

The Quaker

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Salem Senior High School

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Salem High Gymnasium takes on a new look Coach John A. Cabas honored

BY ED BUTCH

Salem High School's gymnasium has had some face lifting completed over the past few months. The gym floor was repainted, there is the new façade at the gym entrance, and a portrait and plaque will be hung in the lobby commemorating John A. Cabas. Coach Cabas was one of Salem's best basketball coaches ever. The high school's gymnasium was dedicated to him in February 2001.

Part of the dedication to Coach John A. Cabas was just completed. The new façade at the gym entrance was finished before Thanksgiving after four or five months of planning. The idea for the façade was thought of a few years ago when the administration wanted to enhance the appearance of the gym entrance. Finally, the dedication of the gym was the perfect time to put the idea into action. The committee that chose what was to go on the sign wanted to include the Quaker Lady, Quaker Sam, and Coach

Cabas's famous saying, "Love those Quakers!" During the summer the graphics were designed to perfection by computers, and in November the Summitville Tile Company, headed by David Johnson, donated the time and labor



The Class of 2001's gift to the school is a portrait of John A. Cabas to be displayed above the main trophy case at the gym's entrance. Lucia Fraser of Lucia Studios in downtown Salem took the picture. Donna Chappell

chased a plaque from Zeiglers Trophy which highlights Coach Cabas's accomplishments.

In regard to the new gym floor, Mr. Steffen said that Salem has been trying to upgrade the gym floor to meet the standards of the other gyms in the area. The coaches, staff, and Mr. Steffen got together to think of ideas for the new floor. The committee to choose the new floor looked at each design and decided which one the committee member liked the best. Many ideas were given, but in the end a majority of the people decided on what is now our new floor for the gym. Shepherd of the Heart is now selling wooden replicas of the new gym floor, and Coach Cabas was the first to receive a replica.

Other additions to look forward to in the near future will be the addition of the Quaker Lady and Quaker Sam logos. These will be added to the baseline area, and color changes will be added to the floor markings on the gym floor.



to finish the long awaited project. Mr. Steffen, Salem High School's Athletic Director, and many of the staff and students agree, "The new façade greatly enhances the appearance of the gymnasium." Eventually night lighting will spotlight the façade.

of Chappell Framing did the framework for the picture. The class is also reframing the pictures of Coach Cabas, his championship team, and his reception in Salem. Along with the pictures, the committee in charge of the Cabas Gymnasium dedication pur-



Love Those Quakers!



News

Holiday Spirit

MIAH GRIFFITH

Some of Salem High School's clubs have truly had the holiday spirit and have participated with different community volunteer activities.

The "Dress a Live Doll" project was done in Mrs. Schneider's CBE/IBE for some time. The class participated by choosing first how many children they would like to buy for and whether they would like a boy or girl. They soon thereafter, received a name of a child, their age, their gender, and their size of clothing. With both of her classes combined, they have sponsored fourteen children with a range of ages. The classes contributed the money from their own pockets and went shopping for clothes for the project.

With some of the money that they have collected as a club, they bought one outfit for a child from the whole class. They wrapped the presents and delivered them to the Salvation Army where the children received their gifts. "If more people would consider this project, less children would have to go through the holidays without a Christmas," club members stated.

Key Club, with the assistance of the Kiwanas and Mr. Stratton (faculty advisor), contributed in a toy drive to provide clothing and toys for the children in the "Create a Smile" project. This activity was held until December 8 and not only included donations of clothing and toys but also donations of decorating paper and supplies for the presents. Unfortunately, Key Club was disappointed in the lack of effort and donations that were made from the student body this year.

Miss Lockney and her French club students also spent a day after school to show their holiday spirit. Miss Lockney held a small party for her French members that had given the time and effort to make Christmas cards for the local elderly.

Saturday, December 8 Interact held a Christmas party for the underprivileged children at Timberlanes. This activity was sponsored by the Rotary Club. Interact members participated in this by wrapping presents and helping the children feel comfortable and welcome.

Salem High School students have had a busy pre-Christmas season as they worked hard to help with these various holiday activities

Bulletin Board

BY CHELSIE SHUMAN

- Dec. 19- Chamber choir performance
- Dec. 21- Christmas break begins
- Dec. 25- **MERRY CHRISTMAS**
- Dec. 28- White Christmas Dance
- Jan. 3- Classes resume
- Jan. 17/18- Semester Exams
- Jan 18- End of second nine weeks
- Jan 21- Martin Luther King Day- No school

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Club News

BY CHELSIE SHUMAN

The cheerleaders are planning to host a cheerleading competition during the month of February. They have just finished fall fundraisers, and they will begin their spring fundraiser in March.

The French club had a meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 26 and made Christmas cards for the elderly.

Spanish club had a candy sale earlier this month. They will also participate in the Salvation Army's Dress a Live Doll project in which they will ask for donations to dress two children this Christmas. This Christmas they also participated with the Community Network for Children and Salem Middle School's Builder's Club to wrap presents for needy children on December 12. Spanish club also dined at the restaurant Fiesta Brava on December 18.

On December 8 T.A.C.T. had their Christmas party at the Salem Elks.

Key club had their Christmas party on December 19. They collected toys along with the other division clubs for Toys for Tots. Key Club also helped the Church Women United in their holiday endeavors. They also participated in bell ringing for the Salvation Army as representatives of the Kiwanis Club.

The Academic Challenge team had their first computer bowl on December 4. New members are always welcome.

National Honor Society is passing out suckers to students who made it on the honor roll, and they are also participating in the Dress A Child program for the Salvation Army.



Up-Skirt and Down-Shirt

BY DANIELLE BAIR

Those of you lucky enough to have been blessed with Mr. Spack's H.O.G. (history of government) class this year all know about the disturbing pornography issue in America. The last class unit, dealing with pornography and civil rights,

taught the students something a bit disturbing. Recently, while standing in a ride line at a church carnival, Gina Bell noticed how close the man behind her was standing. "Every time I shifted in line, he would shift with me. I got a sense of somebody being too

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News

YSU English Festival reborn at SHS

BY ED BUTCH

Since 1979 the YSU English Festival has been a tradition for many schools around the area. The festival was started when Professor Thomas Gay and the late Dr. Carol Gay, both professors at Youngstown State University, established a memorial fund for their daughter who died of cancer at the age of thirteen. They decided to give area junior and senior high school students awards based on their writing and reading abilities.

The English Festival has remained dormant at Salem High School since Mr. Ladner, a former SHS English teacher, last took his students about six years ago. This year Mrs. Wilson, a new teacher to Salem High School, has decided to bring the YSU English Festival back to Salem. Mrs. Wilson will pick thirty, tenth through twelfth graders, and twenty-six, ninth graders, to go to the festival. In order to qualify, the students have to read seven books in their grade range by late February.

While at the festival the students have a number of activities in which they may participate. Some of these activities include the following: visiting lecturers from other colleges, impromptu writing contests, language games, writing games, poetry workshops, prose workshops, journalism work-

shops, writing labs, insight sessions about the book lists, not-so-Trivial Pursuit sessions where students compete in games about authors, locations, and information about the festival books, and dramatic performances presented by students. For some of the writing sessions there are awards given to the top students which can range anywhere from gift certificates to money to books and dictionaries. The top writers in the Candace Gay Memorial award contest, the impromptu workshop, and the journalism workshop essays are featured in the booklet, *A Festival of Writing*, which is sent at a later date to all of the participating schools.

Mrs. Wilson commented, "It is nice to have an activity, outside of school, in which kids who enjoy reading and writing can participate. Sports and other clubs have a lot of activities, so this is one way to let the students express

themselves through what they enjoy doing." Natalie Firth, a sophomore, said, "I never liked to read before, but now that I have started to read the books for the English Festival, I love it!" Allison Boron, also a

sophomore, stated her feelings about her experience at the festival while in Jr. High. "I went to the English



YSU

Festival in Jr. High and it was a great experience. Now I'm glad that other students get a chance to have this experience if they did not get to in Jr. High," added Boron.

If you would like to sign up and make a commitment to read the seven books for the festival, then talk to Mrs. Wilson in room 145 or your current English teacher.

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close." As Gina bent over to put her 16-month old baby back into her stroller, she saw a video camera sticking out of his bag. "It rocked my whole sense of security," she stated.

So what's being done to prevent such things from happening? Fines, or a month or two in jail are possible

cause there's no *specific* law against it. There are laws, however, against the placing of video equipment in private areas, such as bathrooms, shower houses, and dressing rooms. The crime of "upskirting" is hard to press charges

"It rocked my whole sense of security."

- Gina Bell

punishments. As of now there are no laws preventing the public videotaping and later broadcasting of what is viewed up a woman's skirt or down her shirt! It's true - sick but true. There are many sites online devoted to this sick practice, but police cannot do anything about it be-

against because there isn't a law against videotaping in public. So far Ohio and California are the only two states that specifically ban the practice of filming people secretly under their clothes while in public places.

Feature

Up Close and Personnel with Mr. Mehno

BY KARYNA LOPEZ

A Maryland football coach and teacher gave one of his students an A to stay eligible; the student promptly dropped the class, but the teacher still gave him the A because the student got him in trouble....When I asked Mr. Mehno about a funny recollection, he told me this one about another teacher at the same school where he used to teach and coach. Although this was his second choice, I was forbidden to mention the infamous "lawnmower incident" that occurred this year.

Mr. Mehno, the youngest of eight children, was born on December 3 in Salem. His mother owns Bonfert's Beauty Shop, and his father is retired from Bliss. While attending Salem High, Mr. Mehno focused on "academics and athletics"; he was on the journalism staff with Mr. Esposito as his advisor and played football and wrestled.

He decided to become a teacher in high school because the teachers he had, including Mr. Turner, Mr. Parks, and Mr. Esposito inspired him to give back to students. He was playing football at Slippery Rock University when doctors diagnosed him with chronic kidney failure. Over a few years both kidneys failed, and he was forced to undergo dialysis. He even spent two years without any kidneys! During this time, he transferred to Youngstown State University and balanced five hours of dialysis a day with a full college schedule. Almost fourteen years ago, he had a kidney transplant and his health dramatically improved. He earned a bachelor's degree in education at YSU and later received a master's degree in administration from Ashland University.

Mr. Mehno taught and coached football in a Bal-

timore area high school, then moved to Beaver Local and taught there. He eagerly accepted an invitation to return to his alma mater and become a science teacher and Salem's head football coach, until he accepted the new position as assistant principal last year.



Mr. Mehno's favorite aspect about being the assistant principal is that he can work "with a variety of students and [implement] policies to help all." On the flip side, he dislikes not having day-to-day contact with most students and notes that when he was a science teacher, he taught 85% of the freshman class and therefore knew most of the students.

When asked about spare time, Mr. Mehno replied that he didn't have any. After a day of school and his daily workout, he usually attends some school function, whether it be a basketball game, choir concert, or anything in between.

Mr. Mehno's two favorite quotes, "My goal is to make it to heaven" and "I'm not where I want to be, but thank God I'm not where I used to be" tend to symbolize his personal evolution over the years, especially spiritually. In addition, he advises students to make high school an enjoyable experience and remarks that he gets a phone call a day from a former Salem graduate wanting to check up on their favorite teachers and school current events. Mr. Mehno hopes to establish intramural clubs and plan large-scale trips for the student body sometime in the near future. He feels that schooling prepares students "academically, socially and spiritually" for life, and although academics are extremely important, we shouldn't neglect the notion of enjoyment.

Things to Ponder

BY KARYNA LOPEZ

ACCEPTANCE

"People only see what they are prepared to see."

--Ralph Waldo Emerson

"Whenever you find yourself on the side of the majority, it's time to pause and reflect."

--Mark Twain

"There is nothing more frightful than ignorance in action."

--Johann von Goethe

"In the end, we will conserve only what we love. We will love only what we understand. We will understand only what we are taught."

--Baba Dioum

"Many studies have discovered a close link between prejudice and 'patriotism' . . . Extreme bigots are almost always super-patriots."

--Gordon William Allport

Feature

Passion for the Arts

BY DANIELLE BAIR



Students at Salem City Schools are given the opportunity their senior year to be involved in post secondary enrollment at Kent State-Salem. This year senior Katie Hale applied. Taking three courses here at the high school and three at Kent-Salem, she has become very involved in her artwork. I recently talked to Katie and had the chance to ask her a few questions about how her year is going so far.

Katie explained how she feels that the art program here at the High school is limited. "...at Kent my professor understands that my work and creativity on an assignment are my personal self-expression, and he accepts and praises that. At Salem, self-expression isn't taught as much as what is right and what is wrong." She states that Kent's art program is on a more mature level. Once there she is expected to already know the techniques. Her one art class here was with Mr. Martinelli. "I thought it taught me more about the arts than I have ever known. It was a great class and has helped me with my harder art classes at Kent-Salem." Katie's passion for art can be noticed upon meeting her. She is unique in both her personality and style. It is all her own. "I like art because I love the creativity, the color, and how it

makes me feel. I believe it is self-expression and *all art is beautiful.*"

In the near future, she sees herself going far with her works. "I am really enjoying my classes at Kent, Salem and I have learned a lot from my professor." When asked what her best piece was she simply stated, "I could

"ANYONE can draw. Whether you think you can or not. It is just like learning to read, you just have to practice and draw everyday and you will become an artist in no time!"

never say that I have a best piece. I go by other people's opinions." Currently Katie is working on a drawing dealing with the terrorist attacks on September 11.

Finally, Katie said, "ANYONE can draw. Whether you think you can or not. It is just like learning to read, you just have to practice and draw everyday and you will become an artist in no time!"

Butler displays local talent

BY CRYSTAL NAVOYOSKY

On Friday, November 30, 2001 a myriad of people were strolling throughout the Butler Institute of American Art's Salem Branch for the YWCA's preview party for their Fifth Annual Art Show. Starting on November 13th and 14th about 120 entries were received and stored in the YWCA building for judging by Mr. Richard Wooten. Mr. Wooten chose the final sixty-one pieces that would be exhibited at the Salem Butler. Betsy Budde, chairperson of the art show for the past three years, presented the awards at the preview party, while Sherrin Bielik (CEO of the Salem YWCA) had some closing remarks about the show in

general. She commented that "the show grows larger every year and the work is outstanding."

The artists, living anywhere from Mahoning and Columbiana counties to Cleveland and Pennsylvania, received various awards. Don Getz received Best of Show, winning \$300, while Susie Gordon and Florence Dieringer were honored with second and third place respectively. Five other artists were chosen for Juror's Choice and three received Honorable Mentions. The photography award went to Ken Mountz, while the Mixed Media Award was given to Vickie Dylewski for her sculpture depicting two tantalizing gnomes with fake nails. Three children were

also awarded the 12 & Under Youth Award: Brooke Zochert, Nichole Mehle, and Jessa Green. Ranging from \$65 to \$4500, viewers also had the option of buying select original artworks, as some pieces were not for sale.

The YWCA's Art

Show will be on exhibit from November 24th until January 5th at the Salem Branch of the Butler. The variety of work makes the exhibit very worthwhile to attend and hopefully all of Salem will find the time to pay tribute to these artists' work.

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 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.

Feature

Poet's Corner

Featuring poems by Teresa Huzyak

To Emerald City and Back

Old lady with gray hair
And wrinkled skin—
Walking her driveway
In her red-ruby shoes
Take me home—take me home
There's no place like home.

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The Truth Is

I often find myself on your front steps
Wanting to knock on your door,
But fear grips me,
And I walk away.

There are so many words I want to speak to you
That would make this so much simpler,
But fear grips me,
And I say nothing.

So many times I have wanted to tell you
Exactly what I feel about everything,
But fear grips me,
And I tell nothing.

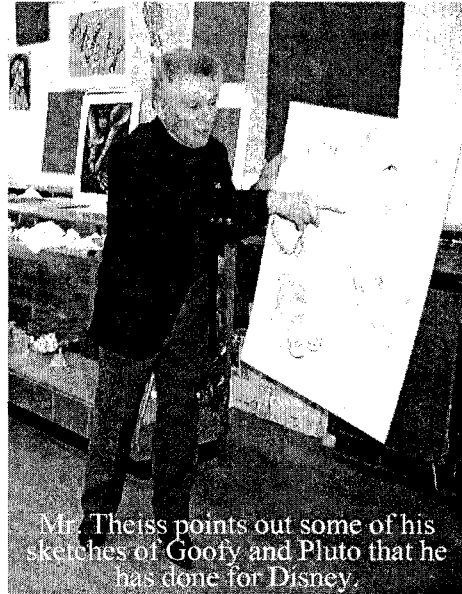
Everyday I want to fall apart in your hands
And give you everything I have to give,
But fear grips me,
And I maintain composure.

Just today I wanted to tell you and show you
How grateful I am, that you are closer than you think,
But fear grips me,
And you still don't know.

The Studio's special party

BY CRYSTAL NAVOYOSKY

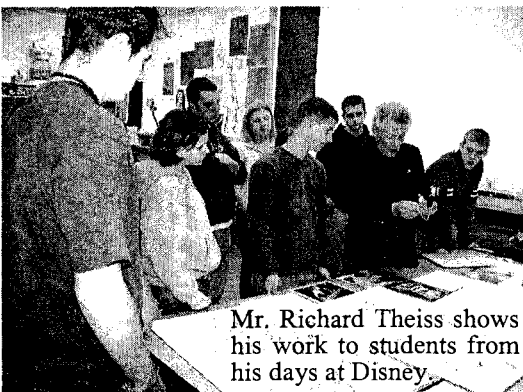
For the past three years, I have had the opportunity to decorate the art studio for the anticipation of Mickey Mouse's birthday party. Every November, balloons, Disney posters, and every available Disney book and movie adorn the studio. On this special day, Miss Yereb's art students get the chance during their art class to blow out the candles on Mickey's birthday cake. Mr. Richard Theiss joins this yearly party because he previously worked for the Walt Disney Company. Mr. Theiss brings sketches, photographs, and models that he created during his time with Disney for all the students to look at and admire.



Mr. Theiss points out some of his sketches of Goofy and Pluto that he has done for Disney.

After everyone gets the chance to fill their stomachs with enough sugar that they could burst, it's on to watching Walt Disney's first animated film with sound, *Steamboat Willie*. We watch that in its entirety, which is only about fifteen minutes, and then we also see bits and pieces of other Disney movies. *Mickey's Christmas Carol* is also a traditional movie that we have the pleasure of watching. After we view about ten minutes of it, Mr. Theiss reenacts the voices of Mickey and Donald (Bob Cratchit and Scrooge) for us. It is always amazing how accurate his voices are, given that he hasn't worked for Disney for a while.

The contributions Walt Disney has made to the world are immense. It's unbelievable that years ago a newspaper editor fired Disney because he had, "...no good ideas." Needless to say, that editor was very wrong. How fortunate we all are that Disney believed enough in himself to pursue his dreams.



Mr. Richard Theiss shows his work to students from his days at Disney.

Opinion

Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone

Innocent

Or

Evil?

BY DANIELLE COONTZ

BY AMANDA PRICE

Harry Potter, the fictitious eleven-year old wizard, is taking the reading world by storm. Even when three of the four books in the series held the top three positions on the New York Times 1 bestsellers List, not all the attention they were getting was positive. And now with the release of the feature film *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*, the attention of religious and censorship groups alike has been drawn.

The debate is that J.K. Rowling (the author) is intentionally trying to open children and young adult readers' minds to the occult and Satanism. How true this accusation is, is questionable. J.K. Rowling denies that this is her intention at all. She has openly admitted to studying witchcraft to make the books more "accurate," but in her own defense she says, "My wizarding world is a world of the imagination. I think it's a moral world." She goes on to say, "I don't believe in the kind of magic that appears in my books."

Where does one draw the line in the distinction between mechanical and spiritual "magic"? In the Harry Potter series, students at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry study the history of magic, potions, etc., but make no actual contacts with the spiritual world.

Regardless of this, concerned parents would say the phenomenon raises the curiosity of witchcraft and sorcery among the young audience these books target. One would have to argue that Harry Potter's sorcery and witchcraft could be grouped with the likes of such established books and movies as *The Wizard of Oz* and *The Chronicles of Narnia*. Did anyone make protest to these characters? Have shows like *Sabrina The Teenage Witch* and *Charmed* been corrupting our children and sending them down a spiral of evil and torment? Hardly. These witches, much like those found within the world of Harry Potter, use their powers for good and to fight against evil, if for any specific purpose at all. Can anyone pinpoint the harm Harry Potter and his fellow characters are promoting? Aside from occasional disobedience that almost any child of his age would have executed, Harry Potter is genuinely an upstanding individual who only uses his powers for good.

So with that in mind, remember that *anything* can be interpreted into something evil or sinister if you look hard enough. But in most cases, that isn't the creator's intention at all.

There are numerous rumors going on about the new movie *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*. I personally believe that some of these rumors are true. I've read the first book on which the movie is based, and I was offended by some of the content. The book talks about witchcraft and black magic, which to some religions is offensive. Yes, Harry Potter gets kids to read more and helps them to use their imagination, but there is said to be hidden meanings behind the content of the book. Some religious leaders have voiced their concerns regarding the book's and movie's contents. Some churches have even gone as far as holding protests against the book. They feel that the contents of the books are inappropriate considering the fact that Harry gets accepted to the school of witchcraft. Some authorities feel that young kids become addicted to the books because of this focus on witchcraft. I think that rumor can hold some truth. I know kids that have read the books, and they immediately want to read the next one. There are also kids that go around pretending to perform witchcraft after reading the books or seeing the movie. It's okay to have an imagination, but when a kid goes around pretending to perform witchcraft, there is something wrong. I am not a person to preach to others about what you should or should not read, but if you are a person of religion or are offended easily, I would not suggest you read any of the Harry Potter books or see the movie.



Harry Potter

AND THE
SORCERER'S STONE



Remember: Fruit Juices (or Fruit Cakes) and Colas Only This Holiday Season!

Opinion

No more proficiencies!

BY TERESA HUZYAK

As some of you may have already heard, there will be no senior proficiencies this year or any year after this for that matter. The state has done away with the senior proficiencies because of the new plan for education in Ohio. Senate Bill One outlines the new procedures and methods of testing and educating. Any student enrolled in the twelfth grade after July 1, 2001, is also no longer eligible for the twelfth grade scholarship from the state that was awarded for passing all sections of the senior proficiency.

Because we seniors don't have the option of vouchers to excuse us from final exams, other plans must be made. I spoke with Mr. Beatty concerning the seniors' final exams, and he said that he believes the seniors deserve some sort of reward in lieu of the vouchers that were once used. I made a suggestion that would allow students who maintain a certain grade level in a class to be exempt from the final exam in that particular class. I think that most of us could live with that plan, but the exact course of action has not yet been decided. In fact, most of the details concerning future testing and proficiencies are still not certain at this point.

OPINION

OF THE MONTH

"Associate with men of good quality, if you esteem your own reputation; for it is better to be alone than in bad company."

- George Washington

Top ten most amusing facts

BY SARINA MCELROY

10. Every 2.7 seconds, a Tupperware party begins somewhere in the world.
9. Kentucky Fried Chicken's Colonel Sanders was actually born in Indiana.
8. The U.S. government spent \$277,000 on "pickle research" in 1993.
7. The New York phone book had 22 Hitlers listed before World War II... and none after.
6. Disneyland has the fourth largest navy in the world.
5. 5,840 people checked into U.S. emergency rooms with "pillow-related injuries," in 1992.
4. In 1980, the yellow pages accidentally listed a Texas funeral home under "Frozen Foods."
3. It's against the law to drink beer in Cedar City, Utah if your shoelaces are untied.
2. On the average, 100 people choke to death on ballpoint pens every year.
1. A monkey was once tried and convicted for smoking a cigarette in Indiana.



War Of Words

Do you think there is too much hype around Harry Potter?



"Yes, because it is stupid to make up a series of books and a movie based on witchcraft. It hurts little children's minds."
- Kevin Blackburn (11)

"Sure, it's the hot thing at the moment. But what people don't tend to realize is that unlike Pokemon and robotic dogs, the Harry Potter books are getting children to read and getting adults to remember what being a kid was like."

- Karyna Lopez (12)



Opinion

Dying to belong

BY TERESA HUZYAK

Violent beatings, forced, excessive alcohol use, physical abuse, sleep deprivation, personal servitude, extreme exercise, forced eating, sexual abuse, verbal harassment, ridicule, - sound like reasonable dues for joining a club? Some students think they are. But they are all forms of hazing, which is both dangerous and illegal.

Hazing is defined as "any action taken or situation created intentionally to produce mental or physical discomfort, embarrassment, harassment, or ridicule." Hazing can include physical, mental, and sexual abuse, humiliation, morally degrading activities, and forced alcohol use. So why do people put others through the hazing process? Why do people allow this to happen to themselves and others?

Certain groups, gangs, and organizations use hazing to decide if a person is a worthy candidate to join that particular group. Once accepted, a person might have to endure more hazing as a form of initiation. Hazing is also a way for the leaders of a group to exercise their power over new members. It is used in colleges and also in high schools. It used to be that hazing was associated primarily with fraternities and sororities. Now, however, it is prevalent among sports teams and other organizations such as musical groups, church groups, and social groups.

Hazing is a tradition to which people and groups are extremely loyal. In the past twenty years there have been at least seventy-five deaths caused by college hazing. Why would anyone, especially high school and college students whose lives are only beginning, take part in these potentially fatal activities just to be part of a group?

The answer to that question varies from person to person. Forty-three states, however, have just one answer to the problem of hazing: anti-hazing laws. Most

colleges also have their own rules and regulations regarding hazing as well. Ohio is one of the states that has anti-hazing laws. In general the law states that any one subjected to hazing can bring a civil case against those involved and also against any "organization whose local or national directors, trustees, or officers ... tolerated the hazing." If the person hazed is a student at any educational facility, a case may also be brought against a member of the faculty or administration. If that person is found liable, a case may also be brought against the institution that employed that person. In the event that a case is brought against anyone involved, the consent of the person hazed in the hazing incident is not a defense for the defendant.

There are at least five incidents of high school hazing reported each month and while we don't have extreme problems with hazing here at Salem High School, we did recently have an incident of hazing. Disciplinary action was taken against the students involved. It was also stated that the policies on gang activities would be reviewed.

Stophazing.org is a web site dedicated to putting an end to hazing by educating parents, teachers, administrators, and students on the life-altering, possibly fatal effects of this useless activity.

With all the options for extracurricular involvement, I don't understand why anyone would choose to be a part of a group in which hazing occurs. Hazing is a dangerous, illegal activity that glorifies violence and the abuse of power. Hazing can result in the loss of a person's dignity, self-esteem, and ultimately his or her life. No membership is worth a human life.

Strange tradition

BY DANIELLE COONTZ



With the holiday season fast approaching, sentiments of family get-togethers and generosity fill everyone's minds. It's the time of giving and sharing. It's the time of great food and presents. It's the time of...a fat, bearded old guy in a red suit climbing down your chimney to leave presents under

the pine tree in your living room covered in glass bulbs, tinsel, colored lights, and Popsicle reindeer you made in first grade? Whoa, if someone uninformed of the subject were to overhear you talking about it they'd think you're crazy and maybe rightfully so.

People never really put it into perspective how peculiar it all is. The Easter Bunny coming to your house to hide baskets of chocolate and colored, hard-boiled eggs.

A fairy that collects teeth she finds hidden under your pillow. Where did these myths originate, and how did they transform into what they are today? One would have to wonder.

As weird as holiday stories and traditions may seem, you can't help but love them. Or at least get a good laugh out of them. Children's minds are full of imagination, and things like this most likely only encourage that. Sadly though with age, kids lose a lot of that imagination and begin to question these stories. Even though it seems that the age children stop believing decreases all the time, these traditions haven't died out yet. And I don't think they will anytime soon.

These childhood beliefs are pretty much harmless and are almost always done in fun. It's just another odd part of childhood that we possess and will always remember as the years pass.

Money matters

By Glenn Peison

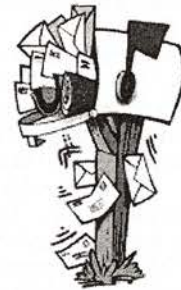
For 193 students their final year of high school will soon draw to a close, and the question will be laid before them. What am I going to do with the rest of my life? For some the answer will be college. For others the answers may be the military or vocational trades. For the many seniors who are planning to take the road towards college life I'm sure you have found out that it can be extremely confusing. I hope that this article will clear up some of that confusion.

As we all know, college is not exactly a cheap investment. Tuition for some colleges can be upwards of twenty thousand dollars a year.

Usually you'll find these price ranges at private colleges. Do not let these fees scare you away from a college you are interested in. Hardly ever will you see a student actually pay the whole tuition fee. There are a variety of ways to receive different forms of financial aid, which can drastically lower the costs of the school of your choice. There are basically three categories of financial aid. These include the following: merit based, which would include grants scholarships; need based, where things like work programs and tax credits can be found; and non-need based, which would include various loans. For every school

that you visit or make inquiries, strive to find out every form of financial aid they offer for which you are eligible. Most colleges award students with their own private scholarships and you should be aware of these. Even if you don't think you will receive anything it can't hurt to at least try. As you are checking out various financial aid plans for your school you should also be looking at the FAFSA form. The Federal Application for Student Aid is a form available to all students nationwide. This form is government issued. The basic factors in determining the amount of financial aid you will receive

are the cost of education and your expected family income. This form is relatively simple to complete and is offered in a variety of places. They are available in the guidance counselor's suite and at all college financial aid offices. You can even fill out the FAFSA form online at www.fafsa.ed.gov. This site will guide you through the process of filling out the form, and it has answers to many questions regarding financial aid.



Guidance counselor suite

By Glenn Peison

As students began yet another year of school at Salem High they were greeted with many changes. One change that was especially nice was the brand new, top of the line, 2001, deluxe model guidance counselor suite. This office fits all the needs of today's modern guidance counselor. It came complete with a lobby for students, two comfortable couches, computers and a secretary. Actually the secretary, Mrs. Altenhof, was not included with the package and was hired in October. The idea for this new location for the guidance counselor's office came from the counselors themselves, along with Dr. Brobeck. Mr. Washinko says that they wanted something that looked more professional.

As you walk into the office you will notice a wealth of information for students regarding college, the army, and other post graduation options. On the left hand side of the entrance is a basket with scholarship applications of all different types. The counselors also have applications, books, and other information for almost every school in Ohio and some surrounding states. Finally, the display of pennants from a variety of secondary institutions gives the suite a very collegiate look. Stop in and have a friendly visit with S.H.S. counselors - Mrs. Ward and Mr. Washinko. A friendly visit with no requests for transcripts or schedule changes just might make their day!

S.H.S. popular collegiate choices

By Todd Horning

With the middle of the school year approaching, college is starting to pop into the minds of the seniors and some juniors. I recently talked to Mrs. Ward about some of the colleges that the seniors and some juniors are planning to attend. The following appear to be the most popular college choices here at Salem.

Kent State University, University of Toledo, and Bowling Green are a few of the choices. Their student population's hover around the 20,000 number, and their student

ratios are 19,17, and 20 respectively. The ACT's and SAT's are required at all three schools, but are only required for some at Toledo and Kent. The ACT's are, however, preferred at Toledo and Bowling Green. The test scores are due by July 15 for Bowling Green and August 25 for Toledo. The average annual tuition for Kent and Toledo is around \$10,500 and the tuition for Toledo is around \$5,000. All three schools do not have a deadline for applications, but priority is

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Focus

TOP TEN ITEMS FOR GETTING ACCEPTED INTO COLLEGE*

The top 10 things colleges want in 2002 applicants:

A high school curriculum that challenges the student. Students should demonstrate a willingness to challenge themselves with a rigorous program of studies.

Grades that represent strong effort and an upward trend over the years. Slightly lower grades in a rigorous program are preferred to all A's in less challenging coursework.

A well-written essay that provides insight to the student's unique personality, values, and goals. The application essay should be thoughtful and highly personal. It should demonstrate careful and well-constructed writing.

Passionate involvement in a few activities, demonstrating leadership and initiative. Depth, not breadth, of experience is most important.

Solid scores on standardized test.

Special talents or experiences that contribute to a well-rounded student body. Anything that makes a student unique which adds to the diversity of the campus.

Letters of recommendation from teachers are guidance counselors that give evidence of integrity, special skills and positive character traits.

Demonstrated enthusiasm, often exhibited in an interview, toward attending the college

Out-of-school experiences, including work and community service, that illustrate responsibility, dedication and development of areas of interest.

Supplemental recommendations by adults who have had significant direct contact with the student

*Independent Educational Consultants Association

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given to applications received by March 15 at Kent. All three schools accept applicants on a rolling basis. Bowling Green requires all unmarried freshman and sophomores to live on campus unless they are living with family. Toledo requires all freshman and sophomores to live on campus unless they live with family. Kent requires all freshman and sophomores under 21 to live on campus unless they live with family in a 50-mile radius.

Y.S.U. is also another popular choice. They have a student population around 12,500 and have a student ratio of 20. The application deadline for Y.S.U. is July 15. They require either the ACT or the SAT. Y.S.U. does provide housing on campus, but only about 9% of students live on campus.

Mount Union is also popular among the Salem students. Mount Union has a student population of 2,200 and a student ratio of 16. Their average annual tuition is around \$15,550. They do not have a closing date for applications, and they accept on a rolling basis. They require either the ACT or the SAT, but they prefer the ACT. Mount requires all freshman and sophomores to live on campus unless they live with family.

If you are looking for more information on these colleges or any other college, visit www.collegexpress.com. This site provides all the information you need to know about any college on one site. If you don't have access to a computer, you can always visit the counselor's office.

The end is near

By Todd Horning

With the end of the school year only five and a half months away, it's time for us seniors to make some plans on what we're going to do after high school. Whether it is going to college or just finding a job, it's time for plans to be made. Here is what some of the students here at Salem High School are planning on doing once high school is over.

Andrew Rhoads (12) – Work and go to a technical school

Nicole Binegar (12) – Continue to work at Ezios while attending Kent or Y.S.U for Journalism

Jeff Lippiatt (12) – Attend Savannah College of Art and Design and major in product design, computer animation, and video. I intend to design my own car and make my own video game system

Glen Bland (12) – I plan to attend Mount Union and major in accounting

Cody Webb (12) – I'm leaving for the Navy August 20 to be an air traffic controller

Casey Fenske (12) – Go to college and who knows what after that

Rob Little (12) – Attend college

Arnold Martin (12) – I am leaving for the Marines in June to be a field artillery officer

Heather Spaulding (12) – Attending classes at Y.S.U. for art

Allison Donaldson(12) - Im going to YSU and majoring in medical assistant technology.

Chris Cox(12) - Im going to the military.

Ed Butch(12) - I plant to attend Walsh Univeristy to major in secondary education and minor theatre.

Renee Schaefer(12) - I'm going to either OSU or Pitt to major in Journalsim/Communications.

Entertainment

Different music, different concerts

BY MEAGAN BROWN

Picture this. You are at a concert watching your favorite band perform about two feet in front of you. Behind you hundreds of people are packed against you. It's hot and sticky and at times you have trouble breathing. You are drenched with sweat, and that doesn't automatically mean that it's your own sweat. You have to watch above you because you never know when the body of an avid crowd surfer may pass over your head, and you don't want to get booted in the forehead again. The mosh pit shifts to the front...and then to the back...and you get shoved all over the ground. Does this sound like a good time to you? I didn't think so until I myself experienced it.

Being an addict to concerts, I have experienced so many different types of shows. It doesn't matter to me whether I'm bouncing in the mosh pit at a 311 concert or standing in front of my chair in the fourth row at an 'N Sync concert. But some people would much rather be singing along in the balcony rather than crowd surfing. And that's understandable. From my own experiences, I'd have to say that general admission con-



certs are the best because you can easily push your way up to the front or even crowd surf to the front. You can also move around more, but it can get really hot and sticky. Although it doesn't

really matter to me because I'd have fun in the nosebleed section. It's the attitude you have at the concert, not the seats, that matter.

Lately many people won't go to any concerts because of the outrageous ticket prices. Yes, they do occasionally get high, but that

doesn't mean you aren't going to have a good time. With today's technology, artists are delving into a better visual performance to accompany the music. Laser shows are popular, along with fireworks at an outdoor event. Some groups even build a bridge right down the center of the crowd so they can get closer to the fans, and the unlucky ones in the back can get a better view of the artist as well. So the next time you are thinking of going to a concert, make sure you see the band you want to see and not the cheapest concert. You might regret it! Go to www.ticketmaster.com for tour dates. You can also purchase tickets here or by calling the Ticketmaster hotline (330-747-1212).

The new Christmas classics?

BY RENEE SCHAEFER

If the crowded malls with screaming children and adults, along with all your teachers throwing in "just one last test" before Christmas break hasn't put you into the holiday spirit, don't worry. From pop princesses and rock stars to R&B divas, singers are trying to put you in the spirit by buying their "new and creative" Christmas CD's to put a little more money into their already bulging pockets.

Emerging from MTV comes *TRL Christmas* featuring such variety as Willa Ford's "Santa Baby" to "I Won't Be Home For Christmas" by Blink 182. Pop rock fans

will most likely enjoy Mark McGrath singing "Little Saint Nick" along with the rest of Sugar Ray. Another band fusing Christmas and rock is Eve 6 with their song "Noel! Noel!" on *A Very Special Christmas 5*. Along with Eve 6, it features City High, SR-71, Dido, and Jon Bon Jovi. However, none of these artists will be cashing in checks from proceeds as this production will benefit the Special Olympics. Running along the same lines as *TRL Christmas* and *A Very Special Christmas 5* is *Now That's What I Call Christmas*-with a slight twist. This two-disc collection features a disc of remakes and new Xmas songs such as "This Christmas" by Joe

and Boyz II Men's "Silent Night." However, one disc is completely devoid of being altered, leaving only the original classics.

Likewise, *The Time-Life Treasury of Christmas* is also complete classics, the songs our parents remember listening to way back in the day. There are the traditional religious carols like "O Holy Night" by Perry Como and Nat King Cole's "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing." There are also such old Christmas classics as "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree" by Brenda Lee.

The R&B and the Country worlds are both releasing an outpouring of

CD's this holiday season. *The Magic of Christmas: Songs from Call Me Claus* comes from Garth Brooks. Various artists like George Strait, Toby Keith, and Dolly Parton have contributed to form *A Country Superstar Christmas, Vol. 4*. Jumping genres to R&B brings new releases from Destiny's Child and Toni Braxton. Destiny's Child's *8 Days of Christmas* has seemingly forgotten the last four days of Christmas and has taken such liberties as changing the name of the classics "Carol of the Bells" and "Silver Bells" to "Opera Bells" and "Platinum Bells" respectively.

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Entertainment

Tinseltown lights up for the holidays

BY RENEE SCHAEFER

This Christmas season when the lights, people, and the shopping and just the sheer insanity of everything have gotten to you, take a break and go catch a movie. While I'm all for Movies 8 (only \$1.50) sometimes you just can't wait that long to see the new releases. This holiday, Hollywood has no shortage of upcoming movies. Here are just a few:

- ☆ *Ali* (coming out 12/25/01) was originally entitled *Power and Grace*. It tells the story of Muhammad Ali/Cassius Clay, the world's greatest boxer. The movie has been highly publicized with Will Smith (of *Wild Wild West* and *Men In Black* fame, amongst others) portraying Ali. Other notable names are Jamie Foxx, Michael Michele, and Jada Pinkett Smith.
- ☆ *The Majestic* (12/21/01) stars Jim Carey in a serious role for once. Carey's character, Peter Appleton, becomes an amnesiac in a car accident and ends up in a small town. Mistaken for a soldier who died in WWII, his "return" is greatly celebrated. This movie comes from the director of such renowned movies as *The Green Mile* and *The Shawshank Redemption*.
- ☆ *Joe Somebody* (12/21/01) takes the annual "Bring your daughter to work day" to a new level. Joe is degraded in front of his daughter over the issue of a parking space by a co-worker. Joe, being the nice guy that he is, seeks revenge in the form of martial arts. *Joe Somebody* stars Tim Allen as Joe, and Jim Belushi as his martial arts instructor. Making a cameo is Governor Jesse Ventura of prior wrestling fame.
- ☆ *The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring* (12/19/01) is the first story in the three-part trilogy that "nearly single-handedly established the modern genre of fantasy fiction as we know it." *The Fellowship of the Ring* recounts the tale of Gandalf the Grey learning that Frodo the Hobbit's ring, called One Ring, is actually the ruler of the Rings of Power. The travel of Frodo and his companions from their Shire home is retold. Elijah Wood and Cate Blanchett are Frodo Baggins and Galadriel, respectively.
- ☆ *How High* (12/21/01) features rappers Redman and Method Man as two pot smokers that smoke weed that has a peculiar effect of raising their intelligence to the level that they are admitted to Harvard. But when their supply runs out, they're stuck at Harvard without the aid of their "Super Mary Jane." In an attempt to return to their previous state, they "try smoking the bones of a 'dead smart guy' "
- ☆ who just happens to be former president John Quincy Adams.

Source: www.upcomingmovies.com

Holiday concerts at Salem High

BY MEAGAN BROWN

On Sunday, December 9 the S.H.S. choirs had their annual Christmas concert. The combined freshman and sophomore choirs sang *Behold, A Tiny Baby; Sleep, Little King; When Love Came Down; and Once Upon a Christmas Medley*. The always-anticipated performance by the energetic chamber choir was a highlight of the evening. The group sang a medley of Christmas carols titled *One Magic Christmas* and performed matching choreography. The Concert Choir, consisting of both juniors and seniors, took the stage after the Chamber

Choir to perform *He Is Born*, the soft lullaby *Breath of Heaven*, and a medley of classic Christmas carols to name a few. At the end of the evening, the traditional *Silent Night* and *Hallelujah Chorus* were sung by all choirs combined, but not before welcoming S.H.S. alumni to the stage to sing along to these songs. Every year, former choir students of Salem are called to join the current choir to sing along to these two special numbers. They are performed every year. Friends and family gathered in the cafeteria afterwards for cook-

ies and beverages.

On Tuesday, December 18 the Salem High School Band presented their holiday concert. The Salem Concert Band performed classics such as *Pat-A-Pan*. The Symphonic Band played *The Nutcracker Suite, Sleigh Ride, and Christmas Festival*.



Lyric of the Month

BY MEAGAN BROWN

"Everyday is a new day;
I'm thankful for every
breath I take."
P.O.D. - "Alive"

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So whether you're into the traditional holiday songs or the remakes and new songs, the music industry has plenty of new issues to get you to drop a few dollars while you're shopping for the perfect gift for your eccentric family. That is, if you're not in the insane asylum dumbly staring off into space from all the shrieking kids and demanding teachers...

Sports

SPORTS SCOREBOARD

BY AMANDA PRICE

Boys Varsity Basketball

	<u>Score</u>
11/30 Chaney-A	44-67 L
12/4 Marlinton-H	33-58 W
12/7 E.Liverpool-H	77-46 L

Boys JV Basketball

	<u>Score</u>
11/30 Chaney-A	28-37 L
12/4 Marlinton-H	33-42 L
12/7 E.Liverpool-H	39-28 L

Girls Varsity Basketball

	<u>Score</u>
11/23 Marietta	56-63 L
11/24 Tournament-A	50-41 W
11/29 Beaver Local-H	56-34 W
12/3 Austintown Fitch-A	61-54 W
12/5 Canton Central-H	61-45 W
12/8 Crestview-A	44-72 W
12/10 Cardinal Mooney-A	41-36 L

Girls JV Basketball

	<u>Score</u>
11/29 Beaver Local-H	41-27 W
12/3 Austintown Fitch-A	40-15 W
12/5 Canton Central-H	37-31 L
12/8 Crestview-A	34-30 W
12/10 Mooney-A	40-29 W

Frosh Girls Basketball

	<u>Score</u>
11/29 Struthers-A	35-17 W
12/3 E.Liverpool-A	32-26 W
12/6 United-A	43-9 W
12/10 Howland-H	27-36 W

Frosh Boys Basketball

	<u>Score</u>
12/6 Struthers-H	52-27 L
12/10 Howland-A	49-39 W

Wrestling

12/8 Hubbard, Alliance-A	
37-27 Hubbard W	
61-13 West Branch L	
47-24 Alliance L	



Hoops and Holler

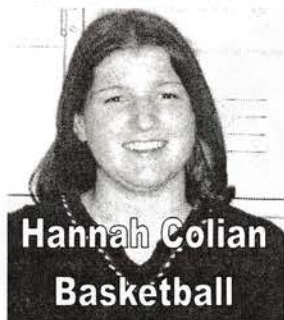
BY JON BUCKOSKI

On Tuesday, November 20 Salem High School held its Hoops and Holler basketball extravaganza. The first game of the night was held at 6:00pm when the seventh grade and eighth grade teams competed in the high school gymnasium. The second game was between the freshman team and the junior varsity team at 6:30pm. The third and last game was between the Salem Varsity team and the Salem High School faculty. A few of the faculty members involved in this game were Mr. Wolf, and Mr. Alejars. Chris Frank and his "dancing" talents provided entertainment during halftime. Scores for these scrimmages were not recorded. Mr. Spack organized the event, which seemed to go off without a hitch. Student body turnout was excellent as the students' section was filled. All in all this night went well and will hopefully be a regular event.



Sports

Senior Athlete's of the Month



Q-How long have you played this sport?

A- I've played since church league in sixth grade.

Q-What's your most memorable moment?

A- Mr. Windrom's chair incident.

Q-Who do you admire most? why?

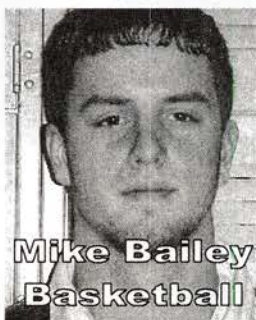
A- Abby Markovich when she shot over 25,000 shots over the summer to prepare for this season.

Q-Why do you play this sport?

A- You can be aggressive and tough, but it also requires a lot of skill and concentration.

Q-How does it feel to be a Senior Leader?

A- It's great! The girls on the team are a lot of fun and they have great work ethics. That makes my job much easier.



Q-How long have you played this sport?

A- Since kindergarten.

Q-At what age did you begin this sport?

A-5

Q-What's your most memorable moment?

A- Coming back from 12 pts. down with only 5 minutes left to play last year vs. West Branch and winning. Then the students charging the floor.

Q-Who do you admire most? Why?

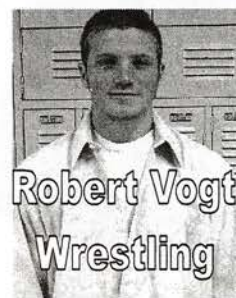
A- My dad because he gives it his all no matter what he is doing.

Q-Why do you play this sport?

A- Because there is no feeling in the world like playing at home and hearing the fans cheer you to a victory.

Q-How does it feel to be a Senior Leader?

A- It feels great to have the underclassmen look up to you.



Q-How long have you played this sport?

A- I'm in my eleventh year.

Q-What's your most memorable moment?

A- Going to all of the big tournaments like Ohio Duals, Top Gun, and Medina. I also enjoyed something to do with a bench, tape, and a good old game of guess who!

Q-Who do you admire most? Why?

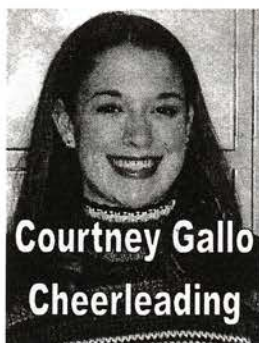
A-In wrestling I most admire Shane Hostetter, Brian Rea, Ralph Smalley, and Jon Paul Fritz. The way they beat on me during practice and helped make me a better wrestler.

Q-Why do you play this sport?

A- I wrestle because it is the most aggressive sport where you're one on one and you're part of a team, but you're out there on the mat by yourself for six hard minutes.

Q-How does it feel to be a Senior Leader?

A- I like being a senior leader because I remember when I was a freshman and remember what I went through.



Q-How long have you played this sport?

A- I've been cheering for six years. I have cheered for two years at the junior high, freshman squad, and three years on varsity.

Q-What's your most memorable moment?

A- I'd have to say winning all three trophies at this year's cheer camp ranks, but the small jokes from games and practices are memories I'll never forget.

Q-Who do you admire most? why?

A- I admire all of the girls I've cheered with. I'm very proud of our squad at

camp. We worked hard and did awesome! I also admire both Stacey and Katie. They make awesome senior leaders and all three of us work together.

Q-Why do you play this sport?

A- Cheerleading is a challenge. There is a lot of precision and time that goes into our routines, but when a performance goes well, all of our hard work pays off.

Q-How does it feel to be a Senior Leader?

A- It feels nice to be able to help. I hopefully motivate the younger girls. I can in some way show qualities of good leadership to help them be great leaders as well.

Candid Quakers

