

# The Quaker

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## TOP TEN MEMORIES

1. Graduation days are my most memorable times. Graduates act and look so mature!
2. Salem Girls Basketball team went to state (1994).
3. Increase in Alumni Scholarships given to SHS seniors (\$12,000-130,000 per year).
4. Technological and multi-media installation at SHS and its availability to teachers and students.
5. Dress code change—female students and staff could wear miniskirts and slacks.
6. "Energy crisis (1977)." SJH shared the SHS building Jan. through Mar. SHS went 7a.m. until 12:00 and SJH went 12:30-5:30p.m.
7. Blizzard of 1978—14 snow days—trying to keep school open.
8. Computerizing SHS schedules in house instead of "farming" them out.
9. Teachers' "strike" notice—school and community in turmoil.
10. Coaching the SHS faculty synchronized swimming team.

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## "Parting is such sweet sorrow"

BY JUSTIN PALMER

Salem High School is once again forced to bid a farewell. After thirty-three years of dedicated service Mrs. Bosu will be departing Salem High School at the end of this month. Mrs. Bosu's departure is a result of her choice to retire.

Perhaps not as visible as the other counselors Mrs. Bosu has worked primarily with vocational students the last three years. Bosu is a 1955 graduate of Salem High school and holds a Bachelors of Science from Akron University and a Masters of Science from West Minster. Mrs. Bosu has held several positions inside Salem City Schools including fifth grade science teacher and



SHS Guidance Counselor.

Some notable changes Mrs. Bosu recognizes include a larger curriculum selection, greater number of educational options available to the students, and changing to an eight period day. Perhaps

the most remarkable changes Mrs. Bosu has observed through the years are in the areas of fashion trends and hairstyles. Mrs. Bosu has also served as a medical technologist at Robinson Memorial Hospital in Revenna and Akron Medical Laboratory. Although she will miss the students and faculty Mrs. Bosu is looking forward to not being on a "time schedule." Although retiring she said she would always be available to help when needed.

On behalf of the entire student body the staff of *The Quaker* salutes Mrs. Bosu for her years of service to Salem City Schools and wishes her a peaceful and pleasant retirement.

## She's got spirit!

BY JUSTIN PALMER

On January first Salem's Laura Jeckavitch will have the extraordinary experience of marching in London's Millennium Parade. Laura will be one of 700 cheerleaders from the United States selected by the Universal Cheerleading Association to participate in the parade.

Laura was selected through a tryout process during a summer camp. Fifteen groups of four cheerleaders tried out. The cheerleaders were judged on a dance, cheer, chant,



and jump. Out of the sixty eligible only twenty were selected.

Laura will leave for London on December twenty-sixth and will return January second. Her mother and Miss Carmello will accompany her on the trip. Laura is excited about this experience referring to it as a, "once in a lifetime opportunity." Although she will miss White Christmas she is excited to meet new people.



## Adventures in the sunshine state

BY MARY SUTTER

This year's band trip to Orlando, Florida was a success. The band students, chaperones, and directors all piled onto five busses on Wednesday, November 15 after school and left for Florida at around 3:30. And so began a twenty-hour bus ride with stops every few hours. They arrived in Florida Thursday afternoon at 2. Then the band was off to MGM Studios, including the Twilight Zone-themed Tower of Terror. Later that night they visited Epcot Center, which is divided into small "countries" that let people experience different cultures.



Here Mr. Krauss is shown with a polynesian kiss after the luau that the band attended in Florida.

On Friday morning they visited the Magic Kingdom, home of the famous Cinderella's Castle and It's a Small World. In the evening, the band began to prepare for the main reason for the trip: their performance in the parade at the Magic Kingdom. After everyone had changed into their uniforms, Mr. Purrington and Mr. Krauss gave everyone instructions on the parade route and got everyone ready. At six o'clock, the band marched from backstage onto Main Street, U.S.A. A huge crowd was watching, but most band members weren't nervous. It was that

confidence that allowed the band to give an excellent performance. They marched backstage to await their score. After a long overview of their performance, the judge gave the band a 1, which is a superior rating. It was well deserved, and everyone worked hard to get the rating. After everyone was changed, they traveled to the posh Polynesian Resort for a relaxing luau and dinner. Hula dancers and a Hawaiian band entertained guests while they ate authentic Hawaiian food, including coconut bread, Hawaiian chicken and the delectable Pineapple Volcano for dessert. Perhaps the most interesting part of the luau was Mr. Krauss's hula dance lesson, which he passed with flying colors.

On Saturday morning the students went to Animal Kingdom, which is like a very extravagant zoo. Many students took the Kilimanjaro Safari Ride which exhibits hippos, giraffes, pink flamingos, lions and alligators. Another popular ride was the water ride, a white water rafting adventure that soaked most of the band members for the rest of the day. That night the band returned to Epcot Center to top off the trip. They left Florida that night

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## Club news

BY NICOLE BINEGAR

**National Art Honor Society:** The officers for the 2000-2001 school year are the following: President-Crystal Navoyosky, Vice president-Sean Loutzenhiser, Secretary-Andrea Stone, and Treasurer-Ed Butch.

**Academic Challenge:** The national computer competition "The Knowledge Master Open" will be held the first week of December.

**S.A.D.D:** T-shirts are still available to members and to anyone else interested. The cost is \$6.00.

**Computer Club** members are again involved in a variety of activities centered on computers and technology. Most of the students are entering the Explora Vision Awards competition that is being sponsored by Toshiba. The competition involves coming up with innovative ideas about technologies of the future. Winners will receive a savings bond worth \$10,000.00

**French club:** The Christmas dinner was held at the Ice Cream Parlor on Saturday, December 2. After the dinner, the students attended a performance of *A Christmas Carol* at the Salem Community Theatre. There was a Christmas Foreign Language party held December 19 in the cafeteria. The French classes attended the performance of "Ye Petit Prince" on December 8 at Chaney High School followed by a trip to Mocha House for lunch.

**German, French and Spanish clubs** celebrated Christmas together on December 19. They watched a Christmas movie and sang Christmas carols.

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# News

## Holiday Helpers

BY JESSICA JEWELL

The holidays are quickly approaching and many organizations here at SHS are in full swing to do their part. The whole idea of the holidays is to give, not receive, and the students in several of the clubs here are taking that to the next level.

Key club took part in a Toys-for-Tots drive. They started on Wednesday, November 29. The drive will run throughout December. They then will take them to needy children around the Salem area. The club set boxes out all over the school, so the student body could help them in this wonderful cause.

Another part of giving to the needy is food drives. AFS, German Club, and the IBE/CBE class all sponsored food drives this holiday season. AFS held a food drive in November for the Thanksgiving holidays. They donated all the canned food they collected to the Salvation Army. German Club also held a food drive over the Thanksgiving holiday. In a contest between the German classes, the class who brought in the most canned food won, and their prize was a pizza party. IBE/CBE collected money in November to give a family a Thanksgiving

meal. Not only did they do that, but also they stocked the family's refrigerator full of goodies.

Although all of these things were well known, between the announcements and people walking around at lunch, there are also things that go on that we know nothing about. Mr. Neiderhiser, the principal of Buckeye Elementary school, organizes the "Create a Smile" project, with the help of all area teachers. The program is designed to help less fortunate families get presents from Santa on Christmas Eve. It sort of works like this: Teachers submit the names of students they think are in need. The committee checks to see how many children there are, so each one gets a gift. Each child is given a number. On that number, the info about the child is given. The ornament is hung on a tree, and the staff members pick one off. The number they get is the child they buy for. The gifts must be approximately fifteen dollars and must be an article of clothing, because they get a toy and a candy cane along with it from Santa.

Mr. Moffett's vocational classes also have been doing their part this

holiday season. Salem's local radio station, K105, has an annual radio-thon to help raise money for St. Jude's, a cancer research center in Memphis, Tennessee. Every year Mr. Moffett helps to answer phones for the cause. This year, however, he decided to get his students involved. After running it by the class, the students decided that they would ALL go to answer phones. On November 9, the day the teachers had conferences, the students, along with Mr. Moffett went to the radio station to do their part. They helped answer phones for about one hour. And if that wasn't enough, they also donated \$75 to St. Jude's, which is run on donations alone.

The holidays are a time to be a little less self-centered and think about the big picture. What we experience here in our little town is not the big picture. There are people in the world less fortunate than us. So everyone take a few moments not only to give thanks for all we have, but also to help others when you have the opportunity. After all, as the old saying goes- 'tis better to give than to receive!



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at around 9 and drove through the night. Mr. Purrington had this to say about the trip: "Our trip to Florida was truly successful, and a lot of fun for both the staff and the students. We are very proud of the students' level of performance as well as their excellent attitudes and behavior." Everyone arrived safely at school Sunday night at 7 to find that Ohio was much colder than when they had left it. Although everyone had a good time and gave a superior performance, most everyone was glad to be home.

## Bulletin Board

### December

December 22 through January 2- Christmas Break-no school  
December 25 Christmas  
December 26 White Christmas dance  
December 31 New Years Eve.

### January

January 1 New Years Day  
January 11-12 midterms  
January 15 Martin Luther King's birthday - no school

## White Christmas

BY JESSICA JEWELL

As the holidays are approaching, so is SHS' annual White Christmas dance. As in previous years the dance is held exclusively for juniors and seniors. The dance will be held the day after Christmas, December 26, which is a change from previous years. Pictures will begin at 6:00 p.m. and dinner will follow at 7:00. Following dinner, there will be dancing until 11:30. The dance will be held at the Salem Golf Club, as in past years.

Tickets were sold the week of November 27-December 1 and December 4 and 5. The tickets were \$40 a couple. The dance will be sponsored by the senior class along with their parents. Dinner choices are chicken or prime rib.

# Feature

## Up Close and Personnel with Mr. Haskins

BY KARYNA LOPEZ

Most people who are freshman or older would instantly associate the words "sectionalism" and "Roger B. Taney" (Tawny) with one teacher. He teaches history, and if you didn't have Mr. Baker for your first year of history, you probably had him. I am, of course, referring to Mr. Haskins.

Mr. Haskins was born on August ninth in Fairview Park, a Cleveland suburb. He has a younger sister Donna, and has been married to wife Diane for almost twenty-three years. In addition to being the father of three grown children, Mr. Haskins has two grandchildren.

While growing up in Fairview Park, Mr. Haskins played soccer and was an avid Browns fan. In

eighth grade he decided he wanted to be a history teacher. After graduating from Kent State University with a degree in history and government, Mr. Haskins came to Salem and has remained here for twenty-eight years. He spent fourteen years teaching Special Education at Southeast Elementary and the junior high before becoming an Integrated Social Studies I teacher at the high school. While Mr. Haskins enjoyed teaching special education, he likes history classes



more because he has interaction with more students.

As Mr. Haskins' students know, he is enthusiastic about his approach to teaching. To him the best part of being a history teacher is that he can "act the part of a frustrated actor" by revealing personalities of historical figures. While Mr. Haskins feels that some students care nothing about his class, he feels that the majority of students try to learn the material. He advises all students to weigh their decisions carefully; the consequences may be hard to deal with.

As would be expected of a history teacher,

two of Mr. Haskins inspirations are Winston Churchill because of his impressive leadership skills and Andrew Jackson because of his honesty. He also admires the dedication of Billy Graham to ministry and Bob Hope's contributions in raising the spirits of troops overseas with his USO tours.

When asked about interests outside of school, Mr. Haskins' answers centered on the Browns. He was thrilled when the Browns came back to Cleveland, and contemptuously refers to Art Modell as "a swine". Mr. Haskins is such a huge Browns fan that he used to have season tickets and camped out in the Southern Park Mall parking lot to buy tickets to a Denver-Cleveland game. He bought the tickets at 6:00 am the next morning, then went straight to school, changing his clothes in a McDonald's bathroom in Canfield.

Besides the Browns, Mr. Haskins likes the movies *Titanic* and *Planes, Trains and Automobiles*. His favorite book is *Never Give In* by Winston Churchill and his favorite TV show is *Seinfeld*.



## Millennium Mayhem

BY ED BUTCH

Some people say that the start of the new millennium is over and will not happen again until the year three thousand. Others say that it is not until the end of the year. Who is right? I do not think we will ever know, but there are two very interesting sides to the story.

Those who say we have already lived through the first year of the new millennium believe so because in increments of one thousand years, two thousand would be the start of the third millennium. The first millennium that would

have started in the year zero, and the second in the year one thousand.

Then there are the people who believe that the new millennium is not going to start until two thousand and one. The reason being when Dionysius Exiguus created the first calendar people did not even know about the number zero. If Exiguus did not know about the number zero there is not a way that there could have been a year zero. Therefore the new calendar had to have started with the year one AD which would mean that the new

millenniums would be one, one thousand and one, two thousand and one...

In Parade Magazine during the 1999 year Marilyn vos Savant, author of the "Ask Marilyn" column, answered the question of a distressed reader on the real date of the millennium. Her answer was, "It's time to lighten up sir! I suppose while the rest of us are reveling the night away with friends and family—as I certainly intend to do myself—you'll be sitting on the sofa in your living room with

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# Feature

## No limits: The Tim Cline story

BY DENISE PRICE

Life in a wheelchair is all Tim Cline has known-and as he shares-all he ever will. But don't extend your pity-he's a perfect definition of "normal."

On December 1, 1982, at 11:00 p.m., Tim was born. Doctors didn't expect him to live, and even asked his parents if they wanted to baptize him. He was given a high dosage of medicine and began hemorrhaging, but he believes some higher life form helped him live. Tim was then diagnosed with spina bifida. He's had more surgeries than most people will have in a lifetime, and has spent an enormous amount of time in Akron Children's Hospital, Todd's Hospital, Cleveland, and St Elizabeth.

Tim started school in Columbiana and continued to attend there until high school. His high school career then began here in Salem. A typical

day for Tim is waking up at 6:30-6:45. He says, "I'm surly in the morning until I get something to eat." From there he catches the bus at 7:15. His everyday life is the same as everyone else's in the school, same classes and the same "self imposed psychological stress." If the

weather is nice he chooses not to take the bus home.

Now Tim is a senior, and he's making the best out of his final year. He's decorated his locker and planned out his future. He plans to go into art at a local school and afterwards become a freelance artist, concentrating on illustration and sculpture.

To his fellow students Tim says, "Don't take advantage of legs. You don't realize how blessed you are to walk. Disabilities are not as bad as they seem- you can't catch a disability. Don't pity us, just talk to us."



## Cheese Racers

BY ED BUTCH

For the past two years Mrs. Conti's physics classes have built mousetrap racers as a long-term project. The main focus of the project is to increase the



Chris Bartholow

student's knowledge of energy. The students built their racers from mousetraps, balsa, wood, aluminum and brass tubing, CDs, and various other household items. To complete the assignment a student must build a mousetrap-powered vehicle that will transport a five hundred-gram mass across the floor. The student's racer that goes the greatest horizontal distance would win the event.

In March Chris Bartholow's winning racer will be entered in YSU's Olympiad event. When Chris was asked if he had

fun doing the assignment he said, "Yes it was a blast. I liked it because it was a great experiment that taught trial and error." Chris said that he can't

wait for the event in March and hopes that he can get his racer to go even farther than now.

Some other students like Paul McKee and David Panezott were not as excited with the assignment as Chris was. "It was too nerve-wracking!" David said. "At first I thought it was going to be easy, but I was really wrong. It just turned out to be a pain." There were many mixed feelings about the assignment, but the majority that was asked liked making their own mousetrap racers.

The Quaker staff would like to wish Chris good luck at the YSU Olympiad in March.

## Things to Ponder

BY DENISE PRICE  
MEMORABLE MOVIE QUOTES

"Life is a box of chocolates: you never know what you're gonna get."—Forrest Gump

"You talkin' to me?"—Taxi Driver

"I'll be back."—The Terminator

"So, I'll just keep my shoulders down, my head up, my frame locked, stay on my toes. Oh, what if I forget the steps?"—Dirty Dancing

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your arms crossed firmly in front of you. And you'll miss the celebration of a lifetime. But there's still time to repent! And if you do, I wish you as fabulous time as I'll have with my loved ones."

Without real proof of when the first year really was we will never know when the actual start of the new millennium is.

# Entertainment

## And the group of the year is...

BY SARINA MCELROY

It all started in 1995 when two guys from Tallahassee, Florida decided to fulfill their dreams of being major rock stars. When high school friends, Scott Stapp and Mark Tremonti called on bassist Brian Marshall, who came up with the band's name, and drummer Scott Phillips, Creed was formed. Since their creation Creed has quietly climbed the charts and become one of the top rock bands of today. Driven by a sound that some would compare to Pearl Jam, their albums, *My Own Prison* and *Human Clay*, have sold millions with little or no attention from the music press or even MTV. However, unfortunately in today's music world, bands only get a lot of attention if they are "boy bands" or "pop princesses" and not because of their achievements or how good the band actually is. It seems like you could put five good-looking guys together, having no real musical talent, and they will sell records just because of their appearance and marketing. Creed, however, is a band which has worked hard at its success. They write their own songs, play their own instruments and sing without all of the background voices and voice dubbing. Which is more than what most other pop stars can say right now. Creed was the first band in history to have four number one rock radio singles from a debut album. That is a feat in itself seeing how lately there has been an enormous rise in the number of "one hit wonders."

Creed has topped numerous year-end charts and was recognized as the Rock Artist of the Year at *Billboard's* 1998 Music Awards. Their debut album was also the number one selling Hard Music album for 1998 on SoundScan's Hard Music chart and to date has sold more than four million copies. "Higher," the first single from their second album, *Human Clay*, which has already gone seven-times platinum, broke the Active and Mainstream Rock airplay records for the most consecutive weeks at number one, holding the spot for eighteen weeks. Creed was recognized once again as the Rock Artist of the Year at *Billboard's* 1999 Music Awards. On August 9, 2000, Brian Marshall announced that he was leaving the band due to personal and professional reasons which have not been specifically stated. Unfortunately Marshall left before getting to be part of Creed's biggest awards show this year. The band took home four awards from the My VH1 Music Awards. Creed won the "Welcome to the Big Time" award, "2 For 2" award, "Song of the Year" award for "Higher" and the "Group of the Year" award.

Scott Stapp was asked what his plans are for 2001 to which he replied, "We're going to wrap up our tour on December 14 and then go away for a bit. The radio plays us so much, we need a breather and want to give everyone else a breather, too. So we're going away for six or seven months; then we'll probably write, do some recording and maybe record next year - but there's no definite plans." For more information on the band, fans can visit their official website at [www.creednet.com](http://www.creednet.com).

## A Christmas review

BY EMILY SACCO

*A Christmas Carol: Scrooge and Marley* was performed at the Salem Community Theatre throughout November and December. Some of our Salem High School talent was part of this performance; they include Ed Butch, Sean Loutzenhiser, Glenn Peison, Patrick Stewart, and Jessica Tolson.

"This year is different than the past years of *A Christmas Carol*. It's basically the same script, with a few changes, so anyone who loves the play and has seen it before would enjoy the refreshing changes," states Jessica. She was introduced to the theater by her father and has been working with the play for seven years. She plays the role of Mrs. Dilber and is a dancer as well as a caroler. Glenn Peison feels that, "There are a lot of new people this year from past years and a lot of new talent. We also have a new Scrooge and a new director, which has brought about many new changes to the show." He believes, "The performances, I think, so far have gone over really well." Glenn appears on stage as the first Do-gooder, a dancer and a caroler. A friend got Glenn first interested in *Cinderella*. Now this is his second year in *A Christmas Carol*. Fred played by Sean Loutzenhiser remarks, "I really enjoyed working on this play and making so many new friends." Sean demonstrates his talent not only as Fred but also as a fezziwig dancer. One of the people who helped put this performance together was Ed Butch as a stage crewmember. This is his first year at the Salem Community Theater. Last but not least, Patrick Stewart portrays his talent as a fezziwig dancer and a caroler.

The setting takes place in and around the city of London in 1843. The Salem Community Theater's Christmas Carol was directed by Eric Kibler. Mr. Kibler states he cannot take credit for this play. He says, "No one person can be responsible for a team effort like the one you are experiencing now."



# Merry Christmas!

From the staff of *The Quaker*



# Entertainment

## The Grinch comes out on top

### The experience

BY MARY SUTTER

The most advertised Christmas movie this season, *The Grinch*, which was number one at the box office its opening week, was surprisingly enjoyable. Ron Howard took on a big task when he decided to direct this updated version of the classic story *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* by Dr. Seuss, but he pulled it off.

Jim Carrey stars as the Grinch in a role seemingly perfect for him. His skin is the color of pea soup and his bright green mohawk would get him kicked out of Salem High for sure. The "Whos" (residents of Whoville) are slightly disturbing-looking humans with altered noses that resemble those of a groundhog. The main Who family are Lou Who, Betty Lou Who and their daughter, little Cindy Lou Who. Saturday Night Live's Molly Shannon gives a delightful performance as Betty. The residents of Whoville probably have the most enthusiasm for Christmas than any other ethnic group in the world. Just like in the book, the whos are happily preparing for Christmas when crisis strikes the town. However, the movie goes much more in-depth than the book, explaining the plot with more detail.

The book never mentions how the Grinch came to be so hostile. According to the movie, this happened when the Grinch was only eight years old. It was a Christmas gift exchange gone bad, which resulted in the Grinch's entire class laughing at him and pointing fingers. He then associated these bad feelings with Christmas.

Jump back to the present, when the Grinch is now middle-aged and living with his faithful dog Max at the top of Mount Crumpit. He is feared by all the Whos in Whoville, and that's the way he likes it. On the outgoing message on his answering machine—yes, the Grinch has an answering machine—he snarls, "If you so much as utter one syllable, I'll hunt you down and gut you like a fish!" Charming.

Every year in Whoville the Whos hold the "Whobilation," a huge Christmas celebration during which the "Cheermeister" is selected. The Cheermeister is the Who who best demonstrates the spirit of Christmas. To everyone's surprise and dismay, Cindy nominates The Grinch. But the conceited Whoville mayor, Augustus May Who, agrees to the nomination, knowing that the Grinch will refuse to accept such an honor. When that happened, he himself would become the Cheermeister. Cindy desperately tries to convince the Grinch to come to Whoville and accept the award, but he wants nothing to do with it at first. Cindy's kindness surprises him, and eventually he decides to attend the event. Augustus is very disappointed, but names him Holiday Cheermeister. All the Whos happily proceed with the event, stuffing a red and white sweater over the Grinch's head that says, "I Love Xmas." As expected, this was too much cheer for the Grinch and he went bezerk, wrecking all the decorations and fleeing

back to his home.

This is where the original story picks up again. The Grinch feels he has been humiliated by the Whos and wants revenge. So he dresses himself up as Santa Claus and Max as Rudolf. On Christmas Eve, he takes a sleigh to all the houses in Whoville and steals every Christmas present and decoration. He flies to the very top of Mount Crumpit and plans to push the sleigh and everything in it over the edge. But then he hears a strange noise. Instead of the Whos crying, they're standing in a circle, singing annoyingly joyful voices and decides there must be more to Christmas than presents. The rest of the ending is the same as the book. James Horner, who also composed the score for *Titanic*, added a nice touch with his music for *The Grinch*. Carrey and the rest of the cast also pulled the film together for an enjoyable look into this Christmas classic.

### What the critics think

BY EMILY SACCO

Jim Carrey plays the Grinch, a role as an overgrown kid who never got his presents and is now going to make the world pay for it. "The Grinch is a mean-spirited creature who, disguised as Santa Claus, sneaks into the town of Whoville on Christmas Eve and steals all the residents' presents," quotes AOL Entertainment. Entertainment Weekly graded this production as a B-. They state, "for anyone raised on the beloved 1966 Christmas television special, it's difficult to greet the prospect of a live-Grinch with anything but skepticism." Entertainment Weekly declares, "Jim Carrey doesn't just wear Rick Baker's sickly green, evil sprite makeup; he merges with it."

However, the New York Times senses that, "Mr. Carrey's wrinkled green-faced Grinch is relentless." They believe the movie has a contemporary edge. Although, the New York Times proclaims the movie was clogged with "kooky gadgetry" and special effects. The "glitter" and "goo" makes you feel like you are at the Toys "R" Us during the Christmas rush. Whereas the moral of the original tale says that Christmas cannot be bought in stores.

"One doesn't want to limit Jim Carrey's career options, but he can't go wrong being green," reads in the People's Review. Carrey really brings out the character in his part but also he finds the Grinch's "bruised heart" this special Christmas comedy was directed by Ron Howard. There was over 8,000 makeup appliances used during this production. This 102-minute movie was the fifth largest opening ever in Hollywood's history. The Grinch, rated PG, made 55.1 million dollars during opening weekend.

## Preface

FROM THE FOCUS STAFF

That favorite time of year has returned and is in full effect this year, 2000. Christmas and New Years are right on our doorstep and although they are times to celebrate family, friends, peace, and resolutions, they are also a time for trees, eggnog, toasty hearths, holly, parties and presents! Thus, in order to keep in unison with the holiday spirit, the staff of Focus has dedicated this entire section to Christmas and New Years 2000.

## How we celebrate

BY DANIELLE BAIR



New Years in the U.S. has evolved into an extravagant time for partying and festivals. Champagne and junk food become the two main food groups, fireworks boom at the annual dropping of the ball in Times Square, couples share a New Years' kiss, and tons of confetti fly. These are just a few American traditions. Look and see how different places around the globe ring in the New Year....

- ⌚ British Columbia celebrates by thousands of people plunging into the icy cold water of Vancouver to cleanse themselves of the old year and prepare them for the new.
- ⌚ Austria eats pork on New Years because pigs always root forwards. They avoid eating lobster because the animal moves backwards and may cause setbacks.
- ⌚ In Germany six onions are cut into halves, each half representing a month of the year. The onions are salted and left then later checked for weather predictions. An onion with salt remaining means that month will be dry, but if the salt dissolves then the month will be rainy and wet.
- ⌚ The Chinese New Year lasts from January 10 to February 19 and customs include cleaning of the house, paying off all debts, buying new clothes, and family gatherings for large meals and worship.
- ⌚ In Greece vassilopitita bread is served and has small trinkets baked inside. Those who find the small gifts hidden in their bread are said to have good luck for the year. Children also leave their shoes by the fireplace at night to awake the next morning and find their shoes filled with gifts.
- ⌚ Cambodia celebrates the beginning of its year on April 13 and lasts for three days. People decorate their homes with balloons, flowers and streamers. As a sign of respect, children present their elders with gifts of food and money.

## The future of gaming... and Christmas 2000

BY JUSTIN DENNIS

"Imagine walking into the [movie] screen, and experiencing a movie in real-time... this is the world we are about to enter," so says the official press release confettied onto the ravenous masses of the Akihabara district in Tokyo, Japan on a slightly overcast March 2nd of last year. SCEJ (Sony Computer Entertainment of Japan) had announced the plan and design for their next generation gaming console, PlayStation 2, the successor to the monumentally popular Sony PlayStation, which was released in '95 in the States. Boastful as that first comment may seem, make no doubt that Sony's brand new little 5.2 lb. black and blue box may in all actuality be powerful enough to make the dreams of game designers a reality.

At the time you're reading this, Christmas Eve is but days away, and the PlayStation 2's mighty tsunami of an impact upon the gaming populace of the good ol' U.S. of A has begun to ebb. In fact, some stores have claimed that the response to the system's release was so monumental that retail chains had difficulty keeping them on the shelves, as quick as they were being snatched up. Those lucky souls who were crafty enough to nab a preorder voucher from Best Buy, Toys 'R' Us, Software ETC/Babbage's and the numerous electronic retailers who were taking small down payments on the incoming systems, had to be even more lucky to be the first ones to the counters when stores opened their doors on October 26th, 2000. Battles broke out in aiseways over who would take home a PlayStation 2 to their kids on Christmas Day and some stores simply ran out of stock altogether. Demand was so strong that supply is still having a rough time catching up and SCEA (Sony Computer Entertainment of America) execs rant that new shipments of PS2's won't hit shores until late March! However, this reporter believes that this is simply a big marketing ploy designed to create hype for the huge and upcoming Christmas shopping season.

But is it all hype? If hype is what drives a substantial portion of the nation into a frothing frenzy, then yes. But luckily, Sony's new system is able to walk the walk, as well as talk the talk. Sony claims that their new brain-child has the ability to calculate the realistic movements of an in-game character's hair and clothes as they are whipped by a digital wind, as well as include the simulation of real-world physical attributes such as gravity, friction, mass, and the accurate simulation of different materials such as water, wood, metal, and gas. Impressive, indeed. Sony execs deem this concept "Emotion (cont'd on page 9)



# Focus

## "The Future of Gaming..." (cont'd from page 8)

Synthesis" which is made possible by the machine's state-of-the-art "Emotion Engine." (Bow to this term, gaming fanatics...) This enables the system to simulate not just how the images look, but how the characters and objects in a game think, act, and behave. In addition to the CD-ROM technology that has become the staple of this next generation of gaming systems, the PlayStation 2 will be the first of the new generation systems to use DVD technology. This simply means that game developers can pack more information into the game, thus, making it more graphically impressive and in-depth. This storage medium seems to be perfect for Sony's new "Emotion Synthesis" system. And, due to the quick processor speed of the PS2, the gaming world is about to take a significant lurch forward. Though there are only one or two games currently in the PS2's launch library (the games that were available for the system when it launched) that utilize the DVD technology, more are destined to follow. To add more fuel to the flame, Sony has packed into the system the capability to play DVD movies. At one point, some critics attested that the PS2's DVD playback would look shoddy, and second-rate, but, after the Electronic Entertainment Expo, (E3) all fears were cast aside and it was shown that the quality of the PS2's DVD playback was even better than that of dedicated DVD players! Computer-owners may be disappointed to hear that the multiple 128-bit components of the PS2's hardware make the system's Floating Point performance (points that determine where the polygons of the games move through the 3 dimensions) fifteen times faster than a Pentium II processor, and three times faster than a state-of-the-art Pentium III, allowing it to process more than 6.2 billion floating point operations per second. This translates to about 66 million polygons per second displayed! Looks like the NFL franchise is going to look a lot better!

A big factor that was rumored after the first shots of the system were released, and then later trashed, and then, to the titillation of many Sony loyalists, magically brought back to life was the "backwards-compatibility" that is included in the PS2's hardware. This basically means that you'll be able to play all of your original PlayStation games on the PlayStation 2, slightly revamped, of course. Textures become smoothed and the bigger RAM capacity allows the games to run at a much faster frame rate, making them appear smoother, more fluent. Fans of 1998's stealthy Christmas sales-buster Metal Gear Solid will no doubt feel giddy as the PS2 smoothes its somewhat gritty background textures and jagged character polygons.

The question is extended to you, the consumer, this Christmas. Can Christmas be bought? This reporter feels that it's safe to say that for \$299, the Christmas wishes of a population of gamers will undoubtedly come true. This marks the first step in the Sony's molding of "a new form of entertainment beyond games." It only gets better from here... PlayStation 2: The Ultimate Christmas Gift?

## Top 10 gifts for SHS students

BY CRYSTAL NAVOYOSKY



10. Turquoise Steno book
9. Lifetime subscription to *The Quaker*
8. Packet of blank passes
7. A plate of Judy Schwank's homemade cookies
6. Our own set of chemistry goggles and apron
5. Coupon book for the cafeteria
4. No midterms!
3. Answers to Mr. Turner's chemistry tests
2. An "Elmo" of our own
1. A "Fruit Juices and Colas Only" T-shirt

## The Christmas myth

BY DANIELLE BAIR

It's that time of year again, the time when little kids put on their warmest attire to go out and play in the winter snow and adults sit by the fire to drink hot chocolate and chatter about past holiday seasons. But now, to us, the truth has been told and the children know of the great Santa myth. Yule tide cheer may be absent for a while, but soon the real meaning of Christmas boosts the season spirits once again. You'll always remember the Christmas when you found out the truth. How did you deal with knowing that Santa wasn't real?

- ◆ **Jessica Taylor**-I was mad and cried because I thought I wouldn't get any more presents.
- ◆ **Alexis Grimm & Nikki McConaha**- We started to cry!
- ◆ **Tim Douglass**- It really didn't matter to me that much.
- ◆ **Brad Beltempo**- Santa isn't real? Huh?
- ◆ **Toby Lantz**- CRIED!
- ◆ **Tamra Hampson**- I never believed in Santa. I wish I had!
- ◆ **Dan Tomidajewicz**- I put on my own pair of Santa boots and hat and ran around screaming!
- ◆ **Thomas Papic**- I AM SANTA!
- ◆ **5c Sophomore girls lunch table**- We all cried for a really long time!
- ◆ **Shane Hughes** - WHAT DO YOU MEAN HE'S NOT REAL?! Agggghhhhh!!!!
- ◆ **5a Freshman lunch table**- We really didn't care that much because we still got our presents.
- ◆ **Amy Boyer & Evan Crowgey**- We were soooo mad!
- ◆ **5a Sophomore girls lunch table**-We all ran to Jill Barry's brother for comfort. (Jill don't get all "chummy!")



To our readers,

It has been increasingly apparent that the level of maturity of some individuals in this school has been traveling in a downward spiral in recent years. Here at *The Quaker* we have observed this with a great dissatisfaction but have chosen not to comment. Last month several opinions made it through our editorial screening process that I felt were intolerable. I sincerely apologize to anyone finding those comments offensive.

*The Quaker* is constantly bombarded with complaints regarding censorship of the paper and lack of real content. Dealing with the censorship issue I regret to inform you that *The Quaker* is NOT an open forum and thus not protected under the First Amendment. Furthermore this paper is not a forum for perverted jokes and sexual innuendoes. Regarding content, we strive as writers to consider our audience and present interesting material. Unfortunately we can not predict how students will react. Last year a writer wrote some articles dealing with prejudices and was "branded" with a stigma by small-minded individuals. For this fact alone we are not willing to open any of our writers to personal attacks.

I always hear the student body complain of lack of freedoms but the truth is that when individuals are given certain freedoms some abuse them until they are finally taken away from all. I assure you that if the unacceptable comments we have received in student surveys are not stopped we will forgo all surveys—an unfortunate turn of events especially for those who enjoy this part of the paper.

I am not writing this letter to shame anyone but to present some concerns many of us have had regarding student responses.

Sincerely,  
Justin Palmer  
Co-Editor-in-Chief

## If you sell it, they will come

BY STEPHANIE FIFE

For games sake, Playstation 2 is on everyone's mind. It's the newest addition to our video game technology. It wasn't just made up in a day. Sony invested a lot of time into the creation of Playstation 2. They began all the way back in June 1999, when they started the development of the games. The name Playstation 2 wasn't even confirmed until September 10, 1999. With its improved features, it makes it more realistic than any other system on the market today. The mania started in Japan on March 3 for the release of this phenomenal game. Playstation was a hit with the Japanese as well as in the United States. It hit the US on October 26, 2000. There was a rat race to see who would get it and who wouldn't. Sony only released so many to each department store, and many were sold out in minutes. The games reveal much more than any other. It has features in depth such as muscle structure. The players perform signature dance moves after getting a touchdown or a great play in football games such as Madden 2001. People may be disappointed because they released the games before the actual console. It's pretty bad when you spend all that money on video games and you can't even play them. If you're in the market for a Playstation 2, good luck!



## Holiday Commercialism

BY GLENN PEISON

Does Christmas seem to be coming earlier and earlier each year? More and more it seems like just as Halloween is ending, Christmas is beginning. Christmas has become heavily commercialized, more so now than ever. Companies always release their latest products right around Christmas time because they know they will sell, since Christmas is such a major gift giving holiday.

PlayStation 2 is a good example of this. They are able to limit amounts of it and keep prices high because people will pay it. It's obvious that more commercialism goes into this holiday than any other, such as Halloween or Easter. Neither are advertised three months ahead of time like Christmas. Commercialism will always be here, and some of it is okay, however, too much can be a bad

thing.

Commercialism is not only found in the United States but also abroad. I spoke with one of our foreign exchange students Alfredo, who is from Peru, about commercialism in his home country. He says that just like in America commercialism is present all around them. Alfredo does not like all of the commercialism, "I don't like commercialism, it's a waste of

time." As I talked to the student body I generally got the same consensus, that all of this commercialism takes away from the real importance of Christmas Day. One student said, "I hate the fact that everywhere you go there's another advertisement trying to persuade you to spend loads of money on

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# Opinion

## Are you prepared yet?

BY MEAGAN BROWN

It's almost that time again. Yes, that's right, semester exams are rapidly approaching us, and we are definitely not excited. They are scheduled for January 11 and 12, two weeks after Christmas break. A few students here and there have started to study, but the rest of us are trying to pretend we won't have exams this year. That would be great, but it's just not going to happen. Most people wait to the last minute and cram for any other test, but that would be grade suicide for exams. Out of the twenty-five people I questioned, not even one of them has started studying. Many students have trouble studying because of the large amount of material that needs to be covered. It may seem difficult in the beginning, but if you at least put forth some kind of effort, you'll do better than you think. Most teachers will give you a handout or notes on what you need to know for their exam. Just make sure that you keep everything you are given in each class so you have something to study. You should go through all of your notes and handouts and take out the papers that deal with items on the test. This will help you find the things you need and get rid of the things that you don't need to know. The following are some study tips that will help you prepare.

1. Make sure that you keep all of your notes and have a separate notebook or folder for each subject.
2. Study everything! That means old tests and quizzes, not just notes. You never know if some of those past questions will pop up again or not.
3. Don't wait until the last minute! There is too much information to try to cram the night before.
4. Study in a quiet, comfortable place where you won't be disturbed. The library is an excellent place to do your studying because it is always quiet.
5. Don't begin to study and then stop midway! This is an easy way to forget everything you just read or memorized.
6. Stalling or wasting time is another problem. Use all the time you can and use it wisely so you can get done easily.
7. Last, but definitely not least, don't panic!

Now that you have these study tips, you should have an idea of what you need to do. Good luck!



## Cafeteria Chatter

BY DENISE PRICE



Should an underclassman be able to attend White Christmas if their date is a junior or senior?



Rebecca Davis (12)-"Yes, it's stupid not to allow underclassmen if they are dating a junior or senior, especially if they are from another school."



Travis Mong (11)- "No, because it's always been a tradition."



Nick Fithian (10)-"Not really, there are only two dances the whole year where only upperclassmen can attend, and it is a good tradition."



Sami Girscht (9)-"No, you should keep at least one tradition alive."



# Opinion

## All I want for Christmas

BY MEAGAN BROWN

Hoping for something special this Christmas? Of course you are! There's always that one thing that you MUST have for Christmas. Of course, mine is 'N Sync, but I can't speak for everyone. Therefore, here is a wish list made up by fellow students.

- Edoardo Zane-12-** All the CD's by Punkreas.
- Brandon Bowers-10-** To go to South Carolina to spend Christmas with the people I want to.
- Townsend Smith-10-** I want chocolate raisins.
- Ashley Baddeley-10-** No, it's not Brian Cushman's body...I want Eminem tickets!
- Jamie Jewell-10-** I want Nelly! Andele! Andele! Mami E.I. E.I. Uh oh!
- Sean Loutzenhiser-11-** To wrap Bridgette in a red bow and send her to live with a nice family in Tibet! (Tibet is where it is legal to cane people.)
- Bridgette Loutzenhiser-12-** To have my brother stop obsessing about the Muppets and to let his Pinnochio dream of becoming a real boy come true.
- CJ Javens-9-** A car!
- Brandi Toth-12-** A Mustang!
- Derek Mayhew-11-** To meet Santa Clause.
- Carla Gbur-9-** A little yellow duck!
- Jason Paster-11-** To sit on Santa's lap at the mall (but someone has to pay for me because I'm broke.)
- Melissa McKinley-9-** Ronda Williams' cousin Nathan (you know why Kim!)
- Amanda Price-11-** For a certain someone to fall off the face of the earth (Crys, you know who!)
- Laura Smith-11-** To be left alone!
- Teresa Huzyak-11-** I want Laura Smith to have a really good Christmas. I love you girlie!
- Connie Cibula-11-** A new car horn. And rats. I like rats.
- Sarina McElroy-11-** I would like Jay-Z, Sisqo, Kenny Lofton, Frankie Martin, and Richard Hill. Also the chance to buy Richard a kitten.
- Jessica Jewell-12-** All I really want for Christmas is "The Crazy Pimp Yo." And Judy SCHWAAANK'S home movie!

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junk. If they truly knew you would buy it, they wouldn't have to shove it in your face 24-7." Now amongst all of this there is such a thing as good commercialism though. Christmas movies and specials, such as Charlie Brown and Garfield, that appear every year are good forms of advertisement. Some other examples would be the Christmas Carol show that the Salem Community Theatre puts on every year, and decorating buildings and homes. We just need to keep in mind that the real meaning of Christmas is not all about money, but more about the giving, sharing, and loving.

## Christmas memories

BY KARYNA LOPEZ

- Alexis Grimm and Dianne Miller (11)-** When we got almost the exact same thing.
- Steve Keen (12)-** The Christmas party at Scott's house.
- Ronda Williams (9)-** I got chicken pox on Christmas Day.
- Adam Zagotti (12) -**I celebrate Hanukkah and Kwanzaa and Ramadan.
- Hannah Colian (11)-** The Christmas that I got the car of my dreams-wait, I'm thinking too far ahead of myself, that comes after I get the man of my dreams...

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## Top 10 disturbing Christmas trends

BY GLENN PEISON

Christmas is a time for cheer, but there are some disturbing trends that are beginning to pop up. Here are ten of them.

- 10) Drive by caroling
- 9) One of Santa's elves at the mall looks very similar to Parole Officer Brown
- 8) The Twelve Days of Christmas.....sung by Hanson!!
- 7) Due to downsizing, there are a lot of elves begging for change
- 6) The "who's been naughty list" is now being determined by the Mafia
- 5) Santa for President (without demanding a recount)
- 4) Instead of a sleigh Santa is now riding in a PT Cruiser
- 3) The NBC special, It's a Windows95 Christmas, Charlie Brown!
- 2) The singing and dancing Santa toys turn against their creators and go on a world wide rampage
- 1) On the 12th day of Christmas my true love gave me a prenuptial agreement

## Quote of the month

BY MEAGAN BROWN

"Light travels faster than sound. This is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak."

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# Sports

## Awarding Excellence

BY NATE RASUL



Football season is now over for high school students. For some students it was the time of their lives. Here in Salem we had a few athletes who had a good season. These guys did get their recognition for their excellent work. Every year awards go out for these players who excel in football. Awards range from their league (MAC) all the way up to the national level (All-American). Salem did have a few guys get second team all MAC awards such as Brian Cushman, E.J Boron, Dave Young and Andy Hippley. Honorable mentions all MAC went to Josh Whinnery and Judd Crowgey. These athletes were selected to get these awards from the coaches of all the MAC teams. Two athletes from Salem got All-Columbiana County offensive awards and they were Ken Buckley and Dave Young. Zack Stevenson and Jake Conrad got honorable mention in All-Columbiana County. All-Quad County offensive awards were given to Dave Young and Jake Conrad. Honorable mention in the Quad County went to Ken Buckley and E.J. Boron. The highest award a Salem athlete has received this year was all-Northeastern Ohio honorable mention. That was given to Dave Young and Ken Buckley. The process in which it is determined who gets what award is by the coaches from the area in which the award occurs.

Now that football season is over here in Salem it is important to cite these individual athletes. All the awards that were given are well-deserved to those who received them. These awards aren't easy to get, so you know if you got one of them you are an outstanding athlete.

## War wounds

BY JEFF HAMILTON

Even though coaches and officials try their best to keep injuries down to a minimum with high school athletics, athletes do get hurt and sometimes even severely. The most common injuries are as miniscule as a sprained ankle or a stubbed finger, but then you get into the more complex injuries such as stress fractures and broken bones. Just look at the injuries that have already occurred this year. We aren't even half way through the year yet. The unusual thing about this year's sports related injuries is that they have occurred in almost every sport instead of the majority surrounding just one.

We have had our share of serious injuries this year including Judd Crowgey, Jason Yeager,

and Marty Ciminelli. After tearing his ACL in a game against East Liverpool Judd Crowgey was forced to sit out the rest of the season on the sidelines. Jason Yeager sat out the first few weeks in basketball due to a soccer injury. He pulled some of the ligaments in his left ankle. Brooke Banning was also forced to resign from her first attempt at cross-country because of a stress fracture she acquired in the beginning of the season.

Salem has also had its share of injuries that might have caused some athletes to take a little break from the sport but were not season ending. Ken Buckley tore his oblique muscle and James Wilson injured his ACL in football. However both Ken and James

completed their season.

After getting injured myself, I was told by Mr. Ferron that the best way to avoid or help aid when injuries do happen is stretching properly before any practice or game and eating a healthy diet. Mr. Ferron is a part time trainer here at the high school. He also coaches gym and filled in for Mr. Warren as the eighth grade basketball coach.

With high school football's regular season over, it's time to turn our sights to the playoffs. Teams from all over the state are competing for their division and the state championships. There were six divisional championship games played over the weekend with the only local team being Youngstown Ursuline defeating Coldwater in the Division IV game in Canton Fawcett Stadium. Other game results were Upper Arlington beating Solon 15-9 for the Division I championship, Olmstead Falls vs. Piqua in Division II. In Division III, Canton Cent. Cath. Edged out Van Wert in double overtime in a 27-26 victory and Amanda-Clearcreek topped Bedford Chanel for the Division V championship. For the last game of the weekend, Maria Stein Marion Local blew out undefeated Mogadore 54-0 in the Division VI championship game. It was the most lopsided win in a state title game ever.

## Weekend warriors

BY PAT STEWART



# Sports

## Frosty success

BY JEFF HAMILTON

Now that winter sports have gotten underway people again have something to do on Friday and Saturday nights. In its past, Salem has usually had a rough time getting in victory mode right off the bat but, this year things have started out on the right foot.

### Girls' Basketball

The Salem High School girls' basketball team started out their season going up against Cleveland East on home turf. The girls had a blowout win over Cleveland East, 61-28. Leading scorers included Olivia Kelly, Alyson Cotter, and Lauren Teal with 13,11, and 10 points respectively. Stacy Yanek also chipped in an impressive nine points. Amber Thorne dominated the boards collecting a total of nine rebounds. "I am very pleased with the total effort of our team," said Coach Stewart, "We demonstrated the strength of our bench." On Saturday, December 2 the Lady Quakers went head to head against Jefferson Area. They were able to bring home a win after being down by four with 2:38 left on the clock and scoring the last seven points of the game. Tiffanie Heestand racked up twelve points while Alyson Cotter contributed a very helpful eleven. Something else to note were Jen Lederle's three steals.

### Boys' Basketball

The 2000 Salem boys' basketball season got underway on Friday, December 1. The boys' faced off against Youngstown Chaney in front of a very excited Salem crowd. Although enthusiasm was at a fever pitch, Chaney was able to turn things around in the last few minutes of the game and come out with a win 65-62. East Liverpool gave another hard loss to us over the weekend 92-55. Salem hung in for the first quarter but as time went on East Liverpool gained their lead and never looked back. Stefan Nemenz led the Quakers with eight points against the Potters.

### Wrestling

Wrestling began its season last weekend with a quad match against Girard, Hubbard, and West Branch. The Quakers were able to gain a win over Girard but took losses to both Hubbard and West Branch.

### Holiday Action

Varsity boys at home vs. Dover at 6:00 on Dec. 30. Girls at Glen Oak Dec. 27 at 6:00. Freshmen boys at home vs. West Branch at 11:00am at the high school.

## Jump ball

BY PAT STEWART

The NBA officially got underway on Thursday Nov. 30 with a bang. Teams such as the 76ers, Cleveland, Charlotte, Toronto and Dallas have made impressive turnarounds this season.



One of the most disappointing teams so far this season has been the Orlando Magic. During the off-season they signed free agents Grant Hill and

Tracy McGrady but the team is still at the bottom of the Atlantic division. Both Philadelphia and Utah have had tremendous starts going a combined 24-5 at the start of the season. The Bulls have the worst record in league after 14 games at 1-13. They're 1-9 in their last 10 games. With nearly sixty-five games there is plenty of time for a team to make a run. However, with the talent that is spread around the league, it's going to take a solid team at both ends of the floor to clinch this year's championship. The Lakers look to repeat while others like, the Raptors, Cavs, Hornets and 76ers look to prove

themselves as one of the elite teams. All four of them are in the top eight in their conference and Cleveland and Philly lead their divisions. Western Conference leaders are Utah in the Midwest and

the Lakers in the Pacific. Utah is also first in the entire Western Conference. With more than half of the season left, the tone is set for another great NBA season.

### 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 other readers in the form of stories, essays, letters, etc.



# Sports

## Senior Athletes of the Month

**Ryan Drake**  
Basketball



- How long have you been playing?**  
Since fourth grade.
- Most memorable moment in the sport that you play?**  
Last year when I led the MAC in three point percentage.
- Why do you play this sport/ what attracts you to it?**  
I love the fast-moving sports. There is always something happening.
- Who do you admire most and why?**  
My parents for always being there, and Trevor Gardner and his Big Muscles.
- How does it feel to be a senior leader?**  
It feels great knowing that you have people looking up to you. You have to set a good example for all the younger students.

**Jayma Wells**  
Cheerleading



- How long have you been playing?**  
Actually this is my first year cheering at Salem although when I was little I was a cheerleader.
- Most memorable moment in the sport that you play?**  
Cheerleading camp was a lot of fun, it was a chance to get to know each other better.
- Why do you play this sport/what attracts you to it?**  
I think it's a lot of fun. It's a new experience for me, and I just enjoy being with "all the girls."
- Who do you admire most and why?**  
I admire my parents.
- How does it feel to be a senior leader?**  
It's nice to be a senior. I just want to enjoy this year and HAVE FUN.

**Olivia Kelly**  
Basketball



- How long have you been playing?**  
I've been playing since the second grade, so about 11 years.
- Most memorable moment in the sport that you play?**  
Beating Canfield TWICE last year and senior night with Niles when we went into OT and won.
- Why do you play this sport/what attracts you to it?**  
It's a fun sport and I love playing with our group of girls. We have all played together for years and finally it is our time.
- Who do you admire most and why?**  
Nate Rasul, for being so darn cute.
- How does it feel to be a senior leader?**  
It's awesome, but I can't believe that this is it. Knowing that in three months, I will never get to play this sport with all the girls I have gotten so familiar with ever again, it really hits home.

**Tom Miller**  
Wrestling



- How long have you been playing?**  
Two years.
- Most memorable moment in the sport that you play?**  
Last year when the team got a state ranking.
- Why do you play this sport/what attracts you to it?**  
I play the sport because it is very physical and you have to discipline yourself.
- Who do you admire most and why?**  
Coach Dave Plegge because he is an animal on the mat.
- How does it feel to be a senior leader?**  
It is great. I love telling the underclassmen what to do.

**Stefan Nemenz**  
Basketball



- How long have you been playing?**  
Since fourth grade.
- Most memorable moment in the sport that you play?**  
When I got the chance to go to Las Vegas to play basketball.
- Why do you play this sport/ what attracts you to it?**  
It's a fun sport. Oh and the cheerleaders.
- Who do you admire most and why?**  
My dad for getting a basketball scholarship to Wake Forest.
- How does it feel to be a senior leader?**  
Great. I finally get to make important decisions like...hmmm



