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Goodbye Salem... Oi, Brasil

BY ED BUTCH

This July one of Salem's valedictorians will depart from the United States to go on a year long foreign exchange trip to Palhogo, Santa Catrina, Brazil. Terrin Tamati will be Salem's only exchange student for this year. She is able to partake in this experience because of the Rotary Youth Exchange Program, district 6650.

While in Brazil, Terrin will be staying with Mr. and Mrs. Gilberto Giacomini and family, a family in the suburbs of Santa Catrina. She will also be attending Colegio Carrossel (Carrousel High School) to study.

Terrin was asked why she wanted to be an exchange student and replied, "I am real interested in other parts of the world, different cultures, languages, and people. I also want to learn how to be more responsible and develop better skills to help me in the future." She picked Brazil mainly because of its unique culture and very

friendly and warm people. Also having to learn a new language, Portuguese, is going to be an exuberating experience. Having to learn a new language can be hard, but Terrin says, "I am a little nervous about it, but from what I've heard from former exchange students, I will be able to speak decently in about three to four months."

She hopes that she will not become homesick but is sure that eventually she will. She believes that the trip will be enjoyable enough to keep her mind off of being away from home.

Terrin explained by saying, "Frau Reed helped me become more aware of different cultures. She was the first person to suggest being an exchange student, and I have been interested."

Terrin also would like to encourage students to look into youth exchange. It's a unique experience that shows a young person how the world works.



Burchfield honors

BY ED BUTCH

On Sunday, April 14 two visual art students from Miss Yereb's portfolio class received scholarships from the annual Charles E. Burchfield Scholarship Committee. Scott Yuhanick received first place, Connie Cibula received second, and Dan Roberts was an alternate in case one of the two was not planning on attending school.

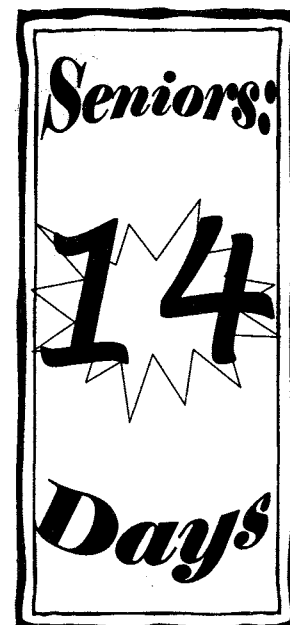
To be chosen for the scholarship each applicant had to complete an application, submit tran-

scripts, write an essay, and display their artwork for the panel of three judges. This judging took place on Thursday, April 11 in Studio 183. The majority of the seniors in the art class applied, but the final decision came down to the final two. The applicants found out who

won at the Burchfield Homestead Society meeting on April 14.



(Left to right) Dan Roberts, Connie Cibula, and Scott Yuhanick



News

Rock and roll up your sleeve

The annual blood drive sponsored by the National Honor Society is going to be held on May 22 in the high school gym from 8:30- 2:00. The organizer of the blood drive is Andrew Hodgson, National Honor Society vice-president. Andrew's goal is to get at least one hundred people to give blood at one pint per person.

In a kickoff assembly on May 1, all juniors and seniors were released from third period and reported to the auditorium. Here students listened to Red Cross representative, Ms. Nancy Cox. She explained to students the continual need of the Red Cross to maintain blood supplies. She stressed that Salem High School students are the youngest blood donors in Salem, and their blood donations are very important.

In her informative talk she explained the donor process as well as explaining some do's and don'ts of giving blood. In order to be eligible to donate blood, a student must be seventeen years of age and weigh at least 105 pounds. Blood cannot be given if a student has received a tattoo within the year. Students must feel well the day of the blood drive, and they cannot have taken antibiotics within forty-eight hours of the donation time. She also listed these very important DO's: *Do* eat breakfast the morning of the day blood is given, and *do* drink extra water a few days before giving blood. This makes it easier to draw the blood as veins are a bit enlarged when the body has a great deal of fluid in it. Some specific DON'Ts given were as follows: *Don't* chew gum prior to giving blood as it sometimes elevates body temperature, *don't* lift weights after giving blood for at least four to six hours,

and *don't* donate blood if you have a game that day. She stressed the fact that the only discomfort in giving blood is the small pinch felt when the needle is first inserted into the arm. After giving blood, all donors will be treated to juice and cookies at the canteen. Also, free T-shirts will be given. Andrew Hodgson modeled a shirt for all students to see.

At the conclusion of the assembly, students were entertained by Salem alumni who played some musical selections for all to enjoy.



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On May 2 the Salem High School journalism staff and two members of the yearbook staff attended Press Day at Youngstown State University. While in attendance at the event, the two staffs participated in a number of forums and heard many speakers present their story on how they got started in the field of journalism. The keynote speaker was Mr. Seth Doane, a Channel 1 news anchor. At the opening session three members of the journalism staff won awards. They are the following: Teresa Huzyak (third place- column writing, honorable mention- editorial), Danielle Bair (honorable mention- feature story), Sarina McElroy (honorable mention- headline writing), and the yearbook took third place for last year's yearbook.

News

Spring Fling

BY AMANDA PRICE

On April 19 the special needs students at Salem High School hosted a dance for local handicapped students. Project Support members were in charge of transforming the cafeteria into a beautiful ballroom. Helium filled balloons, crepe paper, and neon butterflies were hung all around the cafeteria. The majority of the decorations were donated by local flower shops and party supply stores. Refreshments such as cookies, chips, and pop were donated for the students as snacks. Professional pictures were also available for discounted prices courtesy of Snow Photography.

The dance started at 6pm, and immediately the cafeteria was filled with students dancing to music provided by D.J. Rocks. The DJ did a wonderful job of playing the songs that the students wanted to hear the

most. During the dance two local television stations (TV 21 and 27) came to tape part of the dance. A local newspaper photographer was also present. The dance lasted until 8 p.m., and by the end of the dance the students were tired from all of the dancing.

The "Spring Fling" dance is a nice thing the special needs students of Salem put on for local school's special needs students. The dance was really enjoyed by all in attendance; even the staff that was in attendance was having a good time doing the "chicken dance" and the "hokey pokey" with the students.

Many thanks go out to all the flower shops, party supply stores, and students who helped to make the dance run smoothly and helped the students to have an evening full of fun.

24 hour challenge

BY MIAH GRIFFITH

The Salem High School freshman class is sponsoring a twenty-four hour challenge at Reilly Stadium from noon May 18 until noon May 19. The twenty-four hour challenge is intended to be a fun way for the Salem High class of 2005 to raise money towards their prom.

This challenge will consist of teams with a limit of eight to twelve people for each team, and the price for entrance is \$120 per team (Please make checks out to Miss Stewart at the Salem High address). Students are encouraged to bring items and supplies to assist in passing the time; There are a few restrictions such as alcohol, drugs, smoking and **NO ONE** is to leave once they have arrived and begun the challenge! But, everyone is welcome to bring sleeping bags and supplies for the night.

Some of the activities that will be available are football, volleyball, croquette, and boche, and all students are welcome to bring other items and games that they think will entertain and aid each other with getting through the twenty-four hours.

Although these teams are not certain to participate, the men and women of the police department, fire department and hospital have been scheduled to possibly be attending the challenge. Registration forms can be found in Miss Stewart's classroom (room 165), and if there are any questions feel free to stop in and ask her or contact Miss Stewart by calling the high school at 330-332-8905.

Bulletin Board

BY CHELSIE SHUMAN

- * May 18- A.F.S. paintball outing
- * May 19- Spring concert 7:00 p.m.
- * May 20- Awards assembly 7:00 p.m.
- * May 21- Spanish club end-of-year party
- * May 24- John Callahan Banquet
- * May 25- Spanish club trip to Cedar Point
- * May 28- Senior Picnic- Salem Country Club
- * May 29- Senior locker clean out; Senior exams begin periods 4B-7, first half
- * May 30- Senior exams begin periods 1-4A, first half; 4B-7 second half
- * May 31- Senior exams finish periods 1-4A, second half. Graduation practice, 10:37 am
- * June 1- Alumni Banquet- invitation only
- * June 2- Commencement- 2:00 p.m.



On Thursday, April 25 Jason Yeager and Ed Butch received a \$200.00 book grant from the Columbiana Retired Teachers Association along with four other students from around Columbiana County. The judging was based on grades, involvement in the community, and why the applicant wants to become a teacher.

Feature

Up Close and Personnel with Mr. Alejars

BY KARYNA LOPEZ

You heard it here first-or at least early in development. Get it? Oh wait, I didn't ask the question yet. Guess who's having a baby? Mr. Alejars and his wife Stacey are proudly awaiting the arrival of their first child, a daughter.

Mr. Alejars was born on September 7 (in an undisclosed year) in Youngstown. While growing up, he was active in numerous sports including baseball, basketball, and football. He attended two years of college in the criminal justice program at Mercyhurst College before deciding that his goal of being an FBI agent was unrealistic. Mr. Alejars took some time off doing roofing work but went

back to school soon after. He transferred to YSU and entered the teaching program, intending to be a social studies teacher but changing to math because of his abilities and the high demand for math teachers.

Sure enough, Mr. Alejars was hired as a permanent sub for Mrs. Strum when she went on maternity leave; he took over her position the next year and has been at Salem for a little over two

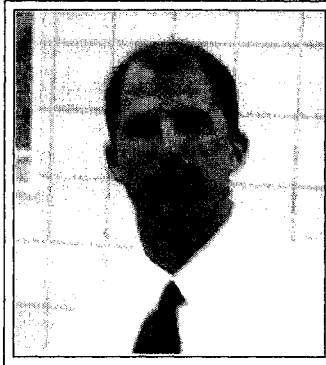
years. The best part of being a teacher for Mr. Alejars is the knowledge that rewards are out there. He feels he is inspiring

students in some way, maybe not immediately, but sometime later in life. The worst part of the job is the long hours - teachers also have lots of "home-work" they take home every day to prepare for class.

During his spare time, which he says is scarce during school, Mr.

Alejars watches sports on television and during the summer he plays golf. Mrs. Alejar's love of sports relays to school as well. He coaches freshman boys' basketball, is the assistant varsity baseball coach, and will be coaching freshman football next year.

Mr. Alejars expects positive things from his upcoming years. He enjoys teaching and likes meeting new freshmen and working with them. His advice to students is simple: life is very short; don't take it for granted. Live life to the fullest; you'll want to go back once these moments have passed.



Death among us: the Grim Reapers reap

BY KARYNA LOPEZ

On Wednesday, May 1 terror, horror, and disbelief struck Salem High. Three figures with hoods, capes and painted faces entered the school looking for innocent victims. They lurked in the hallways, frightening people with a mere glance. The Grim Reapers had returned for another year.

The Grim Reaper usually works alone, but in these days of numbers and efficiency, three are more practical than one. The three figures went to classrooms and pulled their victims out of class, pinning black ribbons on them. Students also had tombstones on their lockers; underneath their names, a name of an actual drunk driving victim was written.

The Grim Reapers

were assisted by TACT, who provided pizza and pop for the victims, and the Red Cross's Buckle-Up program, who were present during lunch to talk to students. Pamphlets were given to every student outlining the dangers of drunk driving and also the dangers of not wearing a seatbelt.

Both can be equally as deadly.

The Grim Reapers heartlessly claimed 120 victims, all innocent, who died as a result of someone else's mistake. It is hoped that juniors and seniors will realize the consequences of their actions if they decide to drink on prom night. Overall, the program was a success, and the Grim Reapers wish to thank all students who signed up, helped out or were victims.



Feature

Much ado about makeup

BY CRYSTAL NAVOYOSKY

Conveniently the day after William Shakespeare's birthday, Mrs. McCracken's English I classes had the chance to wear seventeenth century acting costumes and makeup. On Wednesday, April 24 Sean Loutzenhiser and Ed Butch assisted the males in their journey into looking like females of the Elizabethan era and vice versa with the



females becoming males. The purpose of this fun-filled day was to give the students more knowledge of the time period, costuming, and makeup techniques of the Shakespearean theatre because they were getting ready to read Shakespeare's *Romeo & Juliet*.



Second, fourth, and fifth periods in Mrs. McCracken's room were echoing with laughter and shrieks of fun. Thanks to Mr. Viencek, Sean, and Ed there was plenty of makeup with which the students could experiment.

The Salem Community Theatre also contributed the costumes for this "Shakespearean Day." Ed Butch stated, "It was a great experience teaching the kids how to do stage makeup; the students, as well as Mrs. McCracken, Sean, and I, had a lot of fun doing it." Mrs.



McCracken also commented that the "lesson worked so well because it was enjoyable and educational for the students."

Poet's Corner

Featuring poems by Amanda Price

The World Today

I have a few things I'd like to say
About what's going on in the world today
Drugs, violence, guns and gangs
People being shot in a bang
The reasons why I don't know where to begin
I guess some do it to try to fit in
Why can't people like us for who we are
And not judge us by our race, religion or car
People used to be polite, kind and nice
Now some are just as cold as ice
Is there a way we could go back
To the way things were in the past
No drugs, violence, guns or gangs
No one being shot in a bang
People liking us for who we are
Not judging us by our race, religion or car
I have a question I'd like to ask,
Could we live the way they did in the past?

You Captured My Heart

When you first kissed me, I knew from the start,
That you would be the guy who captures my heart.
My love for you, if only I could explain,
But the words to describe it can't be named.
You captured my heart with a simple kiss,
That is something I'm glad I didn't miss.
My love for you is getting stronger and stronger,
And it will grow until it can't grow any longer.
What I'm trying to say is that I knew from the start,
That you would be the guy who captures my heart.



Feature

Schomer awarded National Board Certification

BY DANIELLE BAIR

Recently Salem teacher, Mrs. Joan Schomer, was granted National Board Certification. I had the opportunity to speak with Mrs. Schomer about her outstanding accomplishment.

When assigned with the interview, I first found myself wondering, what *exactly* is National Board Certification? "The mission of the National Board is to establish high and rigorous standards for what accomplished teachers should know and be able to do, to develop and operate a national voluntary system to assess and certify teachers who meet these standards, and to advance related education reforms for the purpose of improving student learning in American schools." This was the answer I found in one of the pamphlets that Mrs. Schomer had supplied me with regarding NBS (National Board Certification). First, she explained it takes anywhere from two hundred to three hundred hours of outside work, a ton of patience, perseverance, and also she wouldn't recommend it to anyone with a busy home life filled with little ones.

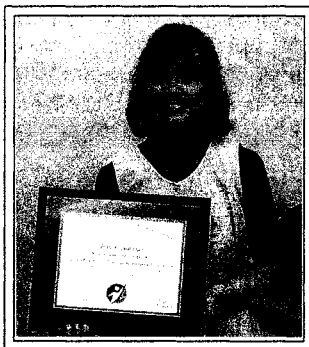
In order to begin there is a hefty filing fee; how-

ever, grants are available. A large manual is distributed and it is highly encouraged that it be read multiple times.

Mrs. Schomer attended support groups held at Mount Union and Youngstown State in order to obtain a better grasp on everything that would be expected. A six-piece portfolio is a requirement for NBS. The teachers have a three-to-five month period to complete their six pieces. The teachers were encouraged to collaborate with one another in order to "focus."

Mrs. Schomer was notified around Thanksgiving that she had been granted National Board Certification. Only one-third of those who apply achieve certification. She informed me that there is a monetary incentive to do it but also that it is the "best professional development for teachers." Mrs. Schomer is certified with the National Board in the area of special education.

Mrs. Schomer informed me that it was a difficult and long task but that it has been well worth the effort. I'm sure that you'll agree that she is deserving of our saying, "Congratulations and job well done."



Rock Off rewards Glen with empty box

BY CRYSTAL NAVOYOSKY

Who knew that a six-hour long concert could be awesome? Well, when there are twelve bands and you're good friends with one of them, it's bound to be an exciting afternoon and evening. My friends from Columbiana and West Branch are in the band Glen, who weren't scheduled to play until 8:00pm at the "High School Band Rock Off" at St. Luke's Catholic Church on South Avenue in Boardman. On Saturday, April 27 we arrived at St. Luke's at about 1:30, just to hang out before the "Rock Off" started at 3:00. The other eleven bands were from

Columbiana, West Branch, Boardman, and other surrounding cities.

Lounging around the stage was our focus until a good band came up on stage; of course, we weren't as enthusiastic for them as we would be for Glen. But needless to say, we had fun dancing and talking to other punk groupies.

The "Rock Off" wasn't just a long, fun concert; it was also a contest in which the bands were rated on originality, crowd support, and the like. Sorry to sound biased, but Glen definitely had to be the most original because they wrote all of their lyrics and mu-

sic. Their crowd support was incredible too—they threw candy out to the audience, which is always a plus. However, a band from West Branch called The SAM won first place, much to the dismay of Glen's fans. But guess who came in second place? Glen, of course. Core, from a city I can't remember, won third place. These three bands won money and, get this - an empty box! Don't ask me why the empty box because I have no idea... Glen also won \$100 because they sold the most concert tickets.

All my friends and I had a blast during this

whole afternoon and evening. But what night would be complete without a trip out to eat with your friends? No, I won't digress into that part of the night because it doesn't compare to the awesome concert and second place honor Glen received (although they definitely deserved first place).



Opinion

"It's a Jimi thing" or is it a Dave thing?

BY TERESA HUZYAK

Who would have thought that a band that had its beginnings in a bar in Charlottesville would one day be playing to sold-out venues all over the country? From the first recording, "Tripping Billies," to the latest album, the fans of DMB are happy that they are here regardless of where they started.

The Dave Matthews Band is composed of five members. Dave Matthews, for whom the band is obviously named, is the lead singer and lead guitarist. Boyd Tinsley is the violinist. Carter Beauford is the band's drummer. Stefan Lessard is the bassist, playing both upright bass and electric bass. Leroi Moore is the woodwind member of the band playing an assortment of saxophones and the flute. In watching the Dave Matthews Band perform, there is a great deal more going on than just a couple of guitars and some drums. The range of sounds in their music is due to the range of musical instruments and the immense talent each member brings to the band. The fact that Dave Matthews spent a period of his life in South Africa also contributes to the band's wide range of sounds. Each member of the band has classical training in his instrument. Dave began with the piano and decided to pick up the guitar at age nine. Each member also began with another musical organization or group before joining the Dave Matthews Band. Several of the members played with groups before they ever met the rest of the band.

To see Dave Matthews Band in concert was a dream come true. The absolute talent that these five men bring to the stage is overwhelming. It is obvious from the first note to the last refrain that this band does not play by the rules. From five-minute intros to random break strains, the band jams as though the audience was not there. Each member brings his own unique styling to the group. The Dave Matthews Band does not use sheet music. One member, usually Dave, creates a basis for a song. He brings the lyrics and music to the rest of the band and plays and sings it for them. Each member then creates a part for himself. There is no rhyme or reason for each part. The individuality of each member is allowed to shine. The band also arranges all the music themselves. The latest album entitled "Everyday" was a collaboration and it is obvious from how different it sounds. The lyrics were still written by Dave, but the music was actually sheet music at its conception rather than a chord or melody in Dave's head.

Dave is the primary lyricist in the band. He uses his life and experiences to write songs with which people can identify. Each song has a specific message and some even have political undertones. From love to the world ending, Dave covers a multitude of subjects in his songs. While using some cliched catch phrases to original statements of ideas, Dave is exceptionally talented in lyric writing. Like few other artists at this time, he uses words

that one would not expect to find in songs. Three-syllable words do not scare Dave or his fans.

On April 24, 2002, I saw the Dave Matthews Band in concert for the first time. In fact, it was my first concert ever. Sounds pretty sheltered, I know. The entire Gund Arena was filled with people. On several songs the entire crowd sang with Dave. Everyone around me was dancing to "Ants Marching" and "Jimi Thing." It was incredible. No Dave Matthews Band song is ever the same twice. Live performances allow the band to play each song any way they please. Melodies will be exaggerated, vocals will be altered, lyrics may be changed to suit Dave's mood. You never know what to expect at a DMB concert.

When it comes to originality and range of sound and lyrics, DMB wins hands down. In an age where music seems to be manufactured and sounds the same from one band or artist to the next, DMB have set themselves apart as a powerful and inventive band. The collection of songs and lyrics to their credit is phenomenal. With their first album as an independent release and minimal fan-base, DMB has made themselves a place in the music industry based on pure talent. People love DMB and know that this is one band that has something very different to offer.

"We are the youth of the nation"

BY SARINA MCELROY

After really listening to the lyrics of the song "Youth of the Nation" by the band P.O.D. one can't help but think about what is wrong with young Americans today. The first verse of the song is a first person perspective of a young teen who unexpectedly gets shot during school. "But who knew that this day wasn't like the rest/ Instead of taking a test/ I took two to the chest" is a sample of some of the disturbing lyrics from that first verse. The song itself isn't disturbing; it is the truthful content of the song that is disturbing. The fact that it is a reality that the events mentioned in the song could happen is something that should make everyone stop and think.

I know that I'm not the only person who thinks the way that society is today is so sad. Some of the things that go on in our country today are absolutely pathetic. Living in Salem, Ohio we are not truly exposed to all of the corruption and killing that goes on in some cities. When a running tally of the most dangerous cities, based on murders per year, is kept in a country, what exactly does that say? (I've even heard that Youngstown was within the top ten a few years ago.) What is even sadder is the fact that as a society we are growing to accept it. Hearing

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Opinion

Youth continued from page 7... on the news that someone has been murdered in Youngstown is no longer something some of us even think twice about. Most of the news seems to be about murders, robberies, shootings, gang violence, etc. People who live in cities like Youngstown seem to be even coarser to the murders and crimes than we are. People get shot right outside their front door, but that is just a fact of their life. How sad is that? If that happened in Salem all of a sudden, most people would be extremely concerned. However, a murder is almost nothing anymore in the major cities of this country.

Most students know of the song "Changes" by 2 Pac. It is yet another song that is filled with all of the corruption and killings that go on in this country. However, much like "Youth of the Nation," it talks about how sad all of these occurrences are. But just like the chorus of 2 Pac's song... "That's the way it is."

The world of b-movies

BY DANIELLE COONTZ

Sick and tired of high budget movies with over-rated plots? Have you had it with "terrifying" movies that actually just put you to sleep? Want something a little campier and with a lot more cheese? Let me introduce you to the amusing world of b-movies or "bad movies." B-movies (made famous by drive-ins and networks like the sci-fi channel) have been around and prominent since the 50's. The plots usually contain things like monsters and aliens that are so unrealistic they've gone beyond the lines of scary and have become just plain senseless. Half the fun is making fun of what you're watching or watching someone else do it via *Mystery Science Theater 3000* on the sci-fi channel.

While some of these movies are meant to mock the sometimes taken all too seriously genre of science fiction and horror; the truly scary thing is others are genuinely meant to be taken seriously. Although the special effects are low budget and the plots are poorly constructed, the art designs, creativity and costumes are usually amazing. The creators of these movies put a passion into their work that isn't seen in most everything that comes out of Hollywood.

Teen slasher flicks and high priced special effects technology movies dominate the mainstream as far as a good scare is concerned. Under the surface lies a whole world of movies that look like they could have been made in your back yard, but that's what makes them so great. In fact, many acclaimed directors have come from backgrounds in low-budget movies such as Peter Jackson who went on to direct the *Lord of the Rings* trilogy.

If you want a good laugh and don't know where to look, there's a good chance that if a movie title has the word alien, monster, clown, or a word that doesn't even look like you could find it in the dictionary, it's going to be full of camp and entertainment.

Top ten reasons why I love Ed

BY TERESA HUZYAK



10. If you feel the need to polka, Ed will polka with you.
9. Ed dispenses free and random hugs.
8. Ed needs little reason to be really happy.
7. Ed says, "I love me because I'm me!"
6. It takes minimal effort to say "Ed!"
5. Ed has awesome hair.
4. Ed loves the color orange—who doesn't?!
3. Ed has a beautiful red truck!
2. Ed has a really cute dachshund named Dizzy.
1. I just do—like the Apple Jacks commercial!

Prom parade

BY SARINA MCELROY

Most students are not sad to hear that the prom parade is no longer mandatory, and some students even wonder why it ever was in the first place. This doesn't need to be a long drawn out article because more can be argued against mandatory prom parade than for it. Some students feel that all prom parade has turned into is simply a parade of social status in the school. Are you really proving anything to anyone by walking out on stage and basically saying, "Look who I am going to prom with." Along with the social status it also seems to be a contest of who can buy the most expensive, elaborate outfit. You're wearing a dress for one night, and for some students that is the only time they will wear it. What is the point in spending \$400 for this dress? Can you not have as much fun in a \$100 dress as you can in a \$400 dress? What about those students who possibly cannot afford to buy that beautiful \$400 dress? Why should they be paraded out in front of an audience in a parade that seems to have everything to do with social status? There are also those who are simply terrified of being in front of an audience. Again, why make them go through that?

Basically, why was prom parade even mandatory in the first place? Sure, parents like to see their children all dressed up for prom and everything... But that is why they take pictures at home and not force their children to parade up on stage; the school forces them to do that. And after all of this has been said, is prom parade even truly meaningful anymore? Was it ever meaningful?

Opinion

Words for the day

BY TERESA HUZYAK



"Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail," Ralph Waldo Emerson directed, and Laura Smith followed.

Laura Smith changes the quote or picture on her locker every day. Sometimes it says something about love, sometimes about gossip, and sometimes about being an individual – something she has no difficulty

doing. Other times it is scripture or the lyrics to a favorite song. Sometimes she uses things that she has written herself. The quotes are often typed in colorful lettering or accompanied by a picture. Some of the messages are for specific people, but usually any one who reads it can benefit from the words of the day. When I asked her permission to write about her locker, Laura had the following to say, "One of the reasons I did that is because I can change it every day. People aren't exactly the same each day." The message on her locker reflects her mood or attitude toward a different subject every day.

Creativity often manifests itself in interesting ways. The front of Laura Smith's locker is the best way I have seen lately. Not only can she express her opinion on something, but she can also let people know how she feels about a particular topic. Some of us write and some of us paint or draw. Laura Smith uses her locker as a bulletin board to let the school know what the topic for the day is. I doubt that every one sees the different quotes and pictures every day, but it is still a unique form of self-expression.



Respect: it works both ways

DANIELLE COONTZ

How many times have you been told to respect your elders? How many of those times have you wanted to know why it seems like those elders don't respect *you*. Lines of communication never seem to be clear between young and old. To the older generation, we are the disobedient youth and to us, they were never our age and will never understand what it's like.

Authority problems probably come with the territory of being part of a disenfranchised, youthful generation. But how could you respect a group of people who say we're the generation with decaying morals? We're the people who are going to cause the downfall of society. It's been said before and we'll probably say it to our kids. However, I doubt it's true.

Adults thought the kids were crazy when they grew their hair long like the Beatles. The Beatles wore suits on stage, but even so they were the rebels in their time. Today we have to worry about how close to naked Britney Spears is going to be and how many rock stars are going to lose the battle to drug addiction. Just remember that in twenty years we will seem tame, and our children will think we were dorks.

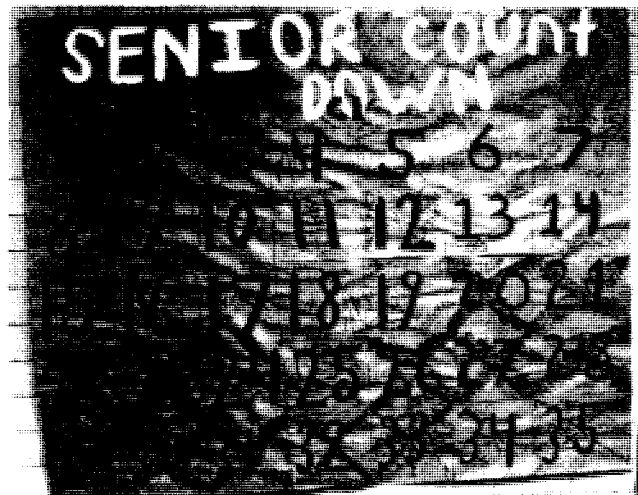
Teens are made out to be disrespectful, ungrateful and defiant, unless you look, act, and speak exactly as your elders did when they were your age. In most cases though, the way they remember acting has probably strayed from the truth of how they actually acted. The point is that it's always focused upon that the youth don't respect those who have been around longer, but maybe we would if we got the same kind of respect in return.

Opinions of the Month:

"Wise men talk because they have something to say. Fools talk because they have to say something." - Plato

"What lies before us and what lies beyond us is tiny compared to what lies within us"

- Oliver Wendell Holmes



Opportunities with the armed forces

By Glenn Peison

What would you do if someone came up to you and offered you fifty thousand G's? I had that question put to me and personally I couldn't find a use for that many letters. I was later informed by some of my hipper friends that G's is actually slang for thousands of dollars. Now, who in the world would offer you that much money? Two months ago in the March issue of the focus, my esteemed colleague and myself focused on the choices seniors have after they leave high school. For those of you who actually read the focus section that month, God bless you, you know that we focused mainly on the option of college. Well college is fine, but unless you're the type of kid with a phat ride with twenty inch rims and a breakfast nook, no offense to anyone who has a breakfast nook, then the route of college can be an expensive one. Tuition, books, and if you're staying on campus, room and board fees can boggle the mind. Sure maybe you can pick up a scholarship here and there for a couple thousand, but it's still not going to be easy. Most of us will have to take out student loans that we'll be paying back clear until some nice nurse is giving us a sponge bath. There are other options though. Maybe if studying in a dorm and paying out the nose doesn't exactly appeal to you, maybe rolling around in the mud with a rifle, and going to college for free does.

The armed ser-

vices are something that it seems like more and more students are taking advantage of. The marines army, navy and air force have a lot of advantages to offer today's teens. For those of you graduating seniors, the friendly people at our local army recruiter's office may have offered these advantages to you. I think that a lot of people have a lot of misconceptions about the army and marines. You probably have received one or more phone calls answering the phone to a tough, masculine voice who wants five minutes of your time. I found out that a lot of kids just as soon hang up not really caring. Some people hear the name army and simply toss the idea out of their heads. I unfortunately have to place my name on that list. However, I did decide to at least hear them out. Both the army and the marines invited me down to their office, and while I was there I found some interesting facts that I was not aware of. So I thought to myself maybe there are other kids that don't know about this stuff. I decided to share what I found out.

I walked into the army recruiter's office on a bright Friday afternoon and was greeted by Sergeant Sanders. He sat me down and explained a lot of things and answered a lot of questions. Sergeant Sanders first of all stressed to me the importance of education to the army. In fact it is a requirement that anyone joining the army must have a high school diploma. The army wants

strong people yes, but they don't want them to be dumb as a brick either. He showed me the possibilities of furthering your education while you are in the army. You can actually get a degree in whatever field you want in less time and for free. The army will more or less pay for your entire college education, and you will never step foot in a college. School in the army is done electronically. You can attend hundreds of colleges and even transfer credits from college to college. Sergeant Sanders pointed this out as a strong reason for many of the young recruits today who join. Also, while you are enlisted in the army you will be receiving a paycheck and earning credit hours for college. You actually get eight credit hours just for completing basic training.

Along with the educational perks come many other advantages. The travel is something that personally interested me the most. Driving to Boardman back and forth can be kind of fun but then again you'll never see elephants parading on the road - you get the idea. Sergeant Sanders has been to over thirty countries around the world. There are other financial perks that come along with the army as well: cheap medical care, your own special army store where only you and your army buddies can go for dirt cheap products. As you can see the army of today is very different than the army of years ago. It's not all put a gun in

your hand and beat you down until you're molded into a finely tuned killing machine. They take the skills you have and improve on them while giving you new skills and discipline. If this information has intrigued you, you can find out more about being an army of one at the recruiter's office next to BB Rooners.

I thanked Sergeant Sanders for his time, closed the door, and walked across the hall to the marines' office to talk to Sergeant Clear. I felt a little tension between the army and marines. When I went to the Marines Sargent for my first visit, weeks prior, Sergeant Smith offered me a free drink from Heggy's. Maybe if you tried hard enough you could get a pizza. The Marines, of course, are similar to the army, but they also have their differences. They offer the free education and other benefits that the army and all other armed services do. The Marines like the army have a lot of pride, honor, and commitment in what they do. However the marines do seem to have a little more air of pride about them. Part of this may be due to the fact that the Marines are not as easy as the Army is to get into.

In the army you are required to stay a minimum of two years, and after that you can receive something called an honorable discharge. This basically means you've done your duty, the army thanks

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you, and adios, unless you plan on making a permanent career out of it. In the marines an additional two years is tacked on. If you think about it, it is the same time you would be spending in college. Basic training if you join the marines will be fun. On top of everything that the army does you get to do something called the crucible. This is a seventy-two hour marathon of non-stop toiling through the elements and demonstration of skills under extreme conditions. Now the marines aren't just going to take you from their office and throw you into the gas chamber, they will make sure you are prepared for what lies ahead first. A program called Delayed entry prepares you for life as a Marine. They will work out with you on various skills a few times a week with other Marine hopefuls until you are seen as ready to go. Both branches of the military have a lot to offer and I suggest if you want to find out more stop by, or give them a call. The toll free number to the Marines is 877-2002-7355 and the army is 330-332-8802.

Be All That You Can Be

BY TODD HORNING

Since we are discussing the military this month in the focus section, I thought I would ask some of the senior students who are joining the military their reasons for joining and why they feel other people should make the same decision as they did.

Robert Dumovic (Air Force) – I want to fly, not wimpy little planes, but high performance fighter jets. I want to serve my country and defend the people who live in it. I only feel that other people should make this choice if they want to. It would be great if everyone felt they should serve, but it takes a special kind of person to do the things we do. I can't make someone choose this for him or herself, but those who do will be changed for the rest of their lives.

Chris Cox (Army) – I wanted to join the Army because I want to travel, serve my country, get new life experiences, and get money to go to college. It was a good choice for me because once I make it through basic training I can do anything. I think other people should make the choice because of the great sense of pride you feel when you swear in.

Cody Webb (Navy) – I want to see the world, learn a trade, and get paid for it. I think it's a great opportunity for everyone to serve their country one way or the other.

Steven Gagnon (Navy) - I feel it will better my life and I've awlays dream of flying. I think other people should make the same chocie because it shows your love for you country.

ROTC

BY TODD HORNING

Struggling to find a way to pay for college? Looking for a few extra bucks a month? Want to make your parents proud? If you answered yes to any of these questions, then the ROTC is the answer for you.

The ROTC (Reserve Officers Training Corps) is a program that over 1000 universities and colleges provide across the country. The program consists of the student taking special military classes as electives of his or her schedule. These classes involve in-class and out-of-class work, which will prepare them for becoming an officer. The program lasts for four years, but the first two years are like a free trial. If you decide that you do not want to continue to serve in the branch that you chose, you may drop out with no obligation, unless you're in the program on a four year scholarship.

The ROTC also provides scholarships to students based on merit. The scholarships are mainly awarded based on your high school ACT/SAT scores, extracurricular activities, and a personal interview. The scholarships differ between services, but all of them offer four-year scholarships which cover full tuition, books, fees, and a monthly tax-free stipend. Three, two, and one-year scholarships are also available.

Four of the military services offer the ROTC programs:

Army: Over 575 colleges and universities offer the Army ROTC. At the time of graduation, the student graduates a Second Lieutenant. The Army ROTC offers four-year scholarships, but there are other options, which students can ask about.

Air Force: Around 300 colleges across country offer the Air Force ROTC program. Students also graduate Second Lieutenant from this program. The AFROTC also offers four-year scholarships, and also has options students can ask about.

Navy/Marine Corps: Over 130 colleges and universities offer these programs. Students graduating from the Navy ROTC graduate an Ensign and students graduating from the Marine Corps ROTC graduate Second Lieutenant. The NROTC offers four-year and two year scholarships.

If you are interested in more detailed information about the ROTC programs, then I recommend visiting this site: http://www.todaysmilitary.com/chart_mil_rotc.html. They offer basic info on ROTC programs and provide links to the separate ROTC sites.

Entertainment

The fascinating lives of celebrities

BY RENEE SCHAEFER



★ A recent episode of MTV's *The Osbournes* drew 7.8 million viewers, a record for the largest audience watching a cable series, almost equaling the numbers of MTV's music award shows.

★ The courts ruled that wild child Courtney Love does not have to undergo a psychiatric exam as requested by Dave Grohl and Krist Novoselic of Nirvana fame. Yes, they are still fighting over the rights to the band's music.



★ *Celebrity Boxing* champ and shamed figure skater Tonya Harding pleaded innocent to drunk driving charges two days after putting her pickup in a ditch in Washington. Already serving a two-year probation for assaulting a former boyfriend, she now faces a probation-violation charge that could put her in the slammer. This girl has issues.



★ Grunge singer Layne Staley of Alice in Chains fame was found dead in Seattle's University District last month. Heroin paraphernalia was found near the body, police reported. As it had been lying there for two weeks, the body was so decomposed it took a full day to identify.

★ Supermodel Elizabeth Hurley has been taken to court to determine the paternity of her month old baby boy. Steve Bing, former boyfriend of Hurley, is anxious to clear his name. He's gone as far as to declare that he and Hurley were never in an "exclusive relationship." What's the point in all this?



★ R&B star R. Kelly has already been in the news for the surfacing of a tape of "lewd" acts between him and an underage girl. Now, Sparkle, a protégé of Kelly, has told an LA radio station that the girl in the video is her niece who was fourteen years old at the time of filming. R. Kelly denies that the tape is real. Imagine that.

Source: www.eonline.com

Sum 41: Definitely NOT a casualty of society

BY MEAGAN BROWN

Punk rock is making its way through the music world with a powerful mosh-pit-like shove. Bands like Blink 182, Unwritten Law, Green Day, Sugarcult, Jimmy Eat World, and New Found Glory are starting to gain more attention than before. Blue hair, tattoos, and piercings are slowly taking over and proving people wrong about punk music. Way back in the Green Day *Dookie* days, punk got a kick-start for the 90's. Now, it's making another appearance and hopefully it will pick up a little more.

Sum 41 didn't exactly burst onto the scene in 2000, but their single "Makes No Difference" helped get them noticed in the punk scene. Although

their album *Half Hour of Power* wasn't given the attention it deserved, their second try, *All Killer No Filler* is what they owe their fame to. This album has produced their most widely known singles, including "Fat Lip," "In Too Deep," and "Motivation." The guys of the band all played in different bands in high school but decided to join forces in 1996. Canadians Deryck Whibley (Bizzy D) handles vocals and guitar, Dave Baksh (Brown Sound) also handles vocals and guitar, Steve Jocz (Stevo 32) on the drums and Cone McCaslin (Cone) on the bass make up Sum 41. They are currently on tour with Goldfinger and Autopilot Off.

It's been a busy

year for the group. Touring can be very stressful along with the boom of fame hitting them. Some hardcore fans are turning their backs on the group, calling them frauds and sell-outs. Why? Well, that's because of a little TV show known as TRL. The group's videos have been in heavy rotation on the countdown recently and some fans find that offending because of all of the other groups that appear on TRL like 'N Sync, Backstreet Boys, Britney Spears and others. And maybe they're right. Sum 41 doesn't exactly fit into the same category as the above artists. They've come a long way to get where they are. But you have to realize that Sum 41 isn't in control of TRL.

They don't put their videos on the show themselves. The fans do that. And that just means that their music is pulling in the pop, rap, rock, hip-hop and of course the punk fans. So everyone should be happy for them that their popularity is rising and yes, that IS a good thing! Be happy for them! If you happened to miss the show on April 24th, then I'm afraid you might have to wait awhile to see them again. But keep your eyes open and I'm sure they'll come around again. Until then, check out Sugarcult's *Bouncing Off The Walls* and Autopilot Off's new music for some good punk rock that you'll like if you love Sum 41.

Entertainment

Guess who: lead singer match-up

BY MEAGAN BROWN

No band is a true band without a front-man or front-woman. The lead singer is almost always the main focus of any band, whether they like it or not. And, of course, there is always some tension between the lead singer and the band members because they aren't getting as much attention as the others. Below is a quiz. Use the clues to figure out the lead singer of each famous band. Answers appear below.

1. Everything is *blurry* and he can't *control* you.
2. He never leaves without his famous red Yankees hat.
3. This *creep* occasionally enjoys performing in drag.
4. *When it's over*, this person is the master of VH1's Rock 'N Roll Jeopardy.
5. This headbanger got to battle "The Scorpion King" in his band's latest video.
6. **WARNING:** This guy's band will be touring with Blink 182 this summer.
7. *The chemicals between* this person and Gwen Stefani are boiling hot.
8. This *freak on a leash* loves his veggies.
9. This person is a half-brother to number 8.
10. Carson Daly of TRL fame calls this guy half-brother.
11. *What if* this crooner was still homeless?
12. This singer can easily be recognized by his hair – it sticks straight up.
13. He's easily recognized by his green, blue, and orange flame tattoos on both of his wrists.
14. This Christian rocker feels so *alive*.
15. This singer is *all killer no filler* on stage.

- A. Mark McGrath of Sugar Ray
- B. Wes Scantlin of Puddle Of Mudd
- C. Stephen Jenkins of Third Eye Blind
- D. Sonny Sandoval of P.O.D.
- E. Scott Stapp of Creed
- F. Gavin Rossdale of Bush
- G. Sully Erna of Godsmack
- H. Mark Chavez of Adema
- I. Wayne Static of Static X
- J. Scott Weiland of Stone Temple Pilots
- K. Bizzy D. of Sum 41
- L. Chester Bennington of Linkin Park
- M. Billy Joe Armstrong of Green Day
- N. Jon Davis of KoRn
- O. Fred Durst of Limp Bizkit



Lyric of the month

BY MEAGAN BROWN

"It's kinda hard to keep your head afloat when the rain won't stop and your face is soaked. But I'm alright, alright."
Unwritten Law – "Elva"

Answers to lead singer:
1. B 2. O 3. J 4. A 5. G
6. M 7. F 8. N 9. H 10. C
11. E 12. I 13. L 14. D
15. K

Senior class songs: can I graduate?

BY RENEE SCHAEFER

Oh yes, the inevitable has come: the wondering of what this year's senior class graduation song is going to be. While sometimes the songs are blatantly obvious (think "Friends Forever (The Graduation Song)" by Vitamin C), other years it's not (last year's "I hope you dance"). There are those songs that remain immortal like "Good Riddance (Time of your Life)" by Green Day. Nevertheless you can guarantee that it will be overlaid by June, and you will just pull your hair out every time you hear it. Or, you could just change the station. Your pick.

Anyway, my point

is this. While graduation songs are great for when you're reminiscing at forty-five years old, they will undoubtedly include a few of the following points:

•Declare how you're going to be leaving:
Examples:

"No more hanging out cause we're on a different track"-Vitamin C

"I'm gonna be gone for good again"-Eve 6 "Here's to the Night"

•Tell you how they wish you had the time of your life:

"I hope you had the time of your life"-Green Day (haha imagine that)

•Wish you the best of luck:

Sorry, can't fit the entire "I hope you dance" song in here

•State the desire to remain: "Can't I stay an hour or two or more" Eve 6

There's a bunch more points one could add to this list, but the recurring themes are getting a tad bit old. Go with Third Eye Blind's "Graduate" which screams "Can I graduate/ Can I look in faces that I meet/ Can I get my punk @&! off the street/ Won't die on the vine/ I want to knock it all down." Declaring the desire to better yourself is so much more original than dwelling on the past.

Sports

Salem sports headlines

BY AMANDA PRICE

Sporting News (from 4/20-5/2)

Varsity Baseball

The varsity baseball team is continuing their season with a positive attitude. With a record of 3-16, the team continues to work hard and show great effort in wanting to improve their skills as individuals and as a team. The team has continued their action with games against West Branch on April 20 with scores of (3-10 lost) and (5-18 lost), April 23 against Struthers (5-12 lost), Alliance on April 24 (13-16 lost), East Liverpool on April 26 (12-14 lost), Poland on April 27 (3-8 lost), and Alliance on May 1 (2-10 lost).

Varsity Softball

The varsity softball team is also working very hard to enhance their skills. The girls' record is 2-14. The girls competed in a tournament at United on April 20 and played against United and East Canton. The girls lost to United with a score of 3-4 and beat East Canton with a score of 7-6. In regular season action, the girls are continuing to struggle. They have played games against Howland on April 22 (1-9 lost), Niles on April 26 (0-3 lost), Warren Harding on April 29 (1-2 lost), Beaver Local on May 1 (0-5 lost), and Canfield on May 2 (6-20 lost).

Track

Both the boys' and girls' track teams are continuing to show true dedication and love for the sport. The teams hosted and competed in the Columbiana County track meet on April 23 and 24. The boys placed second out of eleven teams with 97 points, and the girls placed fourth out of eleven teams with 53 points. The boys and girls both competed in the East Palestine Relays on April 26, the boys placed 2 out of 17 teams with 62 points, and the girls placed 5 out of 16 teams with 42 points, they have also competed against Canfield on April 30. The girls lost 43-85, and the boys won 82-41.

JV Boys Baseball

The junior varsity baseball team has been working hard and continuing their season. They have met some tough teams along the way, but they continue to play with true dedication.

JV Girls Softball

The junior varsity softball team has a really rough season going. The first few of their games were canceled due to bad weather and poor conditions of the fields. The team has been practicing hard to hopefully bring home a win for the Quakers.

Boys Tennis

The tennis team has had a very rough season so far. Their current record is 0-5. The boys are keeping a positive attitude, however, and are continuing to practice hard to better enhance their skills. There have been double and single team wins, but no team wins. The wins in the doubles are a team of Mike Bailey and Cody Webb, and a team of Corey Welsh and Nate Mullens. Nate also recorded a win for his single match.

Coach of the month



Coach Navarro- Softball

Q: When did you start coaching?

A: I started coaching football in the autumn of 1990. I have eight years of coaching experience at the

varsity level. However, this is my first year as a softball coach

Q: How long have you coached?

A: This is my first year.

Q: Where did you first start coaching?

A: I first started in Salem

Q: Have you ever coached any other sports?

A: I have coached football.

Q: Why did you begin coaching?

A: Coaching, like teaching, has always been something that I am passionate about. Nothing else feeds my soul the way coaching and teaching does.

Q: What is your most memorable coaching moment?

A: The entire experience, thus far, as a first year softball coach has been memorable. The girls have been terrific and they have a great future ahead of them.

Sports

Senior athletes of the month

Q-How long have you played this sport?

A-13 years

Q-What's your most memorable moment?

A-My most memorable moment would have been my junior year against East Liverpool when I leaped the fence and caught the ball.

Q-Who do you admire most? Why?

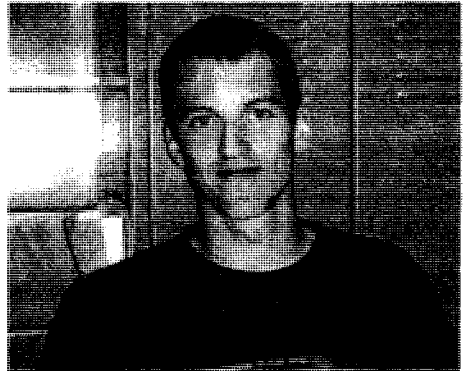
A-My dad and my grandpa; they are great competitors, intelligent, and love sports.

Q-Why do you play this sport?

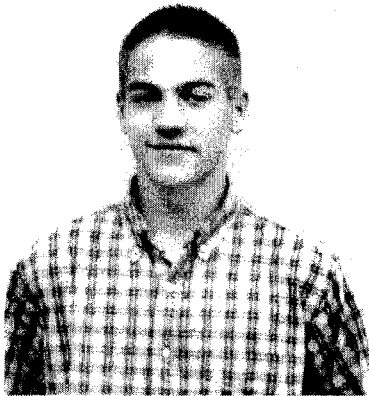
A-Baseball is a very mental sport and you have to be thinking on every play. I also love the excitement and intensity of the game.

Q-How does it feel to be a senior leader?

A- It feels great, you only get to do it once in your life, and I am enjoying it.



Jason Paster- Baseball



Mike McDermott- Track

Q-How long have you played this sport?

A- I have ran track for 6 years. (7-12 grade)

Q-What's your most memorable moment?

A- Right now, I'd say this years County Meet. Ask me again after Districts as we head to the Regional meet (4 x 800m relay)

Q-Who do you admire most? Why?

A- I admire all the upperclassmen that go out for track each year, even if they aren't good enough to run in the Invationals with the "big boys". It adds well to the character of the team.

Q-Why do you play this sport?

A- I run track because its very difficult and takes a lot of self-discipline to be good, I like to make fun of Neider, track keeps me in shape for my fall sport (Marching Band), and there is a NICE bunch of freshman girls.

Q-How does it feel to be a senior leader?

A- Really great. We have an awesome boys track team this year and a lot of tough competition as well. There is a lot of depth which makes it what it is, a team. I will definitely remember this season for years to come.



Cody Webb- Tennis

Q-How long have you played this sport?

A- I've been playing for two years.

Q-What's your most memorable moment?

A- When I hit a kid with the ball at the East Liverpool.

Q-Who do you admire most? Why?

A- I admire my dad, because he taught me almost everything I know.

Q-Why do you play this sport?

A- I play it because it is fun.

Q-How does it feel to be a senior leader?

A- It feels good!

Candid Quakers

