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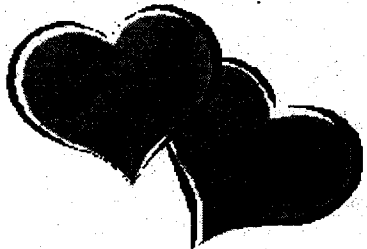
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## 2004 Winter Sweetheart Court

By Sean Morrissey  
Editor-in-Chief



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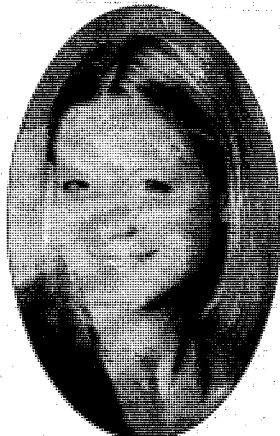
Jennifer Ann Huzyak will be escorted by Sean Morrissey. Her future plans include attending the Pennsylvania Culinary Institute.



Jillian Dana Barry will be escorted by Brian Schwartz. Her future plans include attending college to double major in English literature and political science.



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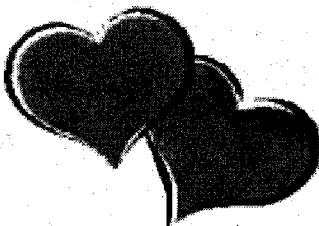
Molly Ann Bauman will be escorted by Christopher Price. Her future plans include attending Coastal Carolina University to major in nutritional promotion and middle school education.



Renée Nicole Farina will be escorted by Bruce Moffett. Her future plans include attending West Liberty State to play basketball and major in education.



Elizabeth Anne Jesko will be escorted by Zach Bennett. Her future plans include attending college to major in business law.



## Salem man becomes hero

By Allison Boron  
Entertainment editor

On December 8, 2003, nineteen year old Randall Clunen of Salem was hit by the blast of an exploding car, embedding shrapnel in his face. Clunen, a member of the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne, was serving as a guard when a car packed with 1,000 pounds of explosives drove up to a gate he was guarding. He suffered broken bones along with shrapnel wounds to his face, neck, and shoulders as a result of the suicide bombing. He says that he doesn't remember much about the incident other than hitting the ground. The explosion also seriously wounded three others and injured sixty-one sleeping soldiers.

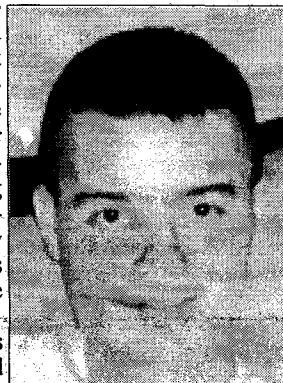
Clunen was flown to Germany and then to Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C., to receive treatment for his injuries. In Washington, he and his family were visited by President George W. Bush and first lady Laura Bush. As photographs were set up between the president and Clunen, Bush suggested that Clunen's two younger brothers join the picture "with a hero; not [Bush], your brother," the Salem News reported.

In an interview with this reporter, Clunen shared pictures that he brought back from his time in Iraq. They show a contrast to the images of the country seen on the news. Although there is much desert area, the country also contains lush, green grass and beautiful ancient architecture. "But

that's not how it looks on TV," says Clunen.

Despite popular beliefs, the country isn't quite third-world status either. Clunen explains that Iraqis carry cell phones, drive cars (but still own donkeys with carts as transportation), and watch TV broadcasts from Syria. The Iraqi culture is, however, extremely different than that of the United States. For example, suicide bombing is seen as a noble task and comes with a government pay-off to the family of the bomber. Clunen says that some Iraqis do respond hostilely to Americans, but "it just depends on how they were brought up." Iraqi children see American soldiers as rich and often will be seen running toward the troops looking for money.

Inspired by his family's active military involvement, Clunen joined the infantry to "see what it was like," not sure if he would make it his career.



Randall Clunen

Before he was wounded by the suicide bombing, Clunen was also treated for appendicitis in a "field hospital."

Clunen says that he has been in contact with his unit and commander through the internet. He has twenty months left on his tour of duty but is unsure whether he will return to the army once he recovers. If his tour is over, he would like to attend culinary school. Clunen was awarded a Purple Heart and six coins, one of which is the Presidential coin, the highest coin in the military.

The Salem AMVETS recently held a benefit for the family's traveling expenses which were not covered by the government. At press time there was no fundraising total to report.

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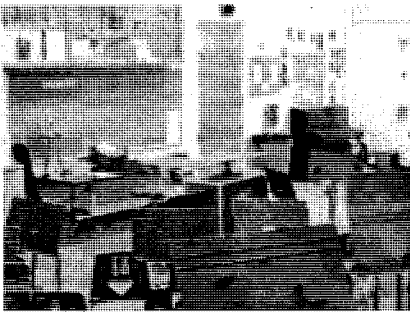
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# News

## Band room gets a facelift

By Carla Gbur  
Opinion editor

If you have ventured down past the gym and past the auditorium you will find two very unconventional classrooms. One is for the choir, and the other is the band room. The band room has held the biggest classes in this school for as long as anyone can remember, and with bigger classes comes more horseplay. There are



just too many kids and they can't be babysat all the time. This causes destruction in the band room and goes to show how much some kids value their education.

Entering the band room in the summer during band camp one could see it was a little disheveled

and could use a little renovation. The walls were then painted bright blue, new carpet was laid, and new acoustics were added. This lasted through band camp, marching season, and most of concert season. Shortly before winter break the band was kicked out of the band room for the start of the renovations. Yet again the walls were painted - white this time, new acoustics were put in for better sound, and the lights were replaced too. Now when students walk down the hall it's like going to a light at the

end of a tunnel; it's extremely white and clean.

The big question is "How long is this going to last?" This is something the band room has needed for a long time, and hopefully it will stay somewhat white and clean for a while.

## Sailing into spring

By Kathryn Baranovich  
Staff writer

"Sailing into spring on a sea of food" is the theme for the ongoing food drive sponsored by the woods classes. The campaign will run through February 29, 2004. The drop off location is on the window side of the cafeteria. The goal is to collect at least 10,000 cans of food, and the drive is well on its way. There are currently at least 2000 cans in the cafeteria which came from donations during the Christmas season. These donations came from English, office education, science, math, and foreign language classes as well as a variety of individuals. Mr. Peters stated, "We thank you for this great start and hope to build upon this foundation."

Currently there are two boats in the cafeteria that the woods classes built and one that Mr. Peters constructed from scrap wood

for his children. One of the two boats built this year will be raffled. The sailboat is fully functional, and it also comes with the trailer. The cost for each ticket will be three dollars. This may seem expensive, but one needs to take into consideration that all money made on tickets will be used to buy more food to be donated. An incomplete boat was also placed in the cafeteria for everyone to see the beginning stages of this project. The unfinished boat also helps to demonstrate that the sailboats were not built from a kit.

This project is intended to benefit the community, and all donations will be given to local food banks and eventually to local families. The success of this project hinges not only on student involvement but involvement from the community as well. Mr. Peters makes an excellent point when he states, "This project is by our community for our community. Help this food collection 'sail to success.'"

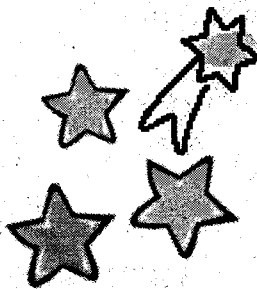
## Keep in touch with your dreams

By Lauren Arnold  
Staff writer

Salem junior Sami Gano was recently named as the winner of the 2004 Annual Scholastic Art Award Exhibition. She won over many other entries, and her painting will be posted on a Columbiana County billboard for a two month period. The contest was presented by the Scholastic company to inspire visual artists.

When asked what her inspiration was for this particular painting, Gano said that it was all about dreams and goals. She was inspired by a poster of two hands holding a cluster of stars that is hanging in Mrs. Dye's room. It reads, "Keep in touch with your dreams." Sami took a slightly different approach and has hands holding a bright light in a far off galaxy of stars - her own interpretation of dreams and aspirations.

Sami will also be receiving a Gold Key at the Scholastic art competition according to visual arts teacher, Miss Yereb. For those who are not familiar with Scholastic, the company holds several competitions every year to encourage both visual and language arts. Sami is proud of her work, but said that "I wasn't expecting to win at all."



## Money in medicine

By Amanda Jones  
Staff writer

On Thursday, January 8 representatives from Mercy Medical Center presented an informative session at Salem High School. They wanted to inform students about the rising need in the medical field. Jeff Schiavone was one presenter from "Learning for Life." He stated that the representatives came here to "reduce uncertainty."

Steve Baker, R.N., a nursing recruiter at Mercy Medical Center, was the first to speak. He began the session by telling everyone a little bit about himself. He felt proud enough to say that he graduated with a 2.2 GPA and then went on to college. While in college he began working at Mercy for the money. While there he found out that he loved what

he was doing. After graduating from college with a bachelor's degree in business he went back for an associate degree in social sciences. He explained that he may not have been the brightest student, but he was a determined person and that is what has brought him so far.

Accompanying Baker was his associate Julie Finney. She is a dietician at Mercy Medical Center. As Steve did, she told everyone a little bit of her background. When she graduated from high school she had three choices for her college schooling. These were to become either a teacher, a nurse, or a dietician (at that time she was not really sure what a dietician was). She choose the one that she felt best fit her. She has had this career now for twenty-six years.

The presenters then gave some facts about the jobs they perform. Some of the information which they included were about salary, holidays, and what has to be done to get the job. To be an RN (registered nurse) there are multiple programs from which to choose. There is a ten month program such as Hannah Mullins, there is a two year associate program, a three year certificate program that some hospitals offer, and there is the four year bachelor program. Wages for the typical RN are somewhere in the range of \$20 - 25 an hour. These wages can always be higher and the hospital may even offer a signing bonus.

There is always the issue of work shifts with RNs. Mercy offers a wide variety of shifts. There are four, eight, twelve hour, straight days or nights, swing, part time, full time, and weekend shifts from which to choose. If working week-

ends, it consists of twelve hour days on both Saturday and Sunday.

To become a dietician it takes four years to complete the program. Some holidays are required, as in most medical fields. Recommendations for this are all science and math classes, possible, a speech course, and volunteer work or shadowing. No other details were given at the presentation.

This field is in high demand. Right now there is a 200,000 nurse shortage alone. Many more medical workers are needed in all fields. To log onto Mercy's webpage go to [www.thequalityhospital.com](http://www.thequalityhospital.com) to get more information. To learn more information on nursing you can log onto [www.mercynurse.com](http://www.mercynurse.com).

## December cults revisited: an explanation

By Tom Leguard  
Staff writer

As you may or may not be aware, in the last edition of *The Quaker* I published an article on cults. In the article I referred to the Mormon religion as a cult. Some students here took offense to that and took it as an attack on their religion. I am sorry, and I did not mean to single out Mormons as a cult.

In actuality all religions are cults. Oops - I did it again; I used that loaded word *cult*. If people would just look up the word at Dictionary.com, copy write 2004, they would find the definition I printed in the last edition of the paper (1, a: 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 authori-

tarian, charismatic leader). On the web page there is another definition which states: 2 a system or community of religious worship and ritual. If you do not trust the internet then you may find a definition close to this in our own library here at SHS. In Webster's Dictionary and The-Saurus, copyright 1997, the definition listed is a group or system of religious worship. By these definitions in credible sources, any religion may be considered a cult.

Mormons may be considered a cult by some people, but does that make them bad people? No, it does not. Some people consider Hinduism, Judaism, and even the big one "Christianity" a cult. So does that make all of those people bad? No, it does not. There are far too many variations of religions for one to be exactly right, or exactly wrong. People pay too much into labels placed on religions. They

spend all their time looking at the abstract practices and customs of the religion instead of focusing on the big message.

So whoever was in charge of putting these writings down hundreds of years ago - whether you believe it to be Muhammad, Hindu, Jesus Christ, Joe Smith, or even some monkeys scratching on tree bark - they all basically say the same things. Live a good life; don't be immoral; and treat people how you would want to be treated. All of these beliefs the different religions share. Perhaps if people would dwell on these things instead of focusing on the minor aspects of religions and customs, we could save ourselves massive amounts of trouble and possibly even lives. Well, gee whiz, we might even find a way to solve that wonderful mess in that far off land - the Middle East.

### Quaker Calendar

February  
2004-05 Scheduling

February 12  
Conference Night

February 13  
No School

February 16  
President's Day - No school



## These shows are *Absolutely Fabulous* but...

By Lauren Arnold  
Staff writer

Okay, maybe I seem like the biggest nerd EVER right now, but I cannot get over how funny British sitcoms are! One key element in their hilarity is how open they are about all issues ranging from family and friends to sex. I also love how most shows are committed to showing real people, only in the most exaggerated forms of themselves. A few great illustrations of these programs are the series *Are You Being Served*, *Keeping Up Appearances*, and *Absolutely Fabulous*.

*Absolutely Fabulous* (also known simply as "Ab Fab") had a brief stint as a popular show here in the U.S. several years ago, but let's review the premise of the program for those who blocked out the memories of American housewives going mad for the story of the two luses from the U.K. Edina Monsoon is a successful "business woman" who has done little to earn her money but knows how to spend it on anything trendy or popular. She is the best friend to Patsy Stone, an alcoholic anorexic who hasn't eaten since 1978. The messes these two get into are like Lucy and Ethel on acid! I remember one particular episode that shocked me and made me laugh at the same time. Patsy and Edina tried everything but rape on two twenty-something men in order to have an orgy, and I was just sitting there thinking, "Can they do this?" In fact, I'm sitting here now typing and wondering, "Can I do this?!" Is it okay to say "orgy" in a school newspaper? Would it be more tasteful to say...

Anyway, my point is this. Why can the British get away with things we can't seem to here in America? The BBC's website says that all programs need to reflect real people's lives; if that means using language or realities that upset some people, so be it. But the BBC is not totally reckless in their censorship efforts. In the U.K. there is something called the Watershed Policy. This is a program that is designed to help parents choose what is harmful for their children to watch after nine o'clock pm; however, it is also said that programs aired before nine are the most suitable for children. Even though this is what some think

is necessary, many in England do not want to be censored. In a recent study an overwhelming 82% of all "Brits" wanted to make up their minds for themselves on what they should and should not watch, and 98% said that it was their choice as to what their children should be viewing.

So why are so many people here in America concerned about what we see on television? Sex, drugs, violence, language...they are all parts of everyday life. Isn't it all about maturity? Maybe my parents felt that I was ready to watch movies that had the infamous "F word" in it or see a TV show that portrayed a murder before yours felt the same way. So what? Everyone is going to see or hear the same things in life no matter how offensive; it is just an issue of when and how you are going to handle those things. Should it be the job of a TV exec or the government, or should it be your choice or your parents' choice? You cannot be sheltered your whole life, and despite how hard they try your parents are going to have to let you be a part of the real world eventually. Are you going to be thrown into a world of harsh realities, or are you going to know what's ahead of you?

For those of you who disagree with me, I hate to end this article on a sad note, but let me just make this point. If you were a parent who would not let his children watch movies that involve violence because it might be too traumatic or because it might influence them, just think about this. Would you have let that same child see the news coverage of the September eleventh attacks? September eleventh was reality, *Air Force One* is not. Life is not the president saving an entire plane from terrorists, right now; life is terrorists running planes into buildings.

My point? Kids aren't stupid; kids know reality from TV. So what if they hear Sharon Osborne swear? Is it that big of a deal? Violence happens, cursing happens, sex happens!! I'm not saying parents should let their six year olds watch porn, I just think kids need to be given a little more credit, and a little more trust that they won't shoot someone just because they saw it on television...would they hijack a plane?

By Devon McIlvaine  
Feature editor

## Point/Counterpoint

This month: Is NASA still needed?

**Point** When President Bush recently announced that he planned to expand America's space program in order to establish a moon base and develop the technology to someday send a man to Mars, many people were furious. "Who does this guy think he is spending billions of dollars in Iraq and now billions more on Mars?" they asked. I can understand why people can't see the benefit of spending tax money on something so seemingly irrelevant to everyday life. But is this program really so irrelevant? Exploration, whether it is on Earth or beyond, has always been paramount to the development of the human race. By exploring new territory our society has expanded infinitely—we've tapped new resources, discovered new technologies, and discovered whole new worlds.

By Sean Morrissey  
Editor-in-Chief

### Counterpoint

NASA's at it again — we're back into "the unknown" after a break from last year's Columbia disaster. This time around - Mars. Like the Pathfinder mission (1997), we're exploring and surveying the surface again and taking pictures of the Red Planet, again. So why the sudden urge to use 820 million dollars to search this barren planet? I thought we already found Saddam Hussein. Ask George W. Bush; I'm sure he has some sort of witty reply (that involves a few made-up words). Remember, this is the man who's confident there's alien life out there and wants to search the universe for it.

Of course, our neighbor

## Compromising our future

By Thomas Leguard  
Staff writer

When you ask a high school student what the most stressful part of high school is, a large portion of them will tell you ACT's. Why do we get so stressed out for just one test? I mean sure it is one of the main things colleges look for when deciding whether or not to accept you into their fine establishment, but aren't there better things to worry about than some stupid test?

American's College Test is nothing more than a simple assessment over book knowledge. The test shows no true intelligence, and it seems to be so completely ridiculous. The stories that students have to read in them are pointless, and they try so hard to be politically correct that it's pathetic. The last time I had to take it, I had to read a story about an American Indian girl who was sad that her umbilical cord was taken away from her. So that's great — the ACT singled out the American Indians that will take the test this year and draw attention to their life style just to prove the point that America

What would the world be like if young, enterprising Christopher Columbus had listened to the scoffers who said it would be too costly and dangerous to cross that big, scary ocean, to see what was on the other side? We cannot be afraid to go to other uncharted territories, be it Mars or elsewhere, because of possible dangers or a seemingly high price tag.

The space program is no exception to the rule that exploration brings innovation. Through NASA's Apollo program, miniaturization of electronics became possible—directly contributing to the advent of the internet. Happenstance discoveries like these alone are reason to continue this invaluable program. Not only can human ingenuity produce new technology, but newly discovered natural resources have the potential to revolutionize energy. The possibilities are endless when resources are applied to such a worthwhile program.

isn't enough. We want the whole solar system and beyond. This, all part of Bush's new agenda, will require NASA to scale back or scrap all their existing plans that don't support his new effort while funding them a billion dollars a year over the next five years. With a half-trillion-dollar deficit, manned missions to Mars and lunar settlements aren't worth bankrupting our country. We can't afford an expanded public space program; it's just that simple.

I understand that NASA seeks to better understand the way our universe functions and it should be pursued at some point. However, at this time which is more important - the "mysteries of the universe" or the other problems our world is facing?

is diverse. I guess it is sort of a repayment for raping and pillaging their land. How about the rest of those who were just dumbfounded and confused about the ancient ceremonies the test was making reference to. It may have made someone out there feel included, but by doing that the test just confused the majority. All the test succeeds in doing by trying to be politically correct and naming all of the people in the test Tamika, Shanda, and Lupe instead of Tom, Dick and Harry is singling them out and making sure that everybody knows they are different. It also throws off some readers by forcing them to try to pronounce some difficult names rather than focusing on the information in the selection. Is the goal to confuse the reader with difficult names, or is the goal to comprehend the reading selection?

If you are afraid of taking the ACT have no fear. All you have to do is answer C. I promise you if you do this you will score high enough to get into a college. It may not be Harvard Law, but it will be a college.

## War of Words

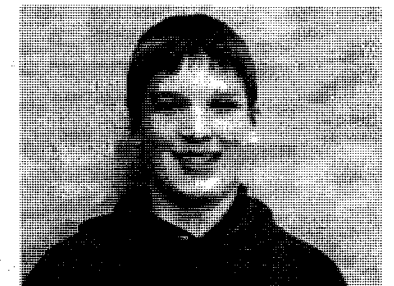
By Lauren Arnold  
Staff Writer

"What do you think was the biggest event in 2003?"



"When LeBron James made his debut as an 18 year old professional basketball player."

Kerri O'Donnell, 11



"When Saddam Hussein got caught."

Greg Woolman, 9



"When Britney Spears and Madonna made out."

Dusty Emch, 11



"Ben Affleck asked Jennifer Lopez to marry him."

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# Feature

## Nine democratic hopefuls throw hats into the ring

By Lauren Arnold  
Staff writer

### The final installment in a series of three

After Senator John Kerry's surprise victory in the Iowa caucuses, the race for the democratic nomination is tightening. After his lackluster showing in the caucuses Representative Richard Gephardt has dropped out of the race. In the meantime General Wesley Clark and Senator Joseph Lieberman chose to forego Iowa and head straight to New Hampshire for its much anticipated primary held on Tuesday, January 27\*. Read about Clark and other candidates for the office of President in this third and final installment of *The Quaker's* look at the democratic contenders.

#### Rep. Dennis Kucinich

Dennis Kucinich is now serving his fourth term as a member of the House of Representatives. As the former mayor of Cleveland and member of the Ohio State Senate he is northeast Ohio's messenger in this election.

#### Economy:

Rep. Kucinich is portrayed as a friend of laborers. He has shown his support for several unions and says that he will turn "1600 Pennsylvania Avenue into Workers Local Number 1." He is also an advocate for the postponement of tax cuts for wealthier Americans.

#### Foreign affairs and terrorism:

Kucinich is a detractor of President Bush's actions in Iraq and accuses the President of being motivated by "oil economics ... or distorted notions of empire building." One of his key objectives if elected would be establishing a Department of Peace to abolish the idea of war. Although Kucinich voted for the resolution to bring military action against Iraq, he later said that by trying to subdue terrorism we "will provoke more of it."

#### Carol Moseley Braun

Carol Moseley Braun is a former senator from Illinois who served in Congress for six years. While not perusing a political career she is a professor of American government and the vice president of a large consulting firm. She recently dropped out of the race for the Presidency and is now giving her support to Howard Dean.

#### General Wesley Clark

General Clark is a four star general with no previous political experience. He has served on the Joint Chiefs of Staff and as the supreme commander of NATO along with being the CEO of his own business consulting firm.

#### Economy:

Clark believes that the 2001 tax cuts were not efficient in that they only made the national deficit larger. During his campaign he is calling for "a strong recovery... that provides jobs." He also says that he agreed with President Clinton's economic policies and that taxes need to become more proportional, taking a "the more you make, the more you give" stand.

#### Foreign affairs and terrorism:

General Clark believes that the congressional resolution giving President Bush authority in Iraq had faults and that force is to be used only when needed. When asked about his views on terrorism Clark stressed and international coalition to fight terrorism and shared his firm belief in a NATO motto, "Shared risks, shared burdens, shared benefits."

\*In the New Hampshire primary Senator John Kerry was the frontrunner with 38%. Howard Dean was a distant second; he received 26% of the votes. Wesley Clark and John Edwards both earned 12% of New Hampshire's votes, and Joseph Lieberman was disappointed with 9%. Unfortunately, Reverend Al Sharpton failed to garner any support.

## "Leaving on a jetplane..."

By Katie Baranovich  
Staff writer

Not many students at SHS get the chance to visit foreign countries for a summer vacation. This was not the case for senior Semira Chowdhury. During the past summer she had the opportunity to travel to Bangladesh for a little get away.

Semira was accompanied by her mother, father, and eight-year-old sister Leila. The trip to reach Bangladesh took a total of twenty-three hours. The journey started with a drive to Pittsburgh where Semira caught a flight to New Jersey. After a one hour layover in New Jersey it took approximately seven hours to reach Germany where there was another six hour layover. Germany to Dubai took another four hour flight and Dubai to her destination of Dhaka, Bangladesh, took another four hours. Dhaka is not only the Bangladeshi capital, but it is the largest city in the country.

The main reason for taking this trip was to visit with family which Semira only gets to see about

every two years. This is why she stayed with her grandpa. During the stay besides visiting with family members, she got to go shopping. Shopping in Bangladesh can be accomplished by taking the car if your family has one, taking a small taxi, or taking a rickshaw. A rickshaw is basically a man on a bicycle pulling a cart behind it. Fortunately, while staying in Bangladesh, Semira's family had a car available to them.

Besides shopping, Semira had the chance to visit the British school where a few of her cousins attend. There are two basic types of schools in Bangladesh. One is the British school which only teaches English. No one is allowed to speak in the native language, and it is very expensive to attend. In a Bengali school no English classes are offered. The adolescents who attend Bengali schools tend to speak English very poorly.

A few days before leaving Bangladesh to start the trip home, Semira visited a cousin's house where she put henna on her hands. Henna, or Mehendi, is a form of a temporary tattoo which is made from

crushed henna leaves in a tube. From this tube a variety of designs can be made on one's hands. After the design is drawn it has to dry for three or more hours. If one wants to make the henna last longer, baby oil can be placed on the area where the "tattoo" is drawn. This takes place after the leaves have been washed with water. After the time is up a dark red design will appear which can last for up to two weeks. Eventually the "tattoo" will fade away. Typically henna is placed on hands for religious reasons or for festivities.

When Semira visited Bangladesh six years ago (December 1998), her family visited different landmarks such as a mosque and the capital Dhaka which is where she stayed during her trip this past summer. This helped to make her trip over the summer a more relaxed one. During the trip she also got the chance to visit Dubai and London, England, due to a layover while switching planes. Semira would like to visit these two places again the next time she goes back which will be anytime in the next four years.

## 2003: The year in review

By Lauren Arnold  
Staff writer

Run, hide from the crazy terrorists!! No, that wasn't what Secretary of Homeland Security Tom Ridge was encouraging Americans to do in February of 2003; instead he recommended wrapping your homes in duct tape in case of biological or chemical attack. Yep, that's right, duct tape. In case you've forgotten this or any of the other crazy moments of 2003 *The Quaker* is here to remind you.

While the thought of duct tape saving the world might seem ridiculous it cannot match the atrocity known simply as "Beniffer." Jennifer Lopez and Ben Affleck appeared to be Hollywood's on-again-off-again bad movie making couple of the year. Not only has Jennifer Lopez's third wedding been put on hold, so has her career. All one can hope is that love really doesn't cost a thing because Jen and Ben's film, *Gigli* lost approximately \$50 million at the box office and brought in reviews like *The Globe and Mail's* comments of "...a hypnotic, black hole of a movie that sucks reputations, careers and goodwill down its vortex."

But don't worry! Not all movies in 2003 lost incredible amounts of money and were hated by cinema-goers. No, no...that's why we have Johnny Depp. Yes, Johnny Depp, that peculiar yet strikingly handsome actor from *Edward Scissor Hands* went "box-office" by starring in the big action flick *Pi-*

*rates of the Caribbean: Curse of the Black Pearl* along with Orlando Bloom and ingenue actress Keira Knightly. At forty Johnny Depp made a comeback, and with a Disney film none the less. Who would have thought?

But Disney-created comebacks seemed to be a bit of a trend this past year. With the kid and adult friendly *Finding Nemo* Ellen Degeneres proved that you don't have to be an eccentric and dashing man to revive your career here in America, even a quirky lesbian can do it. With the premier of her critically acclaimed talk show, Ellen seems to be living the American dream!

But who knows more about the real American dream than Nikki and Paris Hilton? They have become famous for doing **absolutely nothing!!!** Although it is said that Nikki has been taking courses at a New York City college and Paris has her reality show "The Simple Life" does anyone really care? Probably not, all we know is that they are blonde, pretty and filthy rich, but isn't that enough? Please say that's enough.

Although 2003 had its quirks and laughable moments, the world outside Hollywood was still revolving. In March the U.S. government gave an ultimatum to Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein. After months of U.N. inspections the dictator was given the choice of revealing and surrendering weapons of mass destruction or facing a U.S. invasion. It is well known what Hussein's choice was; it is also well known that while troops found

Saddam in a "spider hole" this past December, they have had no such luck in finding significant numbers of chemical, biological or nuclear weapons.

While troops are continuing to be killed and injured we suffered the loss of further national heroes and entertainment icons here at home. All seven members of the crew on the space shuttle Columbia died while in flight on the doomed NASA mission.

Although it is rarely thought that entertainers and servicemen belong in the same category, Bob Hope qualified as both. The British-born, nine iron-carrying comedian entertained troops in every major conflict from World War II to the first Gulf War and was made an Honorary U.S. Veteran by President Clinton. Shortly before his death, his wife asked Hope where he would like to be buried. His reply? "Surprise me." Bob Hope was 100 years old.

From the aged to the very young, talent was everywhere in 2003. Former high school phenomenon LeBron James made his debut as a Cleveland Cavalier at the tender age of 18. James is set to make a total of about \$95 million in endorsements in approximately seven years along with his NBA earnings. So, what are you planning to do after graduation?

These things may not have affected you in the least, or you may have been glued to your television this past year. Whatever your opinion, you can't deny that these events were **BIG**.



## The quest for "W" continues...

By Brandon Fitch  
Staff writer

Have you ever called someone and they made no attempt to contact you back? It's not polite. Then did you call back, e-mail them, and send a letter to their house with no response? The President's mother must not have taught him any manners.

I am starting a letter writing campaign to get to the bottom of this. Currently I am still unsigned for sponsorship; a message can be left with the office here at the school if anyone is interested. Postal charges are an expensive roadblock to this type of venture. If needed a trip to the White House would also be a costly voyage.

The quest for "W" is an uphill, dirt road that is covered with glass shards and shrapnel. I don't have any shoes! This man is avoiding me in my opinion and for what? Our interview would be conducted with the utmost care and professionalism. I'm calling you out cowboy.

## Fight the power

By Brandon Fitch  
Staff writer

Our great country has had a history of questioning authority since its conception. Our forefathers did two important things to attain their dream of a United States of America. First we weren't afraid to stand up for what was right, and second we stole it from the natives fair and square. The protestant movement led a progression westward. The right to peaceful protest has been instilled into our children and will not end anytime soon. Recently our great country has entered a somewhat controversial conflict with Iraq. It is tearing our country apart at the seams by strong opinions favoring and opposing the war.

On March 7, 2003, at the University of Chicago there was a walkout during classes by hundreds of angry students. They were peacefully protesting an impending war with Iraq. The student paper, *The Chicago Maroon* covered the event. An antiwar rally was held by the objectors. A few students even spent the night on the lawn in a tent to express their disapproval. The stereotype of a protestor is a college student with too much time on their hands. Why is this? It is possible that they are the age of most soldiers and do not want to see their friends or even themselves in uniform. Many people are growing into themselves and developing opinionated thoughts at this age, or perhaps they just do have extra time from all that class skipping.

If so many people are objecting to a conflict why are we in one? There are many supporters of the government decisions which may bother others, but their voice is

O.K that was a little carried away for a minute, but it's looking as if something drastic must be done to get our leader's attention. The act of taking hostages or calling in a bomb threat is pretty mundane and has been done before; I would rather get his attention with my words. This way is also more likely to keep me from going up the river. My life long goal has been to interview President Bush. When he was just another Texan I thought to myself, "Now that man is going places."

My efforts of last and this month have so far been unfruitful, but I will not give up. I must push onward and attack his mailbox with a barrage of letters telling of my inquisition. He can not simply slough my request off as though it does not exist. I help pay his salary, and as a public servant I want him to serve me publicly.

Next month a final summary will be published revealing the final product of the quest. Please let President Bush know what you think of this and other issues by e-mailing him at: [president@whitehouse.gov](mailto:president@whitehouse.gov).

not heard quite so loudly. Also we must ask is the President's job to represent the nation and obey the wishes of the masses, or is it more important for him to do what he feels best for the country?

The first amendment in the Bill of Rights was adopted by Congress on December 15, 1791. It prevents any law which restricts freedoms of religion, speech, or the press. The amendment also protects the right of citizens to peacefully assemble and to express grievances.

On a findarticles.com search of student protests there is a story about a sixteen year old, Brandon Barber. He attends Dearborn High School in Michigan. Brandon is in opposition to the war in Iraq and is not afraid to let people know. On April 4, 2003, he decided to wear a t-shirt to school that he picked up online. He got mixed reactions that day. The shirt had a picture of our president, with the words, "International Terrorist" across the front. When the vice principal of his school asked him to take it off or go home Brandon chose the latter rather than compromise his rights. When he got home that day he called the American Civil Liberties Union which was glad to help. They brought up a 1969 Supreme Court case in Des Moines, Iowa, which gave students the right to wear black arm bands in protest of the Vietnam War. The court stated that student's rights "don't end at the schoolhouse gate." When the school administration at Brandon's school was asked about this they protested that "inflammatory t-shirts can be like yelling fire in a crowded theatre." Administration added that violence could have ensued by his disturbance.

## Teacher Feature with Frau Reed

By Allison Boron  
Entertainment editor

Mrs. Traudi Reed was born in Austria on November 30, 1947. At the age of eight, she came to this country, not speaking a word of English. Based on her love of foreign languages, traveling, and the added incentive of being able to stay home with her children in the summer, she decided to become a teacher.

Mrs. Reed, or Frau Reed as the Germans say, is a self-proclaimed Boardman Spartan and has attended Youngstown State University for both her undergraduate work and master's degree. In high school she enjoyed her German and English classes as well as running track and singing in the choir. Before coming to Salem as a German teacher, she worked as a permanent substitute teacher at Rayen High School.

Highlights in Frau Reed's career are numerous, but her favorite times have been had on trips to Europe with students, ski trips with the foreign language classes, and that little excursion to Cedar Point that few foreign language students will forget: Frau Reed surprised everyone by riding "The Dragster" with Mrs. Schneider, Miss Marr and



Mrs. Neopolitan.

Frau lives with her husband Bryan (who, she adds, has listened to her school stories for 30 years). Her daughter Vicki works as an obstetrician/gynecologist at the Cleveland Clinic and her son Rob works with Bryan to help him "try out part time retirement." In her free time she enjoys books on espionage, skiing, biking, and hiking. Her favorite television shows are "24," "Jag" and "Cold Case." She also enjoys oldies and country music, as well as Ohio State sports.

## 14 things to be annoyed about

By Lauren Arnold  
Staff writer

1. Plastic twist ties on the end of Wonder Bread bags.
2. Attempting, (often times in vain) to get a tray of Oreos back in its plastic sleeve.
3. Allergies
4. People who cry at Lifetime movies.
5. Miracle Whip
6. Dead cell phone batteries.
7. Plastic wrap and the way it sticks to everything but the bowl!!!!
8. Barney
9. When your computer freezes up and you have to waste time and effort to press control, alt, delete.
10. Socks with holes in them.
11. The dirty snow/ slush mixture that piles up on the side of the road in the winter.
12. Trifocal glasses
13. National Weather Service Tests
14. Mondays

## Poet's Corner with Thomas Leguard

### Watching from Above

My dreams are hidden deep  
Beneath a murky lake  
Please push away the film  
To find out what I keep

Dive to the deepest part  
Where it is hard to see  
This is where I believe  
You'll fall in love with me

The sun is rising now  
Over a broken sky  
Please hold me up here dear  
So we can stay alive

The air is warm up here  
Over the blood and gore  
I can still here the screams  
Whispering in my ear

They tell me be afraid  
They say don't trust your eyes  
They tell me happiness  
Is in a child's lies

My lips still taste of blood  
But I am not afraid  
A bitter memory  
Of what I left today

### Cut Me Open

Like a forest fire burning bright.  
These thoughts these plans ignite my night.  
With a sharp bright burning light  
It cuts my skin, bleeds out my life.

Over pages my words are spilled,  
About the nights and time I've killed  
There's a part left unfulfilled  
An empty space of blain despair

So cut me open to read my heart  
And see my face when I depart.  
This didn't work from the start.  
I'm sorry, you're wrong, I'm gone.





# Entertainment

## Incubus is bringing the funk

By Brandon Fitch  
Staff Writer

The musical talents of Incubus have been respected on the scene since they left Calabasas, California, for their new home on the road. The band was formed in 1991 by Brandon Boyd, Mike Ezinger, Alex Katunich, and Jose' Pasillas. Some line-up changes have evolved their sound since the band's conception. DJ Lyfe was the first hip-hop addition to Incubus. He was later replaced by DJ Kilmore. Ben Kenney took over Alex Katunich's bass stylings in 2003.

An eclectic band like Incubus can't be pinned down by a single genre or by a few adjectives for that matter. They bring melodic riffs of hard-hitting funk-metal and are not limited to sticking to one musical outlook. Experimentation with different sounds is a big reason for their evolution as artists. Brandon Boyd's voice compliments the rest of the band as an instrument of its own. The flow of each melody follows the vocals, so in a sense the song breathes and is alive. Each new tune that Incubus writes

is taken as a completely new and different endeavor so as to properly convey a particular thought or idea. The song "Shaft" from *Fungus Amongus* is metal through and through, while "Mexico" off of *Mourning View* has a reggae beat. Each track is made with an advancing progression that matures until climax, this instead of the same old song patterning (chorus, verse, chorus, verse). DJ sampling is always fresh and new. They sound spacey and extra-terrestrial almost, as if putting the listener into a trance. To describe the general Incubus sound would be to say that the songs are musical hallucinations created under vibrations of psychosis. The song "Circles" made an impression on me when Brandon says, "Hey, whatever it means to you."

On February 3, 2004, Incubus is releasing their latest work, *A Crow Left of the Murder*. You can pre-order your copy online from [enjoyincubus.com](http://enjoyincubus.com). "Megalomaniac" is a song coming out on this album. It says, "It's unkind, but if I met you in a scissor fight/I'd cut off both your wings on principle alone/On principle alone."

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## Beatles Impersonating 101: tribute bands on the rise

By Allison Boron  
Entertainment editor

Would you like to be in a fast paced music environment? How would you like to be tended to by roadies and be surrounded by adoring fans at every show? What about playing to packed houses no matter how established your band may be? Sounds pretty good, eh? Well, roll up for the magical mystery tour; step right this way!

The impersonator industry is one of the fastest growing in music today, the Beatles being the most tributed band. The qualifications are simple. You must play a little, sing a little and be able to sound like you're from Liverpool, England. Oh, and there is the small issue of looking the part of one of the Fab Four. "Looking like a Beatle helps from the fans' point of view," says Mark Benson, a member of the nationally touring Beatles tribute band 1964, however, "[the impersonator] doesn't need to be a dead ringer" for a particular Beatle.



Martin as Starr



1964 in a promo photo

Based out of Akron, 1964 began like every band. Its founders, Benson and Gary Grimes (who currently portrays Paul McCartney in the band), originally intended to record original music before their love for the Beatles led them in another direction. At first they had expected to only have a gig a month, but quickly they gained a market in an unlikely place - college campuses. Nowadays, '64 is a band full of professional Beatles impersonators who travel around the globe performing in venues that range from small clubs to famous theaters like Carnegie Hall. In 1989 the band had the privilege of performing in Germany when the treaty combining east and west was signed. The best thing about being in the business? "[The audience has] no age, no race and no economic range," Benson states, "and everyone leaves happy."

So how did the craze of Beatles tribute bands come into being? First, the obvious reason: the love of the most renowned band in the world. After that came the pioneers in the form of a Broadway production called *Beatlemania*. From 1977 to 1985 the musical tribute traveled the world, as well as performing on and off Broadway. Three costume changes per show helped to chronicle the Beatles' changes from

invading America in 1964 to their breakup in 1970. The show produced over fifty "alumni," some of which participate in other bands. Today, four members still tour under the name The Cast of Beatlemania.

Another band called Rain predates *Beatlemania*. Joe Bithorn, who now portrays George Harrison in the California-based Beatles tribute band, is a former member of the cast and has seen the rise of the Beatles tribute bands. "There are so many tribute acts out there today it would be a tough thing to really keep up with," he says. True. Today, there are over 500 tribute acts all over the world. Who would have guessed that Kazakhstan had their own Beatles cover group?

British Export, a tribute from Chicago, proves that one doesn't need to be an "original fan" to be in a Beatles tribute. At least two members in the band are in their twenties. They boast three victories from the "Battle-of-the-Beatle-Bands" in New York and Chicago as well as appearing on the Travel Channel's *Beatlemania Britain*. Jim Martin, who portrays Ringo Starr in the band, explains how he became involved. "I answered an ad for a Beatles tribute band, something I didn't know existed at the time," he says. "When major members of the band left, I eventually took control and named it British Export." Martin has also expanded his act to include portraying solo-Starr (with a little help from a fake nose actually molded from Ringo Starr's life mask).

Another band of youth is making the Beatles scene in Atlanta. The Return, in which all members are in their twenties, have just recently been polishing their tribute band act after starting out writing original music. "When we first started [tributing the Beatles], we had only heard of the internet," says Mike Fulop, The Return's George Harrison, "so we didn't know anything about the tons of Beatles bands already in existence." Mike goes on to discuss why he's so proud of The Return. "I think it's cool that three of us went to the same high school at the same time. All four of us entered the band knowing nothing about being in a Beatles tribute group...we're probably the youngest band out there as a whole." The Return have quickly risen to the top of their game. The band was a part of the Hard Rock Café's thirtieth anniversary tour and were picked over many bands to appear on *Good Morning, America*.

*Morning, America*.

Two Beatles tributes are making the scene in the Buckeye state. A band called Hard Day's Night brings the Beatles to Cleveland while in Dayton, Ticket to Ride is reenacting the Fab Four. Ticket to Ride has performed in a wide array of venues, but one concert stands out from the rest. "The highlight for us, in my opinion, is when we played at the Paul McCartney concert last year in Columbus," says Gary Gwin, who performs as John Lennon in the band. "To perform his music and then see him at the same time...it was a dream of a lifetime."

Glenn Birney, who portrays Ringo Starr in Hard Day's Night, describes his ascension from being the little kid wishing to pound the drums to the young student working after school jobs trying to save enough money to buy his first set of Ludwig drums. After some time, he found himself in California involved in the photography business. Homesick for Cleveland, Birney returned to the neighborhood of his youth and rekindled his passion for the drums. Paring this with the love of the Beatles, and a little help from a classified ad in Scene magazine, Hard Day's Night was formed.



Hard Day's Night performs

Need some help getting your own band started? Take some advice from Gwin. "It all started with us doing a gag for Halloween. We decided to learn a few [Beatles] songs for a party and the people that saw us said, 'Hey, you should do this more often,' so we did." Then for those readers who have made it this far through the article, but still think the tribute band industry is a bit geeky, Mike Fulop says, "The thing to remember is that at the time, they were the four most watched guys on the planet - they changed music, clothing styles, hair cuts, attitudes and many other things. That doesn't happen anymore. Even if you don't like the Beatles, you have to respect them for what they accomplished."

For some, a Beatles tribute band isn't just about a group of musicians playing songs; it's about experiencing the Beatles firsthand. "We get many letters saying, 'I was born too late to experience the Beatles firsthand,'" says Mark Benson. Gary Gwin agrees. "Keeping their music alive and giving people an opportunity to [experience that] that weren't able to, or even born yet to see them is way too cool."

"When it comes down to it, I guess it's just a job," concludes Mike Fulop. "I could be sitting behind a desk, landscaping, working on cars, flipping burgers, whatever...but I love my job and wouldn't trade it for anything."



Fulop as Harrison

## Birdie comes to SHS stage

By Devon McIlvaine  
Feature editor

Preparations are underway as SHS prepares to present its spring musical, *Bye Bye Birdie*. Under the direction of Mrs. Carol Jeckavitch, Ms. Kandace Cleland, and Ms. Jodine Pilmer with choreography by Mrs. Else Adams, the show is a satirical comedy with an entertaining musical score.

The plot centers around Conrad Birdie (Spencer Cleland), a rock star who is about to leave his musical career behind for a tour of duty in the army. In a last ditch publicity stunt, Birdie's agent, Albert Peterson (Nate Mullen) and his secretary, Rosie Alvarez (Ali Cleland) decide Conrad will say farewell to his adoring fans the

American way—with one last goodbye kiss for an all-American girl.

When Kim MacAfee (Lauren Brobeck), who has recently been pinned to Hugo Peabody (Josh Fast), finds out she has been chosen to receive the kiss, her hometown of Sweet Apple, Ohio, is thrown into a media hullabaloo. Conrad arrives; the girls go crazy, and hilarity ensues.

Mrs. Jeckavitch comments that *Birdie* is "a really fun show for the kids. I am really excited about the show. We have a great cast!" The show will be presented in the SHS auditorium on Friday, March 12 and Saturday, March 13 at 8:00 PM.

### Members of the Cast

Albert Peterson...Nate Mullen  
Rose Alvarez...Ali Cleland  
Ursula Merkle...Amanda Yeager  
Kim MacAfee...Lauren Brobeck  
Mrs. MacAfee...Shea Whinnery  
Mr. MacAfee...Ryan Hack  
Mrs. Peterson...Alexis McKee  
Conrad Birdie...Specer Cleland

Hugo Peabody...Josh Fast  
Mayor...Josh Krugel  
Mayor's Wife...Von Goll  
Gloria Rasputin...Kelly Ventresco  
Maude (Bartender)...Derek Mason  
Harvey Johnson...Daniel Huston  
Helen...Kaitlin Schoch  
Nancy...Kellie Stewart  
Alice...Alison Fedyna  
Margie...Mallory Kolich  
Penelope...Lizzie Jesko



## Boys basketball battling hard

Jarrod Niederhiser  
Sports editor

After a opening the season with a victory at Chaney, followed by a tough loss at the hands of the Liberty Leopards, the Quakers opened MAC play against new member Alliance. The Quakers battled hard on their way to a 49-47 victory and a 1-0 start in the conference.

Next up the team came home to play the Marlinton Dukes. The teams clashed in a see-saw battle that went back and forth all evening and eventually went into overtime with the game tied at 50. One overtime proved to be too little as the teams were tied at 56 after the extra four minutes and went into a second overtime. With clutch free throw shooting, however, the Dukes pulled out a 68-63 victory. The Quakers were paced by Zac Grey and Joe Smith who dumped in 15 points apiece. Tyler Pierce and Landon Heath did their part by contributing 12 points each.

They then traveled to Sebring for a non-conference battle with the Trojans. Salem was once again defeated in another close game, this time by the score of 50-46. Top scorers were Joe Smith and Zac Grey who had 10 and 9 points respectively.

Their next match-up against Springfield was a sort of

homecoming for new Salem head coach Jeff Brink. Before coming to Salem this season he had previously coached at Springfield. In a well played game by both sides, the Tigers, however, came out on top with a 51-45 score. In a losing effort, the Quakers were led by Joe Smith with 16 points and Tyler Pierce contributed 11.

Salem would continue MAC play at Canfield. The Quakers had previously beaten Alliance in their only other MAC contest and were looking forward to the game. They were not expecting Canfield to shoot the lights out, however, as they were throttled 63-35. Leading the way was Joe Smith who dumped home 12 points on the evening.

The last game of the four game road trip came against another conference foe in the Struthers Wildcats. The game was a close battle in the first half, but the Quakers used a 12-0 run in the third quarter to propel themselves to a 49-39 win and their second victory in the MAC. Joe Smith once again led the scoring with 20, and Tyler Pierce scored 10.

After the four-game road trip, the team came home for their contest against Howland. The Quakers fought hard in their 71-56 win. Joe Smith led the balanced scoring attack with 17 points, while Zac Grey and Landon Heath contributed 16 apiece. Salem is now 4-5 overall and a 2-1 record in the MAC.

## Quaker grapplers battling hard

Jarrod Niederhiser  
Sports editor

After a season opening win in their match against South Range, the Quaker wrestling squad headed off to Louisville. Unfortunately the team was beaten by the score of 56-20.

In their next bout against the Canfield Cardinals, the Quakers came up on the short end of the stick and suffered a 49-18 loss. It was their first MAC match of the season.

Over the Christmas break Salem took part in a three-team meet with the Liberty Leopards and the West Branch Warriors. The Quaker mat men were unable to outwrestle either team as they were beaten in both. They lost to West Branch by the score of 60-12 and were narrowly beaten by Liberty who squeaked out a 36-31 score.

The second conference match of the season fared just as well as the first one did as the Quakers were beaten 54-21 by MAC newcomers the Alliance Aviators. It was their second defeat in conference play.

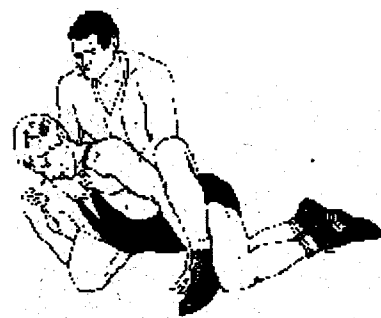
The Quakers then played host to the Howland Tigers, another conference foe. This match,

which was closer than the first two, had the same outcome as the others as it saw Salem suffer a 47-32 defeat.

In their final home match of the season, the team took on the Hubbard Eagles. Unfortunately for the Quakers, an extremely close match was won by the Eagles 38-33.

The team has also participated in a number of tournaments and wrestled some of the top teams in the area. They have gone to the Hoover Invitational and the Kenston tournament. In those two they have battled Barberton and come away with a 38-37 win; Sandy Valley, suffered a 46-24 defeat; Manchester, pulled out a victory by a 48-30 score; and Revere fell by the score of 53-27.

With the upcoming EOWL tournament the team is looking forward to their chances and excited about new challenges to be faced.



## Cotter hits 1,000



Senior Alyson Cotter

Senior Alyson Cotter scored her 1,000th point on Wednesday, January 21, 2003, in a blow-out match with Niles. The action took place in John A. Cabas Gymnasium when Cotter hit a jumpshot with 5:48 to play in the third quarter. She is only the fifth player in Lady Quaker history to achieve such a feat.

**Congratulations Alyson!**

## Lady Quakers continue to dominate

Jillian Barry  
Staff writer

The Lady Quaker varsity basketball team has gotten off to an excellent start with an 11-1 record and a perfect 5-0 in the Metro Athletic Conference. Since their initial loss to West Branch in the season opener, the girls have seemingly been unstoppable.

On December 8 the Quakers played host to Beaver Local and sent them home with a 62-31 loss. Renee Farina had 13 points including 3 from behind the arc. Lauren Teal put up 10 points and 8 rebounds. Then facing off against Canton Central Catholic, who has always been tough, the Quakers posted a 63-41 victory. Alyson Cotter lead the charge with 19 points, including 5 three pointers, which tied her previous record. Sarah Hamilton added 14 points while Lizzie Jesko grabbed a career high 7 rebounds and four steals. The Lady Quakers then traveled to Alliance for league play and won in convincing fashion, 72-37. Lauren Teal had her seventh career double-double with 21 points and 12 rebounds. Alyson Cotter also had a double-double, the fifth of her career, with 13 points and 12 rebounds. Renee Farina chipped in 12 points and Lizzie Jesko added 10. On December 20, the Poland Lady Bulldogs

traveled to Salem to get trounced by our girls, 71-32. It was a big game for Katherine McGarry who was facing her former teammates. She totaled 7 points and was happy with the victory. "I was very pleased with how the team pulled together," McGarry commented. Alyson Cotter had 19 points while Renee Farina had 13. Lizzie Jesko dished out 7 assists to go with her 10 points. Next, our girls faced off against Hickory (located in Pennsylvania). They beat them 50-20. Alyson Cotter posted 13 points. Lauren Teal pulled down 10 rebounds. Their first game of the new year happened to be against league foe Canfield. However, the girls shut down the cards with a 60-34 victory. Lauren Teal came up big with 22 points, 14 rebounds, and 7 blocked shots. McGarry added 11 and Cotter 10. Following the Canfield game, the girls went up against Struthers and beat them 71-33. The Quakers out rebounded the Wildcats 36-13. Alyson Cotter had 15 points, Renee Farina added 11, and Jesko and the Hamilton sisters all tallied 10 points.

The way the ladies are playing makes them front runner in the MAC and proves they could make it to Columbus. Keep it up.

## B.C.S. in need of an overhaul

Jarrod Niederhiser  
Sports editor

Over the past six seasons, the world of big time college football has been turned upside-down by a group of computers and three letters - B.C.S. Since its inaugural year in the 1998-99 season, the B.C.S, or Bowl Championship Series, has raised nothing but controversy. Using a group of computers and certain rankings (schedule strength, margin of victory, quality wins, etc.), they decide who will play for the national championship in one of the four allotted B.C.S. bowl games, which are the Rose Bowl, the Orange Bowl, the Fiesta Bowl, and the Sugar Bowl. The teams chosen are the conference champions from the six "power conferences," who are the Big East, Big 10, Big 12, Pac-10, ACC, and the SEC and two at large bids for other teams who are deserving.

Although most of the teams who have played for a national championship did deserve to play in the championship game, over the years the two teams who play in the B.C.S national championship have not always been the two teams most deserving. During the first two seasons, the teams in the championship game were the two best teams in the country. The third year, however, was the beginning of the end for the B.C.S. when the computer rankings chose Oklahoma and Florida State to play for the title. Miami (FL) was more deserving than Florida State because

they had beaten the Seminoles earlier in the year, but because of the strength of schedule, the Seminoles were chosen for the Sugar Bowl. The following year was no different with Miami (the deserving undefeated team) against Nebraska, who had been soundly beaten in the Big 12 championship by Colorado a month earlier. Oregon was the much more deserving team but the strength of schedule was the factor for the Ducks and they were awarded the Fiesta Bowl.

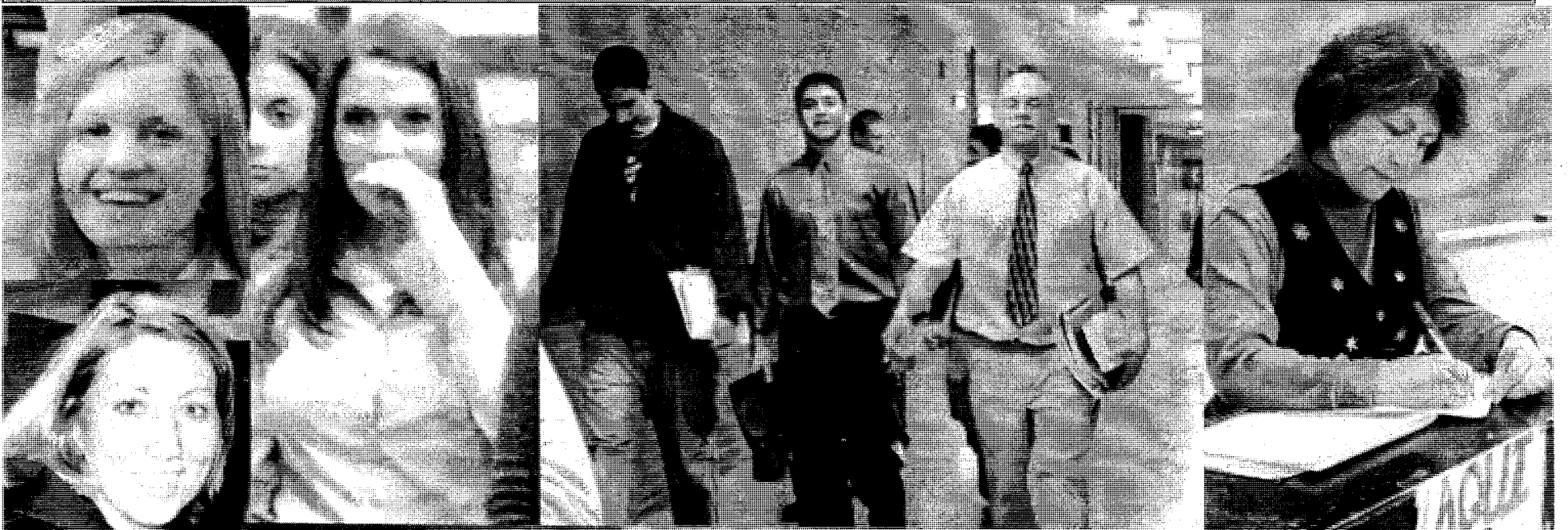
Those two examples were glaring mistakes in the B.C.S. process but they don't come close to comparing with the debacle the system was thrust into this year. Oklahoma, Louisiana State (LSU), and Southern Cal (USC) were the three teams who were vying for the two spots in the Sugar Bowl. Oklahoma was undefeated for most of the season and looked like the clear-cut favorite for one of the spots in the game, while USC and LSU had one loss apiece. Oklahoma would lose their last regular season game which would send the B.C.S. into a tailspin. The final rankings for the AP and USA Today polls placed USC number one in the country in both polls and most people thought they would be, and should be, playing for a national championship, but the computers thought otherwise. The B.C.S. rankings awarded Oklahoma, because of their schedule strength, a shot at the title against LSU, which sent the USC faithful, as well as many other people across the country, into an uproar. The B.C.S. was put under intense heat for its

mistake and has even admitted that they made a mistake.

Since these mistakes have been made the B.C.S. committee has made efforts to make the process better and more efficient, but the revisions have not made too much of an impact. Big East commissioner Mike Tranghese has said that changes could be discussed with a few possibilities in mind. One possibility would be requiring a team to win its conference championship before being considered for the national championship, something that Oklahoma failed to do this season and Nebraska two seasons ago. Also they have looked toward getting rid of the computers all together and focusing on a six-member panel, one from each "power conference," to oversee the selection process. Others have discussed the possibility of creating a tournament resembling the one used for the NCAA college basketball tournament every March. "The chance of a college football tournament has a long-shot chance of happening but it's still an idea on the table," Tranghese said. He goes on to explain that it is an option that should be considered. He has also stated that no system is going to be perfect.

A change is obviously necessary to the B.C.S. and hopefully will soon happen. Whether a tournament or a new system all together, something needs to be done for the fairness of the game and for the sake of the coaches, athletes, and their fans.

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