

# The Quaker

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## New year brings new face to SHS

BY CAREY McDERMOTT

A new year means a fresh start. Since it's half way through the school year, it is unusual to see a new face in January. Nevertheless, January is a fresh start for Mr. Algiers, a teacher who is replacing Mrs. Strum, who recently gave up her position.

Mr. Algiers went to high school in Maryland. Although he graduated cum laude (with honors) from YSU with a degree in secondary education and math, he first attended Mercyhurst College for two years, where he majored in criminal justice. After student teaching Algebra I and Pre-Calculus at Poland High School, Mr. Algiers came to SHS to teach geometry, algebra II and senior general math. Mr. Algiers says he hopes "to

have a positive impact on all my students, so they can grow as learners in and out of [the] classroom." Because he really enjoys sharing his knowledge of math, Mr. Algiers wanted to become a teacher. "I feel that I have the ability to make students' understanding of math easier," he said.

Outside of the classroom, Mr. Algiers is definitely a sports man. "I love all sports, mainly football, basketball and baseball." He coaches freshman basketball at Poland, as well as participating in golf, basketball and volleyball. Some of his favorite teachers were his coaches. "I would definitely say that these people inspired me to teach."



## A new view

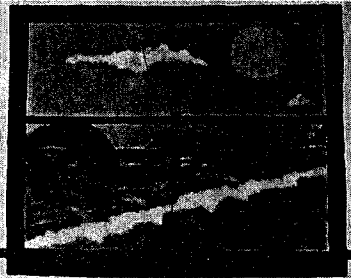
BY CAREY McDERMOTT

For the students who have spent time in the In-School-Suspension room, it seems like another normal classroom at SHS—students and teacher desks, bleak brick walls, and waxed tile floors. But one thing has been missing—a window. For those students who spend time in the ISS room, a window has been

added most when he looks out any window, a tropical paradise.

Cline has been involved in art since he was young. "I started as most people do when they were young. I just scribbled and doodled like any other kid. I just got good at it."

Cline has also been recognized for several pieces of artwork. Recently, one of his pieces won in the Good Teen Day contest. He also won a silver key in the Scholastic Art Awards, and he won the athletic department money in a Marc's competition.



added on one of the walls for an interesting "view". Jake Cline, a senior, painted the window. Mrs. Brooks, the ISS teacher, presented the basic idea to him. Cline painted what he would want to see the

added on one of the walls for an interesting "view".

Cline hopes the students will enjoy the window so that "they get a place to pretend they're at rather than a smoldering hot room."

## Foreign language festival approaching

BY CAREY McDERMOTT

On Thursday, February 3, the foreign language classes will be presenting a festival. All foreign language classes are participating, even those at the junior high. The German and French classes are each performing "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs." Spanish II is preparing refreshments, while Spanish III performs "Goldilocks and the Three Bears." Spanish IV is dancing the Flamenco. The junior high classes are making banners and posters used to help decorate the cafeteria.

The exchange students at SHS will be featured. Mauro Iplinski (Brazil) and Antoine Dumant (Belgium) will be showing slides of their hometowns. Ainar Demant (Spain) will dance along with the Spanish IV students.

Following the presentations, there will be a sing along, which will conclude the evening.

The festival will be from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the high school cafeteria. All students, staff, and parents are invited to attend.

# News

## National Good Teen Day Contest

BY MARY SUTTER

The National Good Teen Day Contest Celebration was held at the Arms Family Museum of Local History in Youngstown on January 14. The contest, which was founded by Mr. Viencsek in 1992, showcased students' artwork and essays, and winners were awarded with certificates and cash prizes.

Thirty pieces of artwork done by Ohio students were included in the show and the judges selected four pieces that were named Best of Show. The students whose works were named Best of Show will receive \$100 each, and all winners received two certificates. Mr. Viencsek is involved in the contest as well as Mr. Martinelli, who delivers the entries to Youngstown State to be judged. The art show remained on display at the Arms Museum through January 19.

President Bush and President Clinton designated January 16 as National Good Teen Day. The national spokesperson for Good Teen Day is Congressman Jim Traficant who helped to introduce the bills to the U.S. Congress to officially recognize the day.

The following is a list of winners from each category.

### Art Winners

#### Best of Show

Herman Grey – "Don't Misjudge Art"

Jason Irely – "Victims"

#### 5-10

Scott Bowman – "Perplexed"

Robert Fitzpatrick – "Man Screaming"

Jenny Joy – "Body"

Elizabeth Karlis – "Hidden"

Crystal Navoysky – "Song of Suggestion"

Jason Wiengart – "Sunset in the Dunes"

### Essay Winners

#### 10<sup>th</sup> Grade

1<sup>st</sup> place – Justin Dennis

3<sup>rd</sup> place – Marie Wendel

#### 11<sup>th</sup> Grade

1<sup>st</sup> place – Russ Howells

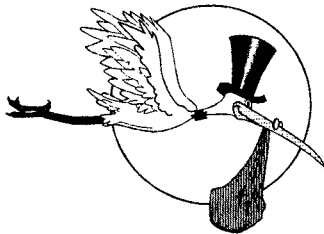
2<sup>nd</sup> place – Andrea Stone

3<sup>rd</sup> place – Brian Farkas

#### 12<sup>th</sup> Grade

1<sup>st</sup> place – Mary Bauman

2<sup>nd</sup> place – Suzie Mason



## Bulletin Board

### February

-Scheduling for the 2000-2001 school year will be starting in February. Students should begin thinking about their plans for next year and discussing course with their teachers.

-Senior Proficiency Tests – the week of the February Pops Concert – February 23 at 7:30 p.m.

### March

-Ninth grade proficiency tests – March 6-10

## Students preparing for Pops Concert

BY MARY SUTTER

The Salem High music department will host the annual Pops Concert this year on February 23 at 7:30 p.m. As always, the concert will be in the auditorium with performances by the choir and the jazz band.

The jazz band, directed by Mr. Jim Purrington, will play a variety of selections including "Rock Around the Clock" and "A Distant World," which were both performed at this year's Christmas concert at the Salem Golf Club. An unusual addition to the jazz band is Paul Ferguson, who wrote a few of the selections on the band's playlist. The band will perform upbeat jazz tunes

"Bouncin'" and "Sonr World" and the ballad "Tyler's Hope," all written by Ferguson. An accomplished trombone player and composer, Ferguson teaches music in Cleveland and was one of the songs specifically for the Salem jazz band. He will direct his songs and play various trombone parts throughout the pieces.

The choir's list of selections is still tentative at this point, but some of the songs expected to be sung are "What a Wonderful World," Garth Brooks's "To Make You Feel my Love," and a medley of songs by Garth Brooks. The band and choir are also planning to combine to perform the "Salem High School Alma Mater."

## Congratulations to Mrs. Strum on her new baby!

Name: Charles Wyatt Strum

Date: December 27, 1999

Time: 7:00 AM

Weight: 7 pounds, 15.5 ounces

Height: 19 inches

# News

## School Problems

BY JESSICA JEWELL

As many of you know, while we were home enjoying our vacation SHS suffered from a few problems in the auditorium. There was a water-line break in the basement to the auditorium which caused a transformer to short out.

On December 23, Mr. McShane explained to me, there was an attempted break-in in the school. "We know because there was a significant heat loss on the computer read-out for temperature control," he said. The door to the basement of the auditorium was left ajar, causing cold air to come in. The cold air caused a water line to break to the water heater in the basement. All of our heat here at SHS is hot water heat, which circulates through the pipes. Since one of the pipes was broken the water poured out onto the floor, causing residue to form. Steam was then created when the water and cold air mixed, causing fog throughout the auditorium. When the auditorium doors were opened by the morning, he was hit with the fog effect. He then took care of shutting off the water; however, there was already damage done to the auditorium.

When Mr. Steffen and the football coaches came in to assess the damage to the football equipment, they noticed an acidic smell which made them call the fire department. This led to the discovery of the short in the transformer. All of the equipment in the auditorium needed to be cleaned, also the transformer needed repaired.

Further problems occurred on Tuesday, January 4. As we were pouring into school, the electricity went out. We sat in first period for an hour, then we were told that we could finally GO HOME! Caused by electrical problems, it took several hours to fix. They even moved that night's basketball game to Niles. The next day, when we were all back in school we got another day off, we found out that, in fact, it was fixed and everything was okay. This, however, will not be as one of our calamity days (we get five.) So, we better hope we're not off school for more than four snow days, we'll be going extra days again this year!

## The Day the Lights went out in Salem...

BY JESSICA JEWELL

Since we got an unexpected day off from school, I asked students, "What did you do the day the lights went out at SHS?" Sounds like all of you had fun!

**Courtney Dunlap (11)**- went to basketball practice

**Pete Berlin (12)**- Went to lunch at Pop's

**Ken Donally (12)**- I went with Pete to Pop's because I ate a lot cause I was hungry.

**Spike Fawcett (12)**- I too went to Pop Jackson's but I did not eat as much as Ken (he eats a lot)

**Ryan Gross (12)**- We went to Pop's then went to my house and played some intense Gestures

**James Johnson (11)**- Laughed at Mike P. and Sean playing football in the mud, and watched movies on the telly's.

**Scott Guappone (12)**- What power, who...when this?

**Michelle Krebs (11)**- I went to Jessica's and yelled at by her sister.

**Chip Cleland (11)**- I brought roses to my girlfriend at work.

**Zak Miller (11)**- I went to the mall with some friends, went home, then went to sleep.

**Justin Rance (12)**- Lost My Mind!!!

**Kari McIlvaine (11)**- Jen, Kasey and I went to the Mart!

## I.D.L. Lab

BY JESSICA JEWELL

As many of you know, there is an I.D.L. lab available to teachers. In fact, some of you probably use it during class. I talked to Mrs. Reed and Miss Lockney to find out exactly what it is used for and why it is used.

Mrs. Reed teaches German I to East Palestine second period. East Palestine does not have a German I class. She uses the portable I.V.D.L. television in her classroom, however, her second period class will be in the lab next semester. As much as she enjoys using the portable, there are some problems, she says. "There is a few seconds delay factor and no schools are on the same schedule, so there are time overlaps."

Miss Lockney teaches French I to McDonald. Her classes are in the lab fourth period. They use the ELMO (an overhead projector), a CD player and TV/VCR set. When you write on the projector or play a CD or video tape, it transmits to the other school. There are cameras in the lab to zoom in on students or display the class as a whole. Miss Lockney says that her students at McDonald do very well. The only problems she has is that once in awhile the fax machine jams up or the sound is bad.

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*Good luck to all students and staff in the new semester!*  
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# Feature

## Up close and personnel "Family Living"

BY LORRIE STEWART

Mrs. Mary Alice Cozza, a true "family" person, grew up in the Hanoverton area and attended high school at United Local. After graduating in 1960, she majored in home economics education at Kent State University where she attained her Bachelor's degree.

Desperate for a teacher in the home economics department, Salem high school hired her for her first teaching job even before her college graduation in 1968. She began teaching Home EC. during the 1966-1967 school year.

During Mrs. Cozza's years at Salem, she has taught home economics, parenting, foods, and family living-independent living. She is also the advisor of T.A.C.T (teenagers against chemical taking) and enjoys teaching very much and has no regrets.

Cozza says that both the students and staff of Salem High are wonderful and very co-operative. She men-



tioned many benefits of being a teacher as well, including students' respect, and trying to make a difference in students' lives. If Mrs. Cozza could change the school to make it a better place, she said that she would "allow senior students to have privileges such as: open lunches, in study halls, etc."

In her spare time, Cozza enjoys riding her Mercedes Benz with her husband during the summer (She is a member of Mercedes Benz club.) They also travel to United States teaching defensive driving courses to club members.

Mrs. Cozza and her husband are school sweethearts, married for thirty years, and the parents of three adult children: Craig, Matthew, and Frank live in various parts of the U.S. and Mrs. Cozza enjoys it with them and her two granddaughters. However, part of the Cozza's current time has been taken up by building three townhouses at Guilford Lake.

## POET'S CORNER

### Wintry Night Squalls

BY SARAH SACCO

An old childhood habit.  
Anticipating the day of the first snowfall.  
Not for a day of play quite the opposite.  
A wintry night squall.

Arising late at night  
Lured from deep slumber, by what I did not know.  
Through the window shown a mystical light  
Of bright subdued indigo.

Indeed heavy snow had fallen.  
Moist enough to cling to everything it met.  
Winds cast immense tufts of snow scrawling.  
Almost presenting a threat.

Resembling that of a well-shaken snow globe.  
The world was illuminated by the moon.  
Yet hidden by a white downy robe,  
Embracing the earth in a cocoon.

Gradually the snowflakes became sparse.  
Unraveling an elegant white world of untouched beauty

With no trace of uncertain threats or scars.  
Yet left behind sensations of peaceful harmony.

The clouds had receded distant somewhere.  
Granting the moon's beams ownership of the sky,  
Only to coddle the serene illusion with care.  
As if it were a delicate butterfly.

Perhaps I stood for quite a time.  
Or perhaps it was only a moment.  
Motionlessly watching the drama of a lifetime.  
Until I became truly content.

Every year thereafter I have awaited  
For that first snow of winter to fall.  
So as to be lured from bed and baited  
By a wintry night squall.

# Feature

## R-E-S-P-E-C-T, find out what it means to me!

BY DENISE PRICE

All around the country more and more disrespect for teachers and school violence stories are appearing. We may never know what causes so many of these tragedies to happen, but I think we can prevent it from happening at our school.

Take a minute and think about the sweet things someone has done for you. For me, it's mainly all the little things that I remember. That might be the same for the darker side of the story as well. Too many little mean things and push someone over the edge. Right now we're only hearing of students feeling miserable, but teachers are angry too, and they aren't emotionless to the actions that take place during school hours, or even after school.

Teachers' jobs are actually more difficult than we imagine. Not only do some have to teach over a hundred students, but they need to adapt to each student's way of learning to better their education. In just knowing that, I think teachers deserve much more respect than they get.

Respect is more than just calling your teachers "Mr.," "Mrs.," or "Miss." It's even more than cooperating in the classroom. A problem that I find happening around school is students being rude and cruel to their teachers and substitute teachers. A substitute teacher is still a teacher. Having a sub in your class doesn't give you the right to name call, act rude, and be loud and obnoxious. I'm sure Mr. McDevitt has other things to do than stand in your classroom and watch your class will behave.

Another problem that seems to be erupting is arguing with teachers. Our teachers don't seem to have a problem with students expressing their views, but when students choose to argue during class time, it's embarrassing for the arguing student, teacher, and fellow classmates. It also wastes time that can be used for asking important questions or reviewing materials for upcoming tests.

I think the student body as individuals needs to take a good look at what teachers have given us. Not only are teachers inside the classroom, but in our outside life as well. Some of us students have a connection with our teachers. Have you ever had a favorite teacher? I'm referring to one who you could talk to when no one else would listen, give you that extra quarter when you had empty pockets, or even a friendly smile when you were down.

If we weren't in school being educated, we'd have very few people succeeding in life or becoming superstars in their professions. Consider the fact that if we didn't expand our knowledge, as the old saying goes, we'd be as useful as a log on a log. Now what kind of life is that?

## KY2 reporting

BY LORRIE STEWART

Contrary to popular belief, the world did not blow up over Christmas break, the effects of Y2K were nearly negligible, and here we are- back in school.

Working at a grocery store on December 31, 1999, was probably the most hilarious experience of my life. Not only did we have the last minute shoppers, but the "KY2" clan was there as well.

"KY2" is the incorrect reference commonly used by people afraid of the Y2K phenomena, people who have no idea what they were talking about. These people typically wheeled carts around the store grabbing at tuna, tuna fish, and lots of bottled water. They also peddled along the way to inform us that our stock of Spam was running low.

The members of the "KY2" clan had many different theories of what would happen once the clock struck twelve, making it January 1, 2000. Although towards the end of the day (after nothing had happened in earlier times) they had to modify their stories.

A popular theory was one that, I have to say, was completely ridiculous. This being that once the clock

struck twelve in each of the time zones, that portion of the world would blow up. An hour later, the next time zone would blow up, and so on. These explosions would trigger a defect in our communicating satellites, showing coverage of the previous year's celebrations. (This malfunction in the satellites caused us to think that there was nothing going wrong.)

This theory was taken from a man who had built a bomb shelter underneath his home and filled it up with various canned foods, numerous tanks of propane, and a now unusable generator. He and many others are now upset with local hardware stores for charging a fee to return these generators.

So now that Y2K is over, people are asking, "what do we look forward to next?" Besides tuna casserole every night for the next year, spring break is just around the corner.

# Feature

## A circle of death

BY SUZIE MASON

*Although not a true Greek myth, this tale tells of greed from wanting too much of a good thing. Can one really have too much power?*

Zeus had many affairs with young mortal women – Europa, Io, and also Castalthea’s mother, Menioce. In all the stories Zeus’s wife, Hera, always ends up seeking revenge on Zeus’s mistress. However, Menioce had a daughter with Zeus. Now Hera had more to deal with than just a mistress.

Throughout Castalthea’s childhood she never smiled or had any fun at all. None of the other children in the city of Athens liked her. In fact, she was constantly picked on – especially because of her looks. Castalthea was not beautiful in the slightest. In fact, she looked a great deal like a boy. But her mother loved her despite that.

However, one day Menioce was finally fed up with Castalthea getting into so many fights with other kids. The two got into a fight of their own and Castalthea ran away. Hera, taking advantage of the situation, found two teenage girls, Bilathea and Anira. Hera decided to use these girls to get her revenge on Castalthea and Menioce. So she sent the two girls the Book of Witchcraft, which was banished from earth since the gods saw that no human was fit to use it correctly.

These two girls learned many things from this book. But they found out that they could not do spells until they found a third person to complete their circle. Hera already knew this. They looked through the book and finally found a spell they *could* cast. It was a spell to show them their third person. They gathered the ingredients and did exactly what the book told them to. But Hera had a girl already chosen for them.

Bilathea and Anira went out in search for the girl they were destined to be with – Castalthea. They were told that they would find Castalthea in the woods outside of Athens. And that’s exactly where they found her. She did not need much convincing to become a follower of the practice, though. Castalthea was so enraged with anger because her mother was so upset with her. “This is the first *good* thing to happen to me in years,” she thought to herself. “Now I finally get back at everyone that’s done me harm.” With the three girls finally united, they did so much damage that no one has been able to record it all. They were mad with rage and nothing could stop them. They vanquished anyone who was ever cruel to them in any way. And for Castalthea, that was too many people.

After a while Castalthea started getting too carried away, though. The other two girls knew she was getting way out of line. When they finally found the courage to tell her so, she was just angered even more and trapped them in an amber gem. In every fraction you could see their sad, forlorn faces. As a reminder not to ever trust anyone, Castalthea placed the gem on one of her bracelets.

There were countless horrible deeds she executed for her whimsical needs such as the golden fleece, the chains that held Prometheus, the discus that struck Hyacinthus in the head, the lioness of Pyramus’s and Thisbe’s death, and even the evil Charybdis. She also went on to kill hundreds of people without any legitimate reasons. Most of the deaths were actually blamed on the gods and goddesses instead of Castalthea, though. But there was a good reason for this. Castalthea’s powers grew greater every day. Even the gods and goddesses were afraid to correct her ways of thinking. She knew if anyone spoke, wrote, or even thought ill of her. That is why there is no written document of Castalthea’s life. It has only been passed down through the generations after Castalthea’s death.

Eventually, Castalthea – fortunately or unfortunately, depending on your viewpoint – disposed of herself out of greed. She constantly wanted to become stronger and more powerful. Her last spell was exactly that. She wanted too much power and destroyed herself by trying to generate it. Today, people in Athens still blame misfortunes on Castalthea. They say that she still haunts people in her afterlife. Who knows, maybe sometimes she *is* to blame.

## Things to Ponder

BY DENISE PRICE

*Finding the right career*

You know you need a career change when you hear quotes like these!

--“Don’t confuse having a career with having a life.”-Hillary Clinton

--“By working faithfully eight hours a day you may eventually get to be a boss and work twelve hours a day.”-Robert Frost

--“Everyone should have enough money to get plastic surgery.”-Supermodel Beverly Johnson

### College Corner

#### Cuyahoga Community College

Location: 5 campuses in Cleveland, Parma, or Highland Hills Village  
70 majors  
S:F – 19:1  
Total cost: \$81.65 per one credit  
[www.tri-c.cc.oh.us](http://www.tri-c.cc.oh.us)

#### Defiance College

Location: Defiance, Ohio  
32 majors  
S:F – 19:1  
ACT/SAT – score above nat’l average  
Total cost: \$18,810  
[www.defiance.edu](http://www.defiance.edu)

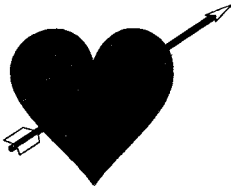
#### Youngstown State University

Location: Youngstown, Ohio  
Over 110 majors  
S:F – 19:1  
ACT/SAT – 17/700  
Total cost: \$3,762 if commuted or \$8,422 if residing  
[www.yvsu.edu](http://www.yvsu.edu)

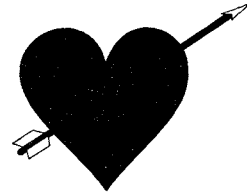


# Focus

As Valentine's Day approaches feelings of warmth and love are almost impossible to avoid. Hopefully these articles and surveys can impose some of those holiday feelings a little early this year.



## Love vs. infatuation



BY HEIDI TALBOT

Have you ever wondered if what you feel for your significant other is love? Many people confuse the terms love and infatuation. Maybe the reason for that is that people want to have an undying love like the type seen in movies, or maybe it is because some people may be unsure of what they are feeling.

Infatuation is a tricky feeling. It may present itself to be true love until you pick it apart. It is like when people say that they are falling in love with someone. Falling in love is a term used to describe when a person feels a physical and emotional attraction towards another. It is not permanent or stable. This feeling is a form of infatuation. It is not bad to have these feelings though. They help teach us about our own emotions.

Here are some signs of infatuation:

- \* Person depends on the relationship for self-esteem
- \* Person is afraid that their partner will lose interest in them
- \* Person can only think of their partner
- \* Frequent jealousy
- \* Possessiveness
- \* Insecure feelings
- \* Person takes more from the relationship than they give

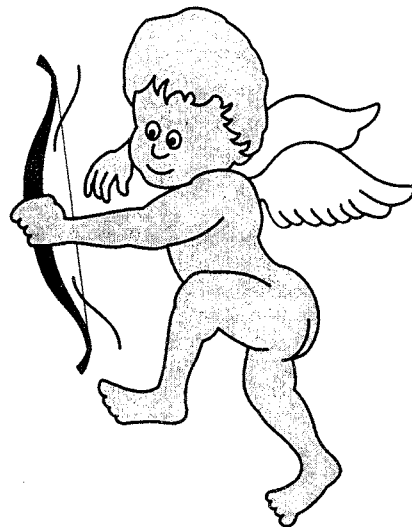
Love is usually built from the foundation of friendship. It grows by the passing days. It is an understanding and acceptance of imperfection. It can make a person stronger and better. Love will never lead you to do things that you'll regret.

Here are some signs of love:

- \* Admit faults and is willing to correct them
- \* You face quarrels with patience and understanding
- \* You trust your partner
- \* You are honest with your partner
- \* Each accepts that neither is perfect
- \* Both are individuals apart from each other

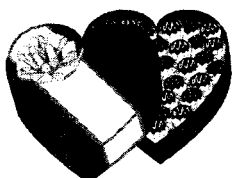
If you find yourself feeling more of the signs of infatuation, ask yourself these eight questions. Answer yourself honestly and then reassess your relationship.

1. What do I want from this relationship?
2. Have I ever told him/her what is important to me in a relationship?
3. Does he/she tell me what is important to him/her in a relationship?
4. Am I happy with the way things are?
5. What type of changes would make it better?
6. Am I feeling pressured or pressuring?
7. How does my relationship affect other things in life?
8. Who can I talk to when things get tough?





# Focus



## Near or far

BY PAT STEWART



Many students seem to think that having your significant other go to a different school is a good idea. That never made sense to me. Seeing my girlfriend everyday makes my life just that much better. Many people, however, think just the opposite. By seeing your boyfriend/girlfriend everyday, it takes something away from them on the weekend. Here are some students giving their preferences on the subject.

**Robert Dumovic (10)-P.D.A**

**Stephanie Shelton (12)-** Different school so I could have space.

**Heather Ingold (10)-** Here because I would want to see him everyday.

**Niki Bash (10)-** In another school because I like to be around him but I need my space.

**Stephanie Vickers (10)-** Different school because you can't do what you want when they're around.

**Ken Hull (11) Kenny Adams (10)-** Another school so she doesn't find out about the other girlfriends.

**Aaron McQuiston (11)-** At another school because I don't know what she looks like.

**Lisa Lewis (9)-** Different school because the guys from Salem are boring.

**Aileen Vogel (12)-** Salem, so I could see his cute face all the time.

**Corey Ozenghar (11)-** At another school so I can have one here and one there.

**Matt Galachick (11)-** Here, so I could see them.

**Kempisie Fischer (11)-** Another school because I wouldn't wish Salem upon my loved ones.

**Rebecca Davis (11)-** another school so I could meet new and interesting people.

**Adam Zagotti (11)-** It depends on what she wants to do.

**Angie Petrachkoff (11)-** I like Dane going to Salem. If he went to another school I'd miss him too much!!

**Kari McIlvaine (11)-** I'd want him to go to Salem, that way I'd feel better around Lorrie and Adam.

**Rachael Mathias (11)-** A different school because you can go to things twice as much and make new friends. Plus, I hate walking into couples making on each other in the halls.

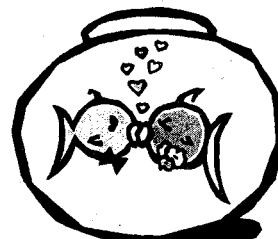
**Emily Gibson (12)-** Out of school due to the lack of maturity in Salem guys.

## The Right One?

BY STEPHANIE SHELTON

Everyone is looking for the right person. But how do we know if they are actually right for us? Only time will tell. In the meantime you can have fun trying to see how compatible you are with that "certain someone." Here is some web site that you can log on to and see if they think that you are meant for each other. Some of the web sites listed you can send cards, take advice, and read some letters or poems that people have sent in.

- Thekiss.com**-Send an e-kiss to the one you care about and show them how much you adore them. This site also gives love advice.
- Lovecalculator.com** -See how compatible you are with the other person.
- Valentine.com**- Romantic love cards and letters that people have sent in.
- Lovingyou.com**- This is a guide to love and romance
- Lonehart.com**- This is a guide for lonely hearts on the Internet.
- 123greetings.com** and **Bluemountain.com**-You can send cards for any occasion.



# Opinion

## Hearing wedding bells

BY EMILY GIBSON

How young is too young to fall in love? Well, love can reach across many boundaries and hurdle many obstacles but marrying while still in high school may be too hard for love to overcome.

There are many reasons teenagers feel that they have to get married. One of these is that a large number of young people today believe that their first love will be their only love. There will be someone else who you will fall in love with and live happily ever after, but who says that has to happen right now?

Many psychologists say that teenage marriage is the first step toward divorce. This idea is backed by statistics. Over 68% of teenage marriages end in divorce in the first five years. If you marry while still in high school you are twice as likely to be in an abusive marriage. This does not necessarily mean physical abuse. The most common abuse in teenage marriages is verbal, then emotional, and finally physical.

The reason for the increased abuse among these marriages is added stress to your already stressful teenage years. Compared to girls who marry later, teenage brides have less schooling, less independence and less experience of life and work.

While you are a high school student you are still growing in maturity, and you are still developing your personality. There are incidences of high school sweethearts being together forever, but the majority of them waited until they were a little more grown up to say "I do."

If you feel that strongly about the feelings that you have for your loved one, then what is the rush to get

married? If you are planning on spending forever with the one that you love, why rush into things? Your significant other will still be there after graduation, and if they are not then was it really meant to be?



## Showing off our millennium abilities

BY ANNIE WEBB

It's about that time of year again, only this time we're the seniors, and we get to take these wonderful proficiency tests! Seniors, be prepared because we don't have long, they will be held on February 7-11. All students will receive a copy of the practice test, which will include: writing, reading, math, citizenship, and science. All seniors will report to first period every day, and later dismissed to their designated areas for testing. The areas will be: Students A-F in the library, G-Q in room 132, R-Z room 127, and let's not forget our early graduates, they will also be in room 127.

There are some positives in taking the senior proficiency test. For instance, can we say vouchers?! That's right, it isn't a dream. All seniors passing all five sections of the test can receive a voucher to exempt them from one final exam. Also, any senior passing with honors can get...yes, another voucher! What should be our main source of motivation is that any senior passing all five sections with honors in all five will be exempt from all final exams. Just picture it now, strutting into class, wearing a huge grin, laughing at your classmates while you hand all of your teachers those big red vouchers.

We have a set goal of 75% passage in each area of the tests. Now the senior class of 2000 has a chance to show off our millennium abilities!

## TOP 10 PICK-UP LINES NOT TO USE THE VALENINE DAY:

BY ANNIE WEBB

10. You are just truly absolutely beautiful! Can you cook and clean also?
9. I lost my phone number. Can I borrow yours?
8. If beauty were crime, you'd be doin' life!
7. Can I use your cell? I told my mother I'd call her when I fell in love.
6. You remind me of bacon, the way you sizzle!
5. I've been noticing you not noticing me.
4. Did I just notice you checking me out, or did my ego flare up again?
3. I know there are hundreds of perfect guys out there in the world, but only 3 of us don't watch football.
2. Are you incredibly gorgeous, or is that a side effect of my medication?
1. I really hate lines and I'm sure you do also, but I just had to meet you, my name is...

# Opinion



## Wacky weather

BY STEPHANIE FIFE



It's January and it's supposed to be snowing, but it's WRONG, if you live in Salem, Ohio. Last year and this time we were up to our ears in snow, we even had snow days! We've certainly got the coldness that usually accompanies the snow. So where's the half everyone expects? This is wacky weather because last month we had temperatures in the 60's! Is it winter yet? Snow would be great for both kids and their parents. It gives us time for a little fun. You can sled ride, build snowmen, and have snowball fights. This would all be "peachy keen," if we had snow to go along with all of this fun. Just think, Frosty the Snowman couldn't visit little children because he would melt and the kids couldn't make him any friends. Even the Red nosed Reindeer was even out of a job this year because Santa didn't need him to lead the way because we didn't have snow on Christmas! The elves were affected by this too. They had to have a change of wardrobe. They wore sandals, tanktops, and sunvisors. They felt kind of weird, but adjusted because they had no choice. Santa even wore shorts instead of pants. He had a hot torade instead of a hot cocoa dispenser. Hopefully, next year we will have tons of snow and we won't have any of this wackiness.

## Age and relationships

BY EMILY GIBSON

Does age really matter when it comes to love? Is it O.K. to date someone who is two, three, four years older than you? How old is too old? Well, age does matter when you are still in high school.

Age is not really the problem. The true problem is the level of maturity. It is impossible that someone who is twenty can truly relate and have a healthy relationship with a fifteen year old. The maturity level of the fifteen year old makes it impossible for him or her to have an ordinary relationship with someone who is supposed to have

the maturity level of a twenty year old. The five year age differences seemingly disappear when the ages are switched to thirty and thirty-five.

There are many problems that arise when the age difference in a relationship is too high especially among high school students. This can cause fighting with parents about the older person and the fact that most parents do not approve of the difference in their ages. Another common problem is lack of communication in these relationships. When the age

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## Valentine ventures

BY STEPHANIE FIFE & ANNIE WEBB

Everyone knows the standard Valentine's Day date. A dozen of roses and chocolate, chocolate, and more chocolate. Many want the first Valentine's Day of 2000 to be unique. Well, as for Annie, she'll be in Fort Benning, Georgia minus the camos. At this moment in time, I have no clue where I'll be spending my first millennium Valentine's Day. We asked students and faculty, "If you could invent the perfect Valentine's Day date, what would it be?", and here are some responses...

**Ben Donnelly (12)**- I would take Brittany Spears to Burger King because they have whoppers 2 for \$2. I am really romantic.

**Insay Craik (12)**- I bet Ken's date would be ruined if he knew how the food is made.

**Patte DeJane (10)**- Antione and I will eat Belgium waffles and sausages and watch USA "up all night!"

**John DeCarlo (11)**- A little town called Wilmington with James Van Der Beek!

**Scott Guappone (12)**- A moon lit beach with Angie.

**Christina Hood (11)**- A cabin on a mountain in Colorado with Mike.

**Leagan Brown (10)**- On the beach with Joey Fatone of 'N Sync!

**Leah Hite (12)**- To have Jay Zerbs wait on me hand and foot-oh, wait-he already does!

**Jay Zerbs (12)**- To have Leah rub MY back!

**Josh Whinnery (11)**- Brittany Spears concert with Clarissa Rance.

**Jennifer Cross (11) & Tessie Clutter (12)**- With a really sweet guy who won't be a player.

**Sarah Eynon (12)**- Locking Mrs. Dye and Mrs. Dohar up in the computer lab together and make them tell me how much they love Kristen Marshall and me and if they don't, V-Day will be D-Day for them... evil laughter.

**Mr. Viencek**- Shania Twain-I'd walk her to Tavern on the Green.

**Mike Fawcett (12)**- My date would be Jennifer Love Hewitt, and I would take her to my kitchen and microwave her pizza.

**Matt Galchick (11)**-Chuck E. Cheese's

**Casey Colian (11)**- I'd go to Bremerton, until the end of time, with Mike because Lorrie and Kari want Yuri!

**Pete Berlin (12)**- I would take Aileen out to dinner and let her pick the movie or we would just sleep on my couch.

# Opinion

## Isn't that?...

BY ANNIE WEBB

Isn't that (name here)'s brother/sister? I'm sure we've all heard it and some of us don't like those kinds of phrases either, but there comes a time when we have to deal with our siblings at school. They're annoying, embarrassing, a disgrace to the family name, and sometimes more popular than you. On the contrary sometimes our older siblings do come in handy.

Here are some ideas that I've come up with. Remember when your younger/older sibling wouldn't help you out with your chores around the house? Remember that really embarrassing baby picture of him/her you brought to school and showed their crush? That's what I thought. You can have your way without mom and dad's knowing... until you get home. At least it brought some entertainment at school that day. Well, the truth is, for the sake of being at the same school these things can go on forever. That means we have to get along with our siblings. You can do the things back and forth with your siblings, and it will never end because of the fact that you know a lot of things about each other. Quite frankly, the paybacks can go on during all your years of high school.

Isn't it a complete disgrace when one of your teachers calls you by your older sibling's name all year? You have to deal with it. No matter how many times you correct them they won't get it. (Some of them have just grown a little senile.) Hey, it could even be a compliment if they were smarter than you were.

There are some other bonuses to having a sibling in school; they can get a lot of inside information on people for you. Like that day, you were "really sick" and they went and asked your classmates what was on the English test while you were at home watching the "Price is Right." (Not as if I've done that!) Favors like these can be a big help and they don't even realize how much you owe them.

Basically, siblings can be a good or bad influence at school. Just remember that you are family (even if they were adopted). One of you will have to leave the school at some point, and you or your sibling will be missed, even if it doesn't show. Most of us have already learned that nothing and no one comes before our siblings; no matter how much we hate them, we still love them.

### Family Ties



### Opinion of the month

BY EMIY GIBSON

You do not have basic rights as a citizen of the United States until you are at least eighteen years old.

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difference is significant what do the two have to really talk about to each other when they spend time together?

Surveys show that the majority of men age eighteen-twenty four date younger girls for two main reasons. We all know what the first reason is and the second is because younger girls are a lot easier to control. These men feel a need to be in control of every situation at every moment and women their age will not put up with being controlled. This leads to the men dating high school age girls.

Minor age differences (a few years either way) are not as widely shunned as the larger gaps. These relationships are more likely to work out and you have a better chance at happiness.

# Sports

## A star shines bright

BY SARAH PANEZOTT

Sweating palms, racing pulse, hearing the crowd cheering as the team takes the court- these are just a few of feelings Kelly Paxson experiences every night before a game. The six-foot senior center has been a major player in Salem High School Girls' basketball program. She is leading the team this year averaging 17.4 points a game. Along with her outstanding statistics she recently scored her 1,000 career point. This is something only three other people have done in Salem's history. Tammy Bailey(1981), Amy Goodballet(1984), and Valerie Scott(1994) are the other players that are in the record book with 1,000 points. "It is an honor being one of only four people to score 1,000 points. It is something I will always remember and be proud of," Kelly remarked.

Along with finishing her last season at Salem High School, Paxson will be getting ready to move on to bigger level of play. On November 10, 1999, she signed a letter of intent to play at Hillsdale College in Michigan. She was awarded for her incredible athletic ability along with her academic strength with a full tuition scholarship. "It feels great to be signed so I can enjoy my senior year. It is like a ton of bricks being lifted off your shoulders." Kelly has maintained a 3.2 grade point average while she has been involved in volleyball, project support, SADD, TACT and S.

Her coach of four years, Roger Zeigler, stated, "It has been an honor to coach her. It is a coaches dream to coach someone who is such an outstanding person and player. She is a great young lady." Kelly says she is nervous about going to Hillsdale because it is a whole new situation and all new people and team. Mr. Zeigler has assured her that her transition will be an easy one for her, "She has her act together, her mental attitude is on the game. She knows what her goals are, and she knows how to achieve them." She has many strong points as Mr. Zeigler explains, "She has a great work ethic, personality and leadership on and off the court. She is very dedicated to her goals and she relates to other people well." She stated her own expectations for next fall saying, "The most important thing is to get an education but with basketball I hope to make an impact on the team and contribute in any way possible." Kelly will be majoring in elementary education.

Kelly is a team player. She is always looking for the team to do well. She didn't have many goals for herself, but she had several goals for the team. "One goal is for the team to win the M.A.C. which is going to be a tough challenge. The ultimate goal would to advance in tournament play and make it to Columbus."

As she looks back on her basketball career and a few of her most memorable moments, she shared the following, "Scoring my 1,000 point is definitely memorable and beating Poland my freshman year and also beating West Branch this year." Fellow teammates and friends Robyn Wright and Tracy Stapf commented on how it feels to play with Paxson. "It feels great, we've been friends forever. She is a lot of fun to play with," Wright stated. "She has always worked so hard, it is exciting to see her reach this goal. Kelly deserves such an honor more than anyone I know," Stapf said.

We all have someone we have looked up to or someone who has had an impact on us in one way or another some point in our life. Kelly will go on and be that role model for little girls that dream to be where she is today. Paxson's role model was her coach. "Coach Zeigler has definitely impacted my basketball career. He has always believed in me, and I will always be grateful to him for that." And the fans, students and friends of Kelly Paxson will always be grateful for her hard work and talent she has shown us over the years. Congratulations and best wishes Kelly!

## Salem wrestlers earn state ranking

BY MEGAN STOCKMAN

For the first time in Salem's history the wrestling team earned themselves a state ranking. Currently tied for 10<sup>th</sup> place in division II, the guys have achieved some major goals this season. Two of the biggest achievements were made possible with the help of seniors Shain Hostetter and Ralph Smalley.

Shain Hostetter did Salem proud as he led the team to a sixth place finish at the Medina tournament on Dec. 3 and 29. Fifty- four teams attended the invitational, which is considered "The Greatest Show in Wrestling" and is shown throughout the country. After the loss of a beloved inspiration to the wrestling team just a few days before, the team held strong and dedicated their win to Jesus Carreon (father of head coach Len Carreon) who had been there since 1996.

Ralph Smalley led the team at Hudson winning the outstanding wrestler award, the first time Salem has received this honor in its history. Six of the wrestlers reached the finals while Shain Hostetter, Brian Rea, and Ralph Smalley won championships. Jon Paul Fritz and Matt Galchick contributed adding third place finishes. Rounding out the top for the Quakers was Jeff Davis finishing sixth.

The boys then went on to place seventh at the Ohio High School Athletic Association's state dual meet held in Dublin, Ohio on January 9. Salem captured one win out of the three they had participated in. After defeating New Lexington 34-29 in the final match, they fell to second-ranked St. Paris Graham in the opening match, 46-24; Next in line for the Quakers was a loss to fifth-ranked Indian Lake.

# Sports

## Salem's athletic code—A trial of success

BY TRACY STAFF

Four years ago Salem High School took the responsibility of administering certain disciplines off the shoulders of our coaches. Previously, discipline was left up to each coach for his or her team. However, using such an inconsistent manner brought up many cases concerning fairness. With certain infractions such as drinking, punishment could vary from a slap on the wrist to expulsion from the student-athlete's team, all depending on the individual coach's regards.

To combat such controversy and inconsistency, the athletic council, consisting of Board members, Administrators, and coaches established an athletic code of conduct. The first year of the code was a bit more severe than the newly revised code that student-athletes adhere to today. The first code mentioned the same regulations as the current code, however, the discipline was different. Both codes state that, "Salem student athletes will not knowingly possess, consume, purchase, attempt to purchase, show evidence of having consumed, transmit, distribute, offer for sale, or be under the influence of any narcotic, hallucinogenic, steroid, alcoholic beverage, marijuana, intoxicant of any kind, or drug not specifically prescribed for you by a certified physician. Further, you are stating that you will be present at any activity or party attended primarily by students or recent graduates where illegal consumption/use of such substances is prevalent." The previous code stated that punishment for attending a party would be the same as the punishment for consuming any of the prohibited substances. In our present athletic code it states that if a student is caught at a party where there are illegal substances but are not using/participating in anything illegal, they will receive a written warning. If they are caught violating the code for a second time the punishment will be as though they were participating in illegal actions and will lose ten percent of their athletic season. A second offense of similar attendance is equal to a first offense dealing with the consumption/use of illegal substances. A second offense results in a much stiffer penalty. The offender loses all rights to participate in any sport for one calendar year.

Salem's current athletic code is in effect three hundred sixty-five days a year and it also permits coaches to still develop desired rules and regulations. If an infraction occurs publicly a coach's discipline may be added to the athletic code's discipline.

There are many different views on Salem's athletic code. One student athlete mentioned, "It shouldn't be the school's role to control what the student athletes do in the off-season or in the summer months." Another student athlete argued, "If you care about your sport you simply won't do it (violate the code)." One of Salem's coaches agreed about the dedication to one's sport, "Since an athlete represents his or her school and community, I believe that school authorities do have a right to expect students to adhere to behavioral guidelines—twelve months a year. One of the lessons that my experiences, as a player and as a coach, had taught me is that high school athletics is a very serious endeavor. Success requires an extraordinary commitment from players and coach's alike.

Such a debate on whether or not school authorities have the right to administer discipline at any time, especially in the off-season and summer months, is a complicated and sensitive issue. Both arguments have many reasons and defenses to their sides, and it is hard to keep everyone happy. However, for the same reasons why society has enforced governments and laws throughout history, some sort of code must be administered, if not for the safety of our student athletes, but for the purpose of authorities needing to keep order in athletics.

## Conrad and Markovich leading the way

BY TRACY STAFF

The boys' basketball program at Salem High School is keeping on track. With outstanding victories over the Hubbard Eagles and the Howland Tigers, the boys have all stepped up their games. Senior Steve Conrad scored twenty-nine points against Hubbard and thirty-one points

against Howland. Junior Brian Markovich tossed in 17 points against the Eagles and twenty-one against the Tigers.

Juniors Steffen Nemenz and Brian Markovich are first and third respectively in scoring for the Quakers. Nemenz totals 151 points, Steve Conrad has chipped in 93, while Markovich adds 82 thus far in the 99-00 season. Stepping

it up defensively for the Quakers is junior Zack Stevenson and senior Ryan Gross registering ten and fifteen steals respectively. Coach Stellers has been handed quality play from a few sophomores as well. Mike Bailey, Travis Mong, and Dave Young have stepped it up against Howland and Struthers. Mong had six points

against Struthers. In addition to their victories over Hubbard and Howland, the team defeated Marlinton. However, they suffered losses to Boardman, Dover, West Branch, Niles, Struthers, and Girard. They currently hold a record of 4-7. They will travel to Poland on Friday, January 28 and will host Howland on February 3.

# Sports

## Salem swimmers start off strong

BY MEGAN STOCKMAN

The Salem swimmers, Carey McDermott and Katie Baillie, started off their season with strong finishes. On December twelfth the two attended the Midpark Invitational held at Lakewood High School. Carey McDermott got first place in all of her six events which included the 50-yard Freestyle, 200 yard Freestyle, 50-yard Breaststroke, 50-yard Backstroke, and 50 yard Butterfly. Katie Baillie added second place finishes in three of her six events. They were the 50-yard Freestyle, 200-yard Freestyle, and 50-yard Breaststroke. She also placed third in the 50-yard Butterfly and fourth in the 50-yard backstroke. The girls participated on the winning 200 Free Relay team. The Mid-state Quadrangular meet offered both girls a chance for their best times. Next for the girls is the State Meet on February twelfth where the top three places will advance to districts.



## Quakers prepared for anything

BY SARAH PANEZOTT

Did you know that Salem had twin towers? Well we do, seniors Kelly Paxson and Robyn Wright. These members of the girls' basketball team combined for 47 points against Rayen in the Holiday Classic. The entire team did not even score 47 points, the final score was 55 to 46. Wright set her own career high at 22 points and 17 rebounds. Paxson had 25 points. Salem went on the next night and won the tournament as they defeated Union Glen Oak 59 to 36.

On January 5 Salem hosted Girard. The Quakers dropped to a 6-3 record and they stand 0-3 in the Metro Athletic Conference. Paxson scored 13 points to lead the Quakers. She went into the game needing eight points to come part of Salem's history with 1,000 career points. Robyn Wright, Olivia Kelly and Ria Werner each added 10 points. Wright, Werner and Paxson each had two, three pointers.

As backyard rivalry continues with West Branch, the Quakers did not have an easy game. They battled for hard quarters and came out on top. This is the first time Salem girls have beaten them since 1993. Paxson showed her talent again as she held the team high points with 19. Olivia Kelly and Stacey Yanek also played an excellent game and came up big for the team when they had the opportunity. Salem beat the Warriors by three points with a final score of 49-46.

Salem got its first Metro Athletic Conference win when the Howland Tigers came to Salem. Robyn Wright raised her career high by one making it 23. She also had nine rebounds and three assists to lead the Quakers. Paxson added 22 points, nine rebounds and four steals. Megan Stockman contributed eleven points and ten rebounds. Ria Werner added six points and five assists. The Quakers are now 1-3 in the M.A.C. and hold a 7-3 record on the season.



## Random Reflections

This year the sport staff decided to add a new column titled Random Reflections. Two athletes were randomly chosen from two random sports. Their photographs and interviews appear below.



Stefan Nemenz  
Varsity Basketball



**How long have you been playing basketball?** Since third grade.

**Has it been an easy transition coming to Salem?** Yes the teachers and students have made me feel comfortable which eased the transition.

**What is the most memorable moment so far?** The Grand Kahuna

**Who was the person that influenced you the most to play?** My dad



Ralph Smalley  
Wrestling

**How long have you wrestled for?** 6 years  
**What made you choose this sport?** I couldn't have any "DOWN TIME", and I'm not too good at basketball so I thought would give it a try. (guidance from Jim

Irvin.)

**What is your favorite memory from wrestling so far?** Playing guess who???

**What's been your biggest accomplishment?** Getting the first ever Most Valuable Wrestler award in the school's history this year at the Hudson Tournament.

**Do you have a role model, if so who?** Yes, but I have more than one: Jim Irvin, R.B. Mehno, Len Carreon, Dave Plegge, and Jesse Carreon. They have all made a big influence on my life.

# Candid Quakers

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