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Farewell, Mrs. Rottenborn!

Lisa Butch

When the final bell rang Tuesday, January 12, ending the school day, it was also ending Mrs. Cindy Rottenborn's term as Salem High School's librarian assistant.

After ten years within the Salem School System, three at Riley and seven at the high school, Mrs. Rottenborn resigned to become a librarian at the Kent State University Salem Campus.

Besides being a librarian, Rottenborn kept busy within the school by supervising study hall and helping the class of 1999 with fundraising for the Prom, Afterprom, and White Christmas.

Mrs. Rottenborn is married and has a daughter Mary and a son Bo, who is a senior here at SHS. When asked if she enjoyed working at the same place Bo attends

school, Rottenborn replied, "I enjoy it very much and luckily Bo doesn't seem to mind too much." Also residing in the Rottenborn household is a dog named Beanie.

Mrs. Rottenborn attended Salem High School and completed her formal education at Hiram College. Being a librarian, of course, Rottenborn enjoys reading as well as cooking and needlework.

Mrs. Wrask, reflecting on her time working with Mrs. Rottenborn, said, "Mrs. Rottenborn has been a definite asset to the Salem High School library. She has always been a joy to work with. Since I be-



gan working with Mrs. R. at the high school we have seen many changes in the way the library carries on its daily activities. This has affected all students and staff! Mrs. R. had worked diligently to help automate not only the high school library, but all of the elementaries. She will be greatly missed in the library and by myself as a friend and coworker. Kent Branch will be fortunate to have such an individual in their employment."

Another person who will definitely miss having Mrs. Rottenborn around every day will be her son Bo, who stated, "Many people are fortu-

nate enough to have a wonderful mother to guide them and stand by them throughout high school. But I have been blessed by having my mother at this school to offer guidance and advice at any time or just to share a laugh. My feeling is that it can't be easy to have to be a mother even at work, so I would like to thank her for putting up with all of my antics. I love you and I am sorry that Salem High School is losing such an outstanding person."

Mr. McShane is currently looking for a replacement for Mrs. Rottenborn, but as of yet it is not known who the replacement will be.

Rottenborn would like to address the staff and students by saying, "I really enjoyed my time at SHS and I will miss the students and staff very much. And I hope everyone will come and visit me at Kent."

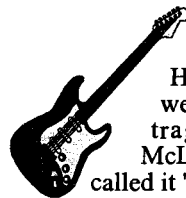
Salem students earn Good Teen awards

The National Good Teen Day awards ceremony was held Friday, January 22 at the Arms Family Museum in Youngstown. Salem students earned numerous awards. The winners are as follows:

Essay contest: Sophomores-- Kevin Davis, 1st place; Russ Howells, 2nd; Kempisie Fisher, 3rd. Juniors-- Nicole Madjarac, 1st; Jocelyn Bezeredi, 2nd; Tina Crouse, 3rd. Seniors-- Andrew Harris (of Mentor), 1st; Michelle

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February 3-- The day the music died



On this date in 1959, rockers Buddy Holly, Richie Valens, and the Big Bopper were killed in a plane crash in Iowa. This tragedy was immortalized by Don McLean, who, in the song "American Pie," called it "the day the music died."

NEWS



Roll Call

Jeremy Sternagle



As a reminder, Hello, Dolly! will be performed for the general public on the 26th and 27th of March – so keep those dates free. Also, Erin McIlvaine will be playing the lead part of Mrs. Dolly Gallagher. A complete list of all the cast members is shown here below:

- Mrs. Dolly Gallagher.....Erin McIlvaine
- Ernestina Money.....Susan Tkatch
- Ambrose Kemper.....Justin Dennis
- Horace Vandergelder.....Troy Tice
- Ermengarde.....Laura Jeckavitch
- Cornelius Hackl.....Tom Myers
- Barnaby Tucker.....James Chaffee
- Minnie Fay.....Suzie Mason
- Irene Molloy.....Jaci Drake
- Mrs. Rose.....Alicia Stitle
- Rudolph Reisenweber.....Adam Zagotti
- Miss O'Malley (featured trio).....Beth Cole
- Miss McCready (featured trio).....Kristen Kenst
- Miss McDoogle (featured trio).....Pam Williamson
- Featured Dancer.....Julie Nutter
- Featured Dancer.....Suzanne Stratton
- Judge.....Jon Paul Fritz
- Policeman #1 (chorus).....Josh Comm
- Policeman #2 (chorus).....Brian Bailey
- Court Clerk (chorus).....Ralph Smalley

Good Teen Day Winners

Essay Contest

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Milliron, 2nd; Erica Raymond, 3rd.

Art Show

Best of Show:

- Maggie Berthold, "Day-dreams"
 - Maggie Berthold, "Granny's Occupation"
 - Matt Swartz, "Light of a Mother"
 - Mandy Prendergast, "Longing"
 - Courtney Simpson, "Driving Mr. Malone"
- The following eight students completed the list for art show students from Salem:
- Maggie Berthold: "Children in the Forest" and "My Territory"
 - Abby Bricker: "The Pond"
 - Eric Hodgson: "Phone Call", "Poured Out", "Snake Charmer" and "Thanksgiving"
 - Jennifer Joy: "Woman in Thought"
 - Andrew Rhoads: "Different Personalities"
 - Samantha Shasteen: "Beetlejuice"
 - Susan Tkatch: "Summer Rose"
 - Heather Whitman: "Misty"

Snow And Woe



Heidi Talbot

While you were a home relaxing during our snow days, Mr. Hays was busy with a variety of problems that occurred here at S.H.S. I spoke with Mr. Hays and found out about the following problems here at S.H.S.

First, a pipe burst in the gym. It leaked a small amount of water on the floor, but luckily it was cleaned up before it could damage the floor. It appears that air pockets developed in the pipe and the water was unable to pass through. This same problem seemed to also occur in the vocational wing. Second, the middle display case window shattered after it fell off its track. Third and final, two heaters in the vocational wing have been fixed after they had been out of commission due to the weather. Obviously, there were lots of sidewalks to clean as well as the parking lot. Considering all the things that could have gone wrong, I guess we were

Bulletin Board

ACT/SAT dates to remember:

	Test date	Registration deadline
SAT	March 2	February 12; February 24 late
ACT	April 10	March 5; March 19 late

From the United States Selective Service System:

Attention, guys just turning eighteen: as you may or may not realize, your friendly U.S. government requires you to register for the draft. It is a felony not to do so, and in fact registering is actually to your benefit. For instance, you will not be able to receive federal student loans and grants for college if you are not registered. The registration process, however, has become quite a bit simpler thanks to the technology of the 90's. All you have to do is log on to the Internet and go to www.sss.gov, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., weekdays. You will receive your Selective Service number within seconds after entering all pertinent information.



I WANT YOU...

The Quaker Proposal on Student Expression

We, the staff of *The Quaker*, hereby acknowledge our responsibility to provide informative and entertaining reading pertaining to the students, staff, and parents of Salem Senior High School.

To make *The Quaker* a credible newspaper we will aim for accuracy and objectivity, with the truth being our ultimate goal. It is also our duty to make prompt corrections when necessary. However, 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.

The Quaker staff encourages input from our readers in the form of stories, essays, letters, etc.

NEWS

Women & War


Heidi Talbot

The issue of women on the front lines of the battlefield seems to be an ongoing debate of the military. It brings up the question of whether or not our society discriminates against women and tends to point out that men are stronger and braver in such situations. The combat exclusion law appears to support this idea by labeling women as a "weaker soldier." Even the Code of the United States, Section 3012, states that women may only serve in combat units that are above the battalion level. However, the Panama invasion and the Gulf War moved women to be effective in front line combat. The new military technology requires more mental skills than physical strength. Inclusion, if women have passed all of their requirements, they should be able to serve their country as an American soldier.

The military argues that it is not a case of discrimination. They believe that when it comes to a situation of combat, the men will do anything to protect the women. While the idea of equality on the battlefield may sound nice, it is not always the case. However, it is one of the reasons why we think women do not belong in combat. Not all military personnel feel this way about this issue. There are some that encourage men to exceed the standards that seem to be set for them. Until the military becomes aware that there is nothing as a "weaker soldier," the issue will continue to be debated.

More snow = more school

Janis Rogers

 Ice storms, snowstorms and subzero temperatures caused many schools in Northeastern Ohio to use all five of their calamity days within a matter of a couple of weeks. Salem, being one of these school districts, now has a few days to make up this June. These days are scheduled starting June 2. If necessary, days up until June 11 will be used.

If Salem City Schools are cancelled too many more times this year, the legislature may grant us a few extra snow days. This procedure was used during blizzards in the 1970's, when some schools were closed for 2-3 weeks. Since then Salem hasn't used more than its five snow days.

Our Superintendent, Randy Engle, stated that seniors will graduate on time. "With having their announcements printed up and everything else, it's not fair to the seniors to make a change," Engle said. (Salem News, Tuesday, January 12, 1999)

The rest of the students here at Salem may think this is unfair, but so far there are only 3 days to be made up in June. That isn't so bad considering we've had almost a month off school since Christmas break started. However, considering the fact that we still have two months left of winter, and St. Patrick's Day traditionally provides us with a substantial snowfall - what if we have more snow days? With our three day add-on school will end on Monday, June 7. Let's hope Old Man Winter doesn't have any more surprises in store.

Can you imagine bringing a picnic lunch and sparklers to school for a Quaker Fourth of July celebration?

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Coming Soon!

Sega's DreamCast

Sega's back - and badder than ever. Although the release of Sega's new 128 bit, GD-ROM playing, system entitled DreamCast, hasn't gone over all that smooth in Japan, don't be surprised if the DreamCast makes a huge hit in the U.S. In a sense, Japan was almost the guinea pig for the DreamCast - Sega wants to correct any problems there were with the system in Japan, and maybe add some luxuries for the U.S. market that they didn't think of before.

Game wise, the Dreamcast looks like it's on the right path. Some big titles have already been released in Japan, including: Sega Rally 2, Sonic Adventure, King of Fighters Saga, and Virtua Fighters 3. But the best is still yet to come. EA Sports has reportedly been talking with Sega to release some games for the DreamCast, and the same goes for Capcom. Also, those funky aliens, Toejam and Earl, will reportedly be making a comeback on the DreamCast.

But don't count out the king of video games just yet: the Sony Playstation will be back for another ride next year - but under a new title, Playstation 2 (or simply PS2). While there is not a whole lot of information on the PS2 - there are some rumors. Rumor has been flying that the PS2 will be a whopping 256 bit powerhouse with backings of video game makers Naughty Dog, Insomniac, Red Orb, and Revolution.

In two years only one of these two companies will be on top. Will it be Sony or will it be Sega? Only time will tell.

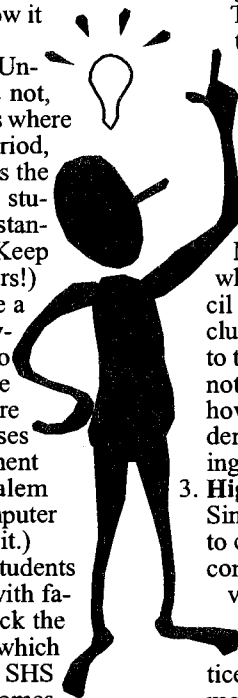
Outstanding schools

Rachael Protzman

According to a national study taken recently by *U.S. News & World Report*, surprisingly, budget does not make a quality school. In fact, out of the 1,700 high schools reviewed many schools with little to no recognition actually provide students with an outstanding learning facility. The criteria, ranging from student academic performance to cafeteria food, was combined with the school's budgets to give researchers an overview of the factors necessary for quality education.

Unbelievably, these factors proved not to influence a school's quality:

1. **The bigger the budget, the better the education.** According to the survey, outstanding schools reported drastic differences in incomes, proving that it's not the amount of money spent, but rather how it is spent.
2. **Small classes give students an edge.** Unfortunately, the size of the class matters not, but the way it is taught is trivial. In classes where teachers simply lecture for the entire period, size is not a factor. Yet, if a teacher takes the time to make it interesting and involve students, no matter how many students, the standards increase. (A note to Salem staff: Keep this in mind when filling out yearly planners!)
3. **Computers make the difference.** Since a vast majority of the schools reported having computers, technology doesn't lead to a higher level of learning. Computers are most advantageous to students when they're taught to use them for educational purposes instead of just internet fun or entertainment uses. (Believe it or not, I feel that Salem doesn't do too bad of a job providing computer learning to those who take advantage of it.)
4. **Small schools are superior.** Although students at small schools do have an advantage with familiarity of staff and each other, they lack the ability to offer more classes and activities which allow the students to exceed. (Frankly, SHS doesn't have much of a choice when it comes to electives. Whereas in a large school 50 students



So just what does allow students to reach a higher level of learning?

1. High Academic Records

The highest of schools not only expect, but demand that all students set high goals, not just the top 10%. These schools have many tough requirements for graduation, including many years of foreign language. (Unfortunately, many students at Salem simply lack the willingness to exceed, not the ability. Yet, if it were demanded of everyone, they would have no choice but to work harder.)

2. Mentors for Students

Many successful schools have mentor programs in which class leaders, such as athletes and student council members, move toward higher education. These clubs consist of students who lead less motivated ones to the world of academic achievement. (I honestly do not see why Salem couldn't create such a program; however, the desire to move up must begin in the students. Head honchos cannot force us to enjoy learning; it must start at the student level.)

3. High Attendance

Simply stated: "If students like school, they'll want to come." Schools need to provide a welcoming and comfortable environment for students as well as advantages to those who are well behaved. Another important factor in attendance is the school's reaction to kids who skip. Showing that they notice, by calling parents and proper punishment, will motivate students to stay in class. (Let's all thank Mrs. Wilms for helping SHS advance as an outstanding school.)

Although many factors can contribute to the successfulness of a high school, the main issue starts with its students. If they want an outstanding school it's up to them to create one; no official could say no to that.

Comments about outstanding schools. Do you think our school is outstanding? Why or why not? What would it take to make it outstanding?

Bo Rottenborn (12) – Our school would benefit by adding more AP classes and increasing the diversity of educational options.

Maggie Berthold (12) – I don't think people want to be outstanding here.

Greg Boyer, Kristen Kenst, Tara Haddad, Beth Cole (12) – Variety of classes, open lunches and open study halls

Julie Nutter (12) – Athletics at Salem seem to have more precedence over academics.

Ria Werner (11) – Turn the heat on!

Steph Woods (12) – I think our school should focus on education instead of enforcing the petty rules.

Mr. Esposito – Involvement. Everybody needs to be involved.

Ryan Papic (12) – More elective classes for the students.

Joe Clutter (12) – We should start school around 9:30 and go to about 4:00. We would be refreshed and awake. We would also have time to eat our Wheaties.

Leigh Peterson (11) -- Curriculum and dedicated teachers are the most important aspects of a school.

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OPINION

Happy New Years Resolutions

Cory Blankenship and Megan Stockman

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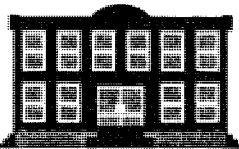
Salem has room for improvement in both areas.

Mr. Trough -- I think we're a good school, but here's always room for improvement. Now, go away!

Sam Wilson (10) -- Our school is outstanding. It's just a place I would want my kids to go.

Steve Simms (12) -- Our school is outstanding; however, more could be asked of the students.

Mr. McShane and Mr. McDevitt -- There are several factors that make our school outstanding. First of all, we have a great staff, who are caring. They do their best to raise academic standards for all students. Second, we have a great active student body. 70% of all students are involved in extra-curricular activities. 60% move on to a level of higher education and we have almost 100% vocational placement. All this is a result of a great parent-support group. These are just some of the things that make our school outstanding.



Opinion of the Month

The man who invented semester exams should be shot. What exactly was he thinking?

Every holiday has a tradition. Thanksgiving has the carving and consumption of a turkey, Christmas has a tree and presents. New Years has it's own tradition too. That tradition is making a resolution for the next year.

A resolution is a personal goal that you hope to accomplish during the year to come. Most people make resolutions. Some of those people are your fellow students. We, *The Quaker*, asked your fellow students what their resolutions were. Here is what they said.

Jayne Horn: To grow my hair.

Erica Raymond: To not make anymore resolutions.

Justin Rance: To party with my friend J.D.

Ron Vickers: To get the ladies man a girlfriend in '99.

Jenn Merry: To teach my boyfriend how to dance by the sweethearts dance.

Amy Anderson: To get my brother to pluck his eyebrows.

Brian Crouse: To make Laura Jeckavitch distraught.

Pam Williamson: To stop answering surveys.

Nate Demar: To eat moonpies everyday for lunch for the rest of the year.

Seth Austin: To get more money.

Robbie Wolken: To be mean so all the girls will like me.

George Andres: To be mean just for the sport of it.

Chris Williams: To continue to be "the man" at Salem.

Suzie Mason: To decline from my preppy hick-ness that all Salemites portray and to date more guys like Nick Swetye.

Nick Swetye: To stay away from girls like Suzie Mason.

Jessie Weingart: To stop being so shy.

Ryan Papic: To do better in school.

Danielle Plegge: To get a car.

John Hull: Two words- hair care.

Aileen Vogel: To be at Craik's house more than five times a week.

Jenn Moser: To hang out with my friends more.

Tasha Preisler: To try to wear Abercrombie everyday.

Kellie Place: To get Jerry Springer and Sarah Eynon in my car.

Lauren O'Donnell: To not reveal anymore embarrassing secrets of my own.

Sarah Eynon: To take more pictures with Erin, me, and Jeffer Weisser.

Amanda Hendricks: To be more independent.

Kristin Elze: To be more like Greg Huzyak, Joe Chamberlin, and Bryan Cody.

Pete Berlin: To be more like Steve Conrad.

Jake Bell: To quit giving Kenny rides.

Traci Stapf: To get more accomplished.

Ria Werner: To actually study instead of

talking on the phone.

Matte DeJane: To be as cool as Ria.

Dianne Miller: To be Mr. Mehno's best friend instead of Matte DeJane.

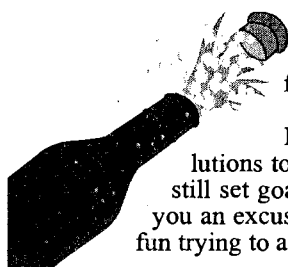
Katie Myers: To win the lottery and buy a new car.

Laura Jeckavitch, Sarah Gay, Amy Yuhanick, Lian Jones, Danielle Hupp, Nita Trimm, Elizabeth Spack: To act more mature at our lunch table- (Barbie!!)

Tom Myers: I will no longer toy with Conrad's emotions due to the requests of one Angela Rank, so in turn she shall be the "butt" of any joke I shall make.

Amanda Fortney: To get a hold of Sarah more often.

Dan Fennema: To not be a player anymore.



In conclusion, we hope that you have some new ideas on resolutions to make. If you didn't make a resolution though, you should still set goals for yourself. Goals give you direction. Resolutions give you an excuse to set goals for yourself. So, go set some goals, and have fun trying to achieve them.

OPINION

A look at the past: Most memorable moments of '98

Megan Stockman

As we move into 1999 I am reminded of everything that happened in the past year. The year 1998 proved to be a very memorable year for everyone. The country was faced with many newsworthy moments including the Clinton Sex Scandal, Mark McGuire's record breaking 70 homeruns, and John Glenn taking another journey into space at the age of 77. Last year was also subject to deaths of many famous people. Those included Harry Carry, a well beloved sports caster for the Cubs, Frank Sinatra, a famous singer from the past, Roy Rogers, one of the most well known cowboys, and Phil Hartman, a witty and successful actor from the show "Newsradio." Those moments in history also touched our hearts, and were considered most memorable. While those things were happening on a national level, the Salem High School students also had some great moments in '98. Here are some of them:

Sarah Eynon(11) – Stealing John Cosgrove's car with Kellie Place - Kristen's house.

Amber Pierce & Stephanie Godfrey(12) – When we fell into a parked car at Kent and were seriously wounded!

Dan Fennema(11) – When Luke Simon flipped his car with me in it.

Kellie Place(11) – Kristen Marshall's house. (Dr. P)

Giorgia Pavon(12) – When I came here.

Scott Guappone(11) – July 23, the Warp Tour.

Alicia Stittle(12) – The birth of the PooF Page Notebook.

Annie Webb & Candy Stith(11) – When we cried at the haunted house.

Lian Jones(10) – Breaking both of my wrists while playing soccer!

Mike Bailey(9) – Playing in the district final at Boardman.

Erica Klemann(12) – Sharing KLORN with Jami Engle at Myrtle Beach.

Kelly Straub(12) – Coming home from North Carolina's basketball camp with Raab and my Carolina stocking cap.

Robyn Wright(11) – Coming home from

North Carolina in the freezer with Straub and her Carolina stocking hat.

Lauren O'Donnell(11) – Kristen Marshall's house the second time.

Elisabeth Spack(10) – Our great cheerleading talks and sleepovers! I love my girls!

Godfrey, Dean, Myers, Kolich, Callahan, and Panezott(11&12) – The Otterbein summer

cheerleading camp conspiracy involving flickering lights, and window blinds- you girls know who you are...

Sam Wilson(11) – Watching Salem beat West Branch.

Kelly Paxson(11) – Playing James Bond in Maggie Slosser's front yard.

Tracy Stapf(11) – Going to Ft. Meyers Beach with Megan.

Sophomore girls C lunch table – Parties at Cosgrove's over the summer.

Kristen Marshall(11) – My house (Dr. P)

Johnny Apple Seed (Junior girls A lunch table) – Debate about bananas. Green bananas or yellow bananas?

Stacy Yanek(10) – Being followed home by Eric, the Penske guy, from North Carolina camp.

Sarah Panezott(11) – ECA Cheerleading Nationals in Williamsburg VA.

Amanda Fortney(11) – Meeting Josh Sowers.



Exams

Cory Blankenship
Exams. One of the most dreaded tests given to students at the end of every semester to see if they have absorbed the information taught to them during the semester. But should we really have them?

To take an exam can be a grueling process of studying for long periods of time, taking the exam itself for long periods of time, and in the end worrying if you passed it or not. I do not believe this is really that fair.

As far as fair goes though, life is not fair. Exams are not fair either, and those we can do without. The exams are not, or should not be, necessary because we take plenty of tests during the year to prove that we are learning what we are taught.

Also, exams are 20% of our semester grades. I don't think we really need a test with that much clout. We take enough tests and do enough homework during the semester to make up for those points.

On the other hand, exams are needed to show that we are learning. They make sure that we are not just memorizing the right answers and then forgetting them a week later. That is what we are in school for anyway, to learn, not to memorize.

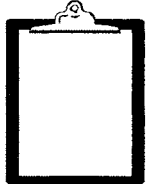
In closing, exams may be a rough task to tackle, but until the policy is changed or a more advanced, easier way of ensuring that students learn and retain what they are taught is brought here, you might as well get used to the exams. Just remember to do your best. As the old proverb goes, "When life gives you a lemon, make lemonade."

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Don't 'cha feel ill when...

1. It's report card day?
2. Your hand brushes someone's chewed gum stuck under a desk?
3. You get a migraine from inhaling too much gas in chemistry?
4. Your school warns of a lice epidemic?
5. You learn about sex in Mr. Allen's health class?
6. It's exam week?
7. You slip on the ice in the school parking lot?
8. Your textbook smells like stale urine?
9. Mr. Trough assigns homework on the day before Christmas break?
10. You have to go back to classes after a month of sleeping in?

FEATURE



Up close and personal New faces in the hall

Mrs. Jeanette DeShields and Mrs. Jill Hissom



Lisa Butch

Salem High School has recently seen the addition of two new staff members. Mrs. Jeanette DeShields is the new in-school suspension supervisor, taking over for Mr. Andres. Andres is now teaching Mrs. Madison's math classes because Madison recently gave birth to a baby boy. Mrs. Jill Hissom is the new monitor, replacing Mrs. Fields who returned to work in the cafeteria.



Both ladies were previously substitute teachers and enjoy their jobs so far. DeShields finds her job to be fulfilling and tries to encourage the kids, many of whom are



Mrs. Jeanette DeShields

DeShields has a son, Chris, who plays minor league football for the Pittsburgh Colts. Hissom is married and has three children as well as a dog, Saddle, and three cats. To enter-

tain herself on the job, DeShields reads and helps the students with their work. Besides monitoring the halls, Hissom assists teachers by running copies, sitting in their rooms if they need to leave, among other things.

Both ladies attended school here at SHS, while DeShields also attended Mount Union College.

DeShields drove a truck for eight and a half years and as a result has been in every state except Maine. She would also like to say the staff here at SHS is very friendly and she feels as though she fits in well and has been here for-



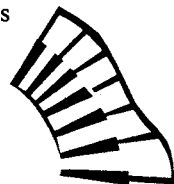
Pop-Up Paradise

Lisa Butch

You read all the magazine articles, watched all the interviews, you thought you knew everything about your new favorite rock group. Then you turn on VH1 and see Pop-Up Video playing the group's new hit song and you discover things about that group you never dreamed of, plus a lot of cool useless trivia. Below cites some of the coolest and strangest facts about your favorite stars, past and present.

Did you know...

- Vanilla Ice is a nationally-ranked jet skiing champion
- An ad in the paper stating: "Macho Types Wanted. Must Have Mustache," was how the Village People came about
- Garth Brooks received a javelin scholarship to attend Oklahoma State University
- Cyndi Lauper sang so much as a child that she lost her voice and doctors said she would never be able to sing again. They were wrong and she went on to sing such hits as the theme to Pee-Wee's Playhouse.
- Jewel's grandfather was one of the figures responsible in drafting Alaska's state constitution
- Buckingham Palace received a great amount of misdirected fan mail addressed to "Queen, London" after Queen released the hit "Bohemian Rhapsody"
- Mick Jagger first met Keith Richards in elementary school
- After accidentally disconnecting all phone services in Freetown, IN, John Mellencamp was fired from his job at the phone company
- Barbara Streisand recorded a duet with her thirteen-year-old self in 1991
- Celine Dion did not learn to speak English until she was eighteen, she is French-Canadian
- Dr. Jack Kevorkian released his first album "A very still life" in May 1997
- The woman Eric Clapton grew up thinking was his sister was really his mother
- Monkee Mike Nesmith's mother invented liquid paper
- "Don't Come Around Here No More" by Tom Petty won the MTV Video Music Award for "Best Special Effects," even though none were used
- Both Tom Petty and Rod Stewart were grave diggers as previous jobs
- Elvis was a natural blonde



Information taken from the Pop-A-Day Calendar

FEATURE

The Cavern and the Seed

The fifth part of an ongoing short story by Nick Swetwe

The Power has begun to fester within Jake's mind. A once welcomed friend, the power has become an uncontrollable force. His vision of the earthquake was the boy's first realization of the full scope of how terrible the truth can be. And it is only the beginning...

A warm spring breeze blew in from the open window and on it was a scent of the summer nearly forgotten over the long wintry months. The grill was blazing and Jake's father turned the barbecue ribs over and pressed them down hard so that they would develop the straight black char lines that are the sign of a good cook. His father was a perfectionist. He was the type of guy that would raise a fuss at a restaurant because the steak wasn't quite done right. He was critical of his own work also and that made him likable. He was also the best cook in the entire world, or at least his family thought so.

Jake walked past the kitchen and plopped himself down on the couch and leaned back and closed his eyes. He had to try to relax. Things at school were getting hectic, a little too crazy for comfort, but it was hard to rest while his mother threw things about the kitchen. Something was bothering her, it didn't take the power to figure that one out. Jake just blew it off though, there were more important things to worry about just that minute, and soon he found himself sitting down to a steaming

spring time meal. Barbecued ribs, a fresh crisp salad, home-grown peas, and for desert a heaping bowl of ripe red strawberries and some of grandma's famous short cake that she'd sent over earlier that afternoon were waiting for the family. Jake, his mother and father, and his three little brothers and sisters dug in. The ribs were heaven, and everyone but Jake's mother spent most of the meal complimenting the chef; even the father patted himself on the back for a job well done. Something with his mother was wrong. She was too quiet. Minding her own business wasn't much like the mom that Jake had grown up with his whole life. He was curious but he didn't try to use the power to see her dilemma, it just came to him. It had been doing that a lot lately and Jake didn't like the visions that came now. At any rate, this vision seemed a good omen. A seed lay against the wall of a high-ceilinged cavern, and as Jake watched transfixed on the image the seed sprouted and grew into a boy and eventually a man. Jake smiled. His mother was pregnant again. She wasn't showing any outward signs, but by her attitude it was obvious she was feeling the stress of another little one in the mental area.

A few hours passed after the silent dinner. Jake's siblings had all retired for the night and he was just stepping out of the shower when he nearly bumped into his mother carrying a clothesbasket down the hall. They were completely alone, and Jake jumped on the opportunity

to confront his mother.

"Mom," Jake started, but the rest of his sentence got caught in his throat. His mother put down the basket. She seemed annoyed which wasn't much like her. She was almost always happy, but not today.

She sighed loudly, "Yes hon."

"Ma, You're... why... I know that... Mom, why didn't you tell dad?" Why didn't you tell dad? He'd never even thought of asking that question. It wasn't even on his mind. Jake stood stunned, and his mother mirrored his surprise. She didn't know what to say, or do, and so she acted on impulse. Two smacks across the face, hard and fast. She backed up then, almost in fear of what she'd done. Jake just looked at her with wide eyes. It'd been ten years maybe since she'd hit him, and he was half naked coming out of the shower which just made it worse. He fell

against the wall and slid down to the floor and put his head between his knees and began to sob. When he looked up again she was gone. So was the clothesbasket. Jake got up and clambered into bed and pulled the sheets up over his head.

Why? Jake lay there in bed. The slaps hadn't hurt too much. They were more an embarrassment to him than a pain. Still his throat hurt from choking down tears. His stomach hurt too. He curled up into a fetal position and shook while the sound of the power began to clamor in his ears. Like screams, not terrible ones but still screams. Then, like a missile from the night sky the answer hit him, and it knocked the wind clear out of him. He let out an inaudible yelp and rolled over quickly to cover the sound. She hadn't told his father because the baby wasn't his.

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FEATURE

Sanger's sexual revolution

Sarah Lederle

Whether you regard it as a blessing or a sin, the widespread acceptance of birth control methods has radically altered twentieth-century lifestyles. Margaret Sanger, with her tireless avocation of birth control, is often overlooked as a matriarch of the women's liberation movement. But her contributions to the sexual revolution of this century certainly place her on a level of importance with Susan B. Anthony and Gloria Steinem.

Born in 1883, Sanger spent her young adulthood toiling as a nurse in the unclean, overcrowded tenements in New York City's Lower East Side. She found her cause after watching the suffering of many women who became ill and died from frequent pregnancies, miscarriages and unprofessional abortions. She believed that it should be every woman's right to control the size of her own family, and that every child should be a wanted child.

Sanger opened the country's first birth control

clinic in Brooklyn in 1916. The clinic was open for only nine days before being raided by police. Sanger and her staff were arrested and Sanger was subsequently imprisoned for thirty days. This incident created a great deal of publicity for the birth control movement, and throughout the twenties and thirties the use of contraceptives spread, although they remained illegal. Sanger was arrested eight times over the years but nonetheless continued to lobby Congress for the legalization of birth control. Finally in 1936 the U.S. Court of Appeals ruled that physicians could prescribe and distribute contraceptives. Sanger persisted in attempting to remove the stigma from the use of contraceptives and today they are widely available to the public.

Margaret Sanger crusaded for women's right to choose. Her pioneering activism gave every woman greater freedom and the ability to control her own future.

Author of the Month:

JD Salinger

Nick Swetye

A lot of people, especially this one psychoanalyst guy they have here, keeps asking me if I'm going to apply myself when I go back to school next September. It's such a stupid question, in my opinion. I mean how do you know what you're going to do till you do it? The answer is you don't. I think I am, but how do I know? I swear it's a stupid question.

-JD Salinger, The Catcher in the Rye

Notorious for his reclusion and his strange and fixating writing style, JD Salinger has risen to become one of the most noted of all modern authors. His one claim to fame is the well-known book, The Catcher in the Rye. The author himself has little or no contact with the outside world and allows nearly no information on his life to be posted on the Internet. However, behind this wall that he has built around himself is the author of the book responsible for more high school students involving themselves in reading than any other.

Surprisingly, none of Salinger's other works have made it big. He has written only two other novels outside of The Catcher in the Rye, and the bulk of his work is in the form of short stories. Of his 35 published stories he chose nine to be published in an arrangement called Nine Stories. His other two novels are Franny and Zooey, and Raise High the Roof Beam, Carpenters and Seymour.

Porker Predictions...

How to predict the weather using nothing but a pig's spleen

Sarah Lederle



Whilst idly flipping through a friend's copy of the Old Farmer's Almanac 1999, I came across this handy bit of information and thought it would be good to pass it along. I am sure that many of you faithful *Quaker* readers have often pondered the question, "Whatever can I do with these spare pig spleens that are lying around?" Well, ponder no more, for the solution is here.

The theory is quite simple. First, you must slaughter a pig. (It is said that the most accurate spleens come from pigs slaughtered in fall or winter.) Locate its spleen, and extract it, utilizing extreme caution so as not to damage it. Divide the spleen into six sections, each representing one month. The top of the spleen (closest to the pig's head) will represent the current month. Areas where the spleen thickens or bulges point to a change in weather, either a cold spell or other inclement meteorological circumstances, depending on the month. Where there is a noticeable bulge, major storms will occur. Gus Wickstrom of Saskatchewan, Canada is so practiced in this art that he can even predict wind and rain from the variations in the spleen's thickness.

Things to ponder

Insults

Methinks thou art a general offense, and every man should beat thee.

-William Shakespeare

He may look like an idiot and talk like an idiot but don't let that fool you. He really is an idiot.

-Groucho Marx

When you go to the mind reader, do you get half-price?

-David Letterman



January Focus

This month we thought we would have a focus on something everyone in the whole school could relate to. We pondered day and night to think of one universal relation to all of us. We could only think of one...Salem High School itself. What about Salem High School? Let's face it, there isn't quite a broad list of categories, at least, ones that people are interested in! That's when it came to me, "What about the things that are a mystery to us? Things we can't explain...thing we don't want to explain." So here are the mysteries we found most interesting, *The 8 Wonders of Salem High*.

People Under the School?

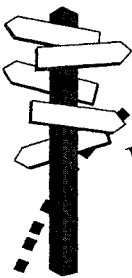
Suzie Mason

Has something ever happened to you that was totally embarrassing in school and you just wish you go somewhere and hide? Well, maybe you should try the tunnel underneath the school. "What tunnel?" you ask. Why, the tunnel running right under your feet. I first discovered it in the room beside the choir room. There's a hatch that you can open - if you actually have muscles and can lift it - and you can go right down in it. Just the other day it was pointed out to me that there was another hatch in the little room located in the library. When I finally opened one of the hatches, all I saw was...darkness. It didn't prove to be all that exciting. But when I asked around what it actually was like down there, people mostly said that it was dark, hot and dirty. So, you probably don't want to make that your hiding place until someone dusts a bit.

Little Lockers

Leigh Peterson

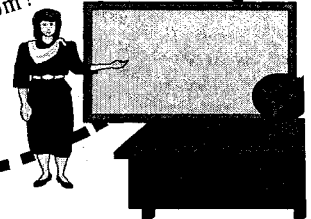
One of the great rewards of surviving the first three years of high school is the coveted "senior locker." Many of us - not all, but many - have been forced to cram our school supplies into tiny imitation lockers that barely leave pencil breathing room. I understand that this method of mini-storage would be useful if our student population were larger, but most of the lockers in our school go unused. As far as I can see, there is no need to economize locker space, and if our tiny lockers were replaced by the titans that line the senior hallway, everyone would have more space for their personal mountain of textbooks and litter, and no one would be locker-less.



Excessive Exits

Leigh Peterson

As I journeyed through the halls in search of strange yet overlooked aspects of our school, I found many things that were puzzling and others that were just plain weird. Though it's probable that none of you have noticed, the exit signs that litter our hallways fall into the latter category. By my count, there are at least 45 exit signs in Salem High School. What makes it odd is that there are only 10 major exits. Even stranger is the fact that some of the signs don't point to an actual exit. The next time you walk up the middle staircase, check out the exit sign to your left when you reach the top. Is it just me, or is it pointing into the boys' bathroom?



Whole-wall Chalkboards

Emily Gibson

Did you ever sit in class pondering the many wonders of our school? Well, I have been recently and there is one thing that really confuses me, the whole wall chalkboards. Why would you need a chalkboard that goes all the way from the ceiling to the floor? If a teacher wanted to use the entire board they would have to stand on a stool to write on the top and lay on the floor to write on the bottom. The only people who would be able to see the very low part of the board would be the people in the front row. Personally, I just don't understand.

Wooden Walls

Suzie Mason

After you walk past the interior stairs and head towards the English wing, you will notice a row of windows on one side and a wooden wall on the other. You also notice a well-blended wooden door in the middle of the wooden wall and large gaps at the top of each wall panel. I know what you are thinking right now, "How could there be gaps in a wall?" Well, those aren't your ordinary walls because behind them is storage space. Mostly there are lines of lockers (yes, those "Little Lockers" in Leigh's article) stored in there. Perhaps this could be your hiding spot instead of hanging out in the filthy tunnel down below.

FOCUS

The Door Under The Stairs

Suzie Mason and Leigh Peterson

“Limited Access Only: This door must remain locked at all times by order of Salem Fire Dept.” Are these words familiar to you? They should be if you have walked down the hall and looked behind the middle staircase. Ever since our freshman eyes first beheld the marvelous grandeur that is Salem High School this has been one point of interest that has peaked our curiosity. We’ve all seen the front of the door, but what lurks on the other side?

Tasha Preisler: To Mr. Turner’s secret laboratory.

Greg Huzyak: I have no clue! But I wouldn’t mind checking it out with Tasha.

Jenn Moser: To Tasha’s bedroom.

Jeff Weiss: It leads to the Mr. Haskins FBI Interrogation room.

Matt Wolf: It leads to the temple where Matt Prokop is the head Rabbi.

Steve Keen: A torture chamber.

Tim Verhoek: A place for the Browns to hide after they lose all of their games next season. (There you go, Aileen)

Randee Fortney: The place where Tim Verhoek’s body parts will be placed after I get my hands on him. (Tim, where are those Steelers now?)

Leigh Peterson, Katie Yoder, Aileen Vogel: To Tim

Craik’s house!

Tara Haddad and Beth Cole: A secret lab where Mr. Turner tortures students: $1s^2$, $2s^2$, etc. ...trust us, we’ve been there!!

Seth Austin: Another dimension.

Senior Girls Lunch Table: A secret supply of food for an unknown office worker.

George Andres: To Scottie’s secret apartment.

Beth Eritz: Where George secretly meets Scottie every night.

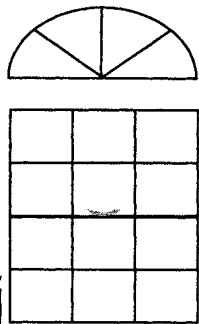
Olivia Kelly: I think that’s where Jayma keeps all her guys.

Sarah Gay: When your teacher leaves the classroom and you don’t know where they all go, all the other teachers simultaneously flock to the door under the stairs for an “urgent staff meeting.”

Sean Argentino: To Leigh Peterson’s backdoor.

Junior Girls 5c Lunch Table: Storage room for confiscated narcotics.

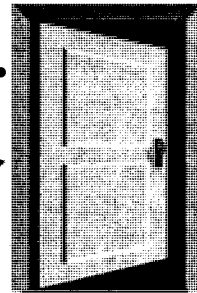
Tom Myers: This door leads to the underground society known as the “Abercrombie Wombies.” Here they worship their all powerful god Stephen Crombie and a huge golden statue of our comrade is erected. Their god walks among us, but no one knows his true identity.



Wall of Windows

Suzie Mason
Nice view or safety hazard?

All around the school you see walls... made of glass and up the Sixth Street doors there are 23 panels of those windows in the cafeteria? They are nicely decorated with all of the cheerleaders’ banners, but what’s the catch? Wouldn’t you think that they would be a safety hazard if there was a horrible storm? Knock on them. Go ahead, give ‘em a little tap. They’re pretty solid, eh? Well, they are really thick and super strong. You won’t have to worry about the windows shattering as you walk past them any-time soon. If they have lasted this long, I’m sure they will last a lot longer.



The mysterious room

Emily Gibson

Have you ever wondered what lies behind the door of the audio-visual room? Maybe that is where the teachers have locked up students who disobeyed the rules one too many times. It could be where the teachers secretly meet to plan their schedules so students have 5 tests in one day. There are many possibilities and I asked around to try to find some answers. Well, the truth isn’t as fun as imagination. The room is used to store any audio-visual equipment that the school has and is not using. Mr. Hays is in charge of the room and he has the key. If you were thinking about going in to check it out--

Who's Selling Out?

Adam Shoop

The Who Sell Out is one of the finest works of the era, and an album which holds together well as a concept, and as a realization. The concept isn't as well done as the Beatles *Sgt. Pepper's*, but instead of elusive psychedelic images, it is simply one of the most fun albums, and one of the most memorable of the 60's.

The album doesn't have any one particular storyline, but each of its important tracks tells a story of some sort. What makes this album great is not its superstructure, but the theme which underlies that, a theme that concerns a great deal of romance.

In the 50's and 60's, a romance developed between young people and their transistor radios. These stations were not only broadcasting the great-

est hit singles in the world, but also providing the substance to a way of life.

The lifestyle I'm speaking of is not the hippie counter-culture lifestyle that made its way into the world around 1967, but the lifestyle that hippie counter-culture destroyed. A materialist, silly, and superficial lifestyle that the Who honor in this album, conducted in an American top 40 radio station format.

This album portrays the pre-hippie lifestyle through its main source of communications, which,

were radio broadcasts of rock and pop, mixed with advertisements for the rock lifestyle's accompanying paraphernalia, everything from fast foods and racing cars to acne remedies and other personal improvement devices.

The *Who Sell Out* has become a truer document of the Sixties than any other. The triviality of the lyrics in "Tattoo," "Mary Anne With The Shaky Hand," and "Odorono" capture the sad state of internal affairs that leads to the revaluation in the album's best work, "I Can



See For Miles."

See For Miles."

The original album included 13 tracks plus a few jingles, but the newly remastered CD includes the 13 tracks plus quite a bit of unreleased material since the capacity of a CD is much larger than that of an album. There are alternate versions of "Odorono," and "Mary Anne With The Shaky Hand," and many more radio jingles. The liner notes are also well done, filled with plenty of rare pictures.

This record, being done on the spot, really captured the moment, making treasure from trash. The whole album is a laugh, really just loads of fun, and you with the help of this music (which now includes a more complete story) you never will forget - provided your ear drums can handle the assault.

Hall of Fame Inductees

Adam Shoop

The 1999 inductees to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame are Billy Joel, Curtis Mayfield, Paul McCartney, Del Shannon, Dusty Springfield, Bruce Springsteen and the Staple Singers. George Martin, the producer of all the Beatles records, will be inducted as a nonperformer. They will be honored at the ceremony held at New York's Waldorf-Astoria hotel.

All inductees are chosen according to votes from over 1,000 journalists and record industry executives. Those performers, who receive the highest number of votes, and more than 50% of the vote, are inducted. The criteria for being inducted: for performers, any artist becomes eligible for induction 25 years after the release of their first record; non-performers qualify as songwriters, producers, disc jockeys, record executives, journalists and others who have had an impact on the development of rock and roll; early influences are those artists whose music predated rock and roll, but who inspired rock's leading artists and helped in the evolution of rock.

A performance for the ceremony is scheduled, but the details have not been released. At least part of the ceremony will be aired on VH-1.

Whatever Floats Your Boat

Jessica Weingart and Adam Shoop

The inclement weather of the past few weeks may have stopped us from having school, but it certainly did not stop some people from having a good time. As illustrated from the following responses, the responses that were permissible for print, we have really got a lot to worry about, or we have strange ways of having fun. Here is what people had to say:

Christina Hood (10), "I love to play tennis and snow ski!"

Joe Jackson (9), "Listen to music."

Greg Boyer (12), "I study. Ha, ha."

Lelia Morgan (12), "Watching Andy Sutter pick up his chapstick!"

Cory Blankenship (12), "Thinking about what Nick Swetye said about theoretical physics."

Nick Swetye (12), "Being in Susie Mason's dreams."

Rachael Protzman (12), "I study- day and night."

Bert Dumovic (9), "Making fun of Adam Shoop at lunch."

Adam Shoop (11) "Listening to Bert's Cartman matting calls, and watching Katie Yoder beat him up."

Mrs Dohar "I like to golf, boat, sit in the sunshine."

Chris Williams (12), "Hang out with Lade."

ENTERTAINMENT

We Asked, You Answered

Katie Yoder

Over the extended Christmas break, there were quite a few days that some of you got snowed in. Maybe you were snowed in because your parents wouldn't let you drive, or maybe because you were grounded for a minor mishap that took place over the actual Christmas break. Wouldn't it be great to spend those days with the person of your dreams or maybe with a few close friends? I was curious to see who the rest of the student body would spend their days with. This is what you had to say:

Sean Argentino(10)- Leigh Peterson

Robyn Wright(11)- Leo

Leigh Peterson(11)- Mr. Trough

Allyson Shultz(11)- Lantz Bricker

Ria Warner(11)- Ryan Hibbard

Kellie Place(11)- Ryan Hibbard, shut up Ria.

Kelly Paxon(11)- Noel Perish

Melissa Mullen(11)- Jason Weingart

Brian Bailey(12)-Stephanie Helms

Sam Shasteen(12)- Kate and our cats

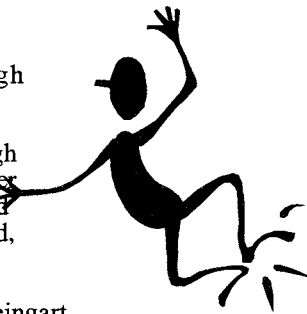
The junior girls lunch tables(11)- The senior girls and a sparkly blanket to keep us warm.

Junior girls B lunch table(11)- The blah blah blah South Park table next to us.

Jeff Weiss(12)- Gigoria Pavon

Courtney Dunlap(10)- Mr. Mehno, Mr. Stellers, Mr. Andres, and Tyson Beckford

Tom Myers(11)- Angie Rank- when it snows outside she doesn't wear pants.



Celebrity Love

Katie Yoder

Have you ever been curious to know who is dating whom among the stars? I always am, but the Hollywood relationships often times change so quickly that no one ever seems to know how to keep up with them. I did some research and was able to find out who is with whom as of January 1999. Some of the couples may surprise you, and I am sure you can take a gamble on which ones will and won't last.

Ryan Phillippe and Reese Witherspoon
Rachel Miner and Macaulay Culkin (They are now married at age 17)

Donovan Leitch and Kirsty Hume

Carson Daly and Jennifer Love Hewitt

Jada Pickett and Will Smith (Now married)

The following Hollywood couples have beat the odds and stayed together for almost a decade or more:

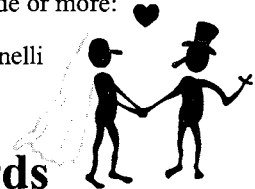
Mel Gibson and Robyn Moore

Eddie Van Halen and Valerie Burtinelli

Kevin Bacon and Kyra Sedgwick

Tom Cruise and Nicole Kidman

Kirk Cameron and Chelsea Noble



L.A. hosts the American Music Awards

Jessica Weingart

The Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles set the stage for the 26 annual American Music Awards. Melissa Joan Hart and Brandy were co-hosts of this annual plethora of entertainment held January 11, 1999. The biggest stars of the movie and music industry were on hand to give performances and present awards. The big winners of the evening were Will Smith with three awards, Garth Brooks with two, and Billy Joel with the prestigious award of merit.

Winners and their respective awards included Will Smith- favorite solo R&B album, favorite R&B male artist, and favorite pop rock album; Garth Brooks- favorite country album, and

favorite country male artist, Billy Joel- Award of Merit, Celine Dion- Favorite Adult Contemporary Artist, and favorite Pop Rock female; Master P- rap/hip hop artist; Alabama- Country band; 'N Sync- favorite new artists award; K-Ci and JoJo- Solo R&B band; Lauryn Hill- favorite new R&B artist, Janet Jackson- favorite solo R&B female artist, Master P- rap artist, Enrique Iglesias- favorite Latin Music Artist, Alabama- country band, Shania Twain- favorite country female artist, Aerosmith- favorite pop rock band, Eric Clapton- favorite pop rock male, and Titanic- favorite soundtrack.

A video tribute was part of the presenta-

tion given to Billy Joel in honor of his award of merit. Popular singers including Shawn Mullins, Brian McKnight, 98 degrees, N' Sync, and LeAnn Rimes sang parodies of Billy's hit songs. Garth Brooks presented "the piano man" his award to a standing ovation. It was certainly one of the first times this great musician was at a loss for words- his humble acceptance speech capped off a charming presentation.

A great deal of the musical spectrum was represented with the nights gathering of performers. From Brandy to the Goo Goo Dolls and from Garth Brooks to Cher, the AMA's pretty much had something for everyone.. Some of the

biggest stir was probably created by Blondie, who had their first US television appearance in 16 years. Also those who watched the show will know what I mean when I say that Third Eye Blind made quite an impression. Barring some very annoying and very dizzying camera shots and angles during performances, the acts were enjoyable.

Highlights from this year's show can be seen on abc's website- www.abc.go.com/ama, along with information on next years festivities. Mark your calendars for January 2000 and start of the new year with your favorite stars!

SPORTS



Boys are 2-3

Sarah Panezott

On December 8, Louis Angelo led the Quakers with 18 points as they beat Ashtabula City. The game was at home. Reuben Dunlap was the team's high rebounder.

Friday December 18 the team traveled to Niles where they lost 62-66. Casey Crawford led the Quakers with 23 points. Chad Copacia added 14 points. The following night they traveled to Boardman. Salem dropped to 1-3 in the season with 29-56 loss. Lou Angelo was Salem's high scorer

with only seven points.

Chad Copacia led the Quakers past Springfield with a career high of 19 points. Crawford, Angelo, and Dunlap were right behind him with 15, 12, 10 points. The Quakers move up to 2-3 on the season. Their next game will be home on January 29 with Niles. It will follow the J.V. starting at 6:00.

The J.V. boy's team has a 3-2 record so far on the season. Brian Markovich has led the Quakers four of the five games with an overall total of 65 points. Zack Stevenson leads the team with 11 rebounds.



Wrestlers remain undefeated

Carey McDermott



The Salem varsity wrestlers have an overall record of 3-0 with victories over Wellsville, West Branch, and Girard.

The season began with a home opener against Wellsville. Shain Hostetter, Matt Galchick, Ralph Smalley, and Mat Baker recorded pins. Brain Rea, Jon Paul Fritz and Jake Gray each won by decision, while Jaime Ledesma won by forfeit. After the lead was tossed back and forth, Gray brought the Quakers to a solid win, a score of 40-36.

In an action-packed meet, the Quakers defeated West Branch 41-29. Leading the Quakers with pins were Hostetter, Galchick and Manny Figueroa. Decisions were won by Eric Stitle, Joe Costa, Jeff Davis, Rea, Smalley, Fritz and Gray.

During the Girard match, Figueroa, Hostetter, Rea, Baker and Fritz all had pins. Winning by forfeit was Galchick and Brandon Smith. In jayvee action, Jaime Ledesma won by decision. The final score was 42-39.

At the Kenston Invitational, the Quakers placed seventh overall out of 16 teams. Six members of the team placed in the top 6 in their weight class. Receiving second place were Hostetter and Rea. Fritz finished third while Galchick and Costa finished fourth. Ralf Smalley was sixth. The results are as follows:

Hostetter: 1 pin, 2 decisions
 Rea: 2 pins, 2 decisions
 Fritz: 2 pins, 1 decision
 Galchick: 1 pin, 2 decisions
 Costa: 0 pins, 4 decisions
 Smalley: 1 pin, 2 decisions



The team returned to action January 16 at the Howland Invitational, after the delay of schedule due to the weather.

Good Luck to all Winter Sports

Under the Water



Sarah Panezott

Are you aware that Salem has a competitive swim team? This season, Salem has two swimmers, sophomore Katie Baillie and junior Carey McDermott. This is Katie's fifth season and Carey's seventh. They spend five days a week training at Youngstown State University with their coach Kristie Stacy. The girls are now swimming with the team Penguin Swimming. They will continue swimming with them until high school sectionals in February.

Sectionals this

year are held at Hubbard High School on February 13. At high school sectionals, the top five swimmers in each event will advance to the district finals at Cleveland State University on February 19 and 20.

They both recently competed at the Mid-State Quad meet on January 9 and 10. It was held at Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis. They represented the state of Ohio in the 15-18 age group. Wish them both luck in sectionals.



Salem swimmers Carey McDermott and Katie Baillie at the Mid-State Quad meet at IUPUI

SPORTS

Stars of the month

Chris Williams

Falling star

Speaking of the National Football League, a group associated with the NFL is the falling star of the month. They are not players though, they are the referees. The officiating this season can only be described as horrible and deplorable. Bad calls by referees have cost many teams wins and possibly chances at the playoffs. For example, on Thanksgiving day the Pittsburgh Steelers lost to the Detroit Lions in overtime. During the coin toss, the referee claimed Pittsburgh running back Jerome Bettis called "heads" while he clearly called "tails." This resulted in Detroit having the first possession of the ball and kicking a field goal to win the game. Personally, I detest the Steelers, but I have to admit their chance of winning was taken away in that game. Another incident occurred in early December. The Seattle Seahawks were beating the New York Jets by four points

late in the fourth quarter. On the last play of the game, Jets quarterback Vinny Testaverde ran for the end zone and it appeared as if he did not cross the goal line for a touchdown. The referees ruled, however, that Testaverde did score the touchdown. These are just two examples of this season's officiating. One idea to help the officiating is to return the use of instant replay. The owners and officials of the NFL will discuss this at their annual meeting in Orlando, Florida this summer. The referees' examination of an instant replay will take some time if a team disputes a call. Despite this fact, many football fans would not mind the time used to review a play, especially if it would mean the difference between a team winning and losing a game.

Shining Star

The Arizona Cardinals of the National Football League reign as this month's shining star. The Cardinals finished the season with a record of 9-7 and made it into the playoffs as a wildcard team. They won their first round playoff game by beating the Dallas Cowboys by the score of 20-7. The 1998 Cardinals have been lead by Quarterback Jake Plummer, Fullback Larry Centers, and Cornerback Aeneas Williams. Barely getting into the playoffs and winning a game might not seem as if it is a recognizable accomplishment. However, the seasons the Cardinals had leading up to this point must be considered. The 1998 season was the Cardinals' first winning season since 1984. During that time, the team was the St. Louis

Cardinals. This year was also their first playoff appearance since 1982, which was an NFL strike season. The Cardinals previous playoff appearance in a non-strike season occurred in 1975. The team had not won a playoff game since 1947 when they beat the Philadelphia Eagles for the NFL championship, and back then they were the Chicago Cardinals. The Cardinals have come a long way since they moved from St. Louis to Phoenix in 1987 (they were known as the Phoenix Cardinals from 1987-93). Arizona is a team with a very bright future. They will be a team to contend with in years to come.



Quakers win sixth

Carey McDermott

The Salem girls' basketball team posted their sixth victory January 11 when they defeated Howland 46-32. This upped the girls' record to 6-2 overall.

The team is now fourth place in the Metro Athletic Conference, with a record of 2-2.

Leading the Quakers were

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	SCORE
Thurs, Dec. 3	Beaver Local	W	60-32
Wed, Dec. 9	Canton Central Catholic	W	61-56
Sat, Dec. 12	Canfield	L	33-40
Wed, Dec. 16	Poland	L	33-42
Sat, Dec. 19	Struthers	W	44-31
Mon, Dec. 28	Copley	W	52-48
Tues, Dec. 29	Glen Oak	W	45-34
Mon, Jan. 11	Howland	W	46-32



SHS gymnasium gets brand new scoreboards

Chris Williams

If you have been in the gymnasium of Salem High School recently, you might have noticed a change in scenery. This summer new scoreboards were installed at both ends of the gym. They replace the old scoreboards that had been in use since 1981.

"It really enhances the setting in the gymnasium," commented SHS athletic director Ray Steffen about the new scoreboards.

The idea of putting new scoreboards had been mentioned at school board


meetings throughout the summer. The boards in the gym were financed by the Coca-Cola Company, which also sponsors the boards at Reilly Stadium. These new scoreboards have protective screen guards on them. Because of this, none of the many light bulbs can break due to being hit by a basketball, volleyball, or projectile of some sort.

The colors of the light bulbs on the new scoreboards are green and red, which are the same as the bulbs in the old boards.

One board is located to the right of the boys' and girls' basketball banners and above the neon Quaker Sam sign. It not only shows the score, period, and time remaining, it also shows the number of the players in the game, their points and their fouls. This display on the scoreboard is located where the numbers and last names of every player on both the boys' and girls' basketball team used to be. The other scoreboard is located to the right of the American flag. It has the same features as

the other board except for the players and their statistics.

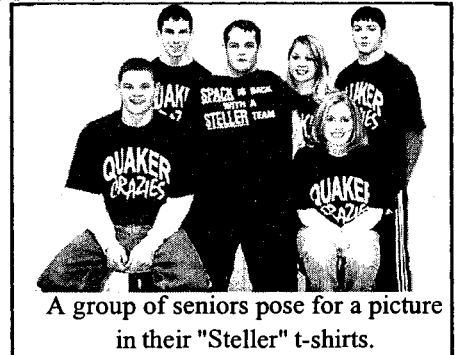
Although the new scoreboards will be something to see at Quaker basketball games, they will not be active immediately. An electrical problem caused by the blizzard, which has cancelled many of our school days, has prevented the boards to operate. Hopefully, for the enjoyment of the spectators, these boards will activate soon.



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A group of seniors pose for a picture in their "Steller" t-shirts.



Steffen receives top award

Chris Williams

The recognition of excellence in the field of athletics is certainly not limited to those in the classroom. This fall Salem's athletic director, Mr. Ray Steffen, was selected as the 1998 recipient of the National Inter-

scholastic Athletic Administrators Association State Award of Merit.

The State Award of Merit winners are selected based on their leadership and long term contributions to interscholastic athletics at the local and state level.

Mr. Steffen has been with Salem for eighteen years. During his tenure, Salem has seen many

changes. Eleven new girls' sports and two new boys' sports have been added as well as major renovations at Reilly Stadium and an eight-lane all weather track.

Serving as a tournament director for many high school sports as well as attending the multitude of Quaker sporting events keeps Steffen extremely busy. He also maintains a

variety of memberships in professional organizations such as the NIAAA (twelve years), NDIAAA (executive committee), and the Ohio Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association and Northeast Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (eighteen years).

Congratulations, Mr. Steffen!



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