

# The Quaker

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## Boys' and Girls' Staters

BY JONATHAN BUCKOSKI

This year's future leaders from SHS will be heading off this June to the American Legion Buckeye Boys' and Girls' State programs for an intensive weeklong state government learning experience.

This year's delegates to Boys' State will be Sean Morrissey and Travis Swiger. Buckeye Boys' State will be held at Bowling Green University from June 14 until June 22. Buckeye Boys' State includes over fourteen hundred boys from Ohio. The program features a week of activities which include mock elections, mock cities, and assemblies designed to simulate government conventions and caucuses. Cities will be built completely out of cardboard and masking tape as delegates perform the duties of the small cities they are broken into.

Girls' State delegates selected to meet at Ashland University this June 15 until June 21 will be Jillian Barry, Lauren Brobeck, Alyson Cotter, Megan Goll, Ashlee Thorne, and alternates Holli Frederick and Kelli McLaughlin. Girls' State includes over eight hundred girls from Ohio joining to learn about Ohio government. Like Boys' State the girls are broken down into cities and their time spent at Ashland

University will be divided between elections, construction of the city and also interaction in a mock, real life environment. The Girls' State program is sponsored by the American Legion Auxillary, which, sponsors each girl attending.

Delegates for these programs are chosen on the basis of overall leadership, extra curricular activities, grades, and character. Delegates must go through an interview process at the American Legion Post 56 in Salem. They will also have the opportunity to ride in the Memorial Day parade after which they will give speeches from historic documents such as the Gettysburg Address. After completing the programs in June, delegates will receive a gold lapel pin and a certificate which will show their completion of Boys' and Girls' State. They will also be enrolled in the American Legion Buckeye Boy's and Girls' State alumni association which has such notable people as Neil Armstrong in its ranks.

These programs are designed to give delegates a sense of national pride and also a better understanding of how the entire government process functions on a daily basis.



Pictured above (left to right) are Girls' State alternates Holli Frederick and Kelli McLaughlin along with delegates Megan Goll, Alyson Cotter, Ashlee Thorne, Jillian Barry, and Lauren Brobeck



Pictured above are Boys' State delegates Travis Swiger and Sean Morrissey

## Monster Garage

BY JONATHAN BUCKOSKI

The machine trades class may have a "monster task" ahead of them in terms of finishing their chopper by graduation. However, with the help of Jim Morrison, who was recently featured on the show *Monster Garage*, they now have some tips that will get them closer to completion of their Honda motorcycle.

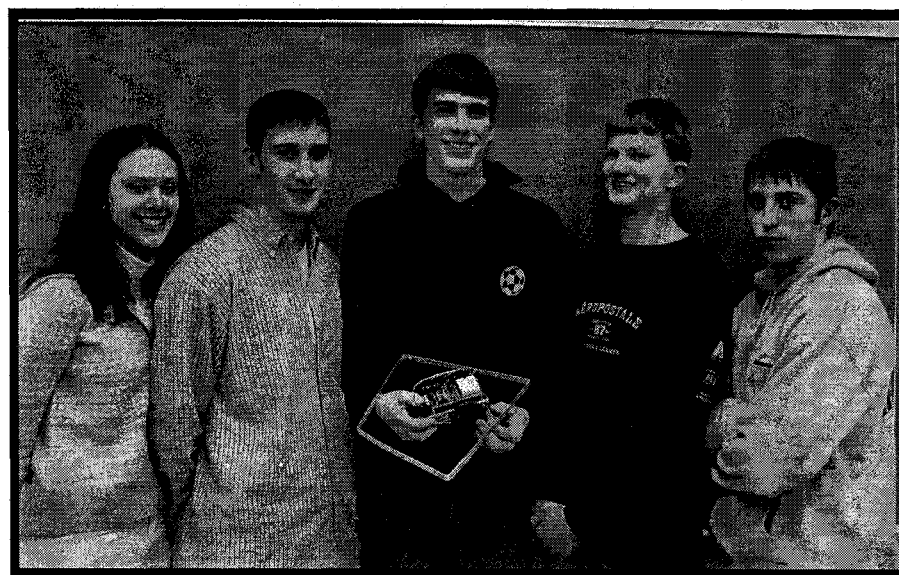
Morrison, a resident of Salem, was featured on the hit Discovery Channel show *Monster Garage* with motorcycle builder Jesse James of West Coast Choppers based in California. As an employee of the research and development team of four wheel drive hardware in Columbiana, Jim Morrison began his building career with current Salem machine trades teacher Mr. Matt Peters. Jim was part of the build crew which consisted of a team of skilled craftsmen who assemble the project which included turning a suburban SUV into a wedding chapel in less than seven days. He was selected for the show after using the online chat rooms and was eventually picked to be on the show for his building skills.

Mr. Peters invited Jim to discuss with the class his roll on the show and many of the behind-the-scenes events that go into making a television show. Jim also gave the class some tips on the progress of their chopper project, which has now made its home down in the machine trades wing. He also encouraged the class to send the details of their project and a picture of the bike to *Monster Garage* and to Jesse James at West Coast Choppers.



## SHS students attend Northeast Ohio Robotics Competition

Five Salem High School students participated in the Northeast Ohio Robotics Competition at Youngstown State University on Wednesday, March 12. There were forty-four teams from Cleveland, Akron, Claymont, Youngstown, and surrounding areas. Stephen Hodgson, Andrew Baker, Curt Howells, Michelle Bush, and Joe Shivers built and programmed a robot that was based on a parallax Inc. Stamp microcontroller chip. The competition was based on scoring in five areas: two events where the robot preformed specific tasks, a multimedia presentation given by Stephen and Andrew, a technical journal, and the design of the robot.



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## Spanish students take a trip to Mexico

BY RACHEL FINK

Many people here at SHS came back to school complaining about how boring their spring break was, but for ten high school students that just wasn't the case. Molly Bauman, Ashlee Thorne, Amanda Thorne, Michelle Bush, Kim, Travis, blank, went on a trip to Mexico with Spanish teachers Senorita Waugh, and Senora Hudson. Along with these ten, six students from Illinois, twenty-nine students from Iowa, and thirteen students from Michigan, joined them.

For the trip to be possible, parents, grandparents, and the students helped fund the trip for these ten. To get to wonderful Mexico, the students traveled on a plane for about three hours! While there, they

traveled to Mexico City, Taxeco, and Acapulco, and stayed in three different hotels. In Mexico City they went to floating gardens, and pyramids of the sun and moon. They went to the Church of Santa Prisa, and the silver capitol of the world while in Taxeco. Acapulco seemed to be every ones favorite! There they went to the beach and went on a cruise of the bay.

Many activities were planned including, banana boating, jet skiing, swimming with dolphins, Spanish dancing, and climbing the pyramids. So, as you can see they all had a lot to do and a lot of fun doing it! Many of them said that if you ever get a chance like this to take it!

## Bulletin Board

- April 26- High school barbershop concert in auditorium
- April 28- High school community concert (7-10:30)
- May 2- Prom
- May 3- Freshman formal
- May 5- Spring band concert
- May 9- Senior citizens prom
- May 11- Mothers Day
- May 13- High school elementary school band concert
- May 17- Armed Forces Day
- May 18- Spring choir concert
- May 19- High school awards banquet
- May 23- Calahan luncheon
- May 20- 3 on 3 tournament
- May 26- Memorial Day
- May 27- Senior picnic



The annual National Honor Society induction ceremony was held in the school library at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 20. Twenty-seven new members were inducted in a candlelight ceremony led by NHS officers. The chamber choir, under the direction of Mrs. Jeckavitch, opened with the National Anthem and provided another musical selection as well. Opening remarks were given by Dr. David Brobeck, the guest speaker was Mr. Ken Kenst, Salem School Board president, and Mr. Scott Beatty completed the evening with his closing remarks. Mrs. Nan Wilson, NHS advisor, presented the seniors with their tassels for graduation and also spoke briefly. Refreshments were served to members and guests following the ceremony.

## Ohio District Key Club Convention

BY BETHANY BILLHAM

Member of the Key club recently attended the annual Ohio District Key Club Convention that was held in the Greater Columbus Convention Center April 4-6. The Salem High School Key Club sent ten representatives to the 54<sup>th</sup> annual convention. The members who attended were the following: Katie Baranovich, Aaron Berger, Bethany Billham, Erica Davis, Nick Fithian, Carla Gbur, Ryan Hack, CJ Javens, Meredith Shivers, and Jason Stewart. The group was chaperoned by Dr. Rebecca Palmer Zone D administrator and Salem Key Club Kiwanis advisor, also Mr. Rick Fithian another one of the club's Kiwanis advisors. The majority of the club departed at about 6:00 a.m. on Friday from the high school.

All members were required to attend respective zone caucuses to question and get to know the 2003-2004 executive board candidates which are decided at the House of Delegates on Saturday afternoon. Another requirement for the attendees is to go to various educational forums including yoga, scrap booking, risk taking, and leadership. Yet convention isn't all work and no play. There were dances on Friday night and Saturday night. Friday night's dance was a very casual dance with large decorations such as jukeboxes and twelve foot high piano cut outs.

Winning has become a tradition for the Salem High School Key Club! This year was no different as SHS took first place in the scrapbook competition for the third year in a row. Other awards the club received were first place in achievement and recognition of distinguished officers: Katie Baranovich, President; Nick Fithian, Vice President; Bethany Billham, Treasurer; and distinguished member, Aaron Berger.



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## Blood drive successful

BY SEMIRA CHOWDHURY

The National Honor Society paired up with the American Red Cross to bring a blood drive to SHS on April 8. In charge of this event was NHS advisor, Mrs. Wilson, and the NHS chairman was Chris Hritz. The blood drive was in the SHS gym lobby. Students needed to be seventeen years old and 110 pounds in order to give blood. After students gave blood they needed to rest for a short period, eat something, and have something to drink. Blood drives are for people that need blood transfusions and who have had other medical problems.



There were about ninety-eight donors, but some people were not able to donate for a variety of reasons such as low iron, if they had traveled to a different country, or other problems. One-hundred and eighteen signed up and about three people passed out during the process. Mrs. Wilson commented on how well the blood drive went saying that the NHS members were hard working and she appreciated their efforts. She went on to comment about the caring attitudes of the student body, "...especially for such a good cause, and at a time like this in our country." Chris Hritz, student chairman, also commented saying, "Overall it went very well. We had a very good turn out. Some people even stayed after school to give which was very impressive."



## Clubs and classes

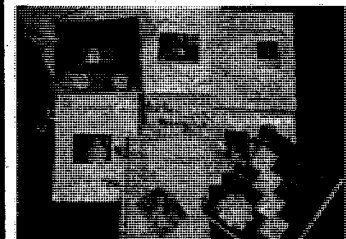
Mrs. Seevers' classes worked with Mr. Ken Peters' wood tech classes to create wooden boats. These boats will be used in boat races to be held during third period the last week of April.

German club will be holding an awards banquet on May 21 at the Olive Garden in Boardman.

Seniors, drop off your senior picture in the library and fill out the questionnaire for the senior bulletin. Your picture will be returned to you with your final grades.

Latin club has been up to a lot lately. The club is starting a new project and decorating the classroom to make it look like the Roman Forum at the time of Caesar. Latin instructor, Mr. Mathus, is proud to report that the results are in from the National Latin Exams. Twenty students out of a total of thirty-five volunteered to take the National Latin Exam. They competed against thousands of students. After taking these exams, sixteen SHS students received honors. The honors were divided into the following categories: intro level, outstanding achievement and ribbon awards were given to Joe Shivers, Paul Shivers, James Drotleff, Kevin Stratton, and David Woods; achievement awards were given to Zak Flinn, Kyle Hartman, Mincie Fluharty, Ali Calvin, Chris Price, and Zack Dorn. At the Latin I level awards were the following: Zach Malloy, Gold Medal, Summa Cum Laude; Tyler Williams and David Bowman, Silver Medal, Maxima Cum Laude; Jeremy Malloy and Jim Johnson, Magna Cum Laude. Congratulations to these students and Mr. Mathus!

Spanish IV students recently completed a unique project. They wrote their own autobiographies. These projects were graded on content, neatness, creativity, neatness, and organization



## Opinion

### Overworked teens

BY DANIELLE COONTZ

Ah yes, senior year of high school. First semester sure seems like smooth sailing. Grades are great, classes seem fairly easy, and the freedom of college is hovering in the near distance. But then it starts. It seems as if just when school started to be tolerable and even enjoyable, an essay, two projects and a research paper spring up out of nowhere. The level of stress many students are under (especially those bound for the "real world" next year) is almost obscene.

One can't argue that education should be the top priority for high schoolers. However, where do sports, jobs, clubs, friends, hobbies, boyfriends, and good old-fashioned free time factor in? Now more than ever, teenagers have completely packed schedules on top of their strenuous school workloads. Teachers might say social lives are something that can be left for after obtaining an education, but that shouldn't be the case.

While some stress is beneficial, a never-ending bombardment of it can prove dangerous. Many times when a person is overwhelmed completely by the tasks at hand, they lose the drive to get any of it done. Teachers often give the impression that their class is the only one with which students have to contend. The teachers I have discussed this problem with have replied by telling me they are often bogged down with work as well. I say to them, doesn't that make you understand?

Childhood is being sucked out of young people, and they're being forced into the roles of adults with none of the liberties or the respect adults get. The lack of consideration for high school students and the amount of time and energy they put into their lives is often overshadowed by the few who admittedly don't try. Those that do well are rarely praised, and instead all are lectured for those that have no aspirations.

While it is obviously imperative that teachers push students to do their best, moderation is a fine line to walk. The case is not that we should stop all together and live without the pressures of high school at all. There must be a happy medium where students still focus on education, but have time left to do what they want without having to constantly worry.

### Teens care

BY DANIELLE COONTZ

It has often been said that teens are typically uninformed and have no interest in political events or things that have little or nothing to do with them. That may be the case for some people, but teens as a whole are completely underestimated by older generations.

Has the conflict with Iraq sparked a sudden interest, or are people just now noticing just how concerned many adolescents are? For years many teens have taken avid stances to the arguments of censorship, human rights, abortion, capital punishment and many more. And in light of recent events, young people have been given their time to shine. Once thought of as the generation of the apathetic and the nihilistic, "the war" has sparked furiously passionate arguments on both sides of the table. For many years, teens were thought of as a group who didn't care, didn't matter politically, and didn't pay attention to any of the political happenings going on around them. But until the effects of world conflict hit home, how could they truly form an opinion on something they had no way of putting into perspective? Ideally, everyone would care and be concerned about everywhere else in the world, but it is not a probable thing.

Teenagers are not all a bunch of slackers and careless juveniles. While few will voice their opinions that they have no opinions at all, do not let them overshadow the many that do.

### 2003 English Festival at Y.S.U.

BY SEMIRA CHOWDHURY

The annual YSU English Festival was held on Wednesday, April 9 for all tenth grade students through twelfth grade and Friday, April 11 for seventh through ninth grade students. About eighteen SHS students attended on Wednesday accompanied by Mrs. Wilson. Mr. Shurtleff accompanied the freshmen who attended on Friday. The festival is held for students who enjoy reading, writing, and meeting various authors.

The students attended various sessions. They had the opportunity to listen to the authors speak or attend workshops where they were engaged in such activities as writing games. Attendees ate lunch at the YSU cafeteria and at the day's close, awards were presented. This year's featured authors were Chris Crutcher, Norma Fox Mazer, Sue Ellen Bridgers, and Sharon Dennis Wyeth. Some of the books that were featured were *When She Was Good*, *Whale Talk*, *All We Know of Heaven*, and *A Piece of Heaven*.

Junior Allison Boron won third place in the Not-So-Trivial-Pursuit session and Shannon Stewart won second place in the

Language games. Allison Boron commented, "I enjoyed the festival this year. Most of all, I loved hearing Chris Crutcher speak. His books are fabulous." Erin Lasky said, "Although many people think the English Festival will be boring and not worth the hassle, I suggest more people attend. You get to meet new people, learn how to better your writing, and play some fun games. It's something you won't forget." Bethany Billham also commented, "I think the English Festival needs to be spiced up a little bit more for next year, writing impromptu essays and poems tends to be a real snoozer after awhile. On the other hand, I loved Chris Crutcher." Semira Chowdhury added, "I think the English Festival was boring this year. It was one of the most boring ones I have ever been to. They need to have more of a variety and not so many authors." Liz Tussey stated, "I thought the English Festival gave students a great opportunity to meet authors and learn more about literature and writing. I really enjoyed the speakers, especially Chris Crutcher."

Overall, everyone enjoyed the English Festival and thought it was a good learning experience.



### Manners

BY BETHANY BILLHAM

Please, thank you, excuse me - these words seem almost outdated. I feel the lack of common courtesy in SHS is something all of us should be concerned about. I am not trying to get on everyone's case, but I think that being a little bit nicer to each other wouldn't be that hard. What ever happened to treating others as you would want to be treated? Is it absolutely necessary to stand in the middle of the halls and block the flow of traffic, or speak the horrible language that can be heard during passing time?

Yet this stuff isn't anything new; you've been hearing about the "magic words" since you were in kindergarten. People are going to judge you by how you act and all teenagers will get a bad rap for it. Why not prove them wrong and be a little bit more respectful to adults and each other? I believe that if we were to help bring each other up, opposed to constantly pulling each other down, then chances are the school would be a much nicer place to be.

Now to my next gripe - etiquette or the lack thereof. There are many kinds of etiquette stretching from proper cell phone etiquette to dining out. I think everyone has gotten to the point where they are so uncivilized they don't know how to conduct themselves in public. Granted these things are out of school, yet we are still guilty of them. Elbows on the table, annoying cell phones ringing - what happened to common courtesy? Turn the cell phone off, learn some manners and be a little bit more respectful. Is that so much to ask?

## War of the Words

How do you think students could improve their manners in Salem High School?



Patti Fitzpatrick (9) - "Stop saying rude comments and stop fighting."



Keith Getzinger (10) - "We need to have a lot more respect for other people and not judge them by the way they look or act."



Carla Gbur (11) - "Say please and thank you and excuse me more often."



Electra Puccini (12) - "I think that we just need to be a little nicer to each other in general and not quite so judgmental. We don't show enough respect for each other."

# Feature

## Prom 2003: Here's to the Night

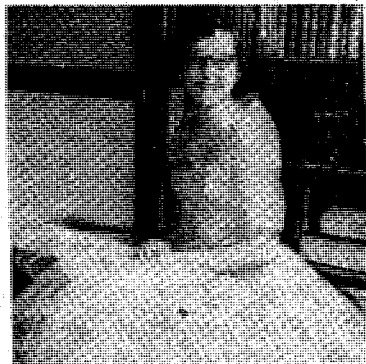
BY LIZ TUSSEY

SHS's Junior-Senior prom will be held on May 2, 2003. The theme of this year's prom is "Here's to the Night," based on the popular song by Eve 6. This year's dance will take place in the gym, which prom committees will be decorating with a Roman garden motif. Student Council, a panel of parents, and groups of students will be putting in countless hours to transform the gym into a prom paradise. The dance will last from eight to eleven with Prom Parade being at seven (Prom Parade is optional this year).

For students only planning on attending the dance, tickets are fifteen dollars, and for those going to the following after prom, tickets are twenty-five dollars. This year's after prom will take place at Swings-N-Things, a family fun center near Cleveland, Ohio. Buses will depart Salem at midnight. There will be a separate room set aside for changing and keeping gowns and tuxedos safe during after prom. The ticket money provides attendees with tokens, pizza, ice cream and pop. Activities available at Swings-N-Things are go-karts, bumper boats, a two-story arcade, Laser Challenge, and karaoke among other things.

Prom 2003 will be much different from past proms at SHS. This year the actual dance will be returning to the school, giving students an opportunity to really help out and make prom great. After the decoration committees have done their work, the gym will be unrecogniz-

able. A prom at the school cuts back on complications with driving to another location, and table arrangements for dinner. Also the ticket price has been drastically reduced in comparison to previous years. With the support of the student body, Prom 2003 will truly be a memorable event.



This collection of pictures from past proms was gathered from old editions of the Quaker annual. As one can see, prom fashions and hair styles have certainly changed over the years. What has not changed, however, is the concept of prom - a very special evening in which prom attendees can dress in their finest and enjoy an evening of dinner and dancing with their date and classmates.

## Career Day at Kent

BY RACHEL FINK

On Friday, April 4 the juniors of SHS were all herded into buses and shipped off to Kent State, Salem for the annual career day. The event was sponsored by Kent State, Salem and the Salem Rotary Club. The students sat in on four sessions, two in the morning and then two in the afternoon. Each individual student was required to attend the four areas of interest to them, then sit and listen as panelists came to talk to them about that career. The opening program included everyone, no matter what sessions you were going to. The guest speaker was Mr. William Jelen, creator of the web page called Mr. Excell.

Mr. Jelen was a student here at SHS and graduated in 1983. He was editor of the yearbook and was even voted most likely to succeed. He said that he had worked in many job areas before starting the Mr. Excell web page for the Microsoft Excell programs. After the Internet, came the book. He said that he was never very good in English class, but from the information that he had learned off of his website and from those who visited his website, he was able to write a four hundred page book titled *Mr. Excel On Excel*.

It is obvious that his classmates knew what they were talking about when they voted him "Most likely to Succeed" back in the '80's. He was very inspirational in every thing that he had to say. He said that a lot of college kids have no idea what they want to major in, and they think that it's okay if you are one of them. After going through two years of a certain major, he decided it just wasn't for him and changed. So it was nice for the juniors to hear a speaker who was somewhat close to our age but old enough that he knew what he was talking about. Thank you again to the Salem Rotary Club and to Kent State, Salem for making this day possible.

## Smith reigns



Sara Smith has recently been re-elected Miss Junior America South Salem Teen. She will compete at the state level for the title of Miss Junior Ohio on June 14 and 15.

Sara is a freshman at SHS and enjoys choir and weight lifting. She has won speech meets and recently wrote a play called "Christmas is Sharing" which was considered by Playwrite Inc. of New York.

During Sara's past year as city queen, she volunteered her time as a clown at a local school. She has also spent time visiting homebound area residents during the holiday season.

In terms of future plans, Sara is considering becoming a firefighter/medic. She presently volunteers her free time at the Caring Hearts Assisted Living Program.

## Nyktas Wins Scholarship



Senior Cassie Nyktas received a double surprise on Wednesday morning, April 22. She was informed that she was the recipient of a scholarship funded by Papa John's Pizza. The second part of the surprise was the delivery of enough pizza to treat Mrs. Esposito's second period AP English class of which Nyktas is a member. Cassie had this to say, "It was a great surprise and honor. The money is very much needed for college. I'd like to thank Papa John's for providing this opportunity to high school seniors."



## Then and Now

BY LIZ TUSSEY

Does this face look familiar?

This teacher graduated from Chaney High School.

She has been teaching here for twenty-two years.

Her favorite hobbies are reading, crafts, dancing and spending time with her three children and two grandchildren.

Her favorite movie is *My Big Fat Greek Wedding*.

This teacher plays the violin and was a majorette in high school. She twirls her hair when she is nervous, a childhood habit to this day. She also believes in miracles, as she survived encephalitis in 1973.

\*Answer appears on back page.

## Rube Goldberg Projects exhibit student talent

BY JON BUCKOSKI

This month Mrs. Conti's physics students were involved in a project to build Rube Goldberg machines, which were displayed in the cafeteria during all lunch periods on April 17.

For those who are unaware of what a Rube Goldberg machine is or the man behind the idea, then a little background information is necessary. Rube Goldberg was born in San Francisco in 1883. His father, urging him into engineering, enrolled him as a student at the University of California Berkley. After graduating with a degree in engineering, Rube went to work for the city of San Francisco's water and sewer department. After deciding engineering was not the career for him, he decided on becoming an artist. Throughout his sixty-year career Rube went on to win a Pulitzer Prize as a cartoonist.

Goldberg is best known for his idea of making an easy task more difficult. His inventions on this principle included using complex machines and simple tools to complete a task, which was not very difficult to complete in the first place. Mrs. Conti's physics students employed this idea and designed their machines to mimic the thoughts of Rube himself.

During the planning stages of the class, students were asked to

design the project entirely with junk found at their homes. The design specifications for the project were taken from a contest sponsored by the University of Pittsburgh. The whole project could not contain dimensions larger than six feet by six feet by five feet tall. Students spent a whole week building the machine in class and eventually finished the building of these projects at home during spring break. Students were required to make the machine in no less than twenty steps and complete the machine to work for a presentation during all three lunch periods.

Students Chris Hritz and Jeremy Byers designed their project to answer a phone with an answering machine, Jonathan Buckoski designed his project to take a picture, Joel Getzinger's project entailed placing a tea bag into a cup of water, Kristen Chappell and Amanda Young designed theirs to break an egg, Steven Abel and David Detwiller's project popped a balloon, Ashlee Thorne and Erin Lasky's Goldberg was made to blow out a candle, and Thiago Rosa's creation was designed to flash a camera.

This project enabled students to gain engineering skills and to get some practical use of simple machines, which were taught before the project was begun

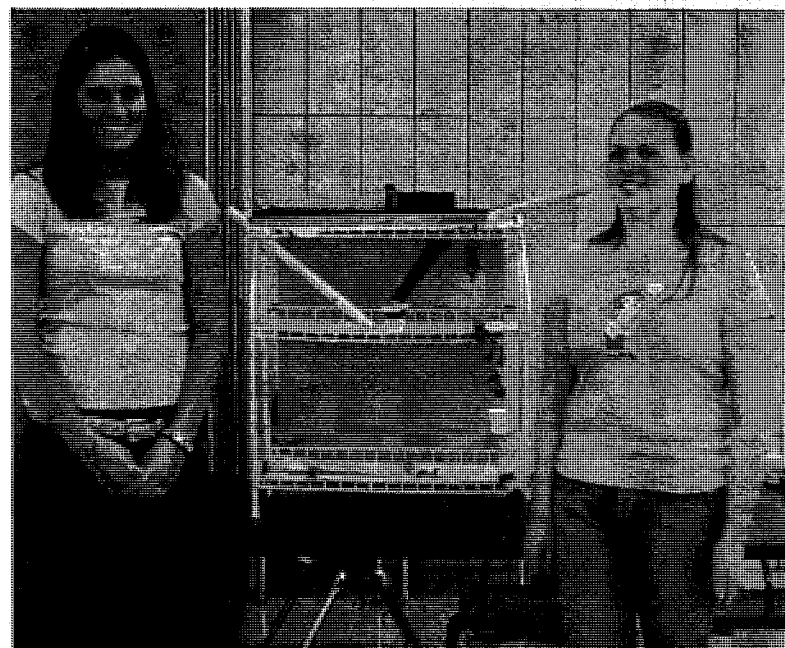


Joel Getzinger



Thiago Rosa

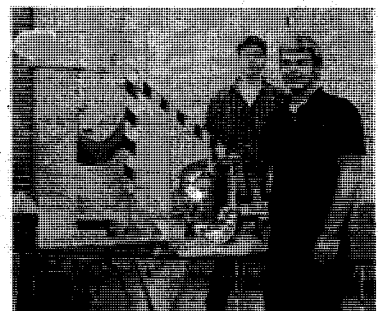
The following pictures feature those participants who exhibited their Rube Goldberg projects in the SHS cafeteria.



Ashlee Thorne and Erin Lasky display their Rube Goldberg Projects in the cafeteria on Thursday, April 17 during all lunch periods.



Kristen Chappell and Amanda Young



Jeremy Byers and Chris Hritz

## Things to ponder

BY BETHANY BILLHAM

This month's "Things to Ponder" will be exploring an interesting view of the American public.

Football incorporates the two worst elements of American society: violence punctuated by committee meetings.

*George F. Will, journalist, political commentator, 1994*

Half of the American people have never read a newspaper. Half never voted for President. One hopes it is the same half.

*Gore Vidal*

In America, anybody can be president. That's one of the risks you take.

*Adlai Stevenson (1900-1965)*

One survey found that ten percent of Americans thought Joan of Arc was Noah's wife....

*Robert Boynton*

Only in American banks can you find the pens chained to the counter and the doors wide open.

*Branden Kerr*

The statistics on sanity are that one out of every four Americans is suffering from some form of mental illness. Think of your three best friends. If they're okay, then it's you.

*Rita Mae Brown*

The thing that impresses me most about America is the way parents obey their children.

*Edward VIII, King*

2,400,000 Americans play the accordion - hopefully not at the same time.

*Inside of a Pepsi cap*

America is the country where you buy a lifetime supply of aspirin for one dollar, and use it up in two weeks.

*Anonymous*

Eighty percent of married men cheat in America. The rest cheat in Europe.

*Jackie Mason*

No one ever went broke underestimating the taste of the American public.

*Henry Louis Mencken (1880-1956)*

The short memories of American voters is what keeps our politicians in office.

*Will Rogers (1879-19)*

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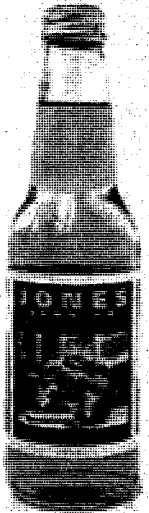


Artwork from Salem High students Shannon Stewart and Sean Morrissey (pictured above) are now on display at the state office towers in Columbus. Their works are recognized in a group of the best three hundred artworks by high school students from the more than ten thousand entries. The Governor's Youth Art competition is entered by high school students at the regional and state levels, and those students entering the competition have the opportunity to compete for exhibiting their work in Columbus. Miss Yereb, Salem High School visual art director, is the regional director for our area and students chosen to exhibit were recognized at an awards ceremony in Columbus on April 13.

# Entertainment

## Jonesin' for a Jones

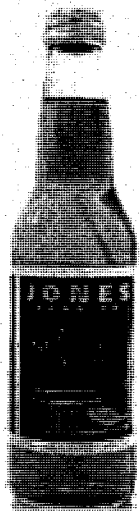
BY DANIELLE COONTZ



Jones Soda: Made in Canada, comes in seventeen flavors currently, and is the best beverage on the face of the earth. So what makes this stuff so great? Well, who could resist a soda that comes in a cool glass bottle with fortune cookie-like sayings and over one thousand different label designs, all of which are photographs taken by fans of the soda who submit them on the Jones website

(www.jonessoda.com)? Typically found in western and southern states,

Jones is a little hard to come by in Salem, Ohio. Few stores (almost always gas stations) stock this product that has developed its own underground following.



## Saddle-Creek: The Musical Phenomena of Omaha

BY LIZ TUSSEY

In the rare occasion of independent rock labels receiving nationwide fame, Omaha based Saddle-Creek Records is following in the footsteps of previous labels such as Sub-Pop (which put out the first Nirvana album). Independent record labels are not known for their high sales or top of the charts artists. The albums on their labels are not often distributed to corporate record stores such as Sam Goody or Virgin. As a result most bands on independent labels tend to enjoy comparatively smaller profits, but usually a cult following of devoted fans. However, there have been rare occasions where independent labels have achieved world wide fame. In the early nineties a small Seattle label named Sub-Pop put out an LP by a little known band called Nirvana. What occurred over the next three years is musical history.

Saddle-Creek records was originally a small tape-releasing business called Lumberjack Records, started up by brothers Justin and Conor Oberst (who would later become Saddle-Creek's best selling musician). Justin and Conor were only in their early teens and still high school students when they began developing Lumberjack. Their first release was a tape by Conor's first band Commander Venus. Future members of The Faint, Bright Eyes, Desaparecidos and Son, Ambulance, were all in Commander Venus, as was the current president of Saddle-Creek, Rob Nansel.

When Saddle-Creek began to receive some notoriety around the many suburbs of Omaha, local bands came calling. The original line up of Saddle-Creeks' bands were mostly offspring from the old Commander Venus crowd. Conor went on to form a band called Bright Eyes, and Todd Baechle went on to play in The Faint. However, by the late nineties non-Nebraska bands such as Now It's Overhead and Azure Ray also became members of the Saddle-Creek phenomena.

Now, exactly ten years after it was founded, Saddle-Creek is gaining fast popularity in the music world. Omaha has produced some of the most original and astounding musicians seen in years. More information on the bands and history of Saddle-Creek can be found at their website at [www.saddle-creek.com](http://www.saddle-creek.com).

## The Quaker proposal on student expression

We, the staff of *The Quaker*, hereby acknowledge our responsibility to provide informative and entertaining reading pertaining to the students, staff, and parents of Salem Senior High School.

To make *The Quaker* a credible newspaper we will aim for accuracy and objectivity, with the truth being our ultimate goal. It is also our duty to make prompt corrections when necessary. However, we must also respect the rights of others while we gather and present news. We are not permitted to invade a person's right to privacy.

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

## It's all about the music

BY CASSIE NYKTAS

When most of us are sitting at home trying to overcome the boredom that plagues many an SHS student, five students from SHS have found something better to do with those never ending days in good old Salem.



It was just about eight months ago when Mike Bowlin and his band Ohm played their first note. It started out a little on the rocky side with members in the band changing, but soon everything would take off and become a reality. Ohm is comprised of six members. Mike, the only one who attends SHS, plays lead guitar, the five other band members include Brad Dillon on turn tables and vocals, Dan Whitman plays guitar, percussion and sings vocals, Greg Rock plays the drums, Steve McKinley plays the bass guitar, and Emily Strawn sings lead vocals. Since Ohm is fairly new on the scene, they play mostly cover songs, but Mike has written six of the eighteen songs on their set list (a list of all the songs a band will play during a show) as well as the music. The other ten songs are covers from bands like 311, Sublime, Incubus, Bob Marley, and the Rolling Stones. And in his free time when Mike isn't practicing, he continues to write more and more music to play and lyrics to be heard. Ohm, which is the only name Mike and his fellow band mates could agree on, has two meanings: one has to do with the spiritual state of mind and the other has to do with the resistance of sound in reference to amplification. Either way, both meanings fit quite well. As for the type of music Ohm plays, it does not easily fit into a specific category. There's a lot of variety in the music they play, but even so Mike likes to call it "psychedelic funk rock with reggae roots." This makes much sense, being that Ohm's influences include music greats like Nirvana, Sublime, Led Zeppelin, The Doors, and 311. However, Ohm insists that it continues to be inspired by everything and everyone that comes along. "I would love to jam with Brad Nowell, the late singer/guitarist of Sublime and the late singer of Blind Melon, Shannon Hoon," states Mike. After all, "It's all about helping to create a bigger and better music scene."

The next concert date is May 17 at the Saxon Club here in Salem. Ohm and Delusion will both be there as well as many more. Be sure to go and support your fellow school mates as they take the stage. Until then most of the local bands are or will be featured on [www.RebelsofEgypt.com](http://www.RebelsofEgypt.com). So boot up your computers and check them out. Ohm will also be playing a show on May 10 at Ragni's of Salem. On that evening they will be opening for another band called The Breezeway; unfortunately, Ragni's is only open to those twenty-one and over.



Friends that play together, stay together. In this case, it holds true. Juniors, Spencer Cleland, David Woods, Brennen Booth, and Jason Downing who have always played together decided to start a band. The band officially began playing six months ago under the name Delusion. David came up with the name because everyone wanted to know what the name of the band was, and they really didn't have one. This was because they couldn't decide on a name, but all the members did like Delusion and so it just stuck. David (or as the rest of the band knows him as Coconut) plays the drums, Spencer is lead vocalist (but also contributes by adding whale noises), Brennen plays guitar, and Jason plays the bass guitar. Delusion is considered a cover band as of now but is in the process of writing their own songs on hopes of getting out of a strictly "cover band" slump. Some of the songs that they cover are songs by bands like the Red Hot Chili Peppers, Weezer, Eve 6, Incubus, and Nirvana. The mellow jazz, rock sounds that the band belts out are influenced by bands such as Red Hot Chili Peppers, Elvis, 311, Barry White, and Incubus. In fact, Incubus has influenced Delusion so much with not only their style but their attitudes about life in general. This is why they would play with them if ever given the chance. "I think that they could teach us a great deal about music and how to not kill each other while being contained in small places," says Jason. "Music is just kind of our thing and living in Salem there's not really all that much to do anyway, so we get together, rock out and have so much. So thanks to whoever likes what we do and special thanks to the Woods family for letting us jam at their house."

## Broadway Revue is a hit at SHS

Once again, the musical department at SHS presented a fantastic evening of entertainment to members of the Salem community. This year's presentation of *Broadway*, an original Musical Revue was a variance from the traditional spring musical. A variety of musical selections from popular Broadway productions were featured during full house performances on Friday and Saturday evenings, April 4 and 5. Featured soloists and cast members had the audience tapping their feet and hum-

ming along to such well-known tunes as "Matchmaker," "It's A Hard Knock Life," "Ribbons Down My Back," "The Rain In Spain," and "All That Jazz" to name a few. The audience rollicked to the antics of Spencer Cleland when he surprised the crowd appearing in a jeweled gown as Dolly! A rousing rendition of "No Business like Show Business" ended the production and brought the audience to their feet as they gave the cast a standing ovation.

A dinner held in the school

cafeteria for Salem's senior citizens preceded Saturday's performance. Hosted by members of the Pep club, seniors dined on fine cuisine prepared by Salem's own, Mr. Sam Havelock. Members of Spanish club were servers. A total of 225 senior citizens took part in the dinner, a service project which Pep club, under the direction of Mrs. Darlene Heineman, involves itself in twice annually. Giant Eagle, McDonalds, and Wendys are three local businesses which donated to the event.

## Boys' track and field is off to the races

BY CHRIS FRANK

The Salem High School track and field team began their season with a win over MAC-L Struthers. The team then competed in the Ward Invitational in East Palestine and finished 19<sup>th</sup> out of twenty-eight teams with a total of nine points. Next up was Niles, a team that has lost a lot of runners the past few years. Many events went seemingly uncontested, and the Quakers were big. The team then competed in the F.E. Cope Invitational, a meet that is hosted in honor of F.E. Cope. The team ended up in ninth place and won the Division II Team Championship trophy for being the top-

finishing team in Division II. Senior distance runner Shane Harding won the 3200 meter run in a time of 9:59. The team then traveled to Youngstown Chaney for a triangular meet with Chaney and Howland. The guys finished in second place behind a talented Howland team. It marked the first non-invitational loss by the boys this year and hopefully their last. The team is led by seniors Kevin Blackburn, Dan Boggs, Jim Dombroski, Josh Burke, Chris Frank, Shane Harding, Curt Howells, Marcus Jones, Tom Long, Brandon Planinsky, Garrett Sevek, and Darren Weingart. For the whole team and

especially the seniors, the goals for this year have been set pretty high. Under the direction of Coach Parks, the team has truly exemplified what a team is, and the team truly enjoys running. Although a lot was lost with the graduation of last year's seniors, including state place-winner Jason Greenamyer, the team gained many freshmen and has an abundance of underclass talent. Many runners have already stepped up their performance this year, and more are sure to follow. Great times are ahead for this team, not just this year, but for many years to come.

## Girls' track hurdles over the competition

BY CHRIS FRANK

The Salem High School track and field team began their season at the Early Bird Invitational March 29 at Fitch High School in tintown. The team performed well although the meet was not ideal. The real season began with a 6-1 win over Struthers at home April 1. The ladies then demolished Niles in a home meet on April 1. The final score was 102-17, by far of their most lopsided victories in recent years. All of the girls ran, and many runners tried new events and did well. The girls also competed in the Ward Invitational Cope Invitational and ran well

against some tough competition in both. The ladies also ran against Chaney and Howland in a tri-meet at Chaney High School. After a night of great competition, the girls came away with the win to remain undefeated in non-invitational meets this year. (The county meet will be April 22-23, but results were not in by the time this paper went to print.) The girls are led by the lone senior on the team, Beth Finnicum. When asked about the team Beth said "We get pushed really hard in practice, and it is really beginning to pay off. We have shown improvement since the beginning of the year and all of

the girls are working really hard. A lot of people don't realize it, but we are a very young team, and that makes it hard to compete with older, more experienced teams. Nevertheless, we have risen to the challenge on many occasions and outperformed our competitors. We should do well the rest of the year." The team does not have as many runners as they have had in recent years, but the talent is still there, and they have the potential to go far. With a number of gifted underclassmen returning and a wave of superb freshmen girls, the team has a lot to work with.

## Take me out to the ball game

BY CHRIS FRANK

So far, things have been going well for the Salem High School baseball team. The team has played well and currently has a 6-6 record. The team has great leadership in seniors Mike Lantz, Andy Miller, Chris Sedgwick, Matt Stelts, and Shawn Spaulding. About the team so far, senior Shawn Spaulding stated, "We have been coming together as a team well this year. Already we have won more games than we did all of last year, which shows a lot about our team. Our weakness is that we have only put together a complete game on offense and defense once in a league game this year, our 13-3 win over Struthers. Once we bring everything together, we will be extremely hard to beat." Fellow senior Chris Sedgwick added, "It seems like everyone has a role, but it seems like some games we do some things better than oth-

ers. For example, we may hit better than field one game, or vice-versa. Look for us to be a much improved team this year. Also, keep up the Left Field Lunatics because the fan support really helps out a lot." The team has shown a lot of toughness this year, toughness that was echoed by senior Matt Stelts when he stated, "We've been playing really good ball this year, and our defense has been solid the whole season. The season will only get better from this point on." Senior Mike Lantz summed up the team's feelings by saying, "We've been doing real well thus far in the season. Our team is thinking optimistically which is real good, and our fan support is awesome this year with the addition of the Left Field Lunatics." The team has some big games coming up, including East Liverpool, West Branch, and Poland.

## Winners at heart

BY CHRIS FRANK

This season has, to say the least, been one filled with few wins for the Lady Quakers' softball team. At a record of 0-9, the team has struggled through a tough season so far, but hopes are still high on the Quaker bench. One of the team's captains and lone senior Mariah Knepper commented about the team, "Although our record shows no wins so far this season, we have out-hit our opponents in the majority of our games. Our losses can be credited partially to inexperience and to injury. A number of our players are hurting while

on the field. We have talent; we just need to have confidence." The team has played hard, even if the final scores may not appear that way. Despite not registering a win yet, the girls are still keeping their heads high. Fans must understand that not all wins show up in the "W" column, meaning that not all wins occur by outscoring one's opponents. Wins come by trying one's hardest and not giving up, and giving up does not appear to be in these girls' vocabularies. The wins will come in time, but the true wins are already there.

## Playing for fun

BY CHRIS FRANK

The boys' tennis team has had an interesting season so far. Currently the team has a record of one win and nine losses. Senior Shooter Begalla commented about the team, "I think that we are more focused on enjoying playing the game. We don't worry about winning and losing so much because we are a young team, rather we just play to have fun." Fellow senior and four-year member of the team, Corey Welsch, explained, "The tennis team this year is a very young and inexperienced team. Most of the members are still learning how to play because before this year a few

of them had never played serious tennis. We may not get the attention that football, basketball, or even track gets, but playing tennis is still a great experience. Although we don't receive a lot of recognition, we still have fun." The boys' tennis team is a great example of what sports should be about - not winning and losing, but having fun. The world does not revolve around winning and losing, and sometimes we lose sight of that. Thankfully there are teams like the SHS boys' tennis team that remind us that winning truly isn't everything.

## SENIOR SPOTLIGHT ON RONDA MILLIRON

As many of you may know, there are more sports out there than just football, basketball, baseball, and soccer. Throughout the world there are hundreds of sports that get almost no mention at all, and there are some that are overlooked way too often. Chances are, many of you may participate in a sport that receives little recognition or attention. I know for a fact that there is one senior at Salem High that participates in and has dedicated the better part of her life to one such sport. Her name is Ronda Milliron, and her sport is dancing. Recently, I had the pleasure of discussing the sport of dancing with Ronda, and I was intrigued by all that she had to say. For those of you that may have never thought of dancing as a sport (i.e. probably 99% of you), or for those of you who are just looking for something to read in study hall or class (i.e. probably 100% of you), read on and find out about the sport of dancing.

**How long have you been dancing?** A. I've been dancing for 15 years.

**What is your inspiration for dancing?** A. I started when I was young and saw people dancing on Broadway in TV in music videos.

**Where do you dance at?** A. I started at Salem Performing Arts (Jeanette's) then I moved on to Linda Diamond's Academy of Dance. Currently I am at Jamie's Dance Force.

**What types of dancing do you do?** A. Jazz, Tap, Gymnastics, Ballet, Baton, Hip-hop, Lyrical

**What types of competitions do you attend?** A. Dance recitals every June

**Who is part of your dance team/school?** A. There are usually 10-20 people in each class

**What would you like SHS to know about dancing, either as a sport, hobby, etc?**

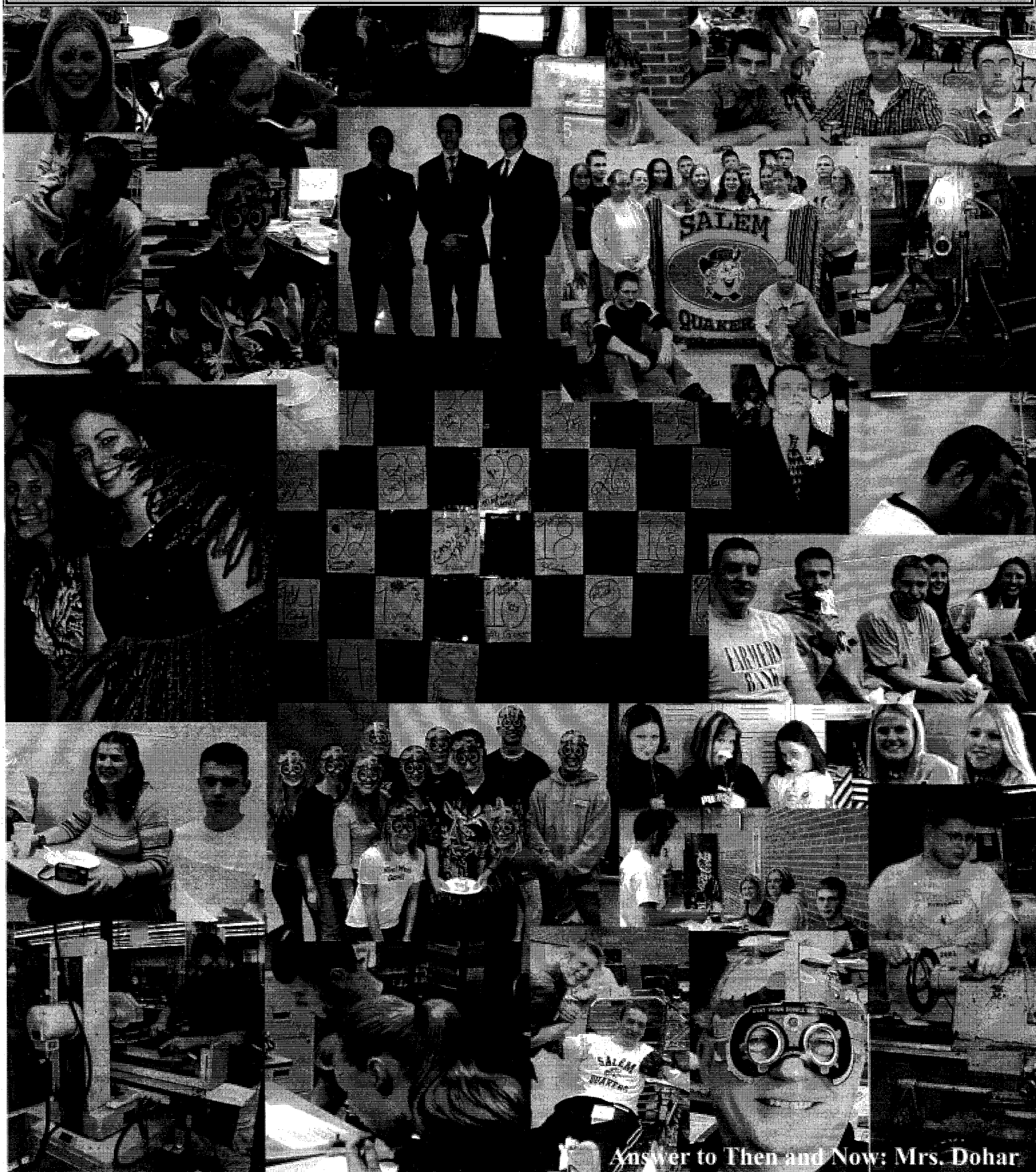
Dancing takes a lot of dedication, practice, and willpower. Most people won't stay with it for fifteen years or so. Most people don't look at it as a sport but it takes just as much effort and practice as any other sport. Dancing should be looked at more as a sport and it should be taken more seriously.

**Is there anything else you would like to say?**

Dancing is hard to start dancing at this age; dancing is something that takes a lot of work, and it is easier to start at a young age because as one works at it, it becomes almost second-nature. I also think that Salem High School should consider getting a 'dance line'.

Salem News will be sponsoring the second annual Newspapers in Education (NIE) 3-on-3 basketball tournament this year. The tournament will be held on June 7 and June 8 (if needed) at Centennial Park. The team divisions are 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> grade, 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade, 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade, 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> grade, and 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> grade boys and girls, as well as adult open, adult coed, six foot and under, and over divisions. Division is determined by last grade completed. The cost is \$75 per team if registering before May 23 (\$85 if registering after this date). The Cleveland Rockers promotion crew will be at the tournament on June 7 to entertain the crowd with fun games and prizes. There will also be a DJ to help bring some electricity to the atmosphere. Last year there were over 50 teams and over 700 people in attendance; this year expects to be as good if not better. All players will receive an official NIE 3-on-3 tournament T-shirt and awards will be given out to the champions on the final day. For more information, or for an entry form, contact the Salem News at 332-4601 ext. 222 or visit [www.salemnews.net](http://www.salemnews.net).

# Quaker Clips



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