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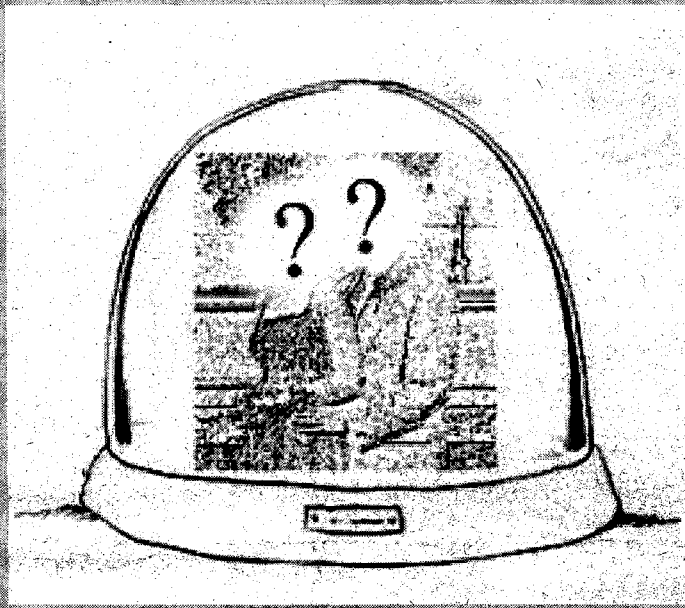
A high school tradition for years.

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SHS White Christmas snowed out



By Sean Morrissey
Editor-in-Chief

The White Christmas dance, a long time tradition at SHS, along with the Sweetheart dance have come to an end after recent meetings and talks the past few weeks. Lack of interest and liability issues created a situation with which senior parents and administration had to contend.

With poor attendance for both dances in the past years, SHS principal, Mr. Scott Beatty, felt something needed to be done and contacted the student council. They, in part, conducted a series of meetings and obtained feedback from the student body on what needed to be done. Discussions at these meetings ranged from making a new dance available for all grades or simply upperclassman to proper attire. But that was not the only problem seen through the eyes of parents and administrators. In years past there have been increasing problems with substance abuse before the White

Christmas dance since it is off school grounds.

During Christmas break, the dance proved to be a time for the junior and senior classes to hold a dance not labeled as a school function. Also, the Sweetheart dance held in February after a particular boys' home basketball game was a relief from lack of school sponsored social events during the winter months. Not to mention the eight-member female court honored at the game and dance surrounded the school with excitement and anticipation as to who would be the queen.

January 31, 2004, Timberlanes will host the strictly upperclassman crowd for the Winter Sweethearts Dance, themed "Frosted Fantasy." Dinner will begin at 6:30 pm and the dance at 8 pm. Tickets will be \$15 per person. Sales will begin Monday, January 5 and end January 21. New this year both the boys' and girls' varsity basketball teams will play Canfield on Friday, January 30, with the JV games to be played during the day on Saturday.

A "Prospect"ive closing

By Amanda Jones
Staff writer

At a recent Board of Education meeting in Salem, members brainstormed for ways and ideas to cut the budget if the new levy had not passed. One idea brought up at this meeting was closing Prospect Elementary School. "By closing down

Prospect School there would be a lot less money going out to teachers, principals, and janitors," Dr.

Brobeck replied. "This is not a sure thing, we just had this idea."

The board was looking to cut around \$600,000. Dr. Brobeck stated, "We would have to reorganize things, and we are still deciding on how we would do this." This was in regard to where the teachers and students would go. One question asked while interviewing Brobeck was, what would be done with the building itself? Some choices he suggested were leasing

it or using it for other events.

A rumor around SHS has been that if Prospect Elementary School was to close that the seventh and eighth grade students would then be "shipped" up to the high school. "Not true," Dr. Brobeck corrected. "The school would be turned into an eighth through twelfth grade school. At one point the high school had almost

1,400 students, and now there are only about 825. There is plenty of room for more."

If this action were to take place it would not happen until the beginning of next school year. We will not know if this is going to be put into action until the new board members take their seats in January.

In closing Dr. Brobeck made this final comment, "Don't be premature or jump to any conclusions. We are not sure if this is a good idea or a bad idea. If it is a bad idea what other choices do we have?"

Breaking down the wall

By Amanda Jones
Staff writer

The walls in Salem's newly painted gym were white for almost four months. No banners, state records, or alma mater to be found anywhere. It is okay, however, because Mighty Sam came through or maybe "broke through" would be the right words.

Wizard Graphics is scheduled to come the week of December 22 and paint the Mighty Quaker breaking through the gym wall. To be specific, the painting will be placed on the Sixth Street wall. This three dimensional painting of the new mascot breaking through the wall is to encourage excitement. As Mr. Steffey said, "I hope everyone realizes we are trying to build excitement."

Some people may be asking themselves, "What about the banners?" Not to fear, Mr. Steffey

is here! Mr. Steffey is bringing new banners to our school. He is in the process of deciding which style of banner to go with. The old banners will not be thrown away but will be placed in the lobby of the upcoming SAM center. Along with the new banners in the gym, the alma mater, sportsmanship code, and fight song will be put back onto the wall. "Only things with a rhyme or reason should be in the gym," Mr. Steffey explained.

The painting was the brain child of Mr. Steffey himself. "The gym had not been painted in a long time. This summer the gym was painted. Now that it is, we would like it to stay that way." He was very proud to have the new painting on the gym wall.

The painting will cost in the range of \$1,000 to \$1,200. The money that was used to pay for it was left over from the donations for the John A. Cabas Gymnasium dedication.

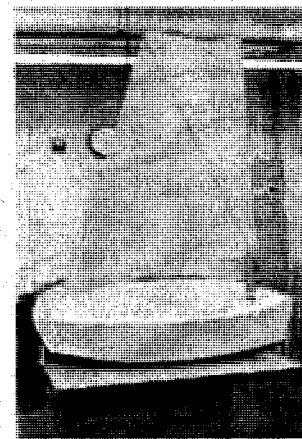
Wood tech launches food drive

By Kathryn Baranovich
Staff writer

From December 18, 2003, until February 29, 2004, Mr. Ken Peter's woodshop classes will be sponsoring a food drive to benefit the Salem community. The wood tech classes are instituting this project, but this food drive will give all students and community members a chance to participate.

During the 2002 Christmas season, Mr. Peter's classes constructed the "Giving Trees" which were situated in the front lobby of the school. All members of the school were encouraged to donate canned goods. The goal at that time was "2003 in 2002." Building on this tradition of helping those who are less fortunate, Peters decided upon a new food drive which would aid local food pantries beyond the Christmas season. This year from December to February, students, staff, and the entire Salem community will be encouraged to fill wooden sailboats with nonperishables.

Five foot sailboats are being constructed by all four of the woods classes. The construction began on December 2, 2003, but



there is still a great deal of work to be done. These boats will sail on the water and hold one adult. They can also be legally licensed to sail. Still in their beginning stages, only two of the boats are currently under construction. The location of where the food will be displayed is still

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Forgotten history of not so long ago

By Kathryn Baranovich
Staff writer

"Yesterday, December seventh, 1941, a date which will live in infamy, the United States of America was suddenly and deliberately attacked by naval and air forces of the Empire of Japan," was a famous line dictated by Franklin Roosevelt following the brutal bombing of Pearl Harbor. For many, these few words would live in their memories forever. What started out as a normal day quickly turned deadly for many American soldiers and civilians.

Going into the attack, the Japanese were more than sufficiently prepared for the task they were undertaking. There were six Japanese carriers with a total of 423 planes ready to inflict damage. The first assault wave commenced at 7:53 a.m. A second air raid followed and the attacks ceased at 9:45 a.m. Out of the fifteen American ships involved in the bombing only one, the Argonne, managed to get away with no damage inflicted upon the ship. Talks of conspiracy were circulating soon after the attacks were broadcast. Many blamed this treachery on President Franklin

Roosevelt. The day following the attack the United States declared war on Japan.

In recent years attention has been refocused on Pearl Harbor. A hit movie was released in 2001 starring Ben Affleck, Alec Baldwin, Cuba Gooding, Jr., Josh Hartnett, and Kate Beckinsale. While many felt this was a good movie, not everything was completely accurate. Even now, sixty-two years later, the devastating attacks on Pearl Harbor are still being remembered by survivors. It is possible that some might forget what took place on December 7, but those who were impacted by this nightmare will always remember what happened.

As the situation in Iraq escalated it may have forced many to remember what war is like, and flashbacks may come flooding back when hearing the reports on the news. Whether soldiers were fighting in Vietnam, Pearl Harbor, or Iraq everyone needs to stop and think about those continually fighting to protect the people in the United States. Although it is unfortunate, this history that is a part of who the American people are sometimes becomes "the forgotten history of not so long ago."

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being considered. Mr. Peter's believes the first collection place will be under the front stairs by the Sixth Street entrance.

The goals for this collection are still slightly unclear, but there is one thing for certain, the classes would like to surpass last year's collection of three full truck loads. There is an incentive to bring in the most cans possible. One sailboat will be raffled, but the tickets are not yet ready to be purchased. Mr. Peter's would like to give raffle

tickets to people who donate a certain number of nonperishable food items.

This project is important because Mr. Peter's believes it is imperative to do something for someone else this year. This type of project will be ongoing, and more definitive information will be coming as the project continues. Announcements, posters, and fliers will be relaying the updated details as they are finalized.

Quaker Calendar

December 22	Christmas break
January 5	Classes resume
January 15-16	Mid-terms
January 16	End of 2 nd nine weeks
January 19	Martin Luther King Day - No school



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Here are a few basic letters and numbers to think about the next time you go out to eat. There are a known 510 cases of hepatitis A that have originated from a western PA Chi-Chi's Mexican Restaurant, of those 510, three have died and over 1,000 people have lined up for inoculations given by the state. Although the blame has shifted from supposed unclean employees to soiled green onions most are very cautious in choosing where they go when dining out. So, this prompts the questions of "Where is it safe to eat?" "Where is it not?" and "Are green onions that filthy?"

The answers to some of those questions were shared in a recent episode of *Dateline NBC* when, along with an independent survey company the Dateline factfinders rated the cleanest, and dirtiest fast food chains. Each chain had 100 stores across the country inspected for critical health code violations, the results of this limited survey were then collected and compared to other fast food eateries; here is how they ranked.

According to the survey, your best bet is Taco Bell; of the 100 surveyed stores it had only 91 serious health code violations. But remember, just because Taco Bell polled well as a whole its chains are not without problems, in one of the 100 stores rodent droppings were found in the restaurant.

If the "best" place to eat had almost one critical violation per store, then what was the worst? Burger King weighed in with far more than a quarter pound of violations with an appalling 241 violations in 100 stores. Violations, (14 of which all came in one store) included employees with unwashed hands and uncovered food in the fridge, grime and debris on the ice chute.

In the study McDonald's, KFC, Subway, Jack in the Box, Dairy Queen, Hardee's, Wendy's, and Arby's are the cleanest and dirtiest fast food chains respectively.

As for the green onion debate, no one has yet to say whether they were the definite cause of the recent outbreak, but they have been cited as the origin of other attacks in towns in Tennessee, North Carolina and Georgia in September alone. Many, like those at RestaurantNews.com, say scallions can become contaminated through animals in the field where they are grown or through any exposure to unclean water. Although this is disconcerting, less than 0.4% of hepatitis A cases are fatal and the disease is extremely mild in children.

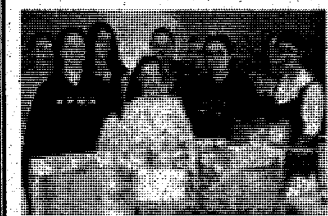


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Clubs and Classes



Chad Sampson contemplates purchasing a lanyard.



IBE/CBE students pictured with their presents.



Hilary Spiker and Melissa Knight peek inside the gift bags.

The Class of 2005 has been tackling many projects. They are collecting pictures from juniors and seniors for prom. If you turn in a picture, put your name on the back so that they can return the pictures back to you. They are also selling Salem Quaker lanyards in Miss Stewart's room and Quaker gear at the home basketball games. They are also thinking about having a coed volleyball tournament. If interested please stop in and let Miss Stewart know your thoughts.

IBE and CBE students at Salem High School purchased and donated gifts this holiday season in coordination with the Salvation Army's Dress-A-Live Doll program. This is an annual project that students in the program have been participating in for more than twenty years. Students this year purchased gifts for a total of sixteen area boys and girls ranging in age from two months to eleven years. In addition, IBE and CBE sponsored a door decorating project for the entire school. Mrs. Neopolitan's room took first place, second went to Mr. Martinelli, and Mrs. Dye received third place. The classroom creating the winning door received a pizza party, second place winners were treated to donuts, and third place received candy canes. These doors added to the school's festive atmosphere.

More competition for local businesses

By Carla Gbur
Opinion editor

Although many people may not believe it, the little town of Salem is slowly growing. The closing of Ames brought many questions for people, such as where are they going to do their last minute shopping or how are older people going to shop when they can't go out of town. This question was soon answered when Wal-Mart came to town. Even though there was major opposition to it opening, after three long years of dueling it opened. Since then we have seen many new stores and little shops popping up around town. The newest addition to this is Big Lots.

Big Lots had its silent opening on Saturday, November 22 and with little publicity, it wasn't as big of an opening that some would have thought. This is only the beginning, though, and once word was out people were shopping there like crazy. The grand opening was on what store owners call Black Friday, the day after Thanksgiving that brings out the most shoppers of all time. Big Lots brings many things to the town; not only does it have the frozen food center, but it also has the furniture department. This will make it a one stop shopping

place for everyone.

After Ames went out of business, the building sat empty waiting for the perfect store to come in and take its place. Although it seems smaller and perhaps a little more cramped, Big Lots has all the essentials that everyone needs. They have many name brand products along with some generic products - like their slogan states, "Brand Names - Closeout Prices." The store opened at the prime time, right before Christmas. Not only will they have a lot of business, but a great deal of people who need to get some inexpensive gifts quickly will be more than happy to go there instead of having to go all the way to Boardman. Perhaps people were a little skeptical of Wal-Mart opening, but things turned out alright for them. Hopefully the same thing will apply to Big Lots. It's quite possible people were very skeptical, but given some time and maybe even a trip inside will make them realize it's not that bad. Big Lots will hopefully be around for a while and will be nice for people who are on a tight budget but still need to shop.

Whatever it may be that you are out looking for, it's very likely that you will be able to find it at Big Lots. If shoppers can't find it there, and if all else fails, then there is always Wal-Mart.

Point/Counterpoint

This month: Has the separation of church and state gone too far?

By Devon McIlvaine
Feature editor
Point

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof." This is the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment, and for generations this is what politicians have been using to sanitize anything funded with public money from anything religious. The practice has been deemed separation of church and state (that phrase appears nowhere in the Constitution; it originated in a letter written by Thomas Jefferson) and most people believe it prohibits the government from acknowledging any sort of organized religion. But that is simply untrue. The Establishment Clause merely bans the Congress from establishing a national church. Our forefathers intended for us to have freedom of religion, not freedom from it. While the founders of this great nation wanted us to be free to express our religious beliefs in any way we wish, people have filed lawsuits against things like the phrase "One Nation Under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance and public, student-led prayer. Dissenters claim that these are Establishment Clause violations. If reciting such a phrase or a simple prayer at a football game were tantamount to establishing a national church, then I would be inclined to agree-but it is not. These things are simply expressions of religious faith in establishments which happen to have federal funding.

Intolerable tolerance

By Devon McIlvaine
Feature editor

Tolerance. Ideally, it is a fantastic thing -everyone is appreciated; everyone is respected. But the definition of tolerance has changed. It used to mean that to tolerate was to simply acknowledge and respect others' beliefs, but it has now become a mandatory acceptance of anything deviant. But to unequivocally tolerate is not only impossible, it is destroying the values our country once held dear. Our society prides itself on the ability to accept deviant lifestyles, but under the guise of tolerance all forms of unsavory activities flourish.

The goal of tolerance is acceptance. If every idea is held with equal esteem, then no one will feel left behind. But tolerance in action has done exactly the opposite. In New York City three million dollars of city revenue have been spent to open the first all-gay high school. Why? Supposedly it is to help homosexual teenagers feel more accepted in school. But it does not follow that removing these teens from their straight peers will help them fit into society. Is this nation going to begin to open schools for the abnormally short, or the obese, or anything else outside of the social "norm" for that matter? Maybe

By Sean Morrissey
Editor-in-Chief
Counterpoint

The American religious liberty has always been composed of two general areas, establishment and free exercise. The First Amendment establishment clause clearly states this by saying, "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion..." Further reading shows that the free exercise clause states, "...or prohibiting the free exercise thereof..." The First Amendment bans not only the establishment of a state church but also the establishment of any religious belief or practice by law. It was intended to ensure that the government does not affiliate itself with religion. Making free exercise a reality for all religious affiliations requires the contact between church and state to be next to none.

Even in the absence of the First Amendment, the Constitution grants no ability to the federal government to aid religion as long as it favors no one sect or belief. Most people will argue that this has absolutely nothing to do with the separation of church and state, but it clearly grants no power to decide on an absolute religion.

If the government were to require prayer in public schools, fund parochial schools, or allow religious displays on government property it would establish a religious practice, making it illegal. The only way the United States can remain successful is by continuing the belief of the separation.

it's just me, but I thought we desegregated in the fifties...

Tolerance claims to accept everyone and everything. It goes by the "whatever floats your boat" philosophy. But this concept is completely hypocritical because there are innately intolerant lifestyles. And these groups are explicitly denied any acceptance-conservative Christians, for example. As a conservative Christian I am told I am backward and close-minded for disagreeing with things such as abortion and same sex marriage. Where is my fair share of tolerance? Why are my views not as appreciated as everyone else's? And it is not just me; in England two social workers with impeccable records lost their jobs for being intolerant of same sex couple adoptions. In Greencastle, Indiana, a professor at DePauw University was fired because she made conservative Christian literature, deemed intolerant, available to her students.

Arrogant. Bigot. Close-minded. Intolerant. All of these words are hurled at those who have dissenting views. When it comes to the free exchange of ideas, tolerance is not only impractical, it is stifling. Every person has a different view and an equal right to express it.

Accessorizing your "personal" life

By Sean Morrissey
Editor-in-Chief

Jelly bracelets - they've been around since Madonna had her first #1 hit. Adorning the arms of people all over the world, do these fashionable and trendy bracelets hold a sexual meaning?

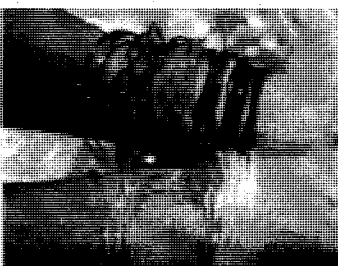
Recently reported in the October 27 edition of *Time*, the colored arm wear are labeled as a "not so secret sexual code" that indicate

different levels of sexual intimacy. In a made-up game called "Snap," if a person has a certain bracelet yanked off of them, they must perform the specific sexual act that the bracelet signifies. Yellow is a ticket to a hug, purple is for kissing, red equals a lap dance, blue means oral sex, and black represents intercourse. That's right, those flexible little plastic bracelets you see gracing people's wrists might suggest something about their sex life. Or do they?

When did all of this develop? Was I out of town? It is rumored that the origin of this game was started by some college soror-

ity sister looking for a new game for pledges. I feel that it was some lonely junior high student looking for a way to "get some action" or start gossip about a certain someone, only because the most prominent group tends to be middle schools students.

The press has put all their effort into warning parents of this sexual language. So look out mom and dad, that bracelet ten year-old Suzy's wearing might mean she's



sexually active - or maybe not. Just because a person wears these bracelets certainly doesn't mean they're having sex, participating in this game, or even know about the code.

People who wear these bracelets are doing nothing but making a fashion statement. I don't think any of them are hinting about their sex life. Today it seems that girls don't need fashionable accessories to have sex. Approximately 54% of girls, aged 13-19, admit they are having sex (*Teen People*). So why are people worrying about "sex bracelets"?

Reality T.V is getting unreal

By Brandon Fitch
Staff writer

Reality television shows have become one of the biggest fads in entertainment. When it will end nobody knows, but until then broadcasting companies are riding the crest of a tidal wave that is the vast money market of reality T.V.

It all started back in 1992 with an idea from none other than MTV. The music television station is usually on the cutting edge of the youth culture, but this was a different move for them during this time. Now the channel is a mixture of all types of shows and videos, but back then it was more true to its name as a music station. The idea was for a dramatic show of real life events. "This is the true story of seven strangers picked to live in a loft and have their lives taped. Find out what happens when people stop being polite and start getting real." This year is *Real World's* season eleven and going strong. Even with the public's notoriously short attention span, this concept is still interesting to people.

Currently in America there are over one hundred different reality shows on the air (119 to my count). Networks of all kinds are jumping on the bandwagon and these are not just the stations that you would expect either. ABC, CBS, and MTV are a few that we all know about. Other channels are doing it that are considered to be more re-

served when it comes to fads. PBS has a show called *American High* and A&E puts out a program entitled *Dream Chasers*.

Reality shows are controversial in nature just like reality itself. Some shows end with the winner getting married to the main personality of the program. On *Who Wants to Marry a Millionaire* the show ended with the couple getting married and then quickly getting divorced. Extra controversy spawned when the winner (Darva Conger) posed in *Playboy*. Television is also bringing homosexuality into the mainstream, whether people like it or not. Shows such as *Boy Meets Boy* and *Queer Eye for the Straight Guy* are bending lifestyle barriers.

However mad the public gets about these shows, no press is bad press. They will never end while they are still making money. High public interest shows no end in sight as people like to watch what shocks them.

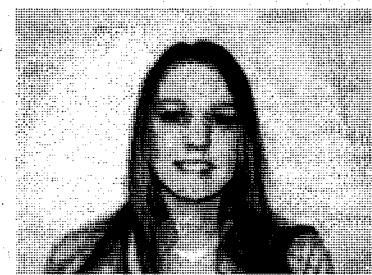


Cast from *Real World* and *Road Rules* in "The Gauntlet"

War of Words

By Lauren Arnold
Quaker Candids editor

Q: Do you think that Christmas has become too commercialized?



"No, I do not think Christmas is too commercialized. People are still putting the idea of Christmas ahead of the commercial aspect of the holiday."

-Kristen Rhodes, junior



"Yes, Christmas seems to start earlier and earlier each year, and it is just much too early."

-Jessica Moser, sophomore



"I think that between our Christmas in Argentina and here it is much more commercial here. It can be nice, but sometimes it's too much."

-Eduardo Dietrich, foreign exchange student



"I think that the basic idea behind Christmas is giving gifts, but I also think that it has been taken too far. Give meaningful gifts; it's the thought that counts."

-James Drotloff, sophomore

Feature

The quest for "W" begins...

By Brandon Fitch
Staff writer

Recent happenings around the world have left our country in a state of turmoil. President Bush's reactions to these situations have caused a love hate relationship with him and the public. We have experienced a terrorist bombing here at home and conflict abroad. There were tax cuts for the wealthy and a big move to high spending on defense. A new office was even created for "Homeland Security."

The Quaker is the informant of our Salem High School, and I feel it is important to get first hand sources when obtaining information. The logical way to collect an understanding of the President's views is to ask him. I am lobbying for an interview with President Bush. It is a tough task to undertake, but it's in the name of journalism. Salem, Ohio, is only a small rural town, but isn't that what America is about? When our country was first founded there were town meetings in which each voting citizen would gather and voice their opinion. Our nation has grown so we switched to a representative form to accommodate a larger population. It is vital that the people can communicate with their government leaders to uphold federalism.

If granted an interview with our President I would ask about the issues that are important to the masses. These issues include the following: future plans for foreign

affairs, the scare of Social Security dwindling, his job as commander-in-chief, and his take on life in general. The public does not know a great deal about our country's leader. If he were to order a pizza, what would he get on it? Do you know? This is my point exactly.

To begin my quest I used the most direct form of communication to reach the White House. Can you believe that they don't accept collect calls? This is an outrage. Our forefathers are turning in their graves. Next I sent an e-mail to which I immediately received an auto response saying that the President cannot answer e-mails, but the staff cares about everyone's comments. A letter sent on my behalf requesting an interview will reach the President's estate shortly. At the very least I can expect to be added to their Christmas card list.

Next month a review of my progress will be posted in a follow-up article. I will continue to call (using 10-10-987 or whatever company offers me the best sponsorship) until success is reached (or after three months when the few people reading this article lose interest). Ninety-nine percent of you either never started reading this article, or I lost you after the second sentence. If you do, in fact, care the President can be e-mailed at president@whitehouse.gov. It is difficult to actually get through, but let your voice be heard. Don't let the man bring you down.

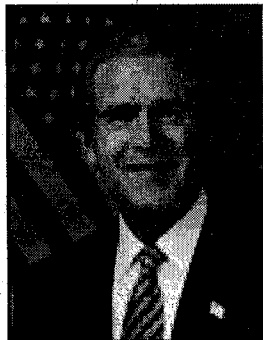


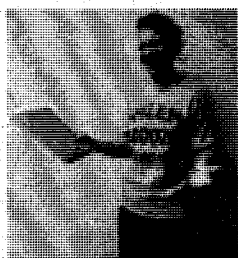
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Has anyone seen Ed E. Cut?

By Kathryn Baranovich
Staff writer

Have you ever been walking innocently down the hall minding your own business only to have something wet and slimy land on your hand and folder? The first thought that crosses your mind might be... what was it? When glancing down to look, senior Carla Gbur recently realized it was a large and quite disgusting loogey. Storming into the mass media class it was evident that she was quite perturbed to say the very, very least. "I think what happened was totally disgusting, and whoever did it needs to be aware they won't get away with it again!" This situation leads one to ponder the question, "What ever happened to etiquette?"

Etiquette is defined as the rules governing socially acceptable behavior. This ranges from saying please and thank you all the way to turning off a cell phone before entering a movie. Proper etiquette encompasses many different aspects of one's behavior. But honestly is it that much to ask for people in this building to give common courtesies to people who have to share the space? Everyone, every once in a while, needs to be reminded to say thank you or please, but should someone have to point out that it is not polite to spit in a crowded hallway? Not only is it "improper etiquette" it is just plain disgusting.



Try to put yourself in another person's shoes. Wouldn't you be more than a little offended?

This is not the only situation that should never have to be addressed. If one looks around the school there are innumerable examples everywhere. While traveling through the hallways, why can't people stand off to the side if they are going to talk? Freshman Greg Woolman said, "I hate when people are talking in the halls and you ask them to move and they don't." In the lunch room why can't all students say thank you when the trash can is brought around? It doesn't have to be rolled up to the lunch tables every day, but it is. An irritated senior, Jillian Barry stated, "I think it is very inconsiderate when people don't take the time to say a simple 'thank you' to the person who brings the trash can around to the lunch tables. They [janitorial staff] take the time to keep our school clean so we should appreciate their efforts and be polite."

Sadly enough society's use of proper etiquette has started to fade. English knights set the stage for etiquette with "good old fashioned chivalry," and in many cases it has died away. Why would a guy want to hold the door for a girl when there is the chance she will yell at him because she isn't helpless? Next time someone helps, remember it is not required. Say thanks, and remember to practice good etiquette.

SHS speaks out

Do you feel there is a lack of good etiquette or good manners in SHS?

Jessica Moser (10th) - "Yes I feel most people just don't show enough consideration for others."

Harrison Smith (10th) - "Some people are rude but I don't think there's that big of a problem."

Mrs. Ricker - "There is a lack of etiquette in today's society overall. So yes we could all practice having better etiquette."

What bad etiquette bothers you the most?

Kendra Perry (11th) - "I hate it when people stand right in the middle of the hallway or stand in front of the stairs."

Mrs. Ricker - "I dislike the people swearing so openly in the hall, class, and office."

James Drotleff (10th) - "I think that people should not judge people based on race, sexual preference, or clothes; instead by the content of their character."

Teacher Feature with Mr. Martinelli

By Alison Boron
Entertainment editor

At Salem High School there is one teacher that assists students by being able to teach in almost every art medium possible. Photography, sculpting, drawing - you name it and he probably can teach it. With a BS in art education from Youngstown State University and a bachelor of fine arts from Ohio State University, Mr. Martinelli is not only an eclectic teacher but also a student advocate as well.

Affectionately referred to by his students as "Marty," Mr. Anthony Martinelli was born on August 19 in Salem. "I came from a large loving family," he says, "where my parents always backed us in any of our choices." A large family is right, since he has five other siblings. The arts were always promoted in the Martinelli household; Mr. Martinelli has backgrounds in both the piano and the saxophone. He confesses that he liked art in high school but didn't decide to become an art teacher until the latter part of

his college career. Mr. Martinelli says that he was influenced by several great teachers but cites former Salem teacher Mrs. Mary Lou Polshaw as his favorite. "She was always there for her students, never



making them feel inadequate in any way," he says. "I feel this is a strong quality that teachers must have."

Before coming to Salem Mr. Martinelli taught seventh-through-twelfth grade at Malvern

schools. He feels that his best successes are when his students win awards in competitions. "It's always a pleasure to see students take information I give them, then apply it to their artwork," he states. In addition to teaching, Mr. Martinelli is an accomplished artist himself, showing sculptures and paintings in several galleries.

In his free time Mr. Martinelli likes to travel and read, but most of all he loves to run, jogging five miles a night. "If I'm ever in a bad mood, I take a long run and always come back feeling better," he says. A future goal of his is to see all of the museums in Europe. "Travel affords people opportunities to view other cultures," Mr. Martinelli concludes, "which can only enhance their own state of being." In addition, Mr. Martinelli is also working on of earning his MS degree at Youngstown State University, which will further enhance his own teaching repertoire.



The Quaker

The rising cost of education

By Rachel Fink
Staff writer

For those of you students at SHS who are seniors, you already know what a hassle it is to find the perfect college. So, for all the underclassmen at this school, this could be a great informational article for you. I want to start by saying that college is so unbelievably expensive! When you find that perfect college and your parents or you see the price - it may not look so perfect after all. It's a definite no! Have you ever wondered why it is so expensive to further your education? You spend approximately twelve years in school whether you like it or not and don't have to pay a dime (unless you have open enrollment). Then when it's time for you to make a choice to attend a higher educational system, the price is so

high you will spend the rest of your life paying back large sums of money to the bank. What is the deal?

Up Front magazine for high school students featured an article that dealt with just that question. Colleges and universities are "improving" the things they have to offer students during their spare time - as if you will have any. They are adding things like water parks and rock climbing adventures for their new two story student activity centers. These things sound like a lot of fun to someone who just wants to relax and have a good time, right? Well, for all the seniors out there who can't afford to go to the college of their dreams, take a look at why the prices are so high. Go to your favorite search engine online and see for yourself why certain colleges are higher in price than others, you might be surprised!

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.

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

Feature

Nine democratic hopefuls throw hats into the ring

By Lauren Arnold
Quaker Clips editor

The second installment in a series of three

With the early primaries approaching campaign strategies are changing and the race for the democratic nod is getting more intense. With former Vice President Al Gore's recent and controversial endorsement of Howard Dean the former Vermont governor seems to be the front runner in the upcoming New Hampshire primary to be held in January. But, the many other democratic hopefuls are still campaigning, trying to vie for next year's nomination.

Senator John Edwards

John Edwards is a senator from the state of North Carolina with no political experience prior to his 1998 election to his current seat. He was, however, a successful trial lawyer and gained over twenty million dollars, six million of which he used on his own senate campaign.

Economy:

Edwards has proposed an energy tax plan that would provide a five hundred dollar per family credit to pay for heating bills. He believes that this plan can help stimulate the economy. He did not have such faith in President Bush's tax cut plan, which he voted down in 2001.

Foreign affairs and terrorism:

Although Senator Edwards voted to take military action in Iraq he also accused President Bush of believing that "military force can be used as a first resort" when it comes to foreign policies. In an attempt to fight terrorism Edwards wishes to establish an agency, separate from the FBI, that would focus on collecting intelligence only about terrorism.

Representative Dick Gephardt

Former House minority leader Richard Gephardt is still serving as a congressman but has abdicated his position as minority leader to Nancy Pelosi of California. Prior to a career in government, Rep. Gephardt served in the Air National Guard from 1965-1971.

Economy:

Like many of his Democratic counterparts in the House of Representatives, Gephardt voted against the 2001 tax cuts. Like many Democrats he is calling for a stimulus plan. His plan calls for \$125 billion in spending for school structures. Gephardt also proposes seventy-five billion in tax rebates.

Foreign affairs and terrorism:

Along with many colleagues in congress Rep. Gephardt voted yes on allowing Pres. Bush to send troops to Iraq last October. However he feels that diplomacy always needs to be tried first, but "militarily if we must." Gephardt's key point on preventing terrorism is visas. "We are going to have to look at who we give visas to."

Senator John Kerry

John Kerry is a senator from the state of Massachusetts. In the past Kerry also held several elected offices in his home state and was in the U.S. Navy for one year during the Vietnam conflict.

Economy:

One of Sen. Kerry's biggest issues concerning the economy is the minimum wage. He wishes to raise the current minimum wage of \$5.15 an hour to \$6.55 an hour. In 2001 Kerry voted against President Bush's tax cut package.

Foreign affairs and terrorism:

Although Senator Kerry voted for the resolution to give President Bush authority in Iraq he also emphasized the importance of the U.N. inspections, stressing a 'diplomacy first' attitude. He believes that more work is needed on the matter of terrorism saying, "There are problems with the war on terror," and "there are enormous gaps... in the preparedness level of our country."

Smile for the camera!

By Carla Gbur
Opinion editor

We all know that senior year brings all sorts of fun and exciting things that you wait four years for. There is decorating your lockers, painting the spirit rock, sitting out in the courtyard at lunch, voting for courts and one thing that we find to be especially exciting - senior pictures! Not all people may enjoy getting their picture taken as many times as others; it is something others find thrilling. The one thing that isn't thrilling is the hollow sound it can leave in your piggy bank. The price of pictures has gone through the roof, and it seems rather absurd to pay so much for something you are giving away to all your friends and families. Just think about it. These are pictures that get framed and hung on the wall to be admired for many years to come. I don't know how other people feel about the prices that they are paying for their pictures, but what I've heard from friends and family is ridiculous!

The hunt for senior pictures starts with searching around and finding what you feel is the best priced place and what you think features the best packages and deals. Next is to make the appointment. Many people had theirs made at the end of last year and had their pictures taken over the summer. Those who didn't do that merely waited and got around to it eventually. Every once in a while you would get a little pamphlet in the mail, and you'd think to yourself, "Hey, I need to make my appointment soon." That soon is replaced with other thoughts of upcoming tests, parties, and so on.

Okay, those of you who waited finally made your appointment, and then you had to figure out what you were going to wear! This can make or break your picture; well maybe not, but you get the idea. You have the nice dress up outfit, the casual one and maybe the sporty one, and along with clothes are the accessories. If you are into sports

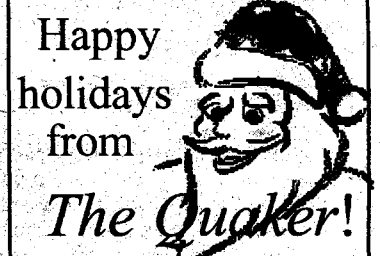
you go for the trophies and the ball for the sport and, of course, the Varsity jacket. Those who aren't into sports may choose to gather some things that are special to them, whether they are things you collect or things that you feel represent you. This is all good; now you have everything set, and you are ready to simply smile for the camera. Oh wait, one more thing, you forgot the sitting fee! Some people got papers that waived their sitting fees while others ranged from a measly twenty-five dollars to a whopping ninety dollars! Crazy huh? A lot of people think you have to spend hundreds of dollars on pictures and go to the best of the best photographers such as Robert Senn, Dunlap, Arbogast and a well known studio here in town, Lucia's. There is one place yet to be mentioned that got the business of at least four people from the class of 2004, and it didn't have a sitting fee. Yeah, that's right Walmart strikes again! Although you weren't able to have outdoor photos, some of the backdrops looked just as good. The price was much more reasonable. I know it may be a little too late for some seniors, but this is still good information for all u n d e r c l a s s m e n.

Once your pictures are taken, you have to decide which pictures you want for wallets and for your portfolio. Then your grandparents and aunts and uncles have to pick the poses they want. It all seems like such a hassle at first, but after you get your pictures and pass them out it is like a ton of bricks off your back. That is until it's time to put the pictures in the invitations for your graduation party, that may create a problem if you've run out. This means you have to call up the photographer and order as many as you think you might need then dish out even more money just to give it all away! This may all sound like a real downer, but as a senior you realize it's not so bad. When it's all said and done your senior pictures will be something to cherish for the rest of your life.

14 things to love about Christmas

By Lauren Arnold
Quaker Clips editor

1. Candle light church services
2. The Italian tradition of serving up to 21 kinds of fish on Christmas day.
3. Homemade cranberry relish
4. *The Night Before Christmas*
5. Christmas trees and all of their ornaments (including pickles for our German friends)
6. People who dress their dogs up as Santa, elves, or reindeer.
7. The Christmas morning coffee cake/left over Christmas cookies breakfast combo
8. Black Friday shopping
9. SNOW!
10. Comparing who got the strangest gift from your eccentric grandma
11. Christmas Gap commercials
12. How sticky your hands are from the sap of your Christmas tree just after it has been set up
13. Christmas carols
14. *National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation* and families with Christmas lights to rival those on the Griswold home



Come join me on a planet far away

By Thomas Leguard
Staff writer

Order of the Solar Temple, Heavens Gate, Branch Davidians, Mormons - some of you may recognize these names but for those of you who don't, these are the names of some cults from our recent history. What exactly is a cult? Dictionary.com describes it as a religion or religious sect generally considered to be extremist or false, with its followers often living in an unconventional manner under the guidance of an authoritarian, charismatic leader.

What is it about these crazed, wide eyed lunatics that people are attracted to? Why are people willing to give up all of their earthly possessions to follow some

man, freshly out of a mental institution, into oblivion? Marshall Applewhite (founder of Heavens Gate) told people he was Jesus Christ reincarnated, and yet people still gave him all of their money. Eventually they all gave their lives to him in hope that they would be whisked away on a space ship following the Hale-Bopp Comet, to a planet far away where they could start over.

Were these people ages twenty-six to seventy-two at the end of their rope? Were they so lost in depression that they would be willing to follow anybody with the slightest promise of hope? Would they follow blindly even if it meant being lead by a man who believed we all would be taken away by aliens? Apparently those thirty-

eight people did. However, if someone ever invites you to a "party" and everyone is dressed the same, has changed their names, and believe that an alien space ship is about to take them away please remember to stay away from the punch. They have been known to add a little secret spice of cyanide or rat poison.

Perhaps instead of trying to put all of your problems into the hands of some charismatic leader with a phony cause, you should try to resolve them yourself. Possibly, one could read the Bible. You may not believe in it, but as a literary device it is packed with more than enough good ideas on the way you live your life. It also doesn't involve castration, giving away all of your possessions, or mass ritual suicide.

Entertainment

De'ja vu for the King of Pop: Michael Jackson's new and old charges

By Allison Boron
Entertainment editor

"There have been many disgusting statements made recently concerning allegations of improper conduct on my part," said Michael Jackson back in 1993 after a thirteen-year-old boy accused him of sexual molestation. "...I am hoping for a speedy end to the horrifying, horrifying experience to which I have been subjected... Don't treat me like a criminal, 'cause I am innocent."

While in a November therapy session, a twelve-year-old boy revealed details that led his therapist to believe the boy was sexually assaulted by the so-called "King of Pop." By California law, health care professionals who suspect a child is being abused are required to report the information to authorities. Two months into the investigation, police produced a warrant to search Jackson's Neverland Ranch. Jackson himself was not at his home at the time of the search. Instead, he was in Las Vegas readying his new album, *Number Ones* for release. The album is a compilation of Jackson's chart-toppers as well as a new song called "One More Chance." Upon arriving in California, Jackson was taken in handcuffs to the sheriff's department where he was photographed, fingerprinted, and booked.

Earlier this year a TV special entitled *Living with Michael Jackson* exposed much of the pop star's personal life. British journalist Martin Bashir left nothing uncovered, going so far as to get Jackson to admit that he had shared his bed "with many children." One particularly disturbing scene featured a young cancer survivor holding hands with Jackson on his couch. Little did Jackson know that this little boy would be the same kid that would accuse him of sexually molesting him later.

Since the accusations have been made, many of Jackson's friends have backed him saying that he would never perform such actions. However, many of the charities to which Jackson had given donations have thought about reconsidering their affiliation with him. According to the Associated Press, The Make-A-Wish Foundation, which held a fund-raiser at Jackson's Neverland ranch in September, said that it "would not speculate on future activities involving Mr. Jackson or Neverland while the legal proceedings are taking place."

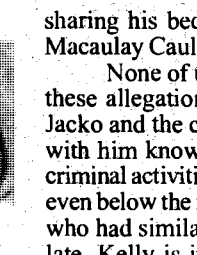
"I think he should go to jail because he has done a lot of weird things over the years and molesting kids is wrong," says SHS junior Jeff Walter. Junior Savannah Young agrees, "...No matter what he should go to jail because even if he says he didn't do [anything], there's no reason he should let a little boy sleep in his bed."

Where is Michael Jackson?

By Brandon Fitch
Staff writer

What happened to Michael Jackson? Where is the little kid that sang to us with his brothers, all wearing matching suits? Where is that young African-American singer sold to screaming girls across the nation? The media is currently portraying him as a middle aged caucasian woman with frightening stubble and a crumbling nose. He is soft spoken with a flighty demeanor, and attracts children with his Neverland ranch home. This is not Michael Jackson; this is Jacko, a media spectacle meant to shock and awe. Throughout the years many child stars have freaked out trying to break free from their pre-packaged image. You might say that they forgot who they were in the shuffle of things. But none of them ever went to this extent. Michael Jackson revolutionized rhythm and blues with his silky gyrations on stage. He has influ-

enced most every musician today in some way or another. For instance Alien Antfarm recently did a cover of his *Smooth Criminal*, and Wierd Al Yankovick parodied such songs as *Bad* and *Beat it* (*Fat, and Eat it*). Jacko on the other hand has captivated the public by holding his baby over a balcony, and sharing his bed with child star Macaulay Caulkin.



None of us really know if these allegations are true, only Jacko and the children that stay with him know for sure. These criminal activities would put him even below the ranks of R. Kelly, who had similar problems as of late. Kelly is involved in a bizarre underaged sex scandal involving a young girl. He does not hide his promiscuity in his music, but claims that he is innocent in this case.

One thing is for sure, if the king of pop is sentenced to any jail time it might as well be the death penalty. Child molesters are not looked upon highly where he might be going.

Lord of the Rings is back

By Tom Leguard
Staff writer

December 17th will be the release of *The Return of the King*, the third and final installment into *The Lord of the Rings* trilogy. It has captured the attention of the youth of America since the release of the first in December of 2001, but it has been around so much longer than that. Many of our parents were intrigued by the stories in books when they were first released in 1954 and 1955. That's right; our parents actually read and weren't forced to resort to moving pictures for entertainment. However, they didn't get a lot of publicity in the United States until the 1970's.

Our parents were drawn into the series by the complexity of the story and the correlation it has to the medieval writings of Geoffrey Chaucer and other tales of heroism. Today, though, our youth seem to only be drawn into it for the fight scenes and special effects that Hollywood has used to enhance the action. In a questionnaire given by this writer to Dr. Mathus, Mathus



Elijah Wood as Frodo in LOTR

stated, "To read Tolkien as more than mere fantasy is to exercise one's understanding of the nature of myth; the roots of philosophy (geographically as well as intellectually); spiritually;... and the role and function of folk tales within the context of their respective culture." What does that mean? In simpler terms it means that when you read Tolkien you need to look past the action and adventure and look at the soul of the message

that he is trying to get across. You need to look at the creativity it took to create such an intense and vivid world outside of our own and how it ties into our culture and the civilizations that mold our past. Have we as a society lost our imagination to the beautiful pictures and fantasy that Hollywood brings to us? Think of how many people have now been touched by Tolkien's genius that never would have known about this wonderful world that he created. They certainly are not getting the education reading gives you, but at least it's opening up their imaginations a little bit. At least they are not watching another Olsen twin's movie.

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Something Corporate

By Tom Leguard
Staff writer

What is Something Corporate? They are not a group of politicians or a band that writes politically motivated music. They are just a unique, modern alternative rock quintet from Dana Point, California, living out their dreams.

The band consists of Josh Parrington on lead guitar, William Tell on rhythm guitar, Clutch on bass, Brian Ireland on drums, and Andrew McMahon on piano and vocals. That's right, a modern rock band with a pianist. The band started in Dana Point, California, just as a group of friends who loved music and playing music. The band began to take off when they passed around their first single to local radio stations. "If U-C Jordan" was an upbeat rock song with some dazzling piano parts about standing up to a high school bully. It was instantly praised, and other stations began playing it. The next thing you know they had a video that was being played on MTV2 and Much Music.

They followed this with the release of their first CD *Leaving Through The Window* which sold 250,000 copies total, far exceeding their initial hopes for the album. That summer they went on as many tours as possible. In fact, they barely got to spend any time at home.

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Tis the season... for new releases

By Carla Gbur
Opinion editor

While on break everyone will be watching TV and seeing all the previews for the new movies that will be released and brought to all your local movie theatres. This is the prime time of year for movies to open. Kids are all home and parents want to get them out of the house for a little, while they finish up with some of the last minute shopping and wrapping. The mall is overrated, bowling is for kids, no one goes skating any more, and there's nothing else to do in this town! Well, that's not true and you know it. You know there are always the movies. What follows are some of the holiday releases you might want to see.

- *Cheaper by the Dozen*, [PG] starring Steve Martin, Bonnie Hunt, and Hillary Duff is a comedy about a father of twelve who gets a job coaching football at Northwestern University in Chicago. The family moves into the big city and the two parents try parenting in two totally different ways.

- *Cold Mountain*, [R] starring Jude Law, Nicole Kidman and Renee Zellweger, is a romantic drama about a wounded confederate soldier, Inman, (Law) who is on a journey home to re-unite with his pre-war sweetheart, Ada (Kidman). Meanwhile Ada is struggling to survive and save her father's farm with the help of Ruby (Zellweger).


- *The Company* is a musical with performing arts and drama. Starring Neve Campbell as a young ballet dancer who thrives to be a star. Her road is full of obstacles and she is being distracted by studying and other interests in her life.

- *Paycheck* is an action, adventure, sci-fi fantasy and thriller all rolled up into one. The movie stars Ben Affleck, as Michael Jemings, a computer engineer hired for top secret jobs. After the mission is complete, his short term memory is erased so he doesn't give away any information. After a three year mission he expects to get his big paycheck but is told he agreed to forfeit everything. Since he has no memory he has no way of proving them wrong. He receives an envelope with gadgets from his past. With the help of Rachel (Uma Thurman) he has to piece these together in time to get not only his paycheck but his life back.

- *Peter Pan* is back in this action, adventure, kids and family movie. This live action film stars Jeremy Sumpter as the boy who won't grow up. The lost boys and tinkle bell convince John, Michael and Wendy Darling to go to Neverland with them to battle Captain Hook and his pirate pals.

Now that you have a quick overview of the movies that are being released on Christmas I hope you have a safe and enjoyable holiday.

PeaSoup
After Friday home games
beginning December 12



9:00 PM
Salem Memorial Bulding
Gymnasium
\$3 admission fee

Girls basketball looking for repeat

By Jillian Barry
Staff writer

Projections for this year's girls' basketball team have been superior. Behind the senior leadership of Alyson Cotter, Lizzie Jesko, Lauren Teal, Renee Farina, and Ashlee Thorne, the ladies are hoping to make another run this year. Coming off a 20-4 season last year, along with a trip to regionals, the Quakers are expected to go far. "Our goals include winning the MAC, the district title, and ultimately a trip to Columbus. It is just a matter of putting it together and producing," Cotter proclaimed about this season's goals.

With the five seniors and many returning letter winners, our girls' basketball team should be a powerhouse of success. This year's varsity roster includes Jessica Hamilton, Renee Farina, Alyson Cotter, Lauren Teal, Jessica Potts, Lizzie Jesko, Meredith Miles, Sarah Hamilton, Vanessa Kelly, Ashlee

Thorne, Katherine McGarry, and Laci Meals.

With the transfer of two exceptional athletes in Renee Farina and Katherine McGarry and the return of Lizzie Jesko, this season should prove to be very exciting. "I like the people here, and everyone has been very supportive in my decision to come to Salem. I expect a really good season because we have a lot of talent and work well together," McGarry commented. Katherine, a 5'11" junior from Poland, is anticipated to bring great things to the team. Renee Farina is a 5'9" senior with a great outside shot. After having reconstructive knee surgery last year, Jesko was out for the season. She worked hard in the off season and is now fully healed and ready to play. Lizzie takes her senior leadership position seriously. She states, "As a senior, I feel I have to provide leadership in many aspects of the game, basically, so we can GID."

The Lady Quakers opened up their season at West Branch with

a heartbreaking loss 57-52. McGarry, also known as "Mac," had an excellent showing producing 17 points, while Lauren Teal added 12. However, they seemed to rebound quite quickly by beating Austintown Fitch 91-20 in a 71 point blowout. Alyson Cotter led the charge with 27 points. Sarah Hamilton tacked on 19 and Renee Farina added 12. On December 6, our girls participated in their first home game of the season, against Wooster, in John Cabas gymnasium. They defeated the Lady Generals 57-48. This was a great victory for them due to the fact that Wooster is one of the top teams in division I in Ohio. Renee Farina dumped in 12 points while Sarah Hamilton and Alyson Cotter added 11 apiece. The Lady Quakers shot an amazing 23 of 27 at the foul line en route to victory.

With all of their talent and great work ethic, it looks probable that they will yet again make it to Regionals. Good luck girls. Make Salem proud.

Coach Almond named coach of the year...again

By Jillian Barry
Staff writer

Recently, Salem's own cross country coach, Mr. Almond, was voted Columbiana County coach of the year. This is the second year in a row that he has received this prestigious honor.

Coach Almond began running seriously at the young age of twelve. He kept running throughout high school and into college. He graduated from Malone College as a four time All-American. Following his graduation, he stayed on at Malone as an assistant coach before coming to lovely Salem, Ohio. Not only is Mr. Almond a very avid and excellent runner, but his wife was also

She was a seven time All-American and a National champion. They hope



that someday their son, Noah, will be a runner also.

He feels he owes his immense success to his high school

and college coaches. Of whom taught him everything he knows about exercising principles to coaching methodology. "I have the best athletes I could ask for. They are the center of my success," Coach Almond stated.

With all the support from the parents, boosters clubs, the administration and the community, Mr. Almond truly enjoys his coaching position here at SHS. Along with the great student athletes that are dedicated and willing to sacrifice to be the best. We are really glad you are here at Salem, and thank you for all your hard work Mr. Almond.

Grey, Heath earn All-Ohio recognition

By Jarrod Niederhiser
Sports editor

The Salem varsity football team had a good season this year, and it was also good for two seniors. Wideout Zac Grey and quarterback Landon Heath both had stellar seasons and were rewarded for their efforts by the state of Ohio. Grey was selected to the All-Ohio 1st team and Heath made the 2nd team for division III.

During the season Zac amassed huge numbers and broke numerous records on his way to an All-Ohio selection. During the season he hauled in 54 passes totaling 1,024 yards and 13 touchdowns, bringing his career totals to 104 catches, 1,624 yards

and 19 touchdowns. In the process he broke the records for career receiving yards and receiving yards in a single season and holds about every receiving record at Salem. Also, in week two he caught eight passes for 191 yards against East Palestine to break the record until week eight



when he snagged ten balls and compiled 198 yards against Canfield to break his own record. Zac also starred on the defensive side of the football and special teams. Over the season he had three interceptions and against Alliance, he returned a kick-off 95 yards for a score.

Quarterback Landon Heath has become the most prolific signal caller in Quaker history. He was a three year starter and holds many passing records. When asked how it felt to be selected second team All-Ohio, he had this to say, "I was honored to be selected to the team and very happy also."

Congratulations to both players on fine seasons and careers and good luck to them in the future.

Farina heads to West Liberty

By Jillian Barry
Staff writer

Recently Salem High School senior Renee Farina signed

her national letter of intent to continue her basketball career and education at West Liberty State College. West Liberty is located in West Virginia and is athletically a Division II school.

Although Renee was heavily recruited by mainly highly competitive institutions, she narrowed her choices down to three: Northeastern (in Boston), Jacksonville, and West Liberty. While it was exciting being recruited by these schools, West Liberty was the



school that gave her the best offer. She will be receiving almost a full ride. "I chose West Liberty because I will probably see a lot of playing time as a freshman. The

people there were incredibly nice, and I felt like I fit into the program and how they played very well," Farina stated. She claims to be "very excited" about attending West Liberty and she will be majoring in education. When asked if she had any coaching aspirations, Farina replied, "Yes, I love children and the competitive nature of athletic events."

Until next year, we are fortunate enough to have her playing on our girls' basketball team. Good luck this season and next year at West Liberty, Renee.

Boys basketball starts season anew

By Jarrod Niederhiser
Sports editor

The 2003-2004 boys' basketball season is a new start for a number of reasons. For one it is the start of a new season after a 4-17 record last year finished off with a tournament loss to Girard. Second, it is the first year for new head coach, Mr. Jeff Brink and junior varsity coach, Mr. William Klucinec. It also brings about a new class of seniors after last year's class of Matthew Mowery, Andrew Miller, and Derek Frederick who have all graduated.

With only three members of last year's team graduating, this year the team will return with valuable experience. The Quakers will be led by five returning letter winners. They consist of seniors Zac

Grey, Landon Heath, T.J. Decrow, and Joe Smith and sophomore Tyler Pierce.

The new season began on the road at Youngstown Chaney as the Quakers battled the Cowboys. After being snowed out on Friday, the game was moved to the next night and the Quakers were able to pull out a 72-57 victory. Tommy Jesko and Joe Smith each contributed 16 points apiece.

After an opening week road victory, the team came back for their home opener against Youngstown Liberty. The Quakers suffered their first loss by the score of 80-58. Tommy Jesko led the way with 17 points. They will begin MAC play on December 16 on the road at Alliance.

Salem wrestlers ready for new season

By Jarrod Niederhiser
Sports editor

The Salem wrestling squad embarks on the new season with a positive outlook. After a 6-5 2002-2003 campaign and the loss of five seniors, this year's team, led by Coach Carreon and Coach Bryan, looks ready to go. There are only two seniors, Bill Borrelli and Richie Forrester, but there is a cast of returning letterman who will also con-

tribute to the team's success. When asked about his outlook, senior Bill Borrelli said this, "Even though we have a tough schedule, I think we should be a good team with all the underclassmen stepping up and doing what needs to be done to win."

In their first match of the season the Quakers had no trouble in defeating the South Range Raiders 64-0. The season looks bright after an impressive win in the opener.

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