

# The Quaker

A high school tradition for years.

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## Experimenting in the classroom

By Katie Baranovich  
Staff writer

Currently there are a total of four student teachers at SHS working toward their goals of becoming professionals. These novice educators will earn degrees in English, history, math, and music. They each have one thing in common. They must complete a period known as "student teaching."

The requirements for a student teacher are vast. After completing all required courses, they must pre-student teach. This requires a total of two weeks of observation. In this time period they are expected to get acquainted with the high school, cooperating teachers, and their future students. This is followed by ten weeks of actual classroom teaching experience. The student teacher is expected to take attendance, maintain a grade book, and even participate in extracurricular activities. Beyond work in the classroom, they must also attend seminars. Here the prospective teachers are encouraged to prepare for teaching after graduation by discussing lesson plans, licensure, job interviews, and student teaching. The student teacher's supervisor will stop in at least five times to assess the classroom work with which the student teacher is involved. The cooperating teacher also completes evaluations.

Miss Giantsos is working with Mr. Baker in American history. She graduated from Sylvania Northview High School which is located in a suburb of Toledo, Ohio. Currently she is attending Mount Union. Her favorite thing about student teaching so far is meeting new students and teachers. She said, "I am very excited to be here and to work with Mr. Baker's students." Miss Giantsos wanted to become a teacher from a young age because she enjoys working with students and teaching them about something new.

In college she has played volleyball, cheered, and currently is playing powder-puff football. She also plays the harp as well as a variety of other instruments. As a student at Mount, Miss Giantsos is a member of the school newspaper *The Dynamo*,

Association of Women Students, and Alpha Xi Delta. Her favorite T.V. shows include *The O.C.* and *Friend*, and her favorite movies are *National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation* and *Office Space*. Some other favorites include country music and The Dave Matthews Band. In high school some of her favorite classes were art, orchestra, choir, and English.

Miss Hardin, working with Mrs. Esposito, is currently studying to be an English literature major with a minor in education. She plans to teach English literature/language arts to grades seven through twelve. After graduation she is planning to



Miss Hardin

earn "English-as-a-Second Language" certification, and she would like to study abroad in England, Japan, Germany, and Russia so she can pursue additional majors in cultural studies and international cultures. Her favorite thing about student teaching so far has been observation because she has learned

about the SHS student body which will help her as she starts teaching. Some of her hobbies include the following: photography, writing, reading, art, music, playing softball, swimming, and a variety of other sports.

Miss Hardin also shared some other interesting facts about herself. She is taking Russian classes on campus, and she hopes to study abroad this summer in Russia. Also she has several international friends in countries such as Japan, Russia, Germany, and England which are places where she would like to study abroad. Miss Hardin is the editor of Mount Union's literary magazine, *the Calliope*. Her favorite poet is Walt Whitman, and one of



Miss Giantsos

her favorite authors is Ralph Waldo Emerson. In addition she is also a big fan of Langston Hughes and Toni Morrison. In closing she would like others to know, "I am a huge fan of Vanilla Pepsi, however, I do not

like asparagus."

A graduate from Hempfield Area Senior High School in Greensburg, Pennsylvania, Mr. Learn is studying music education at Mount Union. A music education degree will allow him to teach grades K-12 band, choir, orchestra,



Mr. Learn

or general music. Other activities related to his field of study are his ability to play the trumpet, OCMEA, jazz band, choir, concert band, symphonic band, and Kappa Kappa Psi, which is a national band honorary fraternity. Mr. Learn decided to become a music teacher because he has loved and been interested in music since the fifth grade. While attending high school he decided he wanted to teach due to his interests in helping students. Mr. Learn stated, "It made me feel good to see the light bulb turn on when someone understands."

Many of Mr. Learn's leisure activities relate to his love of music. He enjoys classical, ska, and jazz. His favorite jazz musician is Maynard Ferguson. He also enjoys The Doors, The Clarks, and Led Zepelin. His favorite subjects in school were music theory and math which helped lead to his career choice of being a music teacher.



Miss Sant

Miss Sant, a graduate of East Liverpool High School, is currently attending Kent State and student teaching with Miss Marr. Her favorite high school subject was geometry. One of her high school math teachers inspired her to become a teacher. "She had a major influence on my life, and I want to do what she did for me for my students," states Sant. Her college activities include Kent State Education Association and College Democrats.

Some of her favorite T.V. shows include *Friends* and *American Idol*, and her favorite movie is *Gone With the Wind*. She enjoys all types of music, and her favorite artist is Martina McBride. Some of her favorite things about Salem are interacting with the students and the community-like atmosphere.

## It's a bird, it's a plane, no... it's STARFISH

By Jillian Barry  
Staff writer

This year Salem High school is introducing a new program. Training was recently made available to a selected group of sophomores and freshmen. The program is the "Starfish Program." This program is one which addresses issues such as bullying in schools.

This program was developed by Dr. Dennis Barger, who is a nationally known expert on the subject of bullying. When students are brought together for a workshop, they are told the story of a young boy and starfish. The young boy is walking up the beach throwing beached starfish back into the ocean, and when a man asks him why he does this especially since there are so many, the boy tells the man that just one starfish being saved makes a difference. Hence the name of this program, the "starfish" program, results from that story. The members of this project use peer outreach and common geniality to help others from being bullied and to just all around make people feel comfortable. It is proven that one out of every three students are bullied into doing something they don't want to do sometime throughout their school years. These children tend to be more depressed than others and lean toward violence toward others or self-inflicted violence. The "starfish" advocates are in many ways acting as good Samaritans by

"...we can talk about things that bother us without worrying about consequences," sophomore Charity Montford

making an extra effort to get others involved in the school. The program will also offer peer tutoring and peer counseling. If any student is interested in tutoring or would like to talk with a peer counselor arrangements may be made through the high school counselors.

Many of the kids involved believe that this is a very good idea, and it will communicate the thought of no-bullying and kindness to many people. "I think it is a great program because no teachers are involved, only students. It makes us feel like we can talk about things that bother us without worrying about consequences," Charity Montford explained. This program has been proven to work at other schools, and we hope to improve Salem City School's by reducing bullying through this program. You don't need to be a starfish to partake in common decency. Say hi to someone you would not normally say hi to and go out of your way to make the people around you feel comfortable. If all the students in our school did this, Salem would have a wonderful environment in which to attend school.

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# News

## Life is tough... hold on

By Amanda Jones  
Staff writer

"Hold On" by Good Charlotte is one of the more emotional songs today. This song deals with the very real emotions that everyone goes through. Throughout the song the band is telling someone to hold on and that it will get a little better each day. The video portrays real people who have had family or friends commit suicide. They are so sad and mad at the same time for the action that their loved one took.

This year we are noticing more than ever that suicide is real. Many families within this school year have been mourning the death of their children. About 31,000 people commit suicide each year. If you break that down it is approximately 84 people each day that decide to take their own life.

For most of us life seems hard and sometimes even unbearable. This is multiplied for many people who are suffering from depression. Depression is defined as the "down" mood or the "blues" that last for more than a couple of weeks. Depression sometimes makes people think that the only way to help themselves and others is to be gone forever. In each day it is estimated that about 11 youths succeed in suicide attempts. This is the third

leading cause of death of young people from ages 15 to 24. Of people over the age of 65 it is found that 15 commit suicide each day. It is also found that more people kill themselves than are killed by someone else. Of the nearly 31,000 who commit suicide, almost 28,000 of them were male while only 3,000 were female. It is said that with every suicide there are 6 survivors affected by that one death. That is 186,000 survivors each year.

Some warning signs of suicide are the following: changes in behavior, this includes disposal of possessions, sudden alienation from friends and family, and drug and alcohol abuse; changes in mood, examples of which include explosive rage or crying spells, dramatic highs and lows, and talks about committing suicide; changes in thinking, including irrational speech or sudden interest or disinterest in church or religion; and changes in life events, such as death of a family member or friend, serious physical illness, or public humiliation or failure.

Most teens commit suicide between the hours of 3 p.m. and midnight. If you feel that any of your friends or family might be flirting with the idea of suicide please tell someone. Don't wait. Let someone around you know or call 1-800-SUICIDE.

## Helping local children

By Katie Baranovich  
Staff writer

Children's Miracle Network is an organization that was started to help children throughout the world. Every year CMN tries to call attention to itself by celebrating a day called Champions of Service Day. Each January this day is set aside and people are asked to do community service specifically for the Children's Miracle Network (CMN).

There are many ways to help CMN that range from donating books to a local CMN hospital or donating toys for the children who are staying there to play with or take home. Cards and pictures can also be sent to hospitals to make the hallways and rooms a little brighter. No matter what contribution one makes, the children will appreciate it and so will their families.

CMN is an international organization set up with children in mind. Currently there are 170 CMN hospitals throughout North America. The headquarters are located in Salt Lake City, Utah, and it was founded in 1983. From its start, this organization has dedicated itself to helping children throughout the world and has grown and expanded to heights of which the founders could have only dreamed. One CMN hospital in the area is Todd Childrens Hospital. CMN provides medical care in this hospital for children with a variety of problems which range from broken bones to terminal illnesses such as pediatric AIDs and some forms of cancer. No child is turned down due to background or inability to pay.

CMN has been helpful to an innumerable amount of children from around the country and the world. By giving something back to them once a year it helps make it possible for the organization to continue to provide important services to the children that may one day lead the world.

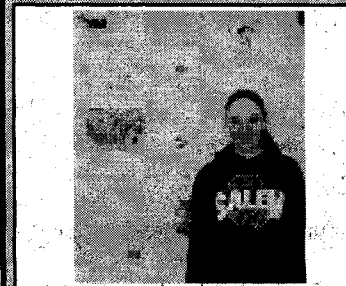
## Clubs and Classes



On the evening of February 12 visual arts students worked until the late hours in Studio 183 to create works for the Governor's Regional Art Exhibit. This is an annual state competition. Competing artists can reap the benefits of being in the top 300 visual artists in Ohio schools. Full scholarships to visual art schools and universities in the U.S. are also available.



Junior Ben Roberts appears in attire which he recently wore while presenting some haiku and tanka poetry in Mrs. Dye's English class. Roberts read aloud to the class while accompanied by bongo drums he had also created. His presentation and poetry about the dreaded jerboa proved to be very entertaining.



Sophomore Gretchen Wilms stands next to a display of autobiographical poems created in Miss Habeger's English class. Each poet's illustrations related to the information revealed in the poem. This was a class project for all students.



Mrs. Conti's physics classes demonstrated their knowledge of engineering concepts in a tower building project. Students were required to research their designs and use engineering principles in the construction. Each tower was to show evidence of that research. An approved list of materials was used for construction.



Senior Seih Harmon works diligently in the metal shop as he repairs a part to a map for one of the schools in the Salem district. Members of the machine trades class are sometimes called upon to help with in-house repairs. This is not only a help to the school system but also gives students good work experience. Mr. Matt Peters is the instructor.

## College tour... cancelled

By Jillian Barry  
Staff writer

With the end of the school year looming ever nearer, many decisions need to be made as seniors. Most importantly, what your plans are following the end of your high school career. There are many options, for example, the armed forces, a job, a technical school, or for most...college. In order to educate

the soon to be graduating seniors and some interested juniors, a college tour was offered.

The college tour was a weekend long program developed by Mr. Beatty to enlighten our students on a few of the college opportunities in Ohio. A bus of fifty-two students along with chaperones was arranged to visit many well known universities and colleges in Ohio, including the following: Bowling Green State University, University of Toledo, Ohio Northern College, University of Dayton, Miami Uni-

versity, and the Ohio State University. The cost was \$120.00 to \$150.00, depending on the amount of people who signed up to attend. This money covered the costs of lodging, food, a student informational notebook, and transportation.

However, although the college tour seemed to be a wonderful concept which would have helped students in the "which college should I go to" process not enough interest was spurred by the students. Thus the trip was canceled.

### Quaker Calendar

- March 1-5 Grade 9 proficiency test
- March 8-12 Grade 9 proficiency make-ups
- March 12 Rotary Career Day-Kent, Salem Campus
- March 15-19 Grade 10 Ohio Graduation Test
- March 19 End of third nine weeks

### 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 other while we gather and present news.

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

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## Point/Counterpoint

This month: Has censorship gone too far?

By Sean Morrissey  
Editor-in-Chief

**Point:** Censorship. It deals with what's known as lewd, atrocious, vile, and obscene by the social norm. But how much farther will it go before our freedom of expression, and more importantly our freedom to view such things, is completely violated?

In 1999 at the Brooklyn Museum of Art, a collection of young British artists was exhibited for thousands of people. "Sensation" featured portions of animals in formaldehyde, artists' expressing their exploration of sexual identity, a larger-than-life painting of a notorious and reviled child killer done in small handprints, and the crème de la crème of the exhibition: the image of the Virgin Mary decorated with elephant dung. Former New York City mayor Rudolph Giuliani proposed that he would cut funding from the museum and attempt to evict the museum if the exhibit was not struck. Censorship. This is the precise thing that ruins visual art as we know it - not "offensive art," but the clamor of whether or not it's appropriate.

Not to dig up something that's been long beaten into the ground, but Janet's (Miss Jackson, if you're nasty) bejeweled breast certainly didn't deserve what it was given. When you pay MTV to choreograph a show, what do you expect? A network or television company shouldn't have to practice such a drastic form of self-censorship. CBS's Dan Rather isn't going to start using that four-letter F word or rip his shirt off.

By Devon McIlvaine  
Feature editor

**Counterpoint:** Before I begin allow me to clarify that I do not support eliminating all offensive material from the public square; I think offending people is fun sometimes. However, eliminating censorship entirely opens the media to a new world of immorality.

Network television, for example, is not a proper forum for things like nudity and excessive profanity; that's why God made cable. When Janet Jackson's breast, which had been conveniently attacked by a Be-Dazzler, was uncovered for all of creation to see, children across the country were exposed. Not that the human body isn't a beautiful thing to be celebrated, but a parent should have the right to have discretion over when his child first sees the anatomy of international celebrities. Then there's the whole problem of "How far is too far." If Janet's naked body is acceptable for a television audience, what is to stop Tom Brokaw from exposing himself in a similar, yet perhaps more alarming fashion? Hopefully Tom has too much class for that, but I do not trust that that holds true for everyone who wants to get their fifteen minutes of fame.

Just like network TV might not be the place for strip-tease, public museums might not be the appropriate environment to display "offensive" art. No, the art should not be locked away in a closet for generations, but perhaps a more fitting locale needs to be found. The issue is not whether the art is appropriate, but the forum: some things simply don't belong in the public arena.

## Where has all the spirit gone?

By Sean Morrissey  
Editor-in-Chief

"That was a great game last night."  
"What game?"  
"The boys' game."  
"Against who?"  
"West Branch."  
"We played West Branch?"

Was it made known that the boys were even playing West Branch before the day of the game? Yes, everyone should inform themselves, but where's the school spirit surrounding events like this? Other than the parents of wrestlers, do a majority of the students even know that wrestling is in action this season? Where are the pep rallies? Is one rally in the fall all that is needed to last us for a year? Where are the signs that aren't over two or three months old? Where is the spirit? That's right, school spirit. The excitement you feel, the pride, the camaraderie. And it's not just about athletics. The sense of school spirit goes far beyond that. What about the basketball homecoming dance (or Winter Sweethearts, however

you may know it) that never happened? Where was the spirit there?

The students have always been the backbone of the SHS spirit, but only a select group of people are known to participate, if you will, and if there's a change in who's doing what, it's looked down upon. If anyone is to be commended, it's the cheerleaders. Yes, that's right, the cheerleaders. Sit back and criticize all you want - make that comment about them not participating in a "true sport." However, ask yourself what *you* do. Wearing a Quaker Crazy's shirt to a game or at school does not deem you as spirited, sorry. Try getting involved. Maybe even a positive comment about your alma mater. Stop leaving it up to the stereotypical groups and the regular students to promote school spirit.

I suppose the one thing that bothers me the most is the frightening and obvious lack of support for our Lady Quakers. It's not every day that a high school's basketball team is state ranked (9<sup>th</sup>, might I add). So where's the support for this extremely successful program? Where are the signs and rallies for them?

## Deadlines looming

By Carla Gbur  
Opinion editor

Rough drafts, outlines, bibliographies and note cards. What do all these have in common? They are just miniscule parts of a larger project. All of the seniors know what I'm talking about - senior research papers. Although this may be a stressful time for students, they are given an ample amount of time and are constantly informed about what's expected and needed for the overall paper. Mrs. McCracken and Mrs. Esposito have completed calendars for the next two months and up until the time the projects are due, so their students will know what's expected of them and know the deadline dates. Mr. Viencek's class will have their papers due after spring break. Absence is not an excuse for not having work in on time.

Research papers aren't always as bad as some people make them out to be. If you get your work done and are able to stay on top of your homework then you will have a little less stress regarding the entire paper. Some topics of the papers may cause stress or hit certain nerves in people, those being projects regarding depression, sui-

cide, drunk driving, abortion, and capital punishment. Although these are all good topics it all depends on the approach the person takes with them. They need to take a stand and make a point in their paper and back it up with details, facts and hardcore information.

A lot of seniors seem to think that this paper isn't going to be as bad as some people make it out to be. If you know what you want to write about all you have to do is find all the information and elaborate on it. The seniors have said that the hardest part isn't going to be the paper itself, but it's all the little extras that need done. The note cards seem to be one of the more tedious parts of the paper, and the outlines aren't exactly a piece of cake either. This all seems understandable however. If it were so easy it wouldn't prepare you for college which would defeat the whole point of the paper.

Senior research papers aren't exactly one of the things seniors look forward to, but you can bet that when you need to write a paper for college you'll be a little better prepared. You will certainly thank your English teacher for that.

## You can't scare me

By Thomas Leguard  
Staff writer

Okay - picture this. A nine year old boy is sitting out in front of a baseball diamond on a warm summer day. Everything seems to be fine until you notice something is wrong. The child's team isn't around; he isn't sitting around sipping on Capri Suns and munching down Little Debbie Cakes. Then it all becomes clear with the white writing across the screen, "Just tell your parents you were getting stoned, they'll understand."

Do people really think these ridiculous commercials are making a difference? People need to stop taking the worst case scenario stand against drugs. It isn't working. You will not make a difference by scaring kids. You will not make us feel bad by showing us some heart breaking little boy waiting endlessly for his stoned sibling to pick him up. The only thing you are doing is giving the people who are stoned something to laugh at while they are high.

Health class tells you all these negative, horrible, worst case scenarios to try to scare you away from drugs. Little do they know 75% of students who are finished with health class don't carry that fear with them. Instead they analyze the worst case scenario and learn from it; they learn what goes wrong with that person and make sure they don't follow that same path... at first. Little do they know this is the true danger of drugs. Drugs are like the other stereotypical character from health class. The popular football jock who is after your virginity and after a while the drug will break down your sense of reality. Then you start

making compromises and ultimately end up a homeless, devirginized drug addict.

There is a better way to teach kids and it is in the simple truth. I found this truth in a movie by the title Requiem for a Dream. It is about a couple, who are heroin addicts trying to start dealing and get, as they put it, "on easy street." As the movie progresses things start to go wrong, but they do something that health class doesn't. They draw you into the characters. They allow you to feel for them. They show you the mask that drugs wear in the beginning - the illusion that everything will be alright. Viewers witness the mirage the drug creates, the happy times before the reality of drug abuse sets in. Seeing this stripped away from these people that you have grown attached to has a far greater impact than just the negative perspective.

The movie is not school appropriate. Possibly someday all of the people who are afraid of their kids seeing the truth will learn that their children aren't always going to learn from their scary stories. Maybe some parents will do the right thing in raising their kids and tell them the whole story about what they have experienced in their lives. Until parents see this they will keep trying the worst case scenario attempt. Kids will try to experience things for themselves and try to sneak back into the homes of their parents. Some of them will never quite make it home because on the way home, behind the wheel of that nice, new car their parents bought them, they will meet their maker. Then you can always remind their parents that "Parents who host, lose the most."

## War of Words

By Lauren Arnold  
Staff writer

Do you think that school spirit is higher for boys' sports than girls' and if so, do you think a change needs to be made? How?



"YES! I play on the basketball team, and I'm also the school's mascot. (So I attend all boys' and girls' games.) The spirit is so much higher at all the boys' games, home or away. Spirit is shown for girls, but only vs. Poland or West Branch and when the girls' b-ball team made it to regional semi-finals. Both teams should be supported equally no matter who we are playing."

-Lori Singer, 11



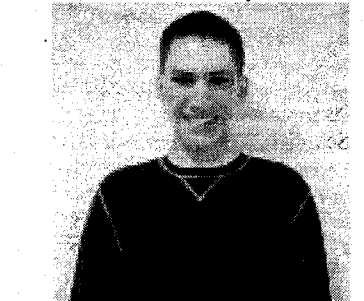
"Yes, girls do not get the crowds that they deserve. They are just as talented as the boys and yet they get half the support. We need to show more spirit and support for our girls."

-Lynsi Drotleff, 10



"I feel that the boys' team spirit is a lot higher than the girls' spirit. I know that the boys' teams get a lot of attendance, and the only way that the girls' teams get any attention is if they make it to a tournament."

-Scotty Colian, 10



"I think there is more support for the boys during the regular season. However, during tournament games I feel there is as much, if not more, support for the girls' athletic teams."

-Nate Mullen, 12

## Feature

### Get out before you get lost

By Thomas Leguard  
Staff writer

Did you ever stop and think while you're looking down at your college application just how much is riding on that single piece of paper? It literally is your entire future—your entire life. Everything you are and everything you have the potential to be is dependent on that single piece of paper.

Let's look at the other end of the story. What are you to the recipient of that letter? You are a name they relate to a social security number and tuition payments of anywhere from six to forty thousand dollars a year. Are you afraid? Will you make it? Will you ever be good enough?

These difficult tasks begin when you are a freshman and take your first step into the high school, and the new school year smell blasts you in your face so hard it gives you a bloody nose. It continues until the day you walk out of here with a diploma in your hand and tissue still in your nose. You are planning for your future. Did you ever think that maybe that one test you didn't study for is going to come back and haunt you? Or even more important, what really is there to look forward to after graduation? Your youth is over. The day you leave the small town of Salem, Ohio, to embark on your future, it's only going to get worse. What is it exactly that we are afraid of?

Is it the Toys R' Us syndrome, a fear of leaving the care free days of our youth for the real world? Do you remember the first time when your parents told you, no you can't go to that party or to the concert

with your friends and you told them, "I can't wait until I'm eighteen and can move out of here?" Did you ever stop and think about the responsibility that comes with that? It means not having someone there for you to guide you every step of the way. Out on your own you could make a poor decision with money and have to go hungry for a couple days until that next paycheck comes. Or how about a job that involves you completing the same mundane task everyday until you retire? Then what do you get - a pen and a pat on the back from your young, over-paid boss telling you how nice it has been to work with you? So for years musicians and writers have been writing about the fear of growing up. What really is this fear? Maybe it is just a fear of repetition: the fear of the same thing happening in all aspects of your life from your job to your romance.

So should we live our lives in fear of growing up and repeating the same day over and over again? No, no we should not at all. We need to take this fear of becoming ordinary and use it to not allow ourselves to become like everyone else because this life is anything but ordinary. We need to stop being afraid to do that one thing in the back of our minds and just go out and do it. Don't be afraid; you only get to live once. We need to live life to the fullest while we're young. This way when we do become older and our bodies will no longer allow us to do the things we love, we will still have an archive of memories to dip into. Maybe then while we're sitting in the nursing home being spoon fed Jell-o we can maintain our sanity by sharing stories of our capricious youth with our fellow prisoners.

### Poet's Corner with "Tom and Jerry"

#### Written in Ashes

This is written in ashes  
From the pictures I burned  
From the lies that you told me  
The only thing that I learned  
Is not to trust blue eyes  
And the secrets they hide  
Behind all your kisses  
Was a garden of lies  
I'm fading away while the fire gets higher  
The taste of your kiss the taste of a liar  
Is still sour on my lips  
Still makes my stomach quiver  
It's decaying my kidneys destroying my liver  
It eats at my heart  
It burns in my veins  
Your voice is sarcastic  
It echoes in my brain  
But in the end to tell you the truth  
If I had one day left to waste  
I'd waste it with you

-Thomas Leguard

#### Old Blue Eyes

No singer is like him  
Although many have tried.  
A hero while living,  
A legend since he died.

They called him "Old Blue Eyes,"  
In his movies and song.  
He looked for perfection,  
His voice always strong.

He sang with the Rat Pack.  
They performed at The Sands.  
They sang all together,  
Or they sang with big bands.

-Jarrod Niederhiser

#### Tropical storm

Giant gusts of wind,  
Waves crashing against the shore.  
Hurricane season.

-Jarrod Niederhiser

## Where's our choice?

By Amanda Jones  
Staff writer

This past February, as we all know, the underclassmen of SHS have been scheduling their classes for the following year. I know that in my own experience I have found that there aren't always enough choices. In our school there are a few electives, but nothing like other schools around here. We have the standard family living, photography, choir/ band, but nothing that stands out and says "pick me." "It would be nice to have a greater variety of electives," stated Kyle Hartman. Other schools in our area are offering classes such as psychology, ethics, and many other classes with depth and thought in them. Many of these are the prerequisite courses you need for college before you go on to your major.

I feel that if we had more useful electives that we might be better in our required courses. Some of the electives at SHS feel like "fluff" classes. We take them to fill

up our schedule, but we don't really care about them. Sophomore James Drotleff said, "I would like to have more electives because there are no classes offered here for certain occupations that do a good job preparing the students."

However, one interesting elective that we have at SHS right now is the first aid class run by Mrs. Moore. This class teaches students how to help people who are hurt. It also teaches the safety of how to handle each situation correctly. It is a semester

There are two other electives that I feel are serious classes. One is mythology taught by Mrs. Wilson. This class is an additional English class in which you learn about the ancient myths and gods who rule in them. This class is also a tougher class, but if you want to challenge yourself, it can actually help you in any other English class.

The other class is mass media. The mass media class is under the supervision of Mrs. Dye who has taught this class for the past seven years. In mass media stu-

dent writers construct articles for the school paper *The Quaker*, which we all love to get. However, there is more beyond just writing articles. We also learn about the technical terms in journalism, about a paper's function, and about the background of newspapers. It is also a great place for those who enjoy working with computers to apply their skills.

I know that there are some schools like West Branch and Boardman who have some of the idealistic classes that I have previously talked about. West Branch has many more options for electives. One reason for this is that instead of having seven periods like we do they actually have over double that amount. West Branch carries a schedule of fifteen periods a day. To us this sounds like a much longer day. In all actuality each period is about half the time of each of ours.

Why can't we have more choices? Why not be able to take some classes that will better prepare us for college? We should all be taking electives that will help us in our lives.

## Monogram mania

By Carla Gbur  
Opinion editor

I know you have all seen them - the shirts and purses out there with the letters on them. Oh, it's so cool to have a shirt with the first letter of your name on it, just in case you forget how to spell it. Now that all these clothes and accessories are out there, do you know where they came from? Where did they start? Why is it such a fad all of a sudden? I'm going to try and answer a couple of those questions, plus name some places where you can purchase them for your very own.

Does the show *Laverne and Shirley* ring any bells? This is what started the whole monogram fad. You could never see Laverne without seeing the bold "L" on all of her clothes from her sweaters to her bathrobes. This was a big fad for the holidays and continues to flourish throughout the stores. A group of friends and I were out on a hunt for the letter shirts, and we stopped at almost every store in the

Southern Park Mall that we thought would have the shirts. We were fortunate to find them, in most of the stores, and in many different styles and colors. The only problem was that not all the letters were so easily found. We were only able to find one vowel, A, and a somewhat short supply of other letters. Sorry if your name begins with a D, E, F, G, H, N, U, V, W, X, Y, and Z. But your hunt for you individuality, at least in monogram form, may be a little harder than expected.

Along with the shirts and sweaters are the accessories with the monograms on them. Necklaces, scarves, bracelets, day planners, key chains and purses are very popular among all age groups and add just that little touch of style to your outfit. The shirts and accessories can be casual or formal, all depending on the look you are going for. This trend isn't only for the girls either; stores such as Stein Mart have lettered ties and socks for the men out there looking to get in on this new trend.

This trend just goes to show that monograms aren't just for bath towels.

# Caring people at SHS: the night custodial staff

## 14 things to love about the 80s

By Rachel Fink  
Staff writer

Doesn't a nice compliment make you feel good about yourself? Isn't it nice when someone takes the time to appreciate the work you do? It is good to give credit where credit is due. However, it just doesn't seem that anyone gives much credit to the people behind the scenes. Here at SHS we have a night janitorial staff that keeps the building in top shape. Mr. Mack Hoeffler, one of these night custodians, left a kind and caring message on Mrs. Dye's blackboard one evening. It was in response to Mrs. Dye's message apologizing for what a chalky mess her entire board was. Hoeffler's response stated, "If one student learned one small piece of information that will help them the rest of their lives, then all the writing on the board was worth it, and my pleasure to clean it." Such is the attitude of this group of evening workers who are little known to the students at Salem High.

Mr. Mike Spiker is on the night staff here at the high school. He has been working for the Salem City Schools for eight and a half

years now! The high school is the only school building in which she has worked. Her assignment includes cleaning the science wing, part of the English hall, the library, and all of the offices. That is a sub-



Ms. Berkheimer

stantial load, but anyone who knows her will observe her working with a smile and a kind word for all. She says that the best thing about her job is, "Chatting with some very nice teachers." The worst part of her job is the fact that conditions and rules are not enforced, which makes the job very depressing. The last thing she had to say was, "Just wish someone cared enough to make things better."

Next is Mr. Craig Bell. He has been with the Salem City Schools for five years. Previously he was at Prospect for three and a half years, and he has now been at the high school for one and a half years. He is the head evening custodian. Mr. Bell cleans the cafeteria, sets up and tears down for plays, dances, ball games, and he ensures that the building is safe and



Mr. Bell

clean. He says the best thing is that he is busy all the time, so time goes by fast. Also he gets a lot of positive comments about the job, and there are pleasant people to work with. He says that the worst thing about his job is the fact that he's, "Not able to get all the proper equipment or materials to do certain jobs. When sharing a favorite memory he stated the following, "A summer help kid sneezed and fell down the steps with a ladder; he insisted he wouldn't have fallen if he hadn't

sneezed."

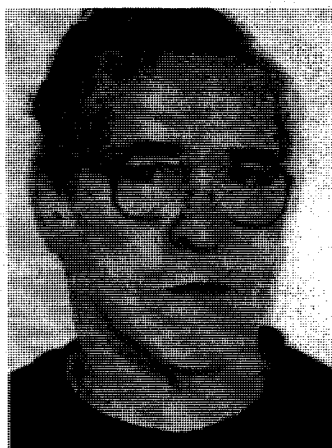
Mr. Steve Shoaff began work here in October of 2000 as a substitute and then in 2002 gained full time status. Right now his duties are the gym, band, and cafeteria areas. He says that the best thing about the job is, "That I work the



Mr. Shoaff

afternoon shift and I don't have to be at work early." On the other hand, the worst thing is, "Cleaning up some of the more disgusting messes around school."

Having worked in all six buildings in the system but finally settling here is Mr. Mack Hoeffler. He has been a custodian for Salem for three years and has been here at SHS for eighteen months. He takes out the trash, cleans the blackboards and floors in each room, and mops the halls. Mack is responsible for the vocational wing, some of the English wing, and the county special needs rooms. His favorite thing about the job is, "Watching the teachers work with the kids, trying to get them to do better than the student thought possible." Regarding the worst thing he states, "Watching the kids just wasting time not caring if they learn anything. They can't wait to get out of high school, but what kind of job



Mr. Hoeffler

will they get with little education?" An amusing story he had to share was, "When using the snow blowers, the other custodian went past me on the sidewalk and shut off the

snow blower and turned it around. When he started coming back, I got blasted with snow. I looked like Frosty the Snowman!" Finally, his parting comment produced some good advice, "So many books, so little time, start reading today."

Finally there is Ms. Mary Groff. Mary began working here in August of 1998. Her duties at the high school include her evening work in the senior hall, its restrooms, and the teachers' lounge. During the day she can be found in the cafeteria sweeping, wiping tables, and even mopping the floor. However, she says that the best thing about working here is definitely the students. When asked about a funny memory, Mary stated, "Having to help some of the boys with their wigs and prom dresses when they were riding on the floats [for homecoming]." Her final comment is one that we should all take the time to think about and employ in our daily lives. She remarked, "Don't judge people because they are different.



Ms. Groff

They can be good people just like yourself."

All of these people are kind, friendly, and caring. We all need to show them a little more support each and every day. After all, they are the ones who help keep us safe and our school clean!

By Lauren Arnold  
Staff writer

- 1.) Members only jackets
- 2.) Great candies like Pop Rocks, Nerds, and Runts were introduced
- 3.) Michael Jackson was still black
- 4.) *The Goonies*-need I say more?
- 5.) Pac-man
- 6.) The smell of Strawberry Shortcake miniatures
- 7.) Robot dancing
- 8.) *Charles in Charge*
- 9.) Hair!- Perms, feathering, mullets, side swept pony tails, etc.
- 10.) WHAM! George Michael and...that other guy
- 11.) *Rock Me Amadeus*
- 12.) 80s cartoons, ie. Rainbow Brite, The Smurfs, Jem, The Care Bears, and the Noozles!!
- 13.) Jellies
- 14.) "Gag me with a spoon" was considered everyday vocabulary

### Welcome to the world

William Tyler Evans!

Born on  
February 5, 2004  
at seven pounds  
eleven ounces  
Congratulations  
Mrs. Evans!



### FIRST ANNUAL CO-ED VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

Who: 4 per team-2 girls, 2 guys  
(only one member of the volleyball team)  
Cost: \$5 per person  
Date: To be announced  
Where: SHS  
Why: Fund raiser for the Class of 2005

If you're interested, see Miss Stewart.

# Entertainment

## "I went from the projects to the White House."

By Allison Boron  
Entertainment editor

How would you feel sitting in front of the world's richest real estate tycoon, beads of sweat pouring down your forehead as you wait anxiously for the full-handed point and the two words that will seal your fate? "You're fired!"

Youngstown's own Omarosa Manigault-Stallworth has seen the feeling firsthand as a contestant on NBC's reality show "The Apprentice." Although the thirty-year-old woman has not been executed by "The Donald" quite yet, she has felt the tension of the Trump glare. Unlike the other flustered contestants, her factual manner makes her appear calm under the hand of Trump, who refers to her as "The Queen of the Board Room." "The one place you don't want to be with Donald Trump," Omarosa says, "is in the board room."

Omarosa's trademark statement from the show, "I went from the projects to the White House," sums up her journey from her days at Rayen High School until working with the Clinton-Gore administration. She is a graduate of Central State University, and earned her Master's degree from Howard University. Currently, she is working on her Ph.D., which should be granted her in the spring. Omarosa also has been involved in pageantry and has even trained a Miss USA, a Miss Tuvalu, and a Miss Guyana. Now she works with her husband in Washington, D.C., to help inner city kids.

Before appearing on "The Apprentice," Omarosa admits that she was already a reality show freak. Her favorites are "America's Next Top Model" (on which one of her students is appearing), as well as



"Extreme Makeover," and "Survivor." "I also like 'Fear Factor,'" she says, "although I would never eat a bug."

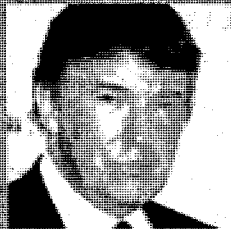
Everyone who watches the show, probably knows about Sam. "Sam is a good friend of mine," Omarosa says. "He's bonded, passionate... and not as wacky [as he appears on the show]." She adds that television is meant to bring out extremes, which is why she appears to be so aggressive on the show.

To qualify for "The Apprentice," the sixteen candidates had to go through a number of both physical and mental exams. Chosen from over 215,000 applicants, each endured IQ tests, on which they all tested at a 170 or higher. Then they sat with executive producers and also underwent screen tests and also physical exams to make sure that they were able to work from five in

the morning until ten at night. After that came a meeting with the big man himself—Donald Trump.

When the sixteen were chosen, they relocated to New York and moved into Trump Tower for filming from September 11 to the first week of November. Before even filming the first episode, they all had to film their "leaving scene," that is, the scene that plays after being fired by Trump. At four in the morning, they took turns wheeling empty suitcases out of Trump Tower and climbing into a yellow cab. After being fired for real, the contestant would go into hiding at a spa resort for two months to keep the outcome of the show a secret.

Since the show, Omarosa has been approached to take part in many endeavors, such as modeling and creating her own line of business suits. She has received a three-book deal, and is even talking with Halle Berry's manager. Her advice to young people is this: "Be responsible. Find a mentor. Get your education, and do something while you're in high school." And, of course, everyone wants to know the answer to the burning question: Who won "The Apprentice"? "Donald Trump won." It was he who made \$165 million off of the show.



The Donald Trump

## The bad hair piece

By Devon McIlvaine  
Feature editor

Donald Trump has billions of dollars; everyone knows that. Yet what no one seems to know is what in the world he was thinking when he decided that the comb-over was a good look for him. One might think with all of that money he could afford hair implants or at least a really great toupee. But he continues to grow a section of his hair long enough that he is able to swirl it about in an ungodly fashion in an attempt to cover his receding hairline.

Men have been looking for the solution to this age-old problem for millennia, yet few have come to an aesthetically pleasing solution. Most attempt the comb-over—bad idea. No one has ever been fooled by a mass of hair strategically plopped atop one's head. Some, like former Ohio politician Jim Traficant, go for a hair piece. This method has occasionally been successful, but some might argue that it is the true reason Mr. Traficant is currently imprisoned. What should these high-profile men do about their middle-aged misfortunes? Take a page from the book of former NYC mayor Rudy Giuliani—embrace the baldness. When he ditched the messy coiffure disguised as head covering, his eye-appeal skyrocketed faster than you can say "male patterned baldness." Not only did he look more dignified, he almost looked rejuvenated. He probably also made a pretty penny charging people a nickel to rub his newly naked head for good luck.

## Keepin' the flow local

By Brandon Fitch  
Staff writer

OhM, a local Salem band, will be hosting Local Flow III on May 29, 2004. That is the day before graduation. It will be held at the Saxon Club, located south of Salem on Route 9. This is the third concert of its kind held here in Salem. The first two shows were successful in bringing together fans of all kinds of music and raised an awareness of the local scene that some people don't even know exists.

Any music lover will not leave disappointed. A small cover charge (approximately \$8) will buy attendees a chance to see ten bands which include the following: OhM, P.H.C (Probable Head Cause), Pea Soup, The Breezeway, Harlequins Voice, Metalourid, Heretic, SCAP, By the End of the Year, and Hoodwink. An improvisational jam session will also be included with Dankly Wankly (Mike Bowlin) on the axe, and the deadly stylings of DJ Decap turning the tables.

The previous Local Flows were a good time had by all, but the Saxon Club has to be respected as a place of business. All parties must remain on their best behavior, and everyone is responsible for their actions. If the facilities are not treated properly and kept clean then this will be the last show. Another new point that needs to be made is that concert goers are not permitted to leave the premises unless they want to repay to get back in.

Abel /OhM Fest will take place on March 20, 2004. This will be a smaller show to get a taste for Local Flow III. It is to be hosted in a joint effort with OhM and Steve Abel. The concert will take place at Salem C.I.O. Hall on Prospect Street. A band list includes OhM, P.H.C, Pea Soup, and Written in Ashes. The cover charge will be five dollars.

For any information on OhM or about shows check out [www.ohmrocks.com](http://www.ohmrocks.com). OhM is also ready to put out their follow-up to *Resistance of Sound*.

These local performances are meant to get people involved in a type of local music scene. Just because we live in small town Ohio doesn't mean that we can't make some noise. Music has been making waves and raising eyebrows since man first got the rhythm. Life has never been fair, but taking part in something so pure connects you to what is right in the world.



## Where are they now? Those 80's stars we hate to love

By Lauren Arnold  
Staff writer

Did you ever really stop and think about where all those corny, terrible eighties TV stars went after the inevitable cancellations of their shows? Does anyone hear about them? Does anyone care? I mean, for all we know Lisa Bonet could be hiding in a spider hole somewhere outside Tikrit (sorry I couldn't help myself).

So no one knows the Cosby kids' whereabouts... so what!? The real question is "Where's Screech?" Dustin Diamond, also known as Screech Powers from *Saved by the Bell*, went on to do marvelous things. Such lofty feats include the starring role in the instructional chess video *The Gamer* and making appearances on such hit reality shows as *Celebrity Boxing II* and *Star Dates*. But de-



The cast of *Saved by the Bell*

spite his great fame and fortune it seems that "Screech" has remained down to earth. One fan wrote to a classic TV website and told of his celebrity encounter. "Recently, Dustin Diamond made a guest appearance at an ECW wrestling match in Newport, Delaware," says the fan. "...he was charging \$10 for autographed Polaroids with him, \$20 for signed *Saved by the Bell* scripts, and I believe \$5 for autographs... He's pretty darn handsome now, too... and had on an awesome Donkey Kong T-shirt." Clearly, Diamond cares about the fans and has not let his curly, little head become too inflated.

While Screech kept his aspirations in check, other eighties stars are not quite so humble. Gary Coleman not only thought he could be the next governor of California but also ran a campaign to be elected to the U.S. Senate in 2000. Sadly, that campaign never got off the ground; maybe that is be-

cause he was arrested and convicted for punching a fan in 1999, filed for bankruptcy that same year, admitted in *US* magazine that he was a virgin at age thirty-one, and worked as a "rent-a-cop" security guard. In spite of the fact that his goal to become a politician was never realized, he can boast the impressive accomplishment of growing taller than fellow eighties child star Emmanuel Lewis.

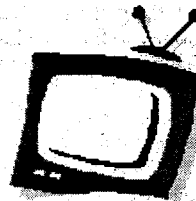
While tracking down every eighties star is nearly impossible, this article cannot be finished without mentioning the absolute corniest family sit-com in history; yep, that's right, it's *Full House*. While Mary-Kate and Ashley have remained in the public eye, the same cannot be said for Bob Saget. After his runs on *Full House* and *America's Funniest Home Videos* Bob Saget has been a hard man to trace. With occasional appearances as himself on shows like *South Park* and *The Jamie*

Kennedy Experiment the man formerly known to most as Danny Tanner, host of *Wake up San Francisco*



Dave Coulier, Bob Saget and John Stamos in *Full House*

has not managed the type of fame that came with *Full House*. Maybe it should stay that way, and maybe other fallen eighties stars should stop trying to relive the days when Blossom ruled the world.



Jaleel White as Steve Urkel in *Family Matters*

## Quakers preparing for postseason play

By Jarrod Niederhiser  
Sports editor

With a record of 4-5 and 2-1 within the conference, the Quakers were in good shape for a playoff positioning in the upcoming tournaments.

First the team headed off to Minerva for a non-conference road tussle with the Lions. The Quakers were outplayed and outscored by the score of 64-43. Leading the Quaker scoring was Landon Heath who had 9 points. Tyler Pierce and Anthony Decrow chipped in with 8 points apiece.

They then came back home to battle conference opponent the Niles Red Dragons. In a close game throughout, the Quakers pulled out a 62-59 victory. Leading the charge with 16 points was Tyler Pierce. Also doing their part were Joe Smith and Landon Heath who scored 15 and 12 points respectively.

After the victory the Quakers took on the Alliance Aviators. In this seesaw battle, the team came up on the short end of the stick falling short 53-50. Joe Smith tallied 11 points and Zac Grey added 10 in the loss.

Salem then traveled off to Poland in another MAC game. Poland used a 20-4 third quarter run to

outlast the Quakers 64-49. Salem was paced by Tommy Jesko with 13 points. Ryan Benchwick chipped in with 11 points of his own.

On homecoming night the Quakers took on the Canfield Cardinals. Although Canfield didn't shoot the lights out as in the previous game, they were still able to defeat Salem 59-41. Leading the way for Salem were sophomores Tyler Pierce and Tommy Jesko who contributed 12 and 11 points respectively.

After a 3-game losing streak, the team was in desperate need of a win and got one when they knocked off the Struthers Wildcats 68-58. Tony Decrow dumped in 17 points and Tyler Pierce helped out with 14 points. Tommy Jesko also scored 11 points in the victory.

In their next contest against the Howland Tigers, the Quakers were beaten in the last second, 70-69. Joe Smith led the way with 14 in the loss. Landon Heath contributed 13 and Zac Grey scored 10.

The team traveled to take on rival West Branch in a non-conference battle. As usual, it was a great game by both sides and the Quakers were able to pull out a victory for the second straight year by the score of 60-49. Leading the way

for Salem was Landon Heath who dumped in 18 points. Tone Decrow chipped in with 14 and Tommy Jesko scored 12.

Salem then headed off to Niles to take on the Red Dragons, whom they had defeated earlier in the season. Unfortunately the result wasn't the same for the Quakers as they were defeated 65-58. Leading the way was Landon Heath who poured in 27 points including a school record seven 3-pointers. Joe Smith and Tyler Pierce added 9 points each.

The Quakers then came back home to battle with the Poland Bulldogs. The team was unable to pull out a victory and fell by the score of 79-60. Leading the way for Salem was Landon Heath with 16 points and Tom Jesko scored 13.

In their final regular season game, the Quakers took on the East Liverpool Potters in John A. Cabas Gymnasium. The Quakers were narrowly defeated 53-52. T.J. Decrow led the way with 15 and Joe Smith had 12.

The Quakers are now 7-13 on the season and a conference record of 5-7 as they head into sectional play against the Woodrow Wilson Redmen at Boardman High School.

## Girls hoops continues to roll

By Jillian Barry  
Staff writer

Ending the regular season with an amazing 19-1 record, the Lady Quakers earned a number one seed in their sectionals at Austintown Fitch High school. The girls went a perfect 19-0 after the initial heartbreaking loss to West Branch in the first game of the season.

On January 14, the Quakers traveled to MAC rival Howland. Salem pounded the Tigers with a 68-25 victory. Renee Farina lead the charge with 17 points, while Lauren Teal added 11 and Alyson Cotter supplied 10.

Next on the schedule for the Lady Quakers were the Jefferson Area Fighting Falcons. Although the hour and a half drive was long and tiring, the girls came out on top, 65-38. Cotter paced the Quakers with 15 points and added 6 rebounds. Farina chipped in 12 points and Katherine McGarry grabbed 7 rebounds.

Following the victory against Jefferson, the Lady Quakers played host to the Niles Red Dragons and were victorious with a convincing 72-23 win. Cotter posted 19 points while Sarah Hamilton and McGarry added 14 and 13 points respectively. McGarry also ripped down 10 rebounds. With this victory, Salem remains a perfect 6-0 in the Metro Athletic Conference.

Salem then took on the Lady Aviators of Alliance in John A. Cabas Gymnasium. With a 36 point margin of victory, the Lady Quakers won 67-31. Sarah Hamilton

had a very impressive showing with 16 points and 7 rebounds. Cotter added 12 points and 6 boards, while Lizzie Jesko and Teal both tallied 9 points a piece. Farina also added an impressive 6 steals on the night.

Traveling to Poland for a showdown with the rival Bulldogs, the girls triumphed with a score of 46-26. Farina had 11 points and Cotter posted 9, while Teal snagged 10 boards.

The Lady Quakers then battled with the Lady Cardinals of Canfield. Salem throttled the Cardinals by the score of 56-35. Renee Farina led the way with 18, while McGarry and Jesko chipped in with 12 and 10 respectively. Jesko also dished out 8 assists.

In their next contest, the ladies took on the Struthers Lady Wildcats. The Lady Quakers pummeled the Wildcats 62-28. Cotter pumped in 17 points along with 7 rebounds, and Sarah Hamilton had 13 points.

On February 7, the girls hosted Howland in a chance for the MAC title. The Quakers prevailed with a 55-28 victory and won the MAC outright. Farina totaled 13 points while Cotter, Teal, and Sarah Hamilton all added 8. Cotter and Hamilton both added 6 and 7 rebounds respectively.

With two regular season games left, the girls traveled to Cardinal Mooney to face the Lady Cardinals. Farina tallied 14 points while Cotter added 10. Lauren Teal brought down 7 rebounds along with 8 points and 4 blocked shots. Lizzie Jesko was in the giving mood and handed out 9 assists.

In their last game the Lady Quakers went up against the Niles Red Dragons and won convincingly, 60-31. Alyson Cotter had 14 points, 6 steals, and grabbed 8 rebounds. Lauren Teal also stepped it up with 9 points, 7 rebounds, along with 5 assists. With this victory the girls made it only the 4<sup>th</sup> time in MAC history to win the title with an unbeaten record in the conference. Also, their 19 game winning streak ties a school record.

Heading into tournaments, the Lady Quakers are looking mighty fine. They will be playing Ravenna Southeast at 7:45 at Austintown, and hopefully keep winning for that chance at Columbus.

**Congratulations to the girls' freshman basketball team on their perfect season and on winning the MAC-TAC tournament!**

**Great Job Ladies!**



## Wrestlers fight hard at sectional meet

By Jarrod Niederhiser  
Sports editor

The Salem wrestlers, although their record may not show it, have been working hard throughout the season. They have also been improving from match to match in preparation for the upcoming postseason tournaments. Before entering the tournament they had two matches left in the regular season.

First off the team traveled to Alliance High School for the EOWL tournament. The team finished in twelfth place overall out of a field of sixteen teams. In addition, Sonn Hostetter and Ben Andre each advanced to the semifinals before

being eliminated.

In their final match of the regular season the Quakers participated in a tri-match with Edison and Cameron. In their match with Cameron the team was narrowly defeated 40-33 with Sonn Hostetter, Bill Borrelli, and Sam Duckworth registering pins. Against Edison the Quakers were beaten 40-28 with Sonn Hostetter, Bill Borrelli, Mike Manypenny, Steve Brown, and Sam Duckworth registering victories.

Three members of the wrestling team went on to Districts. Ben Andres, Sam Duckworth, and Sonn Hostetter participated in District matches last weekend. District action at Akron Firestone brought the wrestling season to an end.

# Quaker Clips

