really tough. You spray paint on buildings and have scavenger hunts. And what's up with the stink bombs in the bathrooms? To me, it seems like "Hey, I let off a stink bomb in the bathroom. I'm a big rebel. I'm cool." Oooooohhh- you bad! (And as if the bathrooms didn't smell bad enough in

the first place.)

Anyway, the point of all this blabber can be summed up in one word- CHILL!! Forget about the chick in your second period class who might be giving you dirty looks or the guys that snickered when you walked by. Yes, this is a very stressful time of year, but it's not worth it. From personal experience, I found out that you, in general, are not really that special. Most people (most, but not all) really are not trying to get you because most people (most, but not all) have a life. Tests, papers, essays and college registration is nearly over. Summer's almost here! So sit back, relax, and enjoy yourself.

"Attention!"

by Janet Metts

When many people hear the word "military" they usually automatically think of rules, discipline, hard work, and exercise. But what most people don't realize is what the military personnel actually do on a daily basis. If it wasn't for the service, our country would have been taken over many years ago.

The first branch of the service was the Army. Then later on the Navy was born when the country bought two ships. Next came the Marines, which is actually a branch

of the Navy, the Air Force and Coast Guard. Each one of the services has a specific job. The Army fights by land, the Navy fights by sea, the Air Force is aviation (like that was a hard one!), and the Marines consider themselves the elite, the "top dogs" of the fight. Not that the Marines are more special than any one else but their job consist of training, more training, and learning how to kill people.

Most of the men and women who serve this country are not really considered to be heroes if

they win a war, or save another country from destruction. They risk their lives daily for people they don't know, so they don't have to hear bombs constantly or be afraid to walk the streets. It takes more courage to think of others, than to think more of your own life.

Some of the students here at SHS were asked What branch of the service they most preferred and why, and here are their comments.

Shawna Bauer -(12)- "The Marines, because you

learn training that you may want to use sometime in your life."

Darren Garlock -(12)- "The Army, because they symbolize mom, baseball, and apple pie."

Tomi Swenningson -(12)- "I like the Army..... Hello have you ever seen them in uniform?!"

Amanda Olson -(12)- "The Navy."

Sara Dougherty -(12)- "The Marines because they are always the first to fight."

Sal Salvino -(10)- "The Marines."



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News

Club Activities

Physics

Advisor: Mr. Campradt
May -Rocket competition and star gazing night to be announced

Prom '96

Advisor: Mr. Campradt
Doors open at 6:30 - 8:30 dancing (dj. - Shooting Star Entertainment) 8:30 - 11:30 photos by Snow, Theme Midnight Masquerade colors Black and Gold

German club

Advisor: Mrs. Reed
May 8 - foreign language awards banquet May 19 - German club picnic

TACT

Advisor: Mrs. Cozza
Year end graduation party Friday may 17 - dinner and dance salem golf club then campout sat may 18 canoe trip

Spanish club

Advisor: Mrs. Marhefka
May 8 international banquet and language awards program in cafeteria. French, German, and Spanish clubs will meet at 6:30p.m. for their annual International banquet. Each member will take a dish representative of a country where their language is spoken. May 24 at 6p.m. in cafeteria Spanish club will have a Taco Bell dinner.

Do you want a cookie?

by Amanda Woodyard

Ever since the end of spring break, the OWE classes have been selling cookies. They're trying to raise money to be able to purchase things. So far, the sales are average.

Mr. Ricker and Mr. Conser wishes more of the students would take advantage of the opportunities they're providing. Mr. Conser said, "if you get to school before a quarter till eight you get nice and warm cookies."

Mr. Ricker said, "They're very good cookies and they have a great taste." They try to bake them fresh each morning.

The cookies are three for \$1, or one for 35 cents. You can get them in room 141. The cookie sale will be going on until the end of this year. Depending on how the sales go this year, they will determine whether or not they have a cookie sale next year. If you haven't bought a cookie yet, you still have time.

Students help playground project

by Beth Arnoto

The home economics and sports nutrition classes are preparing vegetables for vegetable trays. This will take place on May 13 - 17. For more information contact Mrs. Johnson.

Sam Havelock is also donating his time and expertise to this project.

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News

Approaching the final days

by Shawna Smith

Remember when Mr. McShane talked about our performance on the Senior Proficiency Exams. In order to do our best we signed a pledge sheet stating we, as seniors, would do the best that we could do. The pledge sheet stated:

1. *Whereas the State Board of Education has set February 5-9 as Senior Proficiency Exam Week.*
2. *Whereas the Senior Class of '96 has determined to do their academic best on all the exams.*
3. *Whereas the Senior Class, through their Student council, has set a goal of 80% passage of all seniors taking the exam.*
4. *Whereas the State Department of Education will recognize those seniors passing all four sections of the Proficiency Exam.*
5. *Whereas the Salem Hall of Fame Foundation will reward those seniors receiving an honor status.*
6. *Whereas those seniors passing all four sections of the Senior Proficiency Exam will receive a voucher to exempt them*

from taking one final exam.

Guess what seniors, The results are in! The statistics gathered indicate where our seniors stand compared to other schools. Keep in mind that our pledge sheet said we only had to pass four out of the five proficiencies, but studies are showing the results of seniors passing all five proficiencies. In the past, seniors would take the proficiencies, usually not caring what they got as the final result. This year's proficiency exam changed the minds of quite a few people. This year we had a record of having 64 students passing their exam with honors. Last year there were 62 students that passed with honors, and the year before that there were 54.

Because the seniors did so well on their proficiency Mr. McShane made up a voucher. The voucher states that if a senior passed all parts of the proficiency exam, excluding science, they are eligible to be exempted from taking one final exam

of their choice. There are guidelines that must be followed though.

- 1) You must take the voucher to your teacher for his/her approval and signature.
- 2) **ALL VOUCHERS MUST BE GIVEN TO THE TEACHER BY MAY 17.** Any vouchers after this date cannot count for exemption purposes.
- 3) Seniors exempt from taking exams are expected to be in the classroom during the exam. You are to bring reading material or study material with you.
- 4) Senior exams are a requirement for all other students. Failure to take or complete the required exams will result in an incomplete grade and jeopardize your graduation.

Congratulations to all seniors who passed their senior proficiency exam! Mr. McShane is very pleased with all seniors. "Overall the seniors did a tremendous job" said Mr. McShane. By not having to take one senior final exam, this will relieve some stress that all seniors are getting as they approach the final days.

How we compare

The following is a list of school districts, and the percentage of seniors who passed all five parts of the senior proficiency test

| District | Passed |
|----------------|--------|
| East Liverpool | 25 |
| East Palestine | 40 |
| Salem | 46 |
| Campbell | 31 |
| Struthers | 29 |
| Youngstown | 26 |
| Austintown | 31 |
| Boardman | 26 |
| Canfield | 63 |
| Poland | 45 |
| Lowellville | 29 |
| Howland | 43 |
| Liberty | 45 |

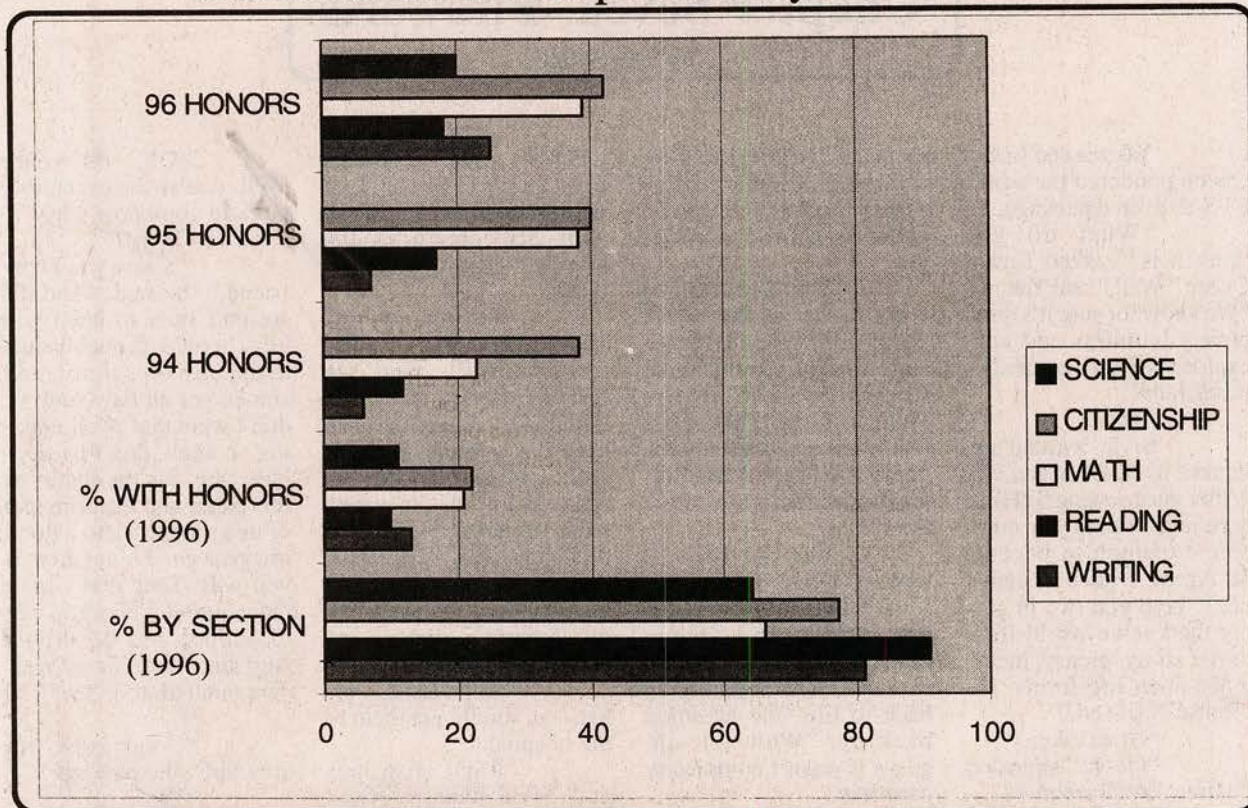
Source: Ohio Department of Education

Salem students successful at Y.S.U.

Recently, 23 SHS students participated in the annual Youngstown State English Festival, and the Tri-county Journalism Association's Press Day, also held at Youngstown State. At the English Festival, junior Tracy Drake placed first in the Journalistic writing competition. In addition, sophomore Mandi Jackson took an honorable mention in Impromptu Writing and Sabrina Christofaris placed first in the Not-So-Trivial Pursuit contest. At Press Day, *Quaker* editor-in-chief Jadey Berger placed second in column writing and third in feature writing, while feature editor Tracy Drake placed third in editorial and headline writing. In addition, Jesse Vingle placed third in sports feature writing and honorable mention in layout and design. Katie Frank won an honorable mention in editorial writing, Lisa Hardin placed third in ad layout and design, and Ryan Jones had the top sports feature story for his story "The Ending".

The last three years

A look at our senior proficiency test results



Europe cont. from pg. 2

of us! Honestly! I kid you not! It was quite exciting. Also, the actress Grace Kelly is very popular in Monaco, perhaps because she is Prince Albert's and Princess Stephanie's mother. She was killed in an automobile accident just outside of Monaco and is buried in the cathedral. Anyway, the buildings here are mostly white and off-white. Monaco has a Hawaii feel to it- sun, sand, bright blue sky, and palm trees. I can see why it chooses to be independent from France (France didn't strike me as an admirable place).

The last of the places worth mentioning is Toledo, which is in Spain. Toledo is like a huge castle or fortress from the medieval era. Toledo's churches

and buildings are mostly stone masonry. Toledo is home of some of the most famous paintings in the world by El Greco. My favorite is El Greco's masterpiece, *The burial of the count of Orgaz*. Toledo is notable for its fine hand crafted swords and black and gold jewelry. Both are items that are well worth the money.

The absolute last thing I want to mention is European churches. I'll admit that by the end of the trip I was sick of touring church after church, but they are truly indescribable. Europeans take so much pride in their churches. The churches around here do not even compare. The places of worship in Europe are usually chilly, but they

don't have drapes or carpet. They just have intricate stained glass windows, marble floors and statues, and majestic ceilings and domes. Most all of the religious rites have panoramic paintings decorating their walls and ceilings. To top off the brilliance of these churches are mighty gold-plated organs and high altars. The best word to describe these places is breathtaking.

Before I am done, I wanted to make a list of the *Top Ten things about the trip to Europe* for the people who went.

10) Everyone taking pictures of everyone else while they were sleeping.
9) strange gypsy girls in Florence
8) "Pablo, please come to Floreeda"

7) "Hi Dave" "Martinis!"
6) Fiats - the only cars they seem to drive
5) breakfast - hard rolls everyday
4) smelly, rude French people
3) no drinking age
2) Je suis le grand poisson! (I am a big fish!)
1) Eh...how could, eh, I forget Esther (our "colorful" tour guide), eh, and zee bus driver, Mario?!

If you ever get the chance to go to Europe, don't miss out. It is something I know I will never forget. Those of us who were fortunate to have had the opportunity have memories of Europe that will last forever. Adios! Arrivederci! Au revoir! Ciao!

Case One: School Daze

Chapter Seven: Fireworks

by Jesse Vingle

Yaktree and Lizard Queen pondered the small, UPS-delivered package.

"What do you think it is?" asked Lizard Queen. "Well," said Yaktree. "We know for sure it's completely harmless and non-explosive. That's certainly a relief, huh?"

"Yep."

Sivle walked up, flanked by S,(H),ed and Pitt. "After interviewing S,(H),ed here and finding her competent enough to become an Agent, I have assigned her to help you two in saving the known world from those, slimy, greasy, incestuous alien life forms. No offense, S,(H),ed."

"None taken."

"Oooh!" squealed Yaktree. "A threesome!"

"Kinky!" agreed Lizard Queen.

Sivle continued. "Pitt here will be with the President, helping out with preparing for graduation. Oh, and you three must find that traitor soon. Shoot to kill."

Yaktree produced the package. "Here, Sivle, take a look at this."

Pitt furtively glanced around. "Uhhh... I need to use the restroom. Seeyalaterbye!" With that, he bolted.

"You know," said S,(H),ed, "That boy's odd. And yrt I feel a certain kinship toward him."

Sivle took the package, read the note, and promptly opened it.

A small Pez dispenser popped up out of the box. One of the little Wonder Woman. A tinny

maniacal laughter sounded, and the Pez reared its tiny plastic head and began spewing forth a noxious gas.

Yaktree screamed a battle cry to the Norse gods, pulling out his .9 millimeter and firing nine rounds into Little Miss Wonder Woman before inhaling a huge lungful of the poisonous vapor and collapsing unconscious to the floor.

The gas threat now no longer a problem, Lizard Queen dropped to her knees and began breathing life into Yaktree. Moments later he sputtered back to life, and he stood back up. "Wow... I, uh, guess it wasn't completely harmless."

Sivle peeled his gasmask off his face and stuffed it into his pocket. "Always prepared" he muttered. Looking back into the box, he said "Ach! A note!" He pulled forth a piece of folded paper. He began to unfold it, and Yaktree threw himself into the doorway of a classroom, cowering for cover, sheilding his face.

"Watch out!" he screamed. "It's gonna blow!"

"No it won't" said Lizard Queen, unharmed. "Paper doesn't explode, silly."

Sivle unfolded the paper. A small metal box fell to the floor. Sivle read the note aloud. "HA!"

Then the box exploded.

After the smoke cleared, Yaktree stepped from the doorway. "See? I

told you s... oh." He saw that Sivle, Lizard Queen S,(H),ed were plastered against the wall. Still breathing, but barely. "Are you guys okay?"

"I'm fine, my boy," said Sivle, stepping away from the wall. "See, my body's compsed entirely of liquid steel. If that blast had been any more powerful, I would have been blown apart, but I would slowly flow back together and reform moments later. That blast, however, was relatively weak. I fear, however, that our female counterparts aren't doing so well."

"Ahh, I see. Perhaps we should get them to the hospital."

"Right, chap, let's go." Sivle flung S,(H),ed over his shoulder, Yaktree tossed Lizard Queen over his, then bent down and picked up her stunned, yet still bushy and chittering, squirrel, which he, upon lack of a better place to stick it, shoved down the front of his pants. He giggled, then followed Sivle down the hall.

Special Agent Pitt sat in the President's office, watching as she blew her nose, temporarily ridding herself of that annoying nasal drip. She tossed the Kleenex away then leaned forward. "Ya see, Pitty," she said, that fake smiled stretching ear to ear. "We must get rid of these pitiful humans forever."

Pitt frowned. "But I'm human."

"Oh.. oh yeah. Well, you're the exception. And do you know why?"

"Why?"

"Cause you're my friend," she said. "And if I weren't here to keep you busy, you'd probably just drop out of school and smoke pot all day. And we don't want that. Well, I, being an alien, don't particularly care. But the editors of this paper and the principal of this school want a good image, a good reputation, if you will. They don't want their students to drop out of school and do drugs. And since I'm Class President, neither do I. See?"

"I..."

"Good. Now, did they open the package?"

"Yep."

"Did they die?"

"Nope."

"No?"

"No."

"Did they read the note?"

"Yep."

"Did they die?"

"Nope."

"No?"

"No."

"Did you kill them?"

"Nope."

"Did you run away like a coward?"

"Yep."

"Life story, huh?"

"Yep."

To be continued...

Entertainment

Summer Concerts

by Jennifer Weingart and April Ramsayer

Spring has sprung, summer is almost here and so are summer concerts. This Summer there are a large variety of acts coming to area stages.

If you want to see your favorite singer or group live don't wait to buy the tickets. If you wait you may not be able to get the seats you want, or go at all. If you are low on cash when your favorite group comes to town try listening to the radio. Most stations buy tickets and give them away in games on the air.

If you love country Ponderosa Park is the place for you. All pavilion seats are \$20.00 and lawn seats are \$18.00. If a performer is unable to perform you should turn in your ticket(s) and they will send you a refund.

For those who like anything but country check out; Blossom Music Center, Gund Arena and Star Lake Amphitheater.

At Blossom and Star Lake prices vary according to the concert. The Gund has two concerts scheduled for this summer most lower level tickets are sold some single tickets are still available.

Blossom:

June 14- *Chicago* (Tickets on sale now)

June 28- *DefLeppard* (Tickets on sale soon)

June 29- *Ozzy Osbourne* (Tickets on sale soon)

June 30- *Travis Tritt and Marty Stewart* (Tickets on sale now)

July 11- *Meatloaf* (Tickets on sale 4-20-96)

July 15- *James Taylor* (Tickets on sale now)

July 16- *The Who* (Tickets on sale 4-20-96)

July 17- *Steve Miller Band* (Tickets on sale 4-20-96)

July 18- *Hootie and the Blowfish* (Tickets on sale soon)

July 21- *Boston* (Tickets on sale soon)

July 23- *Sting* (Tickets on sale 4-19-96)

Tickets for concerts available at Ticketmaster by calling 1(216)241-5555, Tickets Unlimited 1(216)533-4611 or call Blossom at (toll free) 1-888-225-6776

Star Lake:

June 15- *Dave Mathews Band*

August 27- *Alanis Morissette*

Tickets are available at Ticketmaster, Tickets Unlimited or by calling Star Lake at 1(412)323-1919.

Gund Arena:

May 18- *Bob Seger* \$30.00

August 27- *Gloria Estefan* \$25.00 upper rim of arena and some single seats still available for 37.50.

August 29- *Michael Bolton*

Tickets available at Ticketmaster, Tickets Unlimited or call the Gund at 1(216)420-2000.

Ponderosa Park:
July 28- *Randy Travis*

June 16- *Tanya Tucker and Brian White*

June 23- *Billy Ray Cyrus, Daryl and Don Ellis*

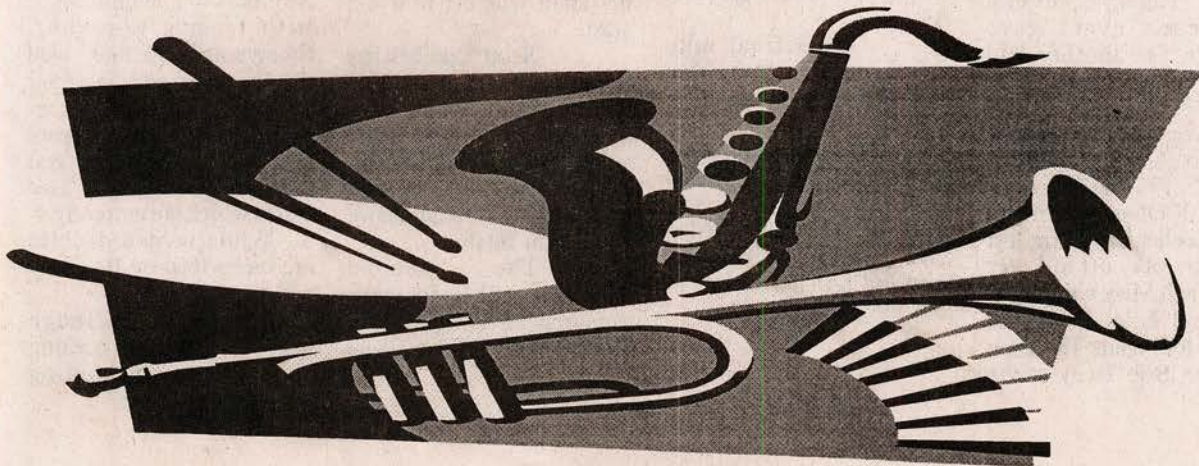
August 25- *Oak Ridge Boys and Connie Smith*

August 11- *Neal McCoy and The Moffatt*

July 7- *Tim McGraw and Faith Hill*

July 14- *Toby Keith and John Berry*

Tickets are available by calling the Ponderosa Park at 332-0044.



Sports

The Masters

by T.A. Szwedko

After spring break, the best golfers in the world headed to Augusta, Georgia for the first major tournament of the year, The Masters. The Masters is the most prestigious tournament in the world. Unless you've won a TOUR event or any other major, you can't play. The Masters is played every year at the same course, Augusta National. The prize for winning is a Green Jacket, and a lifetime invitation to play in The Masters.

After the first two rounds of play, it looked as though Greg Norman would finally have a coveted Green Jacket. On Friday, "The Shark" was at nine under par, six shots ahead of eventual winner, Nick Faldo. Norman led for three rounds, but as fate would have it Norman lost another major.

Failing to prevail at this year's event gave Norman yet another bad memory. The "Shark" isn't known for his two British Open wins, but for his tendency to choke in the final round. In 1984 he lost an 18 hole, U.S Open playoff, to Fuzzy Zoeller. In 1986 he lost a Masters play off to Larry Mize when Mize chipped in on the 11 hole. Later that year, he lost again. This time it was to Bob Tway at the

bunker shot to win the play off. Those are just a few of Normans major blow ups and disappointments.

If losing the Masters wasn't bad enough, the manner in which he did it was rather embarrassing. Norman started the day six shots ahead of Faldo and ended up finishing five shots behind. That's an 11 shot swing. On his way to shooting a 76, the "Shark" took a dive on both par threes on the back side, the 12th, and the 16th. Both balls in the water resulted in bogey and double bogey respectively.

As we watched Norman in the third round, you could tell he was a little worried. When we left The National, I had a feeling that the wind would come out of Norman's sails. But when? The fact still stands, Norman loses Masters. Again.

On a final note C.B.S. commentator Ken Venturi seemed sympathetic towards Norman's downfall. Could it be because 40 years ago Venturi lost the Masters in the same fashion as Norman. The only difference, Venturi was an amateur and he shot an 80 to lose by six shots.



Getting into the swing of things

by Crystal McCoy

Although they've been rained out more times than they've actually played, the Salem boys tennis team was off to a 4-5 start.

Scott Yakubek has led the first singles with a record of 7-1, while Nick Swetye has led the second singles with 6-2. Also helping the team along are the first doubles, Bo Rottenborn and Kevin Bush.

The second doubles are still up for grabs as partners Eric Simon and T.J. Bakondy, and Tom Capel

and Ben Field battle it out for the position.

The boys did a great job of defeating Struthers 4-1, with a lot of help from a few guys. Swetye and Yakubek lead the Quakers, winning their matches for first and second singles. The singles are followed by the first doubles, Rottenborn and Bush, which are currently 4-5. While second doubles are being lead by Bakondy and Simon.

Coach Judge said, "Everyone is coming along strong and putting forth a lot of effort."

Sports

Setting records

by Jason Humphreys

The boys track team won the first Poland Stone Classic. The meet consisted of 17 teams all together, but at the end Salem came out on top. George Lutz showed everyone that he's back and ready to get down to business. He ran his best times in the one mile and two mile, and set the records. He will definitely be ready for the districts May 13-17. The 4x100 relay team also let everyone know that they mean business by beating the Lowellville Rockets, which were last year's state champs. The relay team won the race with a 44.3, and also set a meet record, and are ready for the Districts. The team consists of Ryan Fritz,



Dave Miller, Trevor Goerig, and Jason Humphreys.

The girls team finished fourth overall at the Poland Stone classic. They had a lot of effort from everyone on the team. Jenni Brown ran her best times in the two mile and set the record for the meet. Angie Rank also ran her best time in the two miles, and was on the winning 4x800 relay, which consisted of Jenni Brown, Angie Rank, Krista Howells, and Kristen Kenst. The girls are also looking forward to districts. The Quakers have went against Howland and Canfield in dual meets, participated in the Optimist meet, and competed in the Metro Athletic Conference Track meets in the last two weeks.

Salem Baseball staying alive

by Ross Coffee

The 7-5 Quaker baseball team isn't doing too bad, according to coach Kirkland. The Quakers are staying over .500 with wins against West Branch, Struthers, Southeast, Niles, Leetonia, United and Louisville. Teams they've lost to include Howland, Poland and Canfield. The J.V. team is also above average beating West Branch, Leetonia, Struthers, and Poland. The

Junior Varsity lost to Louisville, Canfield, and Howland. Kirkland said, "The past few weeks have been rough for us in the conference. We just need to get back on our feet and play tough." Leading the team with homeruns this year is Scott Close with 4, Rick Straub has 3, Todd McLaughlin hit 2, Justin Lucas and Mike Middleton both have 1.

Striking distance

by Crystal McCoy

The boys volleyball team had a fine regular season. With an 11-1 record heading into the district tournament, they are working their way up. They beat Kent on April 24, losing the first match 12-15, and winning the next three 17-15, 15-5, and 15-6 with great leadership from Ben Hettinga and Todd Banning. Hettinga had 12 kills, 4 tips, 3 blocks and two aces, while Ban-

ning followed with 7 tips, 4 kills and 4 blocks.

They also beat Walsh-Jesuit High School and continue to improve. Hettinga lead the team with 15 points, 7 of which were kills, 3 tips, 3 blocks, and 2 aces. Bestic followed with 9 points, and Banning with 6. The Quakers finished the regular season by defeating Akron Hoban. The boys participated in the Sectional and Districts last week.



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Sports

Faces in the crowd

by Ross Coffee and Todd McLaughlin



Name: Walt Williams
Letters: 2
Sports: Football
Favorite pro team: Indians
Favorite athlete: Ed McMillen
Favorite college: Ohio State University
Favorite teacher : Mr. Citino
Favorite musical group: AC/DC
Favorite song: Hard as a rock
Future plans: Work and go to school part time at Kent Salem to get my Associates Degree in Mechanical Engineering
Things you like about SHS: It's a good place to sleep
What do you want to do before you die: Work at Anheiser-Busch
Who's your hero: Jim Morrison (Not the one in school)
Nickname: Gabe

Name: Jamie Oesch
Letters: 2
Sports: Soccer, Track
Favorite pro team: Pittsburgh Steelers
Favorite athlete: Kordell Stewart
Favorite college: Notre Dame
Favorite teacher: Mr. Bennett
Favorite musical group: Bush
Favorite Song: Cumber-some
Future plans: Go to college and play soccer
Things you like about SHS: My friends and hanging out in the trainers room
What do you want to do before you die: Skydive while doing the dew
Who's your hero: Flo Jo
Nickname: Dwarf



Name: Heath Baker
Letters: 2
Sports: Football, Track
Favorite Pro Team: Cleveland Indians
Favorite Athlete: Albert Belle
Favorite College: Ohio State
Favorite Teacher: Mr. Janofa
Favorite Musical Group: Metallica
Favorite Song: Hey Man Nice Shot
Future Plans: Major in accounting or microbiology
Things you like about SHS: architectural layout of each individual blade of grass of the football field
What do you want to do before you die: Uncover the truth about Roswell
Who's your hero: Mike Tyson
Nickname: Bubba

Name: Erin Helms
Letters: 3
Sports: Volleyball, Softball
Favorite Pro Team: Steelers
Favorite Athlete: Greg Lloyd
Favorite College: Ohio State
Favorite Teacher: Mr. Turner
Favorite Musical Group: Violent Fems
Favorite Song: Waiting for the Bus
Future Plans: Go to college and major in pre-med
Things you like about SHS: Sports nutrition class
What do you want to do before you die: Skydive
Who's your hero: Superman
Nickname: Vern

