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Tiffanie Heestand and Abby Markovich, seniors on girls' basketball team

Rotary 4-Way Speech Contest

BY LIZ TUSSEY

On February 21 the Rotary 4-Way Speech Contest was held at Salem High School. The seven students participating were Lauren Teal, Josh Mathis, Mike Bowlin, Melissa McKinley, Chris Frank, Brandon Fitch, and Jeff Cowan. Winners were as follows: Melissa McKinley, third place; Jeff Cowan, second place; and Chris Frank, first place. Chris will now move on to the district competition, which will be held on March 16 at the Holiday Inn in Youngstown. All of the students worked very hard in preparing their speeches, which included arriving at school at seven o'clock to practice.

The Rotary 4-Way Test is endorsed by the Rotary Club and requires students to write and memorize an essay and then present it to a panel of judges. The speech can be on any topic but must include answers to the Rotary's four questions: "Is it the TRUTH?";

"Is it FAIR to ALL concerned?"; "Will it build GOODWILL and Better Friendships?"; and "Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?" Each speech was approximately six minutes long. The top three finishers will be honored at the Rotary Club meeting at the Memorial Building on Tuesday, March 4 with the following prizes: third place-\$125; second place-\$250; and first place-\$500.

Chris was understandably happy about winning, saying, "I really wanted to win this year, being that I got second place last year and especially since this is my senior year. I am really looking forward to the District competition, and I hope to represent Salem High School well. I want to thank Mr. Viencek for helping all of us and especially me to prepare for the competition. I have a feeling that I will do well at Districts, but all I can do for now is hope and pray."



ictured above: (back) Josh Mathis, Chris Frank, Brandon Fitch, Jeff Cowan, Mike Bowlin; (seated) Melissa McKinley, and Lauren Teal

Girls' basketball team captures MAC championship

BY CHRIS FRANK

The Salem Lady Quakers varsity basketball team earned the MAC championship title for the first time since 1996-97. After a stellar season that produced a 17-3 record overall and an 8-2 record in the MAC, the team was ranked 20th in the state of Ohio. The team accomplished a lot in the regular season, including their most winning season since 1996-97. The seventeen wins tied for the second highest win total ever by a Salem girls' varsity basketball team, second only to the nineteen wins by the '93-'94 squad. Surprisingly, the team accomplished so much with only two seniors on the team, meaning that they had to rely heavily on underclassmen to get to where they are. The team was very balanced and got contributions from all players. Seniors Tiffanie Heestand and Abby Markovich anchored one of the toughest defenses in the area. They were led in scoring by Allyson Cotter (12.7 PPG), Sarah Hamilton (11.3 PPG), and Lauren Teal (10.4 PPG).

The team recently began the road to state with a 46-35 win over Youngstown Liberty for the

sectional title. This is the girls' seventh straight sectional title and their thirteenth opening-round win in the past fourteen years. The win improves their record to 18-3. The win didn't come easy for the Quakers who played a very talented Liberty squad that ended its year 13-8. Alyson Cotter paced the Quakers with fifteen points including three three-point field goals. Sarah Hamilton added eleven points and Lauren Teal contributed ten points, eight of which came in the second half. Although the final score shows an eleven-point victory for the Quakers, it wasn't that way the whole game. Liberty jumped ahead 25-19 midway through the third quarter before Salem went on an 11-1 run to go ahead for good. Defensive specialists Tiffanie Heestand and Vanessa Kelly shut down Liberty's star player, 1,000-point scorer Jessica White, holding her to only eleven points. Next up for the Quakers is Youngstown Mooney, who defeated Youngstown Rayen after the Salem-Liberty game. The Quakers defeated Mooney 47-26 on se-

nior night, February 12. Their next tournament game will be Thursday, February 27, at six o'clock at Austintown Fitch High School.

Regarding the season to date, senior Abby Markovich said, "It has been a great season so far. One of our goals before the season was to win the MAC, and we achieved that goal. Everyone on the team is dedicated and hard working." Fellow senior Tiffanie Heestand added, "So far we have done well. Achieving our goal of winning the MAC was a great accomplishment. Our next goal is yet to come in tournaments." Junior Alyson Cotter also spoke about the team saying, "The best is yet to come with the tournament being here now. We worked hard and achieved one of our main goals (winning the MAC). Next in line hopefully is a district championship." Lauren Teal also said, "I think that we met expectations. We wanted to win the MAC and we did that, and we want to win the district championship and we have a chance at that. We really put a lot of hard work into the season and it all paid off."

New student teacher

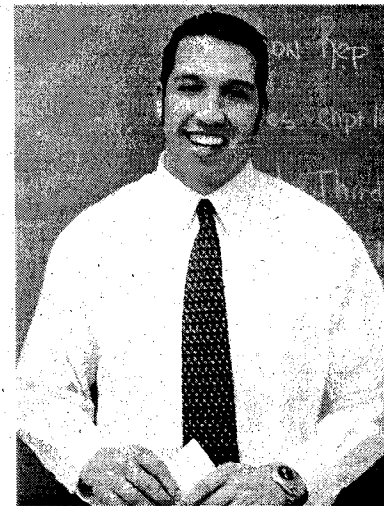
BY BETHANY BILLHAM

Mr. Campbell, the newest student teacher at SHS, is currently observing Mr. Spack's history of government classes. He observes on Tuesdays and Thursdays and actually started teaching the students on February 18.

Mr. Campbell has been attending Mount Union College in Alliance for four years. He is also a member of the Mount Union football team, his position being defensive end. The Purple Raiders have been three time National Champions in the last four years.

Mr. Campbell chose to go into education because it provided him the opportunity to make a difference in people's lives. Many great teachers have impacted his decision to become an educator. When in high school Mr. Campbell's favorite subjects were history and English.

He is also a huge sports fan enjoying all sports including football, baseball, and basketball. Mr. Campbell also aspires to have a coaching career; he assists the Mount Union football staff in recruiting and off season training.



Mr. Campbell, new student teacher in Mr. Spack's history of government classes

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News

New York, New York

BY BETHANY BILLHAM
and LIZ TUSSEY

Every two years the SHS band embarks on a class trip. In the past decade the band has alternated trips between New York City and Disney World. Both trips are not without a purpose. In Disney World the band marches in a parade that travels down Main Street in The Magical Kingdom, and the band is then given a rating by a panel of judges. In New York City the stakes are a little higher. The SHS band will be one of many to march along in the St. Patrick's Day Parade. Unlike the situation in Florida, the band will be competing against other bands, being judged by correct marching style and uniformity. The parade will take place on Monday, March 17, which will also mark the band's last day in New York City.

The "Pride of Salem" leaves on March 13 at approximately 8:30 PM. Band members will travel through the night and arrive in New York on Friday, March 14 at about 7:30 AM. This year's trip to New York has a very exciting itinerary. The band students will have three days to explore the many attractions of New York City. The first day the band will go to the Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts to see the New York Philharmonic Orchestra. Later that day the activities will include lunch at the Hard Rock Café and shopping. The other sights on the trip will include a cruise to the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island and a variety of tours which will explore such areas as Wall Street, Old Fort, Battery Park, Trinity Church, a trip into Chinatown and little Italy. The Empire State Building and a visit to the NBC studios are also part of the tour package. The last stop will be a trip to Ground Zero. The night before the parade the band will be treated to a banquet dinner in the hotel and then a dance party with DJ Dance.

The next morning band members will check out of their rooms and prepare for the parade. The band will begin on Fifth Avenue and continue through the four mile parade route. The Cardinal of New York will be present on the steps of St. Patrick's Cathedral for the parade, and the entire march will be televised. After the parade is over, the band will board buses back to Ohio in an eight-hour drive.

Don't call it quits just yet

BY JON BUCKOSKI

The end is in sight, only a few more months before they set the diploma in your hands and you can step off the graduation stage feeling independent, but some seniors are already feeling the early onset of senioritis and the senior slump.

Don't think that senioritis is prejudice; it will hit almost everyone during some stage of their high school career regardless of their sex or intelligence level. One may notice the sudden onset of lethargy while staring at the walls during class day dreaming of what you'll do that night or what time the game starts while the teacher drones on about things you feel are useless at this stage of the game.

During these times you may get caught up in the awkwardness of days where you may decide to feign illness for a few extra hours of sleep or that day just happens to fall on the day of your big government or calculus test. Although this thought may feel tempting remember that if one wishes to dismiss some of those final exams, absences do count. There also are the nights when homework is the last thing on your mind as you feel like the end is so close you can skip through unscathed, or what can they do I'm almost finished and out the door. When these times hit, the realization that these last few months of school will carry weight when GPA's are calculated, final college grades are submitted and scholarship awards are being handed out will seem inconsequential.

If you have the idea that you can quit just because you are already accepted to your perfect college with a substantial scholarship and you can ride out the last few months and not worry, think again. Don't think that the college you applied to and accepted you can't turn around and reject you if you call it quits during the last semester, and if they decide to keep you enrolled for next fall they may

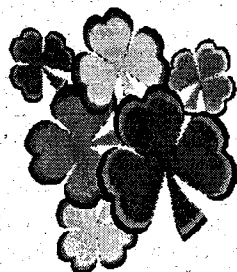
cut your scholarship money or decide you must take remedial courses which will ultimately cost you or your parent's money in the end. According to Mary Beth Marklein of *USA Today*, "College officials reason that a floundering first year college student often turns out to have been a slacking high school senior." So keep in mind that although the idea may seem attractive now with the decision to slack off and coast through the last few months, you may begin to feel the pinch next year when your college asks you to study hard, pay up, or get out.

To help alleviate some of the stresses that come on near the end of the year here are some suggestions that may help with the thought research papers ahead and any lose ends teachers may want to heap on you. Keeping yourself afloat during the last few months may be taxing, but by beginning to budget your time better throughout the school week you will put less stress on yourself towards the end. Try and keep yourself on task, and don't step into the pitfalls of waiting until the last few days to hand in a stack of bibliography cards for your research paper or that three page report you were given three weeks ago. Begin to set up a plan on your deadlines and stick to them, trying to move forward rather than getting bogged down when it comes time for things to be completed. If you put yourself in a somewhat balanced state and don't let your social life begin to detract from getting your schoolwork done, you will be more prepared when college begins next fall and you feel ready to get back into the routine as yet again a freshman.

So remember that the easiest way to end the year may be to slack off and take a break but the best and smartest idea is to keep looking ahead and chugging along as the finish line is just around the corner.

Bulletin Board

March 1	Mardi Gras Dance
March 3-7	Proficiency testing
March 7	Schedules due back to counselors
March 10-13	Proficiency make-ups
March 17	St. Patrick's Day
March 17-18	Ohio Graduation test (reading and math) 10 th grade
March 19-20	Ohio Graduation test make-ups
March 21	End of first nine weeks



Clubs and Classes

German club had a Karnival pizza party after school in room 210 on Wednesday, February 26. On Friday, March 7 they are going bowling at the Hunt Club Lanes in Salem.

Spanish club held its monthly meeting in the library at 7:20 am on February 13. On March 13 there is a 7:20 am meeting in the library.

Interact club has the RYLA (Rotary Youth Assembly) coming up on February 28. On March 2nd members will work as baggage handlers 3:00-3:30pm at Timberlanes.

Key Club held elections for new club officers on Wednesday, February 5. The new officers are president, Bethany Billham; vice president, Aaron Berger; secretary, Erica Davis; treasurer, Jason Stewart; and sergeant at arms, Carla Gbur. Advisor for Key club is Mr. Stratton. They recently completed a sales campaign for "Best West Branch" T-shirts.

The French Club participated in its annual sale of carnations for Valentines Day. Red, white, and pink carnations were distributed to students on Thursday, February 13.

Several students from Miss Yereb's art classes were winners in the Scholastic art show. Their work will go on to New York City for national judging. Winning honors were Britney Dermota, Allison Boron, Christian Montford, and Gabby Folger

Members of student council under the direction of Mr. Spack attended a leadership clinic in Canton on Tuesday, February 25.



Coach Phillips and Lee Rouson sharing a moment

Who are you?

BY BETHANY BILLHAM

Everyone is faced with an important decision in their lives, a decision that will impact how they live for the rest of their lives. That question is- who are you?

Knowing who you are is crucial in a world when destructive decisions are made every day. In things as trivial as what you are going to do on Friday night, and big decisions like where do you want to go to college, or what are you going to do for the rest of your life.

Lee Rouson, a former NFL player, presented this information to the SHS student body on Thursday,

February 20, 2003. The Fellowship of Christian Athletes funded the program. He has spoken at numerous area schools such as Sebring and West Branch.

Mr. Rouson spoke of his interesting childhood, having a father who was a body guard for Malcolm X and being forced to leave New York because of it. He talked about the later decisions in his life such as choosing the college where he was going to play football. He continuously stressed that knowing who he was would have aided him in that kind of decision.

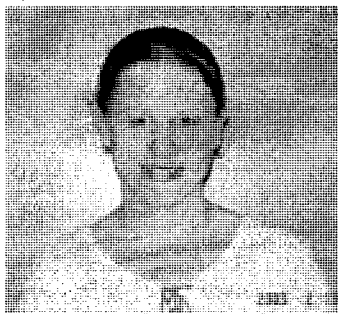
War of the Words

BY SEMIRA CHOWDHURY

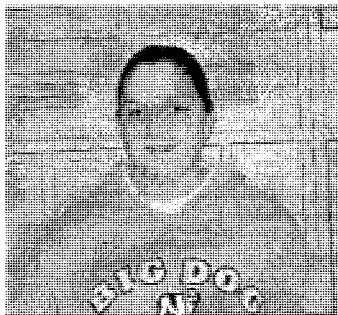
What do you think is a good way to improve school dances?"



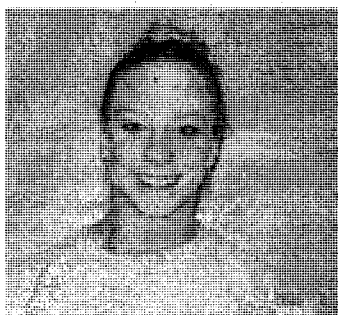
Annie Jewell (12) - "Our school dances need to have more people involved. Plus allowing upperclassmen to prom would be a huge improvement."



Carl (11) - "I think the prices could be lower so more people could go and enjoy themselves."



Stephanie Lambert (9) - "To improve our dances they should be open to more people from other schools."



Sarah Hamilton (10) - "To improve our dances I think the decorations should be nicer and the dances be more organized and remove the stereotype that goes along with dances."

Shall we dance?

BY SEMIRA CHOWDHURY

There is a new dance this year in March. Key Club is sponsoring it because they need to raise money for the annual Callahan assembly. The dance theme is Mardi Gras, and it will be held in the cafeteria on March 1, 2003. The cost for the dance will be three dollars per person and each couple is five dollars. Music will be provided by Jeremiah Javens. There will be mardi gras beads as door prizes.

Since the subject of dances is at hand, one might ask why haven't dances gone well this year? From what I have heard homecoming was one of the most successful dances of the year and Sadie Hawkins was another. In comparing the two, the homecoming dance seems to have been the best. White Christmas's attendance was lower this year compared to last year. Unfortunately, the winter homecoming dance was, as usual, pretty bad. Of course, prom and freshman formal are two of the bigger formal dances, that's because everyone waits until they are upperclassmen and always looks forward to going to prom.

What's happening to the dancing atmosphere in SHS? Why aren't people going to dances anymore as they used to? I asked a few people and here is what they said. Henry Loudon (10) and Bruce Moffett (11) said, "The reason why we think people do not attend the high school dances, because they don't have good DJ's and we should have more out of school dances at nicer places." Junior Bethany Billham also had a comment to make about dances saying, "The school dances get old really fast, they are boring and we have too many. So, people go to the big dances such as fall homecoming and prom."

Are not dances for having a good time with one's date or friends? It's a time for the school to be reunited and have some fun. It is also a great time to dance to music and bring in money for the clubs here at SHS. Dances are also for showing off that hot date or a pretty dress. Well, for the guys I don't think they are going to be showing off their dresses or dates, but they might be showing off their great dancing moves or the move of just standing there saying they can't dance. You can eat out before going to the dance or like White Christmas just eat there and then go have a great night of dancing!

Teen driving at SHS: Issues for improvement

A letter to the editor

BY JIM DOMBROSKI

Dear Salem High Students,

As a senior I feel it is my duty to inform kids at our school that we need to be much more cautious on the roads. We've had a few tragic driving related incidents this year. Coping with tragedy is very difficult; we can avoid this process. We can all relate to these accidents along with the near misses in our own lives. We need to take direct action against these issues. Not speeding excessively, wearing seatbelts, not driving under the influence, and being a good judge of whom you ride with are all great ways to be more cautious on the roads.

Most teen drivers speed much too frequently. The Salem News is littered weekly with reports of teen drivers going 10-15, and occasionally 20+ mph over the speed limit. This has been and will continue to be very harmful to us. I have never been in a situation where my life has depended on me getting to

an event 3-5 minutes earlier. Any sane coach or parent will understand if this is used as an excuse.

Seatbelts save lives. Why don't kids wear them? I don't know. In a collision, the front passenger side occupant has a 45% less chance of death if they wear a seatbelt. The rumors that seatbelts don't help you are false. Nine times out of ten a seatbelt helps substantially. Being drug across rough pavement doesn't float anyone's boat.

It's no surprise kids here at Salem High drink. Kids won't give up alcohol, but they should give up drinking and driving. Don't make two mistakes at once. If you're going to drink, don't drive, and if you're going to drive, don't drink. Over 17,000 people died and over half a million people were injured in 2001 as a result of drunk driving. If you don't care for the sake of yourself, at least care for the other innocent people on the road and don't drink and drive.

Many accidents each year have nothing to do with the previous three problems. Many are caused by carelessness and ignorance in the automobile. Many accidents are not just one driver's fault. Many collisions can be avoided if one or the other was paying more attention and more alert of their surroundings. Cell phones and CD's are sometimes blamed for these problems, but we also need to look at who our passengers are and their actions in our vehicles.

I hope we as a student body can work to resolve these issues at Salem High School.



Promises not meant to be broken

BY CASSIE NYKTAS

It is highly likely that if you are a student here at SHS you have heard of TACT. TACT or Teens Against Chemical Taking is a club that involves just that - seniors who are taking a public stand against using chemicals.

As a TACT member you must promise to "abstain from using alcohol, tobacco and/or drugs before, during, and after any and all of the activities undertaken by TACT." Wait a minute. What happens if a student gets trashed before and still comes? Are violators reprimanded? Is the TACT promise truly being taken seriously?

It has already been established that to become a member of TACT you must be a senior and must abstain from chemical taking, but included in that TACT promise is another promise that is seems to be overlooked. It states, "As a member of the group, I realize the responsibility to act in a respectable manner while at group activities as well as to be a good example at all times." But in reality one really only has to be "a good example" during the twenty-four hour period of time a TACT event will take place, and to some members only during the party itself. An anonymous TACT member states, "Directly after a few of the functions I'd go and get drunk." However, "I'm not speaking for ev-

eryone" the member quickly states. TACT events are usually held on weekends when it is more likely that other parties involving alcohol or any other chemicals might occur. This is in hope that seniors will attend the TACT party. Belonging to TACT gives the chance of helping seniors to have fun without the aid of chemicals, and for this reason it is beneficial. But "it's beneficial while you're there, but it doesn't change you. You still get drunk afterwards," says one TACT member.

Years ago TACT was still taken more seriously. It was a goal and there was pride between students who could state that they were a member of TACT and were chemical free. The members of TACT used to visit Salem elementary schools to promote TACT and drug awareness. Those members of the club were setting good examples for the younger children in the community. Perhaps they were aware that an adolescent may look up to them. Drug awareness is obviously not a new thing at SHS. There have always been clubs, speakers, and information available for interested students.

This brings up the subject of the SADD organization. Mention of this organization may be new to some students. SADD or Stu-

dents Against Destructive Decisions was open to any student who was willing to take a stand against destructive decisions, i.e. alcohol, drugs, smoking, sex, etc. But unlike TACT, the students involved were also promoting these goals in one way or the other. In the past, SADD members would dress up as the grim reaper and "kill" students who have either been "killed" by drunk drivers or "killed" themselves by drinking and driving. But SADD is no longer a club here at SHS, and there is no definitive reason why, although this may be due to the fact that there is no advisor willing to commit to it at this time.

On a more positive note, it needs to be acknowledged that not every member of TACT uses alcohol, tobacco, and/or drugs within the twenty-four hour time frame in which a party is held or even at all. It is safe to say that certain members have never even come within twenty feet of chemical substances let alone use them. The idea and motives behind TACT are highly commendable, but unless students involved take the commitment seriously it is nothing but a senior's only club that serves no real purpose.

Feature

Role model

BY JON BUCKOSKI

You may not know it or you may not want to admit it, but grade school kids look up to us as high school students whether you are captain of the basketball team, valedictorian, member of the band or just have a nice disposition. Grade school kids see us as what they want to be and look at our achievements and attitudes toward school and life as "I want to be like them someday," or "One day that will be me."

They say the greatest form of flattery a person can bestow on another is imitation. To imitate or idealize a person is to learn from that person all types of traits which are hopefully beneficial. Life, on that note, is basically a game of imitation: just as we looked up to people during our adolescence a child looking up to a high school student is able to have a little guidance which helps them see what they want to do as they grow older and gives them a sense of responsibility.

It's hard to tell where character and a person's moral attributes come from, whether they are programmed in our genes or whether we acquire our views from our parents and others whom we looked up to as we were maturing. Being looked upon as a role model takes great courage and responsibility. Those who are younger and impressionable may take your every action into account. Often times these attitudes will greatly influence others. Those looking up to a role model see that person as someone who is special, someone who means something, and someone who has done something constructive with themselves. To them this is a person who has set themselves apart from the crowd and holds him or herself slightly higher than the rest and keeps themselves in sync with their personal principles and values.

We have all looked up to or envied someone in our lives, whether they are fellow classmates, figures on television, or older kids around us as we grew. Our society is based on looking up to others for guidance and understanding. This is why a high school student can be extremely important and influential in a younger child's life. Grade school children see us as what they are going to be and the ideas we present to them influence their perception of what it is like to be in high school which can change their ideas in return. If all a younger person sees from a high school student is partying and laziness then they will inherently feel that when they get to

high school they will be able to party every night and never get anything done. On the other hand if they grow up seeing an older sibling or just an older friend exhibit exceptional leadership and academic qualities they will understand what is expected of them as they progress and the responsibilities they will have. These are the core reasons behind why high school students must understand their responsibilities and how they affect the attitudes of others they may not even know but who personally look up to them and respect them.

It may be hard to imagine that a grade school student could look up to anyone like a high school student. These present times provide a wealth of high paid, high style athletes, singers and movie stars who are also in role model positions. However, grade school students do take our attitudes and opinions to heart and try to be like us in many ways. When Miss Mary Beth Shivers' classes at Southeast Elementary were asked what they thought of role models, they had a wide variety of answers as to what they perceived a high school role model to be. Their characteristics of what they look upon as role model traits in a high school student haven't changed much since we were kids. Adolescents still look up to those who are nice to them. They admire high school students who are helpful and respect what they (elementary students) think. It is important that they not be looked down upon as inferior. They have witnessed some of the pitfalls that high school students have fallen into, and they mentioned specifically drinking, smoking, and drugs. The biggest turn off they mentioned is when they see someone they look up to being either mean to them in general or just being cruel to someone else. Here are a few of their answers to a questionnaire they recently received regarding their perceptions of high school role models.

"They get good grades, respect their elders, and are good in sports."

"They act like they're better than everyone else and they think they can boss younger kids around."

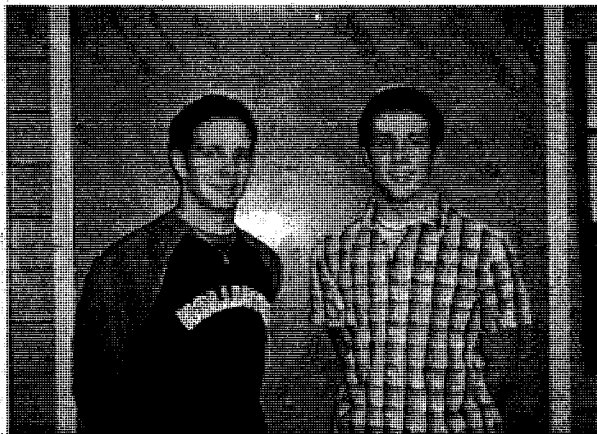
"I look up to them because they are kind, loving, and care for me."

"What makes me look up to these people is that they get good grades and are always nice."

"She tells me that I can do

Double trouble at SHS

BY RACHEL FINK



Mark and Steve Jeckavitch



Jen and Jessica Carl

While sitting at your desk during the first day of school, you look to the left and then to the right to discover that your eyes are playing tricks on you. The same person is sitting in both seats beside you! How did they have time to get up and run to the other side and sit down without you noticing? After going through this a few times, you decide you are officially crazy, right? Wrong! What you are witnessing is not your mind playing jokes, it's a natural phenomenon called twins. SHS is the proud home to four sets of twins including, freshmen Steve and Mark Jeckavitch, sophomores Sara and Jessica Hamilton, juniors Jeremy and Zack Malloy, and juniors Jen and Jessica Carl.

Mark and Steven Jeckavitch are fifteen years old and were born identical twins on June 14 with Steve being older by a "whopping 4 minutes"! Always competing in the same activities together, they are involved in football, basketball, student council, and choir. In their younger years they always had to dress alike, but now that they are older it doesn't bother them. Just like other siblings, these two are always fighting over

clothes, who showers first in the morning, and whose turn it is to drive to school. They have never had a "twin experience" like feeling pain when the other is hurt, but every once in a while they will say the same thing at the exact same time. When they were born their mother couldn't tell them apart so she adopted the idea of painting a mark on their toenail to tell them apart!

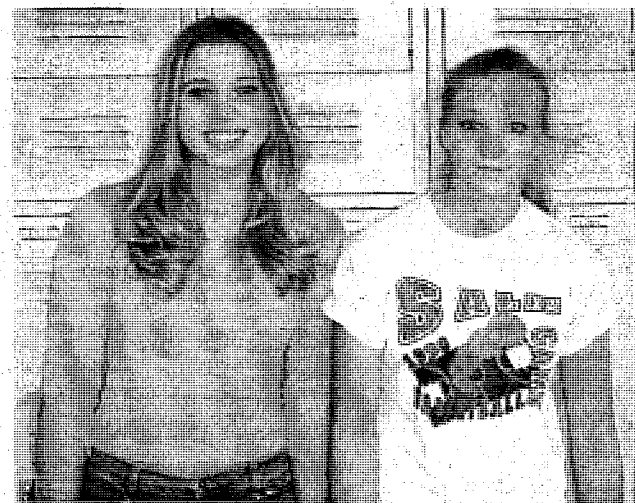
Sarah and Jessica Hamilton, sixteen years old, were born on October 16. Sarah is one minute older, and they are fraternal twins. As for their activities, they are both involved in basketball. However, in other sporting activities, Jessica has taken to playing soccer while Sarah enjoys the challenge of the volleyball court. They like being twins most of the time because it has its "benefits." They shared the fact that clothing is a big issue. They also added that, "We tend to be very competitive with each other which ends in brawls." Many times they know what the other is thinking and finish each other's sentences.

Zack and Jeremy were born on May 17 and are seventeen years old. Zack is one minute older, and they are fraternal twins (mean-

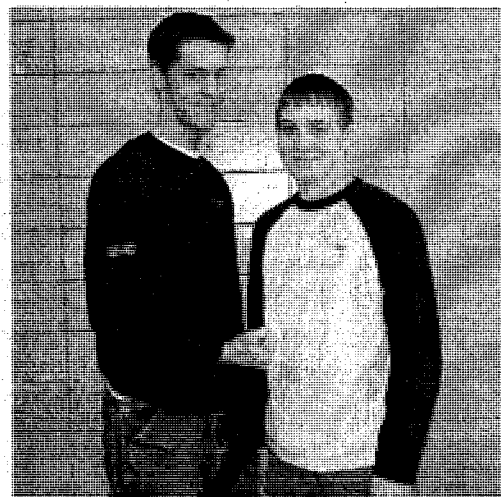
ing they don't have the exact same traits). They both share a love of sports and are active in soccer. Like many siblings, "they fight constantly." An interesting fact they shared is that when they were little they actually had the same dreams!

Jen and Jessica Carl are also seventeen years old and have a one minute difference with Jen being the older sister. They were born on August 21 and are fraternal twins. The Carl twins are each involved in their own separate activities. Jessica runs track for SHS. When asked if they enjoy being twins, they stated, "Sometimes we enjoy it. But then sometimes we don't." When they were younger they were placed on heart monitors and one night while sleeping Jen's went off and they both had to be rushed to the hospital. Believe it or not, their own parents can't even tell them apart in their baby pictures!

Being a twin has its ups and downs, but in the end they are just like you and me except with more clothes! Whether they fight or they laugh, they have each other to grow up with and be close to. So, is it double trouble or double fun? You be the one to decide.



Sarah and Jessica Hamilton



Jeremy and Zack Malloy

Feature

Poets' Corner

Tears

A single tear escapes the eye
that chooses to peer into
fury and hate.
A tear that is crimson with pain
it can only come from a
ember heart.
The humble wetness of this first
ar
will only pave a path for
e many others
that will unexpectedly
flow.
Love can ever penetrate the
ardened exterior
of a heart so black and
ll of evil.

By Cassie Nyktas

Perception

He is not who you think she is.
He has something to hide.
Her fragrance smells sweet
but it holds the poison
on which she thrives.
He is not who you think she is.
He is all low.
Discontent.
Naïve.
He is not who you think she is.
He is only who you see.

By Cassie Nyktas

Solitude

It is a product of living virtue,
shy,
timid,
and understanding.
It is not totally understood even
by myself.
I am careful
of those I seem to meet,
while barring myself from ever-
getting very close.
I am myself,
my only companion,
wading through hard times,
which seem to be ever more
frequent
pushing away others,
care only to converse...
alone.
Solitude,
my only escape from
the constant chattering
of the outside world.
It is here thinking
at me...
can mean only one.

By Jon Buckoski

Role model- continued from page 4

great things if I just do
my best."

You may think you aren't
a good role model because you
don't play sports and aren't in the
band and are just an average stu-
dent, but you still are looked up to
as a role model by those younger
than you. If you're just a nice per-
son and are willing to set aside
some time to listen to younger kids
they will respect you and possi-
bly want to be like you. Here are
some responses to a questionnaire
handed out during Mrs. Dye's jun-
ior English classes regarding what
some juniors thought about them-
selves as role models to grade
school kids.

"I think of myself as a
role model to grade school stu-
dents because my eight year old
cousin watches all of my games
and I know I'm a role model to
him."

"As a player on the vol-
leyball team and member in the
plays and choir, I think younger
students are watching me."

"Sometimes when I am
trying my hardest I feel that I am
a good role model, but on school
students, including myself, are
role models because we have to
set an example whether it is in
sports, or academics, etc. I think

too often we forget this and don't
use our best judgment and behav-
ior around grade school students."

"Probably not a role
model, but maybe someone whom
they think is fun."

"I try to set a good ex-
ample for a role model, but I'm not
sure if anyone thinks of me as that."

"I'm in big brothers and
big sisters and we kind of have to
be role models to the little kids that
we get paired with. Also, I have a
little sister who is seven so I have
to be a role model to her since I'm
older."

"Many kids look up to us
as a whole group, but not individu-
ally."

"Although many students
don't know you by name they see
you in school, in town, or even at
work. How you conduct yourself in
these places is important because
younger kids see you. They see
older kids and want to be just like
them."

We are not perfect, and we
may not act appropriately one hun-
dred percent of the time. However,
we need to remember that others are
out there watching us when we are
doing something worthwhile and
saying to themselves, "I wish that
were me."

Iraq: The next Vietnam

BY LIZ TUSSEY

The beginning of the 21st
century has already brought with it
some of the most trying years for
America. From the fall of the
economy, to corporate greed corrod-
ing the infrastructure of American
business, to the worst terrorist at-
tack in this nation's history, it seems
that every time something has come
to an end, another crisis presents
itself.

It seemed that the dust of
9/11 had just settled when President
Bush began talks of overthrowing
Saddam Hussein. These plans were
made without any hostility from Iraq.

We have yet to completely
settle the "war" in Afghanistan.
Osama Bin Ladin is still in hiding
somewhere in the Middle East, and
our troops are still waging war
against the remaining members of
Al-Queda. Despite that, George W.
Bush has decided to begin war talks
against not one nation, but two.

Iraq and North Korea I do

believe present threats to the United
States, and eventually they must be
dealt with. However, attacking now
may only make things much worse,
and this may end more violently and
tragically than if our nation had
waited until we had tangible evi-
dence of an immediate threat. Now,
we have very few allies, and America
is starting to look like the corporate,
oil-hungry bully that many nations
have already labeled it as.

I don't think that it is wise
that we have a leader that has no
military service. George Bush did
not serve in Vietnam. While the Gulf
War was going on, he was busy
managing the baseball team his fa-
ther bought for him. A man who has
never seen combat is leading us into
what could develop into a world war.

I will continue to love my
country and support the troops that
go to fight for our safety; however,
I will not accept any justification of
this war.

Proposal on Student Expression

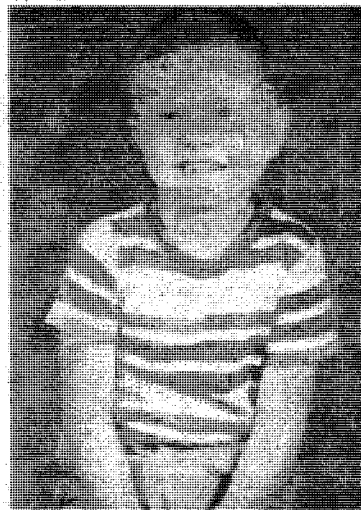
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The Quaker staff encourages input from our readers in the
form of stories, essays, letters, etc.

Then and Now

BY LIZ TUSSEY



Does this face look familiar?

This teacher has had many memo-
rable moments while working at
SHS. Among them are winning the
teacher of the year award, seeing
his daughter graduate, and seeing
the basketball team win seventeen
games in a row.

This teacher does not use steroids,
and, contrary to popular belief, he
is older than Mr. Trough.

He went to college in Minnesota
for his undergraduate degree, and
then attended the University of
Miami for his graduate degree.

This teacher graduated from Urbana High School in Urbana, Ohio.
He has been teaching at SHS for twenty-nine years.

He enjoys playing basketball, collecting sports cards, and reading good
books.

His favorite movies are *Saving Private Ryan*, *Blackhawk Down*, and any
John Wayne movie.

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Things to Ponder

BY BETHANY BILLHAM

This month "Things to
Ponder" will be giving everyone a
lesson in the native tongue of the
leprechaun. Saint Patrick's Day is
approaching - Monday, March 17
to be exact. So, have a Happy Saint
Patties Day!

Lá Fhéile Pádraig (LAW
AY-luh PAW-rihg) = St. Patrick's
Day

Beannachtá na Féile Pádraig oraibh!
(BAN-uhkh-tee nuh FAY-luh PAW-
rihg O-rihv) = Happy St. Patrick's
Day to You All!

Éire go Brách (AY-ruh guh
BRAWKH) = Ireland Forever!

Sláinte is táinte! (SLAWN-chuh iss
TAWN-chuh) = Health and wealth!

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Dawson's Creek: A Requiem

BY LIZ TUSSEY

"I don't wanna wait, for our lives to be over...Doo doo do..." Ah, yes. The familiar strains of that Paula Cole song have been summoning twelve to eighteen year old girls to the television set for almost five years now. *Dawson's Creek* kick started a new era in teen sitcoms. However, this long running WB series takes its final bow this spring.

Since January of 1998, the entangled dramas of Dawson, Joey, Pacey, and Jen have been fascinating the youth of America. Dawson's Creek emerged at a time when long running teen dramas such as *Beverly Hills 90210* and *Saved by the Bell* were really showing their age, and many attempts to revive the teen sitcom were resulting in poorly written and short running series. Then out of the dust, *Scream* writer Kevin Williamson single handedly saved the good, old-fashioned teen melodrama. He based the characters and setting upon his experiences in his hometown of Dawson's Creek, North Carolina, hence the name of the series. The original characters were Spielberg obsessed Dawson Leery, Joey "the girl from the wrong side of the creek" Potter, Pacey Witter the troublemaker, and Jen Lindely, the mysterious new girl in town.

The first two seasons were written by Kevin Williamson, who later left the show to begin a new series that later flopped. The first

two seasons saw the kids from Capeside deal with problems ranging from consuming crushes to incarcerated fathers. The cornerstone of the series was the ongoing attraction between Dawson and Joey. New characters came into the show in the second season, giving the episodes more to cover other than just the constant bantering between Dawson and Joey. This series dealt with the many social issues that young people face during the tumultuous years of high school.

Dawson's Creek was one of the first believable teen dramas. In series of the past, such as *Saved by the Bell*, the episodes chronicled the hair-brained schemes of the stereotyped jock/cheerleader/nerd characters. Even when these shows dealt with problems they were often trite and sometimes even patronizing. *Dawson's Creek* was actually able to handle real teen issues and still have its share of humor and originality.

This spring when Dawson takes one last stand in that row boat, all of us who have grown up adoring Dawson and his friends, who have associated with the trials and tribulations of life in high school, will be losing a very dear friend. *Dawson's Creek* gave us a taste of high school and teen life before we got there and will always hold the nostalgia of growing up.

Word on the street

BY DANIELLE COONTZ

Words like Shibuya, Harajuku, kogals, kawaii, and Visual Kei probably fly right over most peoples' heads. But those paying close attention to the world of fashion design might recognize them as terms used when talking about Japanese street fashion. Western clothing has only been favored among most in Japan for fifty years, making it a wonder teenagers in Japan have not only caught up to but surpassed the trendsetters of our own culture. Shoichi Aoki has been documenting the changes and evolutions in Street Fashion, the heart of trendsetting itself, for several years in the magazine *FRUITS*.

If you tread the streets of the Shibuya and Harajuku districts in Tokyo, Japan you might be surprised to find that not all are the conformist, business person stereotype their country has been stamped with. On Sundays these streets are often found invaded by funky boutiques, stands, and shops that sell outrageous clothing rarely found other places in the world. And the number one customers are teenagers looking for means of expression after a long pressuring week of studying and academics. While some use the unique fashion as a form of expression, others are purely rebelling against the "necessary evil" of their school uniforms and

parental pressures to succeed academically.

Many of the styles represented here are cybernetic fashion, thrift store finds, and bright colors as well as other subculture-oriented trends that have formed entirely within the culture. The porcelain doll-like Gothic Lolita style is well represented among Japanese teens with petticoats, lace, and crinolines. Others draw from or copy entirely the fashion statements of their rock and pop idols. Vinyl, PVC, and six inch platform boots help make a combination of gothic, cyber, and glam fashion that fuse together to form a concept called Visual Kei. Terms such as *kawaii* (cute) and *kogals* (schoolgirl) are often associated with youthful, bright, pink, and girly clothing.

A lot of the "street" look relies on the art of layering clothes and adding funky child-like accessories. However, this doesn't mean brands such as Barcode, Baby the stars shine bright, Super Lovers, Milk, Takuya Angel, 20471120, Ohya and Christopher Nemeth aren't definitely favored among frequenters of the scene.

While the trends mainly rely on Western clothing and have American and European designers to thank for encouragement to make the transition to "modern" clothes



The art of layering clothes is well represented in street fashion

at all, most styles combine some traditional elements of Japanese dress such as kimonos, geta sandals, and obi sashes. But they often add Western touches with non-traditional fabrics, fits, hair, or makeup. The kids involved in the scene are often few and far between, but gathering in large numbers on Sunday afternoons stirs curiosity and annoyance in their elders. It's hard to deny that it takes courage to dress in such a way, and it certainly isn't for everyone, but one would be hard pressed to deny the fascination sparked by their curious and original style.

Pop and Rock music with a worldly flavor

BY DANIELLE COONTZ

In a music world full of pop divas, garage band rock, and rappers where does one go when they're sick of what they hear every day on the radio? The answer might just lie in the east. For some, music sounds much better in a different language. Fans of Japanese Rock and Japanese Pop (commonly called J-Rock and J-Pop) all seem to agree that the sound, visual presentation, and emotional quality of the Japanese counterparts to our Pop and Rock music scenes win out.

From outrageously dressed rock-influenced bands and solo artists such as Pierrot, Malice Mizer, Gackt, Dir En Grey, GLAY, and X-Japan to the bubbly pop or R&B sounds of Ayumi Hamasaki, Mai Yamane, Utada Hikaru, Hitomi, BoA, and Do As Infinity, there is definitely something for everyone.

Many fans of Japanese music are sucked in through theme songs and soundtracks to their favorite anime shows and RPG videogames. The most critically acclaimed and respected among them, Yoko Kanno, is well known for her work on *Cowboy Bebop*, *Escaflowne*, and *Wolf's Rain*. Her work spans every genre and type of music imaginable and brings an element of eloquence to every project she works on.

Even the fans that can't speak more than a



J-Pop sensation Utada Hikaru



Shinya of Dir En Grey

few words of Japanese will tell you, you don't need to understand the lyrics to understand the emotions behind them. And that is something a lot of American corporate music lacks; emotion and sincerity.

If all else in the music business seems to be disappointing, consider trying something of what seems like a different world. Music is timeless, ageless, and languageless. It can speak to any person anywhere in the world. Connections can be made and break barriers of any kind, regardless of who the listener is, as long as they're willing to saturate the emotions.

"On Broadway"

BY CASSIE NYKTAS

Things are changing here at SHS. For instance, instead of our annual spring musical, the choir department has decided to perform a musical review. What is so different about a review anyway? A review presents the audience with a taste of many different musicals. The musicals that will be showcased in the review, appropriately titled "On Broadway," include such musicals as *Hello Dolly*, *West Side Story*, *Bye Bye Birdie*, *Chicago*, *My Fair Lady*, *Fiddler on the Roof* as well as many other classics. It will be directed by Candace Cleland and Mrs. Jeckavitch, who is "looking forward to a great production." There will be a total of eleven musical productions represented throughout the review.

Although the idea of a review instead of the ever-popular annual spring musical was a foreign concept, there is a reason for the change in custom. As a review is primarily focused on singing rather than the acting aspect, it allows the

students to better showcase their vocal abilities. Since this type of format focuses more around a particular song in a certain musical there is the opportunity for many more solos. A few of the solo performers will be SHS students Jared Mason, Kyle Schrom, Spencer Cleland, B.J. Flannigan, and Lauren Brobeck.

As always there will be plenty of dancing. Each song will be staged just as if it were the original show itself using props and costumes (although the backdrop and scenery will be minimal.) Since there will be eleven different segments there will be many costume changes that will keep the costume designer busy. It will certainly be keeping the attention of the audience, as the stage activity will be changing throughout the performance.

"On Broadway" will debut on Friday, April 11 at 8:00 PM. A performance will also be held on Saturday, April 12 at the same time. General admission will cost \$5.00 per person.

Two wrestlers to represent Salem High School at state tournament

BY CHRIS FRANK

Sophomore **Sonn Hostetter** will be representing Salem High School at the state wrestling tournament thanks to a fourth-place finish in the 119-lb weight class at the division II district competition at Akron Firestone High School on February 21-22. Sonn had to battle back from a loss on Friday

to keep his hopes of going to state alive. The top four in each weight class make the trip to Columbus. Senior **Gary Colian** (171) finished fifth in his weight class and will be an alternate at state. Senior **Josh Burke** (215) finished sixth in his class. Junior **Bill Borelli** (125) and Senior **Jason Mullins** (130) also had great showings. Freshman **Mike**

Manypenny also represented Salem in the 112-lb weight class.

The trip to state caps off a spectacular season for Sonn. Just one week before the district tournament, Sonn was declared sectional champ after defeating **Steve Hilliard** of West Branch in thirty-seven seconds. **Gary Colian** was also declared

sectional champ after scoring an 8-0 decision over **Joe Knopic**. About the season, **Mike Manypenny** said, "Thanks to coach, I achieved a lot more than I thought I ever could have." **Gary Colian** summed up his tremendous season by saying, "My senior year was great. I made new friends with the underclassmen and I thought it was really successful

and a huge turn around from last year. We had three places at districts and two of those will go to state, which is great for the program. Next year the team should be good, as long as the guys that are coming back work hard. I wish them good luck; hopefully they can send a few more to the state competition."

Boys' basketball season comes to abrupt end

BY CHRIS FRANK

The Salem High School boys' basketball season came to an end on Monday, February 24 in the first round of tournaments at Boardman High School, the result of a 67-60 loss to Girard. A bad second half cost the team the game, which was the case for most of the season. With only two seniors playing, the team was at a disadvantage when it came to experience. The majority of the team was juniors, of which only two of them had significant varsity playing time. The team played well in many other games and had a shot to win at least three or four more games, but the wins will come with time. Their final record was 4-17. For those who have not noticed, the boys' basketball program is in a rebuilding state, a stage that has lasted a few years and may take a few more years. As with any level of sports, the team goes through certain stages, and

although the wins are not piling up and the team is not being ranked in state or anywhere, the team is getting better. The team ended their regular season on Friday, February 21 with an emotional 67-55 victory over arch-rival West Branch. For seniors **Derek Frederick**, **Andy Miller**, and **Matt Mowery**, it would be their last game ever in **John Cabas Gymnasium**. The three seniors were recognized before the game as part of their senior night. Although the season did not go as well as the team would have liked, the win gave the team something to build on for the future. As **Matt Mowery** said, "The season did not go so well; but we ended on a high note, beating our arch-rival. Despite the disappointing record, we made improvement, and I feel that we went out on top, and that's something I'll never forget." **Tyler Pierce** said about the season, "I

think that it was a good experience for the younger players that had an opportunity to play. I think that the seniors and older player handled it well and really helped us out and taught us a lot about the game. They also taught us what to expect about the season. I think that we didn't play as well as we could have, but the West Branch game brought out our true form and showed what we can really do. Hopefully it will be a turning point for the future. I think we had a great team this year and I think next year we will get it done." **Joe Smith** added, "I would say that we improved from last year. Next year we should be good. The West Branch game was sweet, especially because it gave the seniors something they will always remember."

In other news, the JV team finished 4-16 and the freshmen team finished 6-12.

Season finale dedicated to Ronda Williams

BY CHRIS FRANK

It is not very often that someone gets a night dedicated to them. On Friday, February 21 the Salem Quakers faced rival West Branch on our senior night. It was a great night for the seniors, the team, and the fans. The place was packed, and the team responded by winning 67-55. With all of the great things going on; there is one thing that might be remembered long after the final buzzer sounded and long after the seniors are gone.

It was a special night in other regards. It was a night dedicated to Salem High School junior **Ronda Williams**. The athletic boosters raised money in the 50/50 drawing, the program sales, and also through contributions, for **Ronda**. The final figures have not come in yet because there are still donations coming in, but as of right now the dollar figure is somewhere around \$2,000. **Ken Walters**, the president of the athletic boosters, said, "The night was a huge success. I wish to thank Salem's students and school organizations for their contribu-

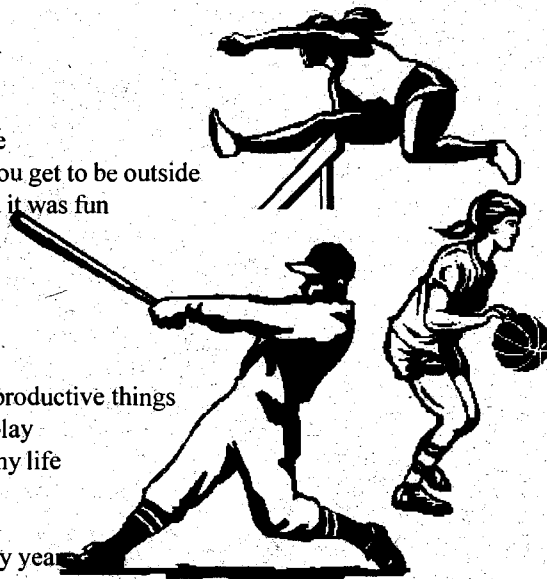
tions. They showed great compassion for a fellow student in need. Our community and businesses also showed tremendous support. A special thanks goes out to the people of West Branch, who stepped right up for our cause and our community. More important than the funds that were raised was the emotional support given by everyone. It was a huge moral boost for **Ronda** and her family. Finally, thanks to **Ronda**. Because of her, we all had the privilege of experiencing the true meaning of Quaker Pride."

The night really showed a lot about the people from Salem, as well as the people from West Branch. When people are giving ten, twenty, even fifty dollars just for a program, it shows that they really care. I think it is really great to see the community come together the way they did, and it is nice to see our neighbors in West Branch give as well. Everyone who was there and was a part of the night should be proud that they were. I know I am.

?? Question of the Month ??

It's that time of year again. It is the time when the snow starts to melt (maybe not in Salem but somewhere), the birds start chirping again, and people start busting out the shorts and t-shirts. It's also one of every baseball fan's favorite times of the year. That's right, it's almost springtime. Within the next few weeks, the major league baseball season will begin, as will other sports such as track and softball. With that in mind, I asked various members of our school body what his or her favorite spring sport is and why.

- Sami Gano and Kelly Ventresco (10)**-Track because it's fun
- Alex Barnett (11)**-Track because Coach Parks is awesome
- Tom Spack (10)**-Golf because it is a mental game
- Aaron Berger (10)**-Baseball because it is America's pastime
- Jud Smith (12)**-Climbing because it is good exercise and you get to be outside
- Ryan Hack (11)**-Tennis because I played my frosh year and it was fun
- Donald Brackin (9)**-Baseball because I am good at it
- Kayla Dean (9)**-Arena football because it is fast-paced
- Dierdre Clary (9)**-Track because I really like to run
- Julie Cappuzzello (9)**-Track because it is fun
- Jacob Horning (10)**-Soccer because I played it for six years
- Jenn Chester (10)**-Track because it keeps me busy doing productive things
- Wendy Shoaff (9)**-Basketball because it is a good sport to play
- Patti Fitzpatrick (9)**-Cheerleading because I've done it all my life
- Chris Eakin (9)**-Snowboarding because it is fast-action
- Becky Ade (12)**-Baseball because it's fun to watch
- Michael Smith (9)**-Football because it is a sport I play every year
- Breanna Yorty (9)**-Track because it is active and I like to run
- Timmy Colian (9)**-Baseball because it's something I've played for a long time
- David Woods (11)**-Spring snowboarding because I'm just trying to put the finishing touches on the season
- Darren Weingart (12)**-Track because it lets you enjoy the outdoors and you get to hang out with friends



MAC champs again!!

BY CHRIS FRANK

The girls' JV basketball team finished their regular season 17-3 and MAC champs. It was another successful season for the girls' basketball program, including a combined 51-8 regular season record for the freshmen, JV, and varsity team. That record ranks as one of the best ever.

The freshman girls recently won the MAC-TAC tournament by one point over Canfield, 32-31. **Amanda Thorne** was outstanding with 18 points. This comes after a thrilling 44-40 double-overtime victory over Poland in the sectional final. The girls finished their spectacular season with a record of sev-

enteen wins to only two losses. Team members include **Sarah Ravelli**, **Kimberly Kenst**, **Amanda Thorne**, **Laci Meals**, **Charity Montford**, **Pattie Fitzpatrick**, and **Niki Gbur**. They are coached by **Mr. Windram**. Freshman **Sarah Ravelli** said of the team, "We really had a great season. All of us really came together as a team. There were only seven of us, so we had to rely a great deal on each other if we wanted to succeed." Teammate **Amanda Thorne** added, "We really did have a good season. It was a little rough with just seven girls, but we played well as a team."

Congratulations!

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