

# The Quaker

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## Beatty selected for top spot

BY JUSTIN PALMER

On January 8, 2001, the Salem Board of Education voted unanimously to hire Scott Beatty as the new high school principal. Mr. Beatty was issued a three-year contract that commences August 1, 2001. Beatty is currently the principal at Woodridge Middle School, the post previously held by our Superintendent Dr. David Brobeck. Upon receiving

the position the board meeting was recessed so Mr. Beatty could speak to the board and the assembled audience. Although it was a difficult decision to relocate his family, Beatty ex-



pressed his excitement about his new assignment. He was leery about commenting on his plans for change or his ideas saying them

on an individual basis. He feels the one on one interaction will allow people to get to know him and his style of administration. Beatty attended the board meeting with his wife, their three young daughters, his father and stepmother, along with his in-laws. Following the meeting a small reception was held in the board chambers in the administration building.

## Board Minutes

BY JUSTIN PALMER

On Monday, January 8, 2001, the Salem Board of Education held their state mandated organizational meeting at the administration building with a sparse crowd in attendance. This year's board consists of Mr. Don Finch, Mr. Ken Kenst, Mr. Jim Newman, Dr. Paul Shivers, and Mr. Bill Thorne. The first order of business was the selection of President, Mr. Thorne, and Vice President, Mr. Finch. Moving expeditiously they handled the routine matters as well as set the time and place for the board meetings, which is the third Monday of the month at 7:00p.m. in the boardroom of the Administration Building. All regular meetings are open to the public under Ohio's Sunshine law.

Upon the conclusion of the organizational meeting the board held their first regular meeting of the year. The board approved several reorganizational changes inside the system including changing the Treasure's title to Director of Finance & Business. Upon Dr. Brobeck's recommendation the board hired Mr. Steve Shurtleff as a substitute teacher effective January '9, 2001. Mr. Cougras presented the preliminary budget for 2001-2002 and the district's five-year forecast, which shows a surplus totaling over one million dollars by the fifth year.

During the Superintendent's report Dr. Brobeck outlined some changes occurring in the next few years including the

reinstating of the high school's Latin program. Brobeck also announced the system would be eligible for state funds earmarked for building improvements throughout the district several years earlier than expected. The building improvement process will begin with a state architect evaluating all the buildings. Then he/she will recommend what improvements, renovations, or new buildings are needed. He also announced the system would be posting for Dean of Students for the junior high to assist Mrs. Thayer as well as posting for the position of assistant principal of the high school. Mr. McDevitt will be moving to the administration building next year although position has yet to be decided.

## Shuffling the deck

BY JUSTIN PALMER

With the departure of Mr. McShane, Salem City Schools felt an administrative shift ripple through the district. The shift moved Mrs. Lori Thayer, Salem's Curriculum Director, to the junior high to serve as principal and curriculum director. The most notable shift occurred in the high school as Mr. Jerry Rabell assumed the position of interim principal. Seniors may be experiencing de ja vu as this is not the first time Mr. Rabell has come into their educational lives mid-year. Five years ago Rabell replaced Mr. James Irvin as principal of the junior high. Mr. Rabell is aware of this unique situation and considers himself

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# News



## In the news

BY JESSICA JEWELL



- ❖ Southern California Edison announced it will miss a large payment to its power supplier, increasing pressure on decision-makers to find a solution to the state's electricity crisis.
- ❖ President-elect George W. Bush faced his first big test of strength on Capitol Hill when Senate confirmation hearings began on his choice of conservative John Ashcroft as Attorney General
- ❖ Reaching out to blacks who voted overwhelmingly against him, President-elect George W. Bush vowed to improve public schools as a way to realize Martin Luther King Jr.'s dream of racial equality.
- ❖ El Salvador rushed food, drink, medicine and blankets to tens of thousands of people after an earthquake buried their homes, killing more than 600 people and leaving about 500 more missing and feared dead.
- ❖ An ex-Czech finance minister and former student leader, held in Cuba for meeting anti-Castro dissidents, will be tried for "counter-revolutionary" plotting on behalf of the United States.
- ❖ North Korean leader Kim Jong-il was reported to be on a secret visit to China, in what would be only his second known official trip abroad in 18 years.
- ❖ A commission appointed by President Clinton to investigate U.S. Holocaust reparations reported that Washington had failed to pay victims everything they were owed.
- ❖ Israeli and Palestinian officials concluded a fresh round of peace talks and are expected to hold a separate security meeting.
- ❖ President-elect Bush's controversial candidate for Attorney General, John Ashcroft, received a deferment from military service to teach business law to undergraduates at the height of the Vietnam War, the *Boston Globe* reported.
- ❖ The U.S. Army said that it would not go through with discharging a Republican lawmaker from the Reserve for violating its "don't ask, don't tell" policy by revealing he was gay.
- ❖ President-elect George W. Bush gathered his extended family for a last round of inaugural festivities before taking the oath of office and setting the United States on a "new" course.

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### Shuffling

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honored to be able to experience the opportunity to observe the changes from eighth to twelfth grade. Mr. Rabell considers the transition smooth and credits the faculty, office staff, and his previous experience both as assistant principal at the high school and as principal for the transition. However, he does admit there have been a few surprises since he began. Mr. Rabell looks forward to working with the staff and students and is enjoying his experience. Upon the conclusion of the year Mr. Rabell will again be uprooted and will be assuming the principal's post at Prospect Elementary. Mr. Rabell is married to wife Brenda and has four children: Alicia, 22; Jeremy, 20; Bryan, 15; Britney, 12.

### Club news

BY NICOLE BINEGAR

Spanish, French, and German clubs will be going skiing at Peek 'n Peak on February 16. German Club will be going ice skating at the Wick Park Pavilion on Saturday, February 10 and then to Frau's house for pizza and pop. Student Council is still in need of pictures for the prom collage. Please get them into Miss Marr as soon as possible. This is a big part of your prom experience. National Art Honor Society is planning a tentative trip to Washington D.C. in the spring.

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# News

## Testing time

BY JESSICA JEWELL

There are many thrills to being a senior. You get to get big lockers (which you can decorate at will), the opportunity to boss around the younger kids, and, of course, caps and gowns at graduation day. However, along with all the good, there are also some bad things that go along with being a senior. You have to fill out all those applications, choose the school you will attend, and finally begin to realize that in a few months you will leave everything you've ever known. In the coming weeks, we seniors are about to face another yucky part of graduating...senior proficiencies!

However, there are students who feel that the testing is worthwhile. Adam Zagotti stated, "You should have to pass them to graduate. If you made it to your senior year you should be smart enough to answer senior level questions." However, most students like the tests just because of the vouchers we get if we pass the exams with honors. Christina Naylor and Jen DeCarlo said, "They should be used for vouchers—that's it!" And most students seem to agree. However, there is the issue of receiving more money if you pass. As it goes now, you receive money if you pass all five of the tests. Chip Cleland said "Don't pass 'em, shouldn't graduate. Actually, I don't really care, I just want some money." And Steve Keen said, "They should offer more money."

Along with everyone who thinks they're worthwhile, there are also students who disagree with the proficiencies. Jessica Cosgrove said, "I don't see the point." The senior girls lunch table 5A thinks that exams are "a waste of our valuable time...don't prove diddly...and in two words...who cares?!" Courtney

Dunlap summed it up the best when she said, "If they don't count, then why bother? A waste of time in my book." That seems to be the overwhelming opinion by this year's senior class.

However, even with all the negative feelings and stress caused by being a senior, you do get some rewards for doing well on these tests. If you pass all five proficiencies, you receive one voucher which entitles you to miss one of your final exams. In addition to a voucher, the state also gives \$500 for passing all the tests. For each test you pass with honors, you receive one additional voucher. If you pass all five tests with honors, you are exempt from all your senior final exams...talk about a reward! So regardless of your feelings about these tests, pledge to do your best along with the rest of the class of 2001!

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**-Adam Zagotti**

## Bulletin Board

### February

- February 2- District-wide Teacher In-service Day. No classes
- February 5-9- the 12<sup>th</sup> grade proficiency will take place.
- February 16- no classes
- February 19- Presidents' Day. No classes



The best part of being a senior is graduation! That time is right around the corner and the seniors at SHS recently got to order announcements. Jostens brought T-shirts, memory books, keychains, boxer shorts and souvenir tassels. Far left: seniors place their orders at the Jostens table. Left: Justin Huddleston poses with the Jostens representative. Bottom: Senior members of Journalism class pose with the memorabilia they received.

# Feature

## Up Close and Personnel with Mrs. Esposito

BY KARYNA LOPEZ

The sticker on Mrs. Esposito's desk that says "Be Prepared" was stuck there by a student later convicted and sent to jail. She used to coach girls' basketball at school, and her cat is named Daisy, after a character in *The Great Gatsby*. What else didn't you know about Mrs. Esposito?

Mrs. Esposito was born on December 1 in Salem. She has an older brother, whom she greatly admires. While in school, Mrs. Esposito enjoyed horses, sports (playing basketball and watching football) and reading. She was an avid reader until eighth grade when her other activities took up most of her time.

College plans in-

cluded studying engineering (following her big brother) but she changed her mind after her second year. The reason? Mrs. Esposito found her English and history classes more fascinating than all her math courses.

Mrs. Esposito received her BA in English at Kent State University and later her masters. She did her student teaching at West Branch and was a substitute teacher all over Columbiana County until she received her job at the high school. Initially, Mrs. Esposito taught freshman classes, but now she teaches AP senior English and regular and ad-

vanced sophomore classes.

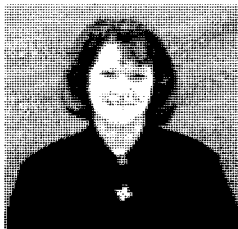
Mrs. Esposito is also the advisor for Salem High's Academic Challenge team. She mentions that they are a promising group, and she'll miss the seniors when they graduate.

Mrs. Esposito has been the advisor of the team off and on since 1991. Upcoming events include the County Bowl, which will be held in Lisbon in February, and the Knowledge Master Open in the spring.

Mrs. Esposito enjoys being an English teacher because she can combine literature, history, sociology and psychology into one course. She does, however,

dislike the amount of time it takes to grade essays and senior research papers, saying that they are too time-consuming. Her advice to students is to "stop complaining." When she was younger (you know where this is going) she had it much tougher. Also, Mrs. Esposito says to "be thankful for the blessings in your life and don't take them for granted."

In her spare time, Mrs. Esposito likes to travel with her husband, Mr. Esposito, who retired last year. They especially enjoy travelling to Europe, particularly Ireland.



## A look at a new life

BY ED BUTCH

"Man I can't wait to get out of here and go to college!"

This is what most parents hear when their children get to high school. If you are one of these kids who can not wait for college life, here is a way to get a taste of a new life.

Post secondary enrollment is for anyone in grades nine through twelve who wants a look at the life ahead of them. Kent State University in Salem offers post secondary to anyone in the surrounding area but encourage you to be a junior or senior in high school.

Senior Justin Palmer says, "This is one of the best experiences I have had, you get high school and college credit that you

don't have to pay for."

To enroll in post secondary you need to see your guidance counselor and get an application and recommendations from two teachers to send to Kent State. After you send in your papers you can go to Kent State to take the COMPASS test to see if you are eligible for enrollment.

You can take any course that is offered at Kent State during that semester without payment, and each course will be counted toward college and high school credit. The grade that you receive will also affect your high school GPA. If you fail or drop out the grade will still affect your GPA, and you will

have to pay for the materials given to you.

"Over twenty students at Salem are currently enrolled in post secondary classes. The number grows a little each year," says Miss Carmello.

A few of the reasons that Miss Carmello gives for the low number of students in post secondary classes are as follows: the students do not feel ready for classes, they are not ready for the college test, and they want to enjoy their high school years.

Post secondary enrollment can be a fun and exciting experience that gives you the knowledge of what college life is like and at the same time earn credits for high school and college.

## Things to Ponder

BY DENISE PRICE

This month I spent countless hours pondering over a good topic. I finally decided to find something that relates to the students. So here it is:

-Popular words and phrases that made you say, "Huh?"

- \* All that and a bag of potato chips
- \* My peeps
- \* I'm all about...
- \* Hey man
- \* You're a nerd!
- \* Punk
- \* Tight
- \* That's classic!



# Feature

## Please, please, can the weather outside be frightful?

BY KARYNA LOPEZ

One sleep-filled eye opens as you squint at the clock: 5:00 A.M. The eye closes again, then both shoot open. It's Monday morning, and you forgot to study for math, or finish your chem lab write-up, or in my case, forgot to finish a journalism article. You have two options: panic or pretend to be sick. But no, you're too tired to panic, and you don't think your coughing is convincing enough. Oh wait, there's one more option-snow day. You start to pray that we really did get freezing rain. The TV is turned on. Yes, I know Beaver Local's closed, now come on, show me Salem. Finally at 7:00, after half the state's closed down, you hear the good news-SALEM PUBLIC SCHOOLS-CLOSED.

What to do, what to do? Hopefully, my little guide to five different snow day experiences will aid you in your selection of suitable activities on your day off. Or, if you're feeling very brave, you can even create your own. Most likely, the first thing you'll do is go back to sleep.

Scenario Number One- After sleeping like the dead until lunchtime, you suddenly develop cabin fever. You *have* to get out of the house, no matter what. So ducking your parents demands/requests to clean your room ("You live in a pigsty!"), you head off to pick up some friends and

find something to do. You either go to someone's house, go shopping, go to a movie, sled riding, anything, as long as you're doing *something*. You return home, tired, watch some TV, and still don't do your homework.

Scenario Number Two- You attempt to execute Scenario Number One, but your plans are thwarted by your parents who stop you at "your room is a pigsty." So you stay home, wasting away your time on chores and errands. The highlight of your day is that ABC is showing "Whose Line" on a special night. You still don't do your homework.

Scenario Number Three- Snow day? What snow day? I was going to skip anyway.

Scenario Number Four- All I know is that once Mom told me we didn't have school, I went to sleep. Stop bothering me.

Scenario Number Five- I got up at my usual time and spent the day studying for finals. My homework is done, plus I've worked ahead in the book.

Scenario Number Five- Usually a mixture of Scenarios One and Two, this is my category. Either way, the homework doesn't get done, except, *maybe* that journalism article. You can't talk your way out of that one.

## Open and closed...adoption that is

BY DENISE PRICE

If I were to ask any of you to describe your father, several of you would tell me about his physical characteristics. But an enormous amount of people can't.

Growing up in an adoptive family is not easy. Adoption is a very serious process. Everyone involved is affected for life. It has an impact on every value you have, every move you make, every word you say. Mr. Esposito, myself, and others in the same situation can explain this to you.

I am adopted by my stepfather only. In order for him to adopt me, my birth father had to consent to the adoption or have his rights legally removed. By legally terminating his rights, my father chose to give up any right to visit me and to help me with medical treatments and education decisions. He was out of the picture completely. The impact on me was tremendous. Because I had

once known and bonded with my birth father, I have spent the last ten years wondering whom I really look like and if I have family elsewhere

On the other hand, Mr. Esposito's story has a different tone.

Mr. Esposito's parents adopted him at birth. They went through the closed adoption process, which keeps all parties involved protected from open contact. Mr. Esposito has always known he was adopted and has never met his birth parents. His love for his adoptive parents has never changed because they have always been his parents. To him, "Giving birth is biology-is about love and sacrifice."

So when you ask me to describe my father and I ask, "Which one?" don't feel sorry for me. Just understand my story and Mr. Esposito's story, and remember that when you become a parent.

### 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.



## The American Music Awards

BY SARINA MCELROY

Where could you see a thirteen-year-old get a standing ovation, an original bubble gum diva, faith being enough to win three awards, and terrible lip-synching all in one award show? The 28<sup>th</sup> Annual American Music Awards had all that and more. From Aerosmith to Janet Jackson, from Creed to 'N Sync, everyone who is anyone in the music business was at the awards ceremony that was held January 8 at the Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles. The awards, which are based on a poll of 20,000 music buyers who vote on nominees narrowed down by SoundScan and *Radio & Records* chart data, were not dominated by a single performer this year; unlike Carlos Santana at last year's Grammy Awards.

The awards show was hosted by LL Cool J and Britney Spears, though to most people's surprise Britney's on-screen time was very minimal compared to LL Cool J's. Britney also walked away empty handed from not only the American Music Awards, but also from the People's Choice Awards, which were held the night before. On the contrary, Faith Hill won all of her nominations walking away with three awards for Favorite Pop/Rock Female Artist, Favorite Female Country Artist, and Favorite Country Album. While her husband, Tim McGraw, won the award for Favorite

Male Country Artist. Faith was followed closely in number of awards by Creed, winning Favorite Pop/Rock Album and Favorite Alternative Artist, and by Toni Braxton, winning Favorite Soul/R&B Female Artist and Favorite Soul/R&B Album. The Internet Artist of the Year award was based on web page votes that were counted up until 8:30pm during the awards show being one of only two awards in which the fans could decide the winner. Country group Brooks & Dunn along with William Shatner, who entertained the crowd with his thespian version of "Who Let the Dogs Out," presented the new award to 'N Sync. Strangely enough, that was 'N Sync's only award of the night. They were knocked out in their two other nominations by Creed and their boy-band rivals, the Backstreet Boys, who took home the award for Favorite Pop/Rock Group, despite the fact that 'N Sync had the top album sales of 2000. The newest award, which was also voted for online, was the Favorite Techno Artist award. This award and its winner were not announced during the awards show itself, but the official AMA website declared that the Chemical Brothers had beaten out Moby and Fatboy Slim for the award. After a video montage of their history and a performance of their new-

est song "Jaded," Aerosmith won the International Artist Award. This noncompetitive award had previously gone to the Bee Gees, Led Zeppelin and Michael Jackson. With an introduction by Shaquille O'Neal and a video montage of her own, Michael Jackson's younger sister, Janet, won the Award of Merit. Other winners of the night included Kid Rock, for Favorite Male Pop/Rock Artist, 3 Doors Down, for Favorite New Pop/Rock Artist, Destiny's Child for Favorite Soul/R&B Group and the Dixie Chicks for Favorite Country Group.

Two performances got a standing ovation from the audience during the awards show. The first came after a performance by 13-year-old Billy Gilman who belted out notes like no one else during the singing of his hit "One Voice." Billy Gilman also took home the award for Favorite New Country Artist. The other standing ovation came after Aerosmith's performance of their song "Jaded" from their untitled upcoming album. Toni Braxton was unfortunately stuck performing with a leg injury she had received earlier that day. After an introduction by Sisqó it was time for Pink to perform. Before her performance there were small skits done onstage concerning stuff she was about to sing in her song "Most Girls." One of the skits in-

cluded her poking fun at Christina Aguilera, Jessica Simpson and Britney Spears. Although I personally like most of Pink's songs, I must admit I think that she is a horrible singer live. But hey, at least she was actually singing which is more than could be said for Britney Spears. Her performance of her song "Stronger" was talked about all over MTV, VH1 and other music websites simply due to the fact that she lip-synced, and noticeably at that. Unlike the other performances of the night, which didn't have elaborate sets and dancers, Britney had a huge futuristic looking junkyard set filled with, as MTV said, "a dozen of scantily clad female dancers." In my opinion the set had nothing to do with the song, and was only used to distract the viewers from seeing that their "pop-princess" was lip-synching. There was definitely a contrast when Britney introduced Marilyn Manson who managed to get into Ed McMahon's face while he walked up the aisles during his performance of "Disposable Teens." Other performances of the night included Jennifer Lopez, 3 Doors Down, Ricky Martin, SHEDAISSY, and Outkast.





# Entertainment

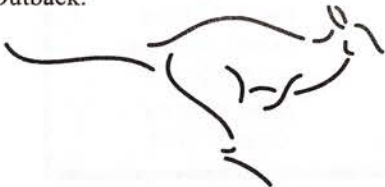
## Survivor's back

BY EMILY SACCO

The sixteen "Survivor II" contestants have been revealed. This ensemble will tough it out in Australia, whereas the first survivors were stranded on an island in the South Pacific. The new tribe members range from age twenty-two through fifty-one years old. They all are different in their own way. Even though their age, gender, and occupations vary, they must all learn to live together.

These members include a middle age arts teacher, Rodger Bingham; Amber Brkick (22), from Pennsylvania an administrative assistant; and Harvard Law School student, Nick Brown (25). These survivors should be in shape with the personal trainer from Manhattan, Alicia Calaway (32), and Colby Donaldson (26), who recently won a Duathlon/10K run and is a custom auto designer from San Angelo, Texas. Debb Eaton (45), will be missing her fiancé, Robert, who is back in New Hampshire. Luckily for the whole group, Keith Famie (40) is a chef and a restaurant owner from Michigan. Elisabeth Filarski (23) is from Providence, Rhode Island. This footwear designer was a former captain of the BC softball team. Kel Gleason (32) is an Army Intelligence Officer in Fort Hood, Texas. As a former Washington, D.C. cop, Maralyn Hershey (51), is a champion equestrian. Kim Kappenberg (28) freelances in television commercial production in New York. Jerri Manthey (30) is a bartender in Los Angeles. As an actress she is also known as Jerry Lynn London. Mitchell Olson (23), a struggling singer-songwriter in New York City, has been selected to join the Survivor team as well. A software publisher and a husband with three children, Michael Skupin (38), is a motivational speaker. There is another computer lover among the tribes. Jeff Varner (34) is an Internet project manager in New York. Have no fear, there will be medical service available. Last but not least, Tina Wesson (40) is a nurse from Knoxville, Tennessee.

This new team of Survivors varies in their occupations. However, everyone will play the game and put their skills to work. "Survivor II: The Australian Outback" will commence after the Super Bowl Game on January 28, 2001. The Survivor contestants were divided up into two groups of eight people. Each team selected a tribe name. The first group named their tribe *Kucha* and the second group named their tribe *Ogakor*. These names are aboriginal words for kangaroo and crocodile. Be sure not to miss "Survivor II: The Australian Outback."



## Winter entertainment

BY MARY SUTTER

This year's annual Pops concert will take place on February 21 at 8:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium. It will feature all the choirs and the jazz band, with new and original performances from each. The chamber choir's program, with a Beatles theme, is expected to be a great success. The students have several song and dance numbers prepared for the show, which is a medley of Beatles' songs. This Hal Leonard arrangement is called "Beatles In Revue." All of the dance steps were done by choreographer Donna Hartwick and were enjoyed by the students. Choir director Mrs. Jeckavitch had this to say about the show: "I hope the student body will support the music students and attend this 'fun' concert."

The jazz band will feature various popular hits such as "In the Midnight Hour," "St. James Infirmary," and "The Preacher." Mr. Purrington and the students have been working hard for several weeks on these tunes, which are all new to the jazz band this year. Several new songs were ordered this year, so all the students have something new on which to work. The jazz band puts on very few concerts during the year, which means the Pops concert is a special event. The best-loved and most enjoyable tunes are saved for this show, which is more fun for both the jazz band and the audience as well.

## Top 20 songs of 2000

BY SARINA MCELROY

20. "Try Again" by Alliyah
19. "Be With You" by Enrique Iglesias
18. "Show Me The Meaning Of Being Lonely" by Backstreet Boys
17. "Most Girls" by Pink
16. "It's Gonna Be Me" by 'N Sync
15. "Faded" by soulDecision
14. "Case Of The Ex" by Mya
13. "Absolutely (Story Of A Girl)" by Nine Days
12. "Everything You Want" by Vertical Horizon
11. "Then The Morning Comes" by Smash Mouth
10. "I Knew I Loved You" by Savage Garden
9. "Thong Song" by Sisqo
8. "I Try" by Macy Gray
7. "What A Girl Wants" by Christina Aguilera
6. "Bent" by Matchbox twenty
5. "There You Go" by Pink
4. "Higher" by Creed
3. "Jumpin Jumpin" by Destiny's Child
2. "Kryptonite" by 3 Doors Down
1. "Bye, Bye, Bye" by 'N Sync

\*According to Hot 101

## Preface

Many opportunities are available in our school system that students are unaware of, which is why this month the Focus section decided to revolve around the topic of academics. Various scholarships, early graduation, and Academic Challenge are just a few of the subjects we have explored this month.

## Map for the future

BY JUSTIN DENNIS

In the years to come, college will play a big part of any high school student that has big dreams, and the students of Salem High School aren't any less ambitious. Here is a compiled list of the picks for the school of higher learning that these Quakers plan to attend.

**Evan Crowgey, 10<sup>th</sup>**- Edinboro-best wrestling college  
**Taylor Hendricks, 10<sup>th</sup>**- Georgia State because I love being down south and I wanna' be as far away from this place!

**Shani Jones, 10<sup>th</sup>**- Ohio State-2 reasons: 1.) Lian's not going there, 2.) They have an exceptional dentistry program.

**Jeff Hamilton, 11<sup>th</sup>**- University of Miami, Florida because of its architecture program and the beach couldn't hurt, either.

**Nicole Binegar, 11<sup>th</sup>**- Probably some college in Florida, for marine biology. Either that, or Kent, for journalism.

**Karyna Lopez, 11<sup>th</sup>**- Honestly, I don't know. As long as it's far away from here!

**Jared Mason, 10<sup>th</sup>**- Pittsburgh Technical Institute, so I can learn how to create videogames someday.

**Danielle Bair, 11<sup>th</sup>**- I'm going to OSU to be with Geoff. (Although Cincinnati rules!)

**Meagan Brown, 11<sup>th</sup>**- OSU, because they have a good journalism school.

**Glenn Peison, 11<sup>th</sup>**- Probably Mount Union or Penn State...

**Kelly Wolfard, 10<sup>th</sup>**- Probably somewhere in Florida because of nice weather and hot guys.

**Crystal Navoyosky, 11<sup>th</sup>**- I want to go to an art school somewhere, perhaps. I'm looking at CCAD in Columbus.

**Ed Butch, 11<sup>th</sup>**- Walsh University, because it's a school that has a good computer-learning program.

**Pat Stewart, 12<sup>th</sup>**- Walsh University cuz' I like the campus; it's small.

**Denise Price, 12<sup>th</sup>**- Concord, because it has everything I need, and it's perfect for me.

**Mary Sutter, 12<sup>th</sup>**- Cleveland State, because it has a good journalism program.

## Leaving it early

BY DANIELLE BAIR

As students, we now have the opportunity to graduate school a year early. It's relatively easy; accumulate all your credits and arrange your schedule around two English and history courses a day. But if that all seems a bit overwhelming, summer courses are open to the scholar as well. I recently talked with a few of our juniors that have made this crucial decision to leave a year early. Audra Stokes decided that because she had almost all of her credits already it would be a better decision to leave this year. "I want to go on and further my education," she remarked. Her future plans include moving to Columbus and attending school there. She has a lot of hard work left to do though. She had to double up on both her junior and senior English classes and take junior history accompanied with history of government. "My friends encourage me because they're seniors also," she adds. She does have a few minor complaints though. "Having Sir as my English teacher is sometimes overwhelming because of so many papers!"

I also got the chance to talk with Steven Doyle, another Salem student graduating as a junior this year. Steven says that the main reason he's leaving is because he is older than most of his class and feels the need to move on with his life. His future plans include going straight to work. Unlike Audra, Steven took his junior English course over the summer, but he still needs two history classes in his daily schedule to obtain all his credits. Steven's friends all encourage him because many of them tried and couldn't do it. "Having eight classes a day gets very stressful!" he adds. But he is happy with his decision. "I'm glad I'm doing it because after it's all over...I'm done."

These are just two of the nine juniors that have made the commitment to graduate this year. It's a decision that they'll have to be faithful to in order to graduate on time. At times it can get overwhelming, they both remarked, but in the end they will be able to say with pride that all their hard work has finally paid off.

## Graduating Juniors

Yujin Ayabe  
John Biddle  
Steven Doyle  
Michael Hively  
Edward Lester  
Dorothy Meyers  
Audra Stokes  
Jessica Taylor  
Charles Toot



# Focus

## Is that your final answer?

BY JUSTIN DENNIS

"This Nazi official escaped capture immediately following World War II, but was apprehended in Argentina years later by Israeli agents. Name this man whom was >BEEEEEEEEEP!<"

"Eichmann?"

"Adolph Eichmann, yes."

The tension is almost tangible, and it lingers heavily in the humid, still air of the seemingly cramped room. It chokes and brings one to wonder how difficult the pressure to search one's mind for the correct answer to some of the off-the-wall and down-right rough questions like this really is. Contestants of this (albeit practice, but still tense nonetheless) game of knowledge exchange glances between the game's host and the other eight contestants surrounding them. The silence is so unnerving, however, in this situation, the tinny, mechanical sound of the buzzer on the game host's desk slices through the air with a certain harsh precision on the ears.

This is the weekly rigor of the mind of the intellectually-adept individuals in Salem High School's Academic Challenge Squad. Y'know, those people that always whoop yer' butt at Trivial Pursuit? They've come together into one tightly-knit and potent team that travels to, from, and all around Ohio, competing with other area schools to determine who has the better band of brainiacs. But these students aren't your typical rogue gallery of trivia maestros; this seasoned team of buzzer-mashers (although they do act as a synchronized unit) is a diverse group of gifted individuals, each with his/her own individual strengths (history, pop culture, geography, American literature, poetry, mathematics, etc.) Each team member waits for the one, the question that they know the answer to, that will score the point for their

team. They all listen intently with chiseled, determined faces, awaiting the few key words that will trigger the answer in their minds and shoot their finger off to the buzzer.

The head of the Academic Challenge Club at Salem High School is none other than the English wing's own Mrs. Esposito. When questioned about the team this year and her hopes and aspirations for it she replied, "... the team is very promising this year... the seniors have been with the team for three years now; it will be sad to see them go... but, the juniors look promising too." And what about when the juniors head off to college? "I would like to find some underclassmen..." The Academic Challenge Squad competes in several different competitions all around Ohio, and one allows them to battle it out with schools across the nation. One of the most important of these meets is the County Bowl, which will take place on February 5 and 7. The County Bowl will pit our veteran crew of trivia virtuosos against all comers in the county that support the Academic Challenge program. Another local tournament is the Mount Union Competition in which Salem dukes it out with schools surrounding Alliance (Marlington, West Branch, etc.) The final of the most important contests the team participates in is the Knowledge Master Open, which is a contest that occurs twice a year. Academic Challenge Clubs from all around the nation compete and check statuses via computer disks that are mailed to the heads of the Academic Challenge Club periodically.

Academic? You bet. Challenging? Definitely... Now, all that's left is for the people to live up to the name. This is definitely a group containing the best of the best, the studious of the studious, scholastic of the scholastic, and those that have a firm grip on their futures.



## With honors

BY CRYSTAL NAVOYOSKY



For the average yearly membership of twenty-five students, National Honor Society is a chance to engage in many service activities such as sponsoring families for the holidays, blood drives, and tutoring. After obtaining a minimum 3.5 GPA and submitting a teacher evaluation, an essay by the specified student, and an evaluation by the NHS advisor (Mrs. Kress) the student can then be considered admittance into National Honor Society. Also incorporated in the application is a list that is to include all the activities the student has been involved in, including community services, jobs, recognitions or honors, and any other awards he or she has received in the past.

There is no limit to the amount of members allowed in National Honor Society, and among those that have been in it for the past year are: President – Zach Stevenson; Vice-President – Steven Keen; Treasurer – Juanita Trimm; Secretary – Alexa Bostwick. Near the middle of this February, applications will be sent out to the qualified students.

# Opinion

## What ails you?

BY GLENN PEISON

**A**chooooooouoooooooooooo! As you walk down the halls of Salem High this sound is being heard more and more often. That's a pretty good sign that flu season is fast approaching. Every year this troublesome and annoying virus affects millions of people around the globe. The flu, or influenza, is an infection on the respiratory tract caused by the influenza virus. Influenza differs from ordinary colds in that it often causes a more serious illness. Believe it or not but the flu has been linked to over 20,000 deaths a year in the USA alone! Most of these deaths can be found amongst the elderly, usually 65 or older. Symptoms such as a high fever, soar throat, stuffed nose, or congestion are easily recognized. There are three types of influenza A, B and C, however, only A and B strains cause more serious complications. These two strains are especially active in the winter season. They are spread with great ease. This is why you will see people, especially in a closed environment such as our school, coming down with it left and right. Here at Salem High there seems to be an if you will, "SHS bug" reeking havoc among students and staff members. I have just experienced this myself. It comes upon you very fast, you are fine the night before, and when you wake up the next morning you feel like you are on your deathbed. Fortunately it did not last long. It ran its course over about a four-day period. I decided to go out into the halls to get some real life opinions of unfortunate souls like myself who have had to deal with this little bug. One student described the cold saying, "I couldn't breath and had a major headache and sore throat and I felt miserable with no energy." Symptoms seem to be a stuffed or running nose and a sore throat. This is probably not a type A or B influenza virus, but more likely a type C or just a common cold. Bugs like these often come and go, and I'm sure as soon as this epidemic is over another will soon start. This as well as many other minor strains can usually be taken care of with a simple prescription of antibiotics. There are a variety of other ways to keep yourself infection free. A flu vaccination seems to be one of the more popular methods that many people elect to receive yearly. Also taking vitamins and just living a regular healthy lifestyle with a good diet and good hygiene will help in stopping a virus before it can reach a more serious stage or prevent it all together.

## Candyland

BY STEPHANIE FIFE

Earlier this month at SHS we had a dispute about student candy sales. The student body was selling suckers for AFS (American Field Service). Everyone thought nothing of it, except for the faculty and interim principal Mr. Rabell. He announced no more candy sales would be made during classes. Many students and AFS members were upset yet bewildered with the sudden decision.

Fellow classmates and I went straight to the source, Mr. Rabell. We conducted an interview to answer the questions on everyone's mind. During the interview we asked, what were your reasons for not allowing AFS members to sell suckers during classes? In return, he replied, "Suckers were all over

the building. Many were smashed and pieces were found everywhere." Our next question was important to our school spirit. Couldn't we find a way

**"If I had been told, I could have set up guide lines to be followed, but I didn't know anything about it."-Mr. Rabell**

around the problem for the good of the school? He answered, "If I had been told, I could have set up guidelines to be followed, but I didn't know anything about it." That answers the question of why were we allowed to do it in previous years? I guess it just got too out of hand this year,

more than previous. It has to be a working effort on the part of the staff as well as the students to keep club sales and other fundraisers

in control. If we want to have privileges, we have to follow the rules.

Mr. Rabell made a compromise shortly after our interview. That

same day an AFS student approached him and they worked out a time convenient for students and faculty. On January 17, students were permitted to sell suckers during lunch, providing the suckers weren't consumed outside of the cafeteria. We need to be ma-

ture about this because it's for the sake of our school. If we have any future problems in fund raising, Mr. Rabell's door is always open. I hope this incident will alleviate other conflicts in future sales here at SHS.

## Opinion of the Month

BY MEAGAN BROWN

Most of the time what you accuse others of being is actually what you are.



# Opinion

## Top 10 New Years

### Resolutions

BY GLENN PEISON

10. I will drink fruit juices and colas only

9. I will rush to the stores, beat up poor defensive mobs of shoppers to get my hands on a playstation 2 for my spoiled 9 year old son.

8. I will not be voted off the island this time

7. I promise only to cry for a week when Mr. Clinton leaves.

6. I will not get upset when I am up and dressed for school and heading out the door and it is finally announced closed

5. I'll do the speed limit going up F.E. Cope Drive

4. I will stop smuggling all of those delicious lolipops

3. I will become a Pokemon master

2. I will not cry and throw a fit to have 500 recounts until things fall my way

1. I'll remove all my Y2K survival guides under my bed and start eating all of the canned food in the basement

## Take a stand

BY MEAGAN BROWN

On Wednesday, January 10 MTV aired a TV movie called, "Anatomy of a Hate Crime" that featured the tragic life story of Matthew Shepard. For those of you who don't know who Matthew Shepard is, he was a twenty-one year old college student who was beaten to death simply because he was gay. The movie displayed up to six months before his death and how he lived his life. It also showed how Matthew was beaten and how the criminals who committed this crime were convicted. It was an excellent, touching movie that surely will be played for several weeks to follow in re-runs. If you haven't seen this movie yet, I strongly recommend that you do. You'll never feel the same way again concerning these issues.

The premier of this movie launched the year-long campaign that MTV calls "Fight For Your Rights:

Take a Stand Against Discrimination." After the movie was premiered, MTV then aired eighteen hours of thousands of reported hate crimes that were read by celebrities. These hours were commercial-free, making television history that cost MTV literally millions of dollars. This whole campaign was started to help stop hate crimes and feelings of hatred towards others. My motivation to bring about this topic was very alarming. During a bus ride to school, the radio station was talking about the MTV campaign. A fellow student of mine made some crude remark on the terms of Matthew Shepard's murder being a good thing. I hope this person gets to see this movie because hopefully it will change their perspective.

MTV is currently running the hate crimes online at [FightForYourRights.MTV.com](http://FightForYourRights.MTV.com).

Here you can read all about hate crimes and what you can do to help. There is also a featured section on this website where you can send your thoughts and opinions to the president-elect and congress. The following information is featured at the above website address: "Current federal law allows federal prosecution of hate crimes based on the victim's race, color, religion or national origin, and does NOT cover crimes based on the victim's gender, sexual orientation or disability. In a recent national poll, MTV found that 82% of young adults believe that the law should cover ALL people who are targeted simply because of who they are."

If you would like to take a stand yourself, visit [FightForYourRights.MTV.com](http://FightForYourRights.MTV.com) and read some of the given information. It would be well worth your time.

## Punxsutawney Phil: fact or fiction?

BY STEPHANIE FIFE

Groundhog Day is a holiday not like any other. It's not as commercialized as many holidays are. It sets the mood for the rest of the year. It all rests in Punxsutawney Phil's hands. If you don't already know he is the famous groundhog that determines whether spring will be right around the corner or snow for six more weeks. If he sees his shadow, look out for bad weather. If the sun

was seen on Candlemas Day, (the clergy would bless candles and give them to people) it meant that we would have a "Second Winter." Supposedly Roman legions handed this tradition to the Germans, and we have been using it ever since. An old English song said, "*If Candlemas be fair and bright, Come, Winter, have another flight; If Candlemas brings clouds and rain, Go Winter, and*

*come not again.*"

With his growing fame, Phil has appeared on TV shows and movies. In 1993, Columbia Pictures gave Phil a cameo in Groundhog Day starring Bill Murray. When the audience saw him, he was surrounded by many people awaiting his move. Phil was on stage at the Oprah Winfrey show in 1995. He was even important enough to meet President Reagan.

With all this attention, is Phil picking favorites or is he being truthful? It's kind of funny that our weather is determined by a groundhog. To date Punxsutawney has recorded that he's predicted six more weeks of snow ninety times (saw his shadow), told us spring was around the corner fourteen times (didn't see his shadow), and he was confused nine times. So, do you think Phil is fact or fiction?



# Opinion

## Childhood Toys

BY MEAGAN BROWN

This year's toys are so high tech that you have to wonder if little kids even understand them! Remember those simple toys that we had when we were younger? I had Pound Puppies and Care Bears while today's kids have Pokemon and digital robots. The question I asked students was, "What was your favorite childhood toy?"

**Jessica Jewell-12-** My New Kids on the Block dolls!! I've loved boy bands even from a young age!

**Denise Price-12-** My Jem doll. I used to complain that my Barbie shoes never fit on her feet!

**Stacie Kleinman-11-** My big white teddy bear my pappy gave me.

**Todd Horning-11-** My Ghostbusters toys

**Casey Fenske-11-** Teddy Ruxpin and my dog stuffed animal.

**Stephen Gagnon-11-** My Tonka trucks.

**Jamie Jewell-10-** My Heart-to-Heart Bear, you squeeze it and it thumps!

**Courtney Morrison-9-** My Glow Worm, you squeeze it and it glows!

**Steve Doyle-11-** My Lincoln Logs

**Sean Loutzenhiser-11-** X-Men were all the rage, but I will say I enjoyed mutilating the Barbies in our house limb by limb. (I only did it because Bridgette cut the hair off of my "My Buddy" doll...Uh, I mean, action figure.)

**Bridgette Loutzenhiser-12-** My favorite childhood toys were my Barbies; although, Sean, I don't remember you mutilating them, but I do remember you playing with them. Actually, more than me.

**Derek Mayhew-11-** Matchbox cars

**Jessica Gorcheff-10-** My Teddy Bear

**Andrew Rhodes-11-** My Ninja Turtles

**Heather Ingold-11-** My Bunny Rabbit and my E.T. doll.

**Amanda Price-11-** Barbie Dolls...I have over 100 different ones.

**Mandi McCartney-11-** My stuffed puppy (I was lost without it.)

**Jessica Yeager-10-** My favorite childhood toy was my talking Mickey Mouse doll!

**Jessica McIntosh-11-** My Michael Jackson Barbie (Thriller)

**Amy Bitalan-11-** My cardboard box and an old John Deere tractor toy.

**Lisa Skiba-12-** My Sesame Street V-Tech computer and my humungo dollhouse.

**Rebecca Davis-12-** My Barbies

**Hannah Taylor-12-** My brother's G.I. Joe's and Batman dolls...I mean "action figures."

**Bill Mansour-9-** I played with a toy.

**Chesney Nyktas-12-** My Glow Worm and my Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles! Turtle Power!

## Cafeteria Chatter

BY DENISE PRICE

What would you have changed in the year 2000 to make your 2001 better?



**Jen DeCarlo-** I would study harder so I could have a better class rank.



**Todd Horning-** I would have changed the way my grades turned out because I need to start thinking about college.



**Lisa Lewis-** 2000 was a great year, but I would be nicer to my peers to make 2001 better.



**Andy Place-** I would go to Rogers more to bid on cows.

# Sports

## Buckeyes get Tressel

BY PAT STEWART

Jim Tressel has the support and confidence of Buckeye's fans. At least until Thursday's press conference that is. After that, the former YSU coach will have to start proving himself to the Scarlet and Gray. Tressel comes into the program having some pre-existing knowledge of it. However, that was fifteen years ago. He was an assistant coach under Earl Bruce from 1983-86 before he went to coach the Penguins. At YSU, Tressel proved himself repeatedly by compiling an overall record of 135-57-2 and winning four national titles. All those wins however came in Division I-AA. The Big Ten will prove more of a challenge for coach Tressel.

He has been described as a coach that knows the game, a good X and O guy. He has also further been described as a

good disciplinarian and a player's coach. Sometimes coaches become too abusive or over aggressive with their players, Tressel is the opposite. Most of his former players swear by him. "He just motivates you," Youngstown junior quarterback Jeff Ryan told SportsLine.com. "He knows how to get a team to win. He's not there to yell or anything. You know when he's mad but he won't say anything but he will get to you."

Compared to his previous seasons and his high expectations, the 2000 Penguins were somewhat underachievers finishing with a 9-3 record after the previous years 12-3 mark

that was terminated by a loss to Georgia Southern in the national title game. Another perk for Tressel is his academic record. Of all the freshmen that entered during the 1993-94 year,

56% graduated. That's 8% better than the average for the entire Division I-AA at 48%. In Cooper's last year, his Buckeye's were ranked last in the Big Ten

with only a dismal twenty-eight percent graduating. Tressel's only major off-field problem was a two-year investigation of a YSU player accepting money from a member of the board. Tressel reported the violation himself because at the time he was the athletic



director. His major problem, however, is the lack of experience at a big time college. Some say that Minnesota's Glen Mason would've been the safer more logical choice for the position. Mason is more experienced as well as more accomplished than Tressel in Division I-A. Coach Mason was the leading candidate for the job going into Wednesday. As Mason came on campus Wednesday for his second interview, word leaked out that the choice of Tressel taking over had already been made. According to OSU's athletic director Andy Geiger, Mason was devastated. The only real devastation, however, would be if Tressel turns out to be nothing more than another Cooper but without the annoying twang. "I don't think anyone knows for sure," Tressel said when asked about his future at Ohio State.

## What's your fantasy?

BY NATE RASUL

How would you like to be the owner of your own professional basketball team? It can be done. Just go to [cnsi.com](http://cnsi.com) and go to fantasy basketball. You can begin by creating a team of twelve guys and register yourself into a league. When that is complete then just wait and see how your guys perform. After every one of their real games you receive fantasy points. The team with the highest points at the end of the season receives some cool prizes. The first place winner with the most fantasy points gets a 27" television, camcorder, and a DVD/CD player. The second place winner gets a digital camcorder. The third place winner receives a DVD/CD player. There's just a slight problem in that you have to be at least eighteen to play. As for rules, there are several rules and regulations you have to follow to participate. They also having trading you can do. There is a limit on trades and on how much you spend on each athlete. All of the athletes are real and their performances are real. There are many interesting things that you can do while playing such as getting free agents and making decisions. The final day of play will be on June 20, 2001. Playing any fantasy sport online is very interesting and rewarding. Since it's free there is nothing to lose. Fantasy sports online are international, and they are becoming very popular to a lot of people around the world.



# Sports

## Winter action

BY NATE RASUL

### Boys' basketball

While on break the boys played Struthers and Dover. The boys didn't fair too well against Struthers and took their first MAC defeat. The next game they played was against Div. 1 Dover. The boys had a good performance, yet they were still defeated. They bounced back after that game to defeat Howland 53-35 and took their first win in the MAC. Mike Bailey poured in 18 points that game and lead the Quakers to victory. The following day the boys were in action at home against Springfield. Stefan Nemenz had 19 points against Springfield, but that wasn't enough to get a victory. The Quaker's lost that game 72-54. The junior varsity team did not have any luck during any of these games and are still looking for their first victory. Friday January 12<sup>th</sup> we played Niles up at their place and it was a tough MAC lose for us. The final score of the Niles game was 87-58.

### Girls' basketball

The girls were just as busy as the boys. The first game that the girls played while on break was against Canton Glen Oak. The Quakers came through and won that game 34-30. West Branch came in town over break, and they were successful in beating the girls 31-35. Courtney Dunlap pumped in 12 points that game. The next game for the girls was a barn burner with Hubbard. The girls lost to Hubbard by the score of 45-42 in overtime. Then the girls traveled to Howland to play a MAC game. The girls were defeated 49-41 that game but two up and coming all-stars helped out that game. Allyson Cotter, a freshman, came in and put up 15 points, and Abby Markovich, also a freshman, came in and put in 10 points. The girls' junior varsity team did have some success over the break by beating Hubbard.

### Wrestling

The wrestling team was not in action over break. They returned back to action January 10 and wrestled Liberty. The Quakers lost 24 to 48. Bill Borrelli won by pin. Gary Colian won by decision. Brandon Bowers won by pin. Evan Crowgey won by decision. Lucas Conrad won by pin. The team is now 1-6, and they defeated Girard. We have a young wrestling team and they have potential in the future. Their senior leader, Tom Miller, is leading them with a 4-2 individual record.

## Bowl Championship Series

BY JEFF HAMILTON

After defeating Florida State 13-2 in the FedEx Orange Bowl, Oklahoma was voted number one in both the ESPN/USA Today Coaches and Associated Press Polls. Miami closed out the year number two, and Washington finished third in both polls following its Rose Bowl win. Florida State finished out of the Associated Press Top Four for the first time since the 1986 season.

The Bowl Championship Series statistical rating system consists of four major components: subjective polls of the writers and coaches, computer

rankings, schedule strength and number of losses. All four components are added together for a total ranking. The team with the lowest point total shall rank first in the Bowl Championship Series. This system was utilized only to select the teams that will participate in the championship game of the BCS. It also determined any independent or team from a conference without an automatic selection which shall qualify for a guaranteed selection in one of the games of the Bowl Championship Series as the result of being ranked in the top six in the BCS stand-

ings.

### Complete Bowl Game Scores

Oklahoma(1) beat Florida State(3) in the Orange Bowl 13-2. Miami(2) was able to out maneuver Florida(7) in the Sugar Bowl 37-20. In the Fiesta Bowl Oregon State(6) blew by Notre Dame(10) 41-9. Washington (4) squeezed past Purdue(14) 34-24 in the Rose Bowl. The final score in the Florida Citrus Bowl had Michigan(15) over Auburn(20) 31-28. Virginia Tech (5) cruised by Clemson(13) in the Gator

Bowl with a final score of 41-20. Kansas State(9) barely beat Tennessee(21) in the Cotton Bowl with a final score of 35-21. The Outback Bowl had unranked South Carolina over Ohio State(18) with a score of 24-7. Nebraska(8) was victorious over Northwestern(19) in the Alamo Bowl with a score of 66-17. In a very close Holiday Bowl, Oregon(11) was able to come out with a "w" over Texas(12) 35-30. Unranked LSU beat Georgia Tech(17) in the Peach Bowl with a score of 28-14.



# Sports

## Senior Athletes of the Month

**Jen Lederle -  
Varsity Basketball**



- How long have you been playing?**  
10 years
- Most memorable moment in the sport that you play?**  
Beating Canfield last year in the District Semis after losing to them in regular season.
- Who do you admire most and why?**  
Kelly Paxson because she is an awesome basketball player and she's still a great friend and doesn't let her success get to her head.
- How does it feel to be a senior leader?**  
It feels good to be a senior and know that the rest of the team is looking to the 5 of us for guidance. It is also sad though because this is our last year and I know I'll miss it.



**Brian Markovich -  
Varsity Basketball**

- How long have you been playing?**  
12 years.
- Most memorable moment in the sport that you play?**  
Winning the MAC-TAC Championship in eighth grade.
- Why do you play this sport/what attracts you to it?**  
It's fun to play and very exciting.
- Who do you admire most and why?**  
My dad because he worked with me on practicing basketball.
- How does it feel to be a senior leader?**  
It's cool because some people look up to you and it's a good feeling.

**Laura Jeckavitch -  
Varsity Cheerleading**



- How long have you been playing?**  
Since seventh grade.
- Most memorable moment in the sport that you play?**  
The shamrocks, the sweater argument, the parade in London, and Lian's close call with the door.
- Why do you play this sport/what attracts you to it?**  
Ever since I was a little girl I've wanted to be a cheerleader. I took dance for 12 years and that's what really got me involved.
- Who do you admire most and why?**  
My back-row buddies. You know who you are.
- How does it feel to be a senior leader?**  
It's easy to be a leader when you're the only one, but my squad has been really close this year. Thanks for all the memories girls!



**Trevor Gardener -  
Varsity Basketball**

- How long have you been playing?**  
Since fifth grade.
- Most memorable moment in the sport that you play?**  
At Niles my sophomore year shooting at the wrong hoop and making it.
- Why do you play this sport/what attracts you to it?**  
The fun and excitement.
- Who do you admire most and why?**  
Scoot Walker for his tolerance and Trey Hendricks for his stamina.
- How does it feel to be a senior leader?**  
It's nice and sensual.

GOOD LUCK  
WINTER ATHLETES



# Quaker Clips

BY SARINA MCELROY AND CRYSTAL NAVOYOSKY

